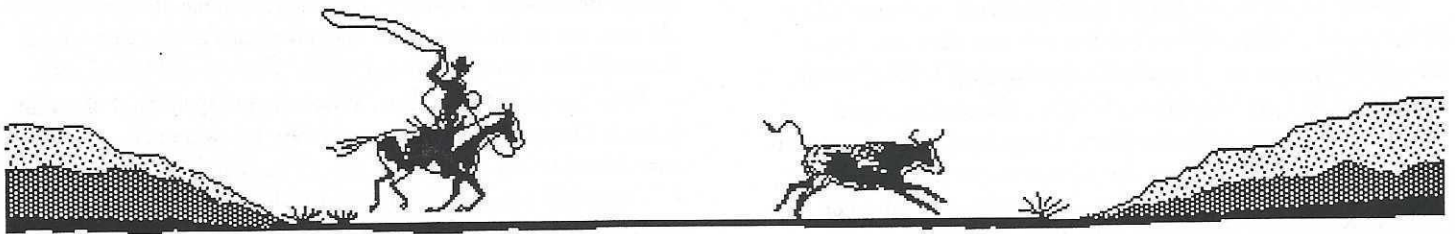


THE ROUNDUP

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BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES NEWSLETTER

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Well, here we are into February already. We had a great start off in January. I would like to "Thank" all the dancers that have been coming on Friday nights, keep coming.

We had our first Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 15th. We discussed the Valentine dance and hope everyone will come out for the dance. It will be held on February 15th. If you would like to bring finger foods to share it sure would be appreciated and there will be a special "surprise" that night.

At the Board Meeting, we did do some planning for the All Day Workshop on June 1, 2002. I am very excited about that, so please put June 1st on your calendar. We are keeping the number of tickets to 120 this year, so watch your Roundup for further information.

On Friday evening, January 18th we had our Open Board Meeting. We had about 9 members attend. I would like to "Thank" them for coming to the meeting.

Marie Parrish made a suggestion about recycling dishwasher safe plastic items. I think that would be great. Also, she talked about the Styrofoam cups. She knows someone who will take them to be recycled. We would put a bin out for the cups and we all could pitch in and throw the cups in the specially marked bin.

Bob Webber asked about the couple dances. Connie is trying to find an instructor but has some mixers scheduled until then.

Dolores Meeks asked if there is a criteria for the All Day Workshop, and yes there is. This will be discussed at our meeting on February 19th.

I have so much to learn about the club, but "Thanks" to all the Board Members - they are so helpful. Together we will have a successful year. Keep dancing!

See you on Friday night.

Helen Phillips, President



Friday, February 1, 2002

Line dance with John Bowen

All lessons start at 8:00 pm

Friday, February 15, 2002

Line dance with Evelyn Khinoo

at 8:00 pm

Valentine's Day



Dance

at 8:30 pm

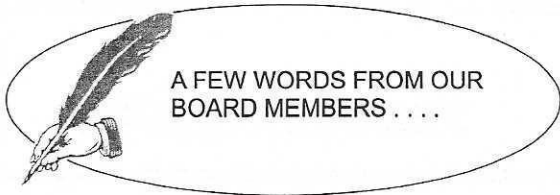
Bring finger food to share . . .

A "special" surprise tonight . . .

Review these dances on Feb 22 with Connie Silva

Friday, March 1 - Line dance with Trish Boesel

DID YA ALL KNOW that the "XXX"s meaning kisses placed on a Valentine Card came from a custom dating back to the early Christian era when a cross mark, or "X", conveyed the force of a sworn oath and was a legally valid mark for those who couldn't write. It was also the first letter of the Greek word for Christ - Xristos. To emphasize their complete sincerity in an accord, they often kissed their mark sealing the oath, just as the Bible was frequently kissed when an oath was sworn upon it. It was this practice of kissing the "X" that led it to becoming a symbol of a kiss.



Most of you know me, but for those who don't, my name is Lee Sollecito and I will be on the Board as secretary this year. I'm a retired school secretary. I worked in the Campbell Union School District for 28 years. I'm still working in a different secretarial capacity with the same school district. Guess I just don't know when to quit. I'm married to Sonny whom I'm sure you all know. We've danced at Swiss Park for nine years and have been members of Boots 'n Buckles for eight years. Our home is in San Jose and we fight the traffic every Friday night to be able to dance at Swiss Park. I'm looking forward to a good year. Most of us are new to the Board but we're fast learners. Hope to see you at the dances.

Lee Sollecito

Our President (Helen) asked me to write a little bit about myself for the newsletter, so here goes.....For those of you who haven't met me yet my name is Debbie Bloodworth, and I am this year's treasurer for the Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club. I discovered the club about a year ago and have been coming ever since. Although I'm a relative newcomer to line dancing (2 years), I did dance/perform as a clogger for six years. Sometimes you can catch me doing some of the old steps out on the floor. You might find me dancing with a local demonstration group I've joined called "Country in Motion" also.

I was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin but spent most of my life living in Oregon. In September of 1999, I moved to this area where I have a brother and sister living. I work for M.J. Machining in Morgan Hill as an office manager. My two daughters (two granddaughters too!) live in Oregon, while my son lives in Arizona.

When I'm not dancing, which is 4 nights a week, I spend my spare time pursuing some new hobbies that I've begun. Those include fly-fishing, photography, and quilting. I also like to walk. I completed my first marathon in April of 2000.

Keep dancing!!!!!! Debbie

SAFETY FIRST

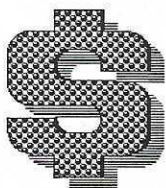
It seems many of our guests and members are really falling for our Friday night dances - literally. As one of the Executive Board Members, I want to remind you that we all need to use caution and consideration when we are on the dance floor to avoid accidents.. I know I make many mistakes when I am dancing and the last thing I want to do is to cause someone else to become disoriented because I am going in the wrong direction or spinning to the left when everyone else is going to the right.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- * Report any spills, slippery or sticky conditions on the dance floor to the cashier/door person.
- * Be aware of the conditions around you.
- * When couples are dancing, move toward the center of the floor.
- * When line dancers are dancing, honor their space, as well.
- * If you have an accident, please report it immediately to a Board Member, no matter how trivial.
- * Running, although it is fun, is not a good practice.

We want you to have fun and enjoy every minute at Boots 'n' Buckles. Comments on this article are welcome at bootsnbuckles@hotmail.com or (510)790-7197.

Kathy Martin, Vice President



Hi everyone-

This is my first report as treasurer for the Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club. I want to thank Lynette for the wonderful job she did as treasurer last year and for her help in making this transition so easy.

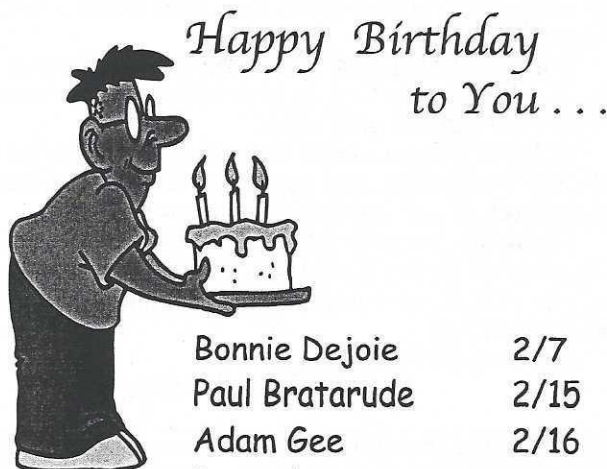
The month of December did not show a net profit primarily because \$2082.00 was paid to Swiss Park to cover expenses incurred for this years X-mas dinner/dance. Most of the income from ticket sales was shown in November. (A great party by the way)! Additional expenditures included rent for \$900.00, a DJ bonus of \$400.00 and printing costs of \$194.84.

We only had three dances for the month due to the Christmas holiday, but still showed a small profit of \$188.00.

Even with expenses incurred during the month of December, the club ended 2001 with a year to date profit of \$1859.96 and a bank balance of \$12,388.62.

I look forward to being on the board for the next year and working with all the other board members. I also look forward to meeting more of the people who love to dance like me.

Debbie Bloodworth, Treasurer



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| Bonnie Dejoie | 2/7 |
| Paul Bratarude | 2/15 |
| Adam Gee | 2/16 |
| Pat Schmitz | 2/16 |
| Theresa Robertson | 2/19 |

Swiss Park Dance Classes

FEBRUARY 2002

MONDAY
(Intermediate / Advanced)



WEDNESDAY
(Beginner / Easy Intermediate)

~4 th ~	~6 th ~
"Begin The Beguine" <i>(Oldie)</i>	"My Girls Waltz" <i>(Repeat)</i>
"Get That Kick" <i>(Van der Molan)</i>	"Bocephus" <i>(oldie)</i>
~11 th ~	~13 th ~
"TGIF" <i>(Repeat)</i>	"De'ja Vu" <i>(JP Potter)</i>
"New York, New York"	"Black Coffee" <i>(oldie)</i>
~18 th ~	~20 th ~
"The Dream Within" <i>(Roxanne Kumre)</i>	"New York, New York"
"Moonstruck" <i>(Repeat)</i>	[... if time permits, might do additional dance ...]
~25 th ~	~27 th ~
"Breathless" <i>(Simon Ward)</i>	"Thin Sole Shoes" <i>(Oldie)</i>
"Clickety Clack"	"Downtown" <i>(Metelnick)</i>
~ WELCOME BACK ~	7:30 Review, 8-9:00 Lesson, 9-9:45 Dancing
Happy 2002. I hope your Holiday was as great as mine, now back to business. You by now know the class price has gone to \$7 - increase necessary so I can continue to teach and pay for dance floor space at Swiss Park. ~Charlotte~	Drop in classes \$7 - no sign ups necessary Free Step Descriptions for all dances taught Class e' info. CharSkeeters@aol.com Tel. Info. (925) 462-6572 Instructor: Charlotte Skeeters & Guests

SWISS PARK DANCE HALL , Fremont/Newark, CA - From Hwy 880, exit West on Mowry Avenue, Turn right at the 1st light. The Dance Hall is the building on your left, next to a small Park. Social Dances every Friday hosted by the "Boots N' Buckles" Dance Club. Club contact: Bob_Webber@msn.com or Kmartin2@LFSUS.JNJ.CO



Many of you may know Shelli Blake already and if you don't, you have probably seen her dancing at our Club, whenever she can break away from her busy schedule. Shelli is a very petite blonde lady who is making a big impact in the line dancing community.

Shelli was born in Denver, Colorado and moved to Campbell, Ca. when she was only six months old. Her occupation as a Dental Hygienist allows her to work as much or as little as she wants. As Shelli says: "It's the next best thing to being retired."

The first time I met Shelli was about 2 years ago when she showed up at one of Charlotte's Monday night classes. Those of you who come on Monday know that the instructions are pretty advanced and fast so seeing a new face a few of us tried warning her that maybe the lesson would be too difficult for her. Shelli said not to worry about her, she could dance, really. And she was not joking.

Shelli began dancing in 1996 when she was pregnant with her second child. Shelli's parents are both line dancers and take lessons from Mike Sliter and Shirley Keller locally. They thought Shelli would find dancing a good way to get some exercise during her pregnancy that would not be too strenuous. She began taking lessons from Pat Tharp and after a few lessons she was hooked. After the birth of her daughter, Pat Tharp asked Shelli to join her award-winning line dance competition team "Moonlight Magic" with whom she danced for four years.

When Shelli moved back to the Bay area she began taking lessons from our local choreographers, Mike Sliter, Evelyn Khinoo, Trish & Bob Boesel and Charlotte Skeeters. Soon after that she choreographed her first dance "1,2,3" which she entered in the competition at Ventura. Success came quickly as Shelli won first place for new line dance choreography in Ventura.

Shelli has choreographed more dances, some of which I hope we will be seeing around our club. She is also competing in Pro-Am couples competition with her teacher, Richard Kear. She hopes to compete in "Worlds, 2003".

We won't be seeing Shelli at our club for at least six weeks because she will be off vacationing in Australia. I wonder what all those people needing their teeth cleaned will do without her? The vacation is for pleasure, however, Shelli can't resist competing in Tamworth while she is there. When she returns she would like to possibly do some teaching.

Shelli has a website you may want to visit. If you read her bio, much of it will be familiar, however, she allowed me to use her information. Shelli is promoting our club as well as all of her favorites in the Bay Area at www.d2dcreations.com. Shelli's motto is "Life is more enjoyable when you can dance". How true this is.



Valentine's Day Hidden Hugs

- 1 pkg Hershey's Hugs (8oz)
- 1 C butter, softened
- 1/2 C powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2-1/4 C all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 C toasted Almonds **
- Extra powdered sugar



Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games

Friday, February 8 thru Sunday February 24, 2002

OPENING CEREMONY is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2002 at 4 pm on NBC.

Also scheduled that day prior to the opening ceremonies is Ski Jumping at 9 am.

For more info on dates, times and schedule changes, go to www.olympics.com, or www.nbcolympics.com. Both sites give lots of information about the different sports and the competitors. Also, check your TV guide!!

Heat oven to 400°. Remove wrappers from chocolate Hugs.

In large mixing bowl, beat butter, powdered sugar and vanilla until well blended. Stir together flour and salt. Gradually add to butter mixture beating until well blended. Add nuts and blend well.

Mold a scant tablespoon of dough around each Hug covering it completely. Shape into a ball. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 10-12 minutes or until set. Cool slightly and roll in powdered sugar. Cool completely.

(If desired, roll in powdered sugar again just before serving)


** To toast almonds, bake a layer of almonds on a cookie sheet 8-10 minutes at 350° or until light golden brown, stirring occasionally. Cool.

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I Wish you enough . . .

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough 'Hellos' to get you through the final 'goodbyes'.

I wish you all enough . . .



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