



THE ROUNDUP

NEWSLETTER FOR BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES

JANUARY, 1992

HAPPY NEW YEARS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The new year is upon us once again and like most all of you and I also am looking for a better year or at least we hope so anyway. I would like to thank Shirley, Charlotte, Mike, Cindy, Bob for decorating and food set up, ~~and~~^{AND} the rest of the board for food donations and clean -up, and a special thanks to Marylou, Karen Flatbush and Janet Barabe for coming out to help decorate and roll all those meats!!!! I think that the Christmas Dance was alot of fun, good food and plenty of it , thanks to an innovative board and members who brought desserts and also the Sandy Ellwanger band who provided the music for dancing and of course the greatest DJ who did all our favorite line dances.

I would like to give all of you advance notice of a change in membership enrollment times. We will be renewing membership in March but only till October. In October we will again be renewing membership for 1 year until the following October. This is a one time only change from October on membership will always be in October. This correleates better for club insurance. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families and happy healthy new year and hope to see you dancing the new year away.

Corky Walker

STRESS AT COMPETITIONS

Talk about STRESSED OUT!!!! I yawned in a contestant meeting at the Grand Championship competition held at the Hyatt Regency, Thanksgiving weekend and out popped my jaw and locked in the open position! I looked like a deformed pit bull and was salivating all over myself! Poor Terry didn't know what to do. One of the contestants, Deb, is a Chiropractor and even though she never worked on a jaw before, she tried her darndest but couldn't get it to go back in place. We called Swiss Park to see if Merv Chang (dentist) was dancing that night and thank God he was. He insructed Terry on how to fix it and after the second try (Terry was afraid of hurting me the first time and didn't put enough pressure on my jaw) it went right back in. Now I wouldn't have to go to the emergency room of some hospital and spend hours waiting to be attended to.

We went on to practice our 4 dances one half later and managed to final in 3 of the 4 dances in the Saturday preliminaries, making alternate in the 4th dance. We walked away that weekend with a trophy for 2nd place in the Schottische. I can only attribute the stress we were under as the reason for what happened. One thing for sure though, that little episode forced me to CALM DOWM! Of course Terry has another theory on why my jaw went out, but we won't discuss it. Thanks again, Merv and Terry for the Fix-It Job!!!!!!.

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Karlene Stoker
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SAN RAMON LESSONS BY NEIL HALE

Neil Hale will be teaching C/W dance lessons on Tuesdays in San Ramon. Classes start January 28 and go thru March 24, Beginning classes start at 6:45-8pm and continuing 8:00-9:15 pm. Contact the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services for registration at 510-275-2308 tell all your friends that live in San Ramon to come and join me.

WEST COAST SWING CLASSES

Don't forget the Tuesday Night West Coast Swing classes beginning January 7. Instructors will be Grand Champions Robert Royston & Tami Ernst.

JACK & JILL JUBILEE

On February 7, 8, 9, at the S.F. Airport Hilton Hotel will be a Dance Competition strictly Jack & Jill, there will also be a Line Dance Competition. It sounds like it could be a lot of fun for all. You can enter as a group or single or as mixed match teams. For more information contact Pat & Diane at 415-570-6070 or Soukesian Productions at 415-239-8660 tickets must be purchased by January 20.

MARCH BOARD MEETING

The March 13 board meeting will be open to all club members. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information in next months newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to insurance premiums for our club we will be changing enrollment times for membership. In March we will be renewing memberships but only through October. Then in October we will renew memberships for one year. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause, but this will be a one time only change. As more information on cost becomes available we will announce it at Friday night dances and also in upcoming newsletters.

Al & Jan Barabe / Membership

COUNTRY GOES CARIBBEAN
CRUISE NOVEMBER 9 - 16 ON SS NORWAY

Friday, November 8th, the air is filled with excitement. Can this be for real? A chauffeured limo at the front door to take us to Oakland airport to catch a 7:00 am flight to Miami, FL. Tomorrow morning we board the SS Norway for the beginning of a fabulous cruise.

Several hours out, we encountered the cross current from the gulf. This made for a very rocky ride which sent people to their cabins spending the evening RESTING, including one of our quartet, who shall remain nameless. By Sunday morning, things were fine and every one was ready to cruise. The CGC Staff had scheduled dance workshops for just about all day Sunday, Monday and Thursday, our days at sea. Sunday morning, we took 2 West Coast Swing classes from Dennis and Connie McGuire and Jack and Sue Wagner, and a Pony class from Scott Lindberg and Cheryl Wang in the afternoon. Although classes were offered in every other dance as well as line dances, this was all we took as we did not want to overload. The rest of the day was spent doing a lot of lazing around, laying in the sun, practicing whenever you could find a decent area and visiting shops on board ship.

Sunday night was the first of two formal nights for dinner. Everyone looked really nice in their formal attire (even though some resisted wearing coat and tie). We also had a 50's & 60's night, a Caribbean night, 2 casual nights and a country western night (yeah).

Our first stop was on Tuesday at St. Maarten. Shopping was the major event of the day. Perfume, Jewelry and electronics were the hot items. A tour in the afternoon gave us a look at the other side of the island. Amazingly, crime was very low here 3%, unemployment was also very low at 2.5%. Tourism is the major source of income. Many celebrities have homes on the island. Cher, Michael Jackson, Sidney Poitier to name a few.

Wednesday we docked at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas after a very brief stop at St. John to let off passengers wishing to visit there. Sherry, Sherry and Buck took the Coral World and Island tour. Our first stop was at Blackbeards Castle. Also from this point you could see Bluebeard's Castle. Coral World is an aquarium and a 40 ft underwater observatory. We saw many beautiful species of fish, sting rays, spiny lobsters and sharks. And then back to shop, shop, shop. Jim was more adventure-some, he went on a helicopter tour and a submarine ride. Both were spectacular, albeit, a little expensive. The view from the air was breath-taking. The island with its many beaches and extensions, its hilly areas dotted with the homes of the "Rich and Famous", and the shimmering waters are more beautiful than any postcard could picture. The pilot pointed out areas of water so clear that we could see down 40 ft. Flying over the fabulous homes made one wonder how a person could be so fortunate to enjoy life in this little piece of heaven.

St. Thomas has more than just a pretty face. It has underwater treasures that are seen only by a select few. Myself and 47 others were fortunate enough to be part of this selected few. We boarded one at a time and sat back to back down the center of the ship. This was not a trip for those who are squeamish about being in close quarters. We started our dive. The excitement builds as we slip deeper below the surface. The noise level goes up as we see our first school of large yellow and white fish swimming along with us. Then we see sharks, more eel and other fish of all descriptions: large, small, fat, skinny and any color you could imagine. We continued down to 90 ft. and saw a ship wreck. What an experience we had. If you ever have a chance to do either the helicopter or submarine tours, DO IT.

Thursday was spent at sea. Cruise life is fabulous, you could eat from early morning to past midnight if you wanted to. And the rum punch flowed like water. They had a special drink for each day of the week. The most spectacular midnight buffet was on Thursday night. They had it set up an hour early just so people could take pictures. It looked too good to eat. Everything from lobster to roast pig (yes folks, a whole roast pig complete with an apple in its mouth). Ice carvings of dragons, the ship, an ice bowl for the shrimp, a chocolate bird cage complete with marzipan birds, a checkerboards of white & dark chocolate, etc.

Friday was spent on NCL's Pleasure Island. And what a pleasure it was. The biggest beach party you'll ever attend. The BBQ was provided by the ship, They had ping pong, horseshoe, volleyball and of course plenty of beach for sunning. We all tried snorkeling, even yours truly. I'm not a big fan of water over my head, but told myself I was going to do it because I did not want to miss out. Even though I didn't go out as far as Jim, Sherry and Buck, I really had a great time and enjoyed seeing the fish close up. They would come right up to you and swim with you.

There were a lot of passengers who didn't know that almost 400 people from 3 different C/W groups were on board. We entertained and fascinated them. A crowd gathered to watch whenever we were on deck or in one of the lounges practicing or dancing. Some did not know what country dancing was all about. We had one couple of fellow C/W dancers from back east come over and ask us about our Schottische. It was a different style than what they do. We met a lot of nice people and hopefully did some good promoting for C/W dancing.

The entertainment on the ship was superb. T.G. Shepherd, Ronni Milsap, Steve Wariner, Gary Wick, a ventriloquist (had a puppet named Al with him who was great). They mixed and mingled with everybody all week long just like common folk. T.G. Shepherd being a little more visible than the others. Seemed he was everywhere.

All too soon it was time to pack up and return to Miami. We watched them unload luggage and equipment to the dock on Saturday morning. Ronni Milsap's 18 wheeler pulled up to get his instruments, equipment, even his piano. (He brought his own piano!!!!!!) Everything packed in heavy moving boxes.

Buck and Sherry / Jim and sherry

January 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SP- Swiss Park in Newark, lessons by Neil Hale, Charlotte Skeeters on Mon. & Wed. \$4. Thur. Dave West \$4. ML-Christine & Charlie Swinehart Moose Lodge, 2149 Stone Ave. S.J. 408-729-3076-\$2.50 Non-member, \$2.00 Members</p>						
5	<p>7:30 SP-COYOTE HUSTLE, SIDEKICK (COUPLES) INTRO. TO WEST COAST SWING PART 1 7:30-9:30 ML- ??</p>	<p>7:30SP- BEGINNING WEST COAST SWING 8:45 INTERM. WEST COAST SWING</p>	<p>7:30 SP-MONTANA STOMP, WILD WILD WEST BOOGIE, SCHOTTISCHE PART 1</p>	<p>7:15 CT- HOOKED ON COUNTRY 7:00 SP-BEGINNER LEAD AND FOLLOW TECHNIQUE 8:30 INTERMEDIATE-LEAD AND FOLLOW TECHNIQUE DAVE</p>	<p>SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance</p>	<p>Country Quick Stepper Dance VETS MEMORIAL, RWC</p>
	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	<p>7:30 SP-TRIPLE "T", DOUBLE DUTCHES, INTRO. TO WEST COAST SWING PART 1 7:30-9:30 ML- ??</p>	<p>7:30SP- BEGINNING WEST COAST SWING 8:45 INTERM. WEST COAST SWING</p>	<p>7:30 SP-4 CORNERS, TUSH PUSH, SCHOTTISCHE PART 2</p>	<p>7:15 CT- WESTERN GIRLS 7:00-8:30 BEGINNER DAVE WEST SP-WALTZ 8:30-10 INTERM. TWO STEP</p>	<p>SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance</p>	<p>COUNTRY QUICK STEPPER DANCE AT BOWDITCH SCHOOL, FOSTER CITY</p>
	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	<p>7:30 SP-PRANCING PONY, ROUND ROBIN WALTZ, SCHOTTISCHE PART 1 7:30-9:30 ML- ??</p>	<p>7:30SP- BEGINNING WEST COAST SWING 8:45 INTERM. WEST COAST SWING</p>	<p>7:30 SP-SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE (CONTRA-LINE MIXER) SCHOTTISCHE PART 3</p>	<p>7:15 CT- WALTZ W/TURNS 7:00-10:00 SP-DAVE WEST BEGINNER 7:30 SCHOTTISCHE 8:30 INTERM. TWO STEP</p>	<p>SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance</p>	<p>Country Quick Stepper Dance VETS MEMORIAL, RWC</p>
	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	<p>7:30 SP-ARLENE, KOKOMO, SCHOTTISCHE PART 2 7:30-9:30 ML- ??</p>	<p>7:30SP- BEGINNING WEST COAST SWING 8:45 INTERM. WEST COAST SWING</p>	<p>7:30 SP-STRAY CAT STRUT, RENEGADE (SCHOTTISCHE MIXER), SCHOTTISCHE PART 4</p>	<p>7:15 CT- WALTZ ACROSS TEXAS 7:00-10:00 SP-DAVE WEST 7:30 BEGINNER SCHOTTISCHE 8:30 INTERM. TWO STEP</p>	<p>SP 8:30 pm- Boots 'N' Buckles Dance</p>	
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B 'N' B JACKETS

Jackets can be ordered from Merv Chang. Write your name, address, phone # and jacket size (xs,s,m,l, xl,xxl) and print the name you want on the front. Include a check for \$60.00 made out to Boots 'N' Buckles. Bring to any Friday night dance. We can only order when we have orders for six jackets.

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