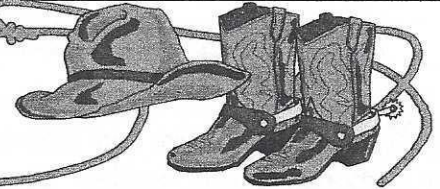


THE ROUNDUP



Boots 'n' Buckles Newsletter

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From your president:

This is my time of the year! I am sitting in my computer room listening to the birds and watching the squirrels scurrying around in my yard. The weather is beautiful and all the flowers are in bloom. Yes, Spring has definitely sprung and Summer is hot on its trail! I hope everyone had a safe and fun filled Memorial Day.

At our First Friday, Trish & Bob Boesel taught "Irresistible", a Peter Metelnick dance that's hitting the dance floors all over the Bay Area and being very well received. And at our Third Friday, Evelyn Khinoo introduced us to "Walking The Floor," choreographed by Terry Hogan. This seems to be one that everyone loves.

We had a nice Mother's Day dance and gave away some special gifts to two lucky people - I was one of them, as was Joyce Peloian. Dolores Meeks did the shopping for the gifts and picked out Yankee candles with a beautiful pot to burn them in. Good choice Dolores! I want to thank everyone who came out to dance with us that night - we had a good turn out!

Time is going by so fast it is almost time for our Workshop. If you didn't get your ticket, now is the time. All of the Board members have been working very hard to make this Workshop a success. So please, mark your calendars for June 7th - Noon to 11:00PM. And don't forget, it's also Boots 'n' Buckles' 18th Birthday too!

On June 13th we will be celebrating Flag Day and Fathers Day together. So be sure to wear Red, White and Blue for that night, and be thinking good thoughts about "Dad."

Stay healthy, keep dancing, and I'll see ya on the dance floor!

Helen Phillips

President
Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE 2003 DATES TO REMEMBER

6th – Couples Dance Lesson with Mike & Joyce Shannon

7th – Workshop & Social

13th – Father's Day Dance
Please bring some food to share.

14th – Flag Day

15th – Father's Day

20th – Line Dance Lesson from the
"Bonanza Bash" with a surprise instructor

21st – Summer begins

27th – Dance review by Connie Silva

All Boots 'n' Buckles' Friday night dances start at 8:00 PM, even on lesson nights.



Friday, July 18

**Open Board Meeting, 7:30 PM
@ Swiss Park**

Come by and share your comments
with the Board of Directors.

KATHY'S KORRAL

As promised, Jim and Bonnie Berberich finally settled down long enough for me to interview them. Now that Jim has retired, they plan to do a lot of traveling within the United States along with their two traveling companions: Ranger Walker and Miss Kitty. Ranger and Miss Kitty are brother and sister and were adopted by the Berberich's four years ago from the Santa Clara County Humane Society.

As for Jim and Bonnie, they were both born in Southern California: Jim in Inglewood and Bonnie in Glendale. They both attended Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, California and met (where else?) at a high school dance. They became high school sweethearts and things apparently worked out, as they will be married 40 years in August.

After graduating from Long Beach State University with an Engineering degree, Jim accepted a job with IBM in San Jose as a mechanical engineer. Bonnie has a degree in Business from Antelope Valley College but considers herself more of a "domestic engineer". They have two children, a son Rick and his wife Carol who also live in San Jose and a daughter, Debbie and her husband Gary who live in Laguna Niguel, California. Jim and Bonnie are still waiting for the grandchildren to arrive.

Bonnie and Jim took up International Folk Dancing when they moved to San Jose in 1964. In the 1970's they began dancing at Swiss Park in Newark, doing Swiss Polkas on

Sunday afternoons. Soon Country Line Dancing became popular and they thought they would give it a try. Now they are just concentrating on dancing at Swiss Park on Friday nights.

Jim and Bonnie recently returned from a trip to Reno, Nevada Pocatello and Caldwell, Idaho, Jackson Hole, Wyoming and different parts of Oregon. This is where the kitties were able to experience their first walk in the snow. Roger Walker and Miss Kitty became a part of the Berberich household with the intent that they would be doing a lot of traveling. In order to do this they have been trained to wear a harness and leash while touring, and they accept this as a normal way of life when they are on the road. For their next trip, the Berberich family will be going to Branson, Missouri and other parts of Missouri to visit relatives, and then on to Fan Fair in Nashville, Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana and Vicksburg, Mississippi. The only bad part about this will be not having them attend our Friday night dances for two months, however, I might be able to get them to share their trip with us when they return.

Kathy Martin

Vice President,
Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Hyperactive Seniors (With Guns)

Wilma Bennett, 79, carrying a .22-caliber revolver and increasingly agitated at having to wait in line at a grocery store, was arrested after brawling with a 31-year-old security guard who tried to calm her down [(Akron, Ohio), Beacon Journal, 1-8-03].

Gertrude Raines, 84, was charged with shooting her son-in-law dead at 200 yards in the midst of a longstanding family feud [(Murfreesboro, Ark), [Star Tribune, 11-22-02].

Deer hunter Clinton Hurlbut, 89, pleaded guilty to reckless use of a gun after accidentally shooting the horse that a 12-year-old girl was riding [(Browns Valley, Minn.), Star Tribune, 11-22-02]

On the bright side, J.C. Adams, 74, owner of a Pac A Sac convenience store that was being robbed, propped himself up on his walker and fired his shotgun at the three perps, killing one, wounding another and causing the third to flee [(Decatur, GA), [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 1-10-03].

[*Editor's note: I think the message here is "do not irritate us older folks".*]



Third Annual Pikes Peak Line Dance... or Bust!

This article is to introduce you to one of many events that are held yearly in other parts of the country. Helen Phillips, who felt this information might benefit those dancers who enjoy participating in line dance workshops, asked me to write this.

With event directors A.J. & Scott Herbert and Lori Blazer this year's event was held at the Community Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado on April 5-6th 2003. If you got there early on the 4th, you were invited to "The Cowboy's Nightclub". Fun was had by all, and line dancers and couples filled the floor. If you have learned the dance "1 Mississippi", then you would have enjoyed meeting Jill King, the recording artist of the song. She is a real joy and a very powerful singer.

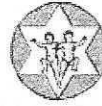
Classes started at 8:00 a.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m. both days. Instructors included John Robinson, "Keep on dancin' and keep it fun"; Jo Thompson, a great instructor with tons of energy; Barry Amato, choreographer of "1 Mississippi"; and his wife Dari Anne. Also attending from our area were instructors Michael Barr, Michelle Burton, DQ Johnson, and Jackie Miranda. When not dancing, we were enjoying the catered lunches and dinners.

A great event held on a large wooden dance floor with lots of dancing and opportunities to meet many new dancers and make new friends. Looking out the windows to see the snow falling and having so much fun are reasons for me to go again next year. I hope to see some of you there!

Submitted by: *Bonnie Sayre*

USA Today, in its 3/10/03 edition, had a large article on two Cowboy Churches in Texas. They printed the Cowboy's Ten Commandments posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas:

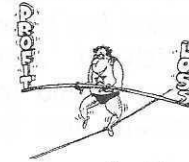
- I -- Just one God.
- II -- Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- III -- No telling tales or gossipin'.
- IV -- Git yourself to the Sunday meeting.
- V -- Put nothin' before God.
- VI -- No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- VII -- No killin'.
- VIII -- Watch yer mouth.
- IX -- Don't take what ain't yers.
- X -- Don't be hankerin' fer yer buddy's stuff.



June Birthdays

Sharon Goodman	7 th
Josie Kirth	13 th
Kathy Martin	15 th
Pamela Akridge	17 th
Peter Iversen	24 th
Gary McVrea	26 th
Beth Sliter	29 th
Jim Berberich	29 th
Leslie Brazelton	30 th

Remember: members get into one Friday night dance during the month of their birth for **FREE!** Check with the cashier when you arrive.



Treasurer's Report

Hi everyone

June is upon us, and you know what that means. It's time for the Boots 'n' Buckles' annual workshop/dance. Traditionally, this is the largest money making event the club holds during the course of the year.

This report is for revenues earned and expenses incurred during the month of April. Revenues included \$1,326 (dances), \$56 (dues), \$441 (raffle), \$600 (rent), \$60 (shirts), and \$575 (sale of workshop tickets).

Expenses incurred included \$1,200 (Swiss Park), \$700 (music), \$218 (raffle), \$80 (instructors), \$554 (pasta dinner), and some other miscellaneous expenses. Although revenues were good and three of the four dances netted profits, the club did incur a small loss overall for the month due to expenses. We could have avoided the loss by not having the pasta dinner, but the board felt the dinner was an excellent way of showing its appreciation to the club's members for their continued support. The checkbook balance is \$10,415.95.

This ends my report for the month. I hope you have a great time at the workshop!

Respectfully,

Debbie Bloodworth

Treasurer, Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club

Father's Day

Harry Meek, past president of Chicago's Uptown Lions Club, is acknowledged as the creator of Father's Day celebration. He promoted the idea through Lions Club speeches and eventually it was adopted. They set the day as the Sunday nearest his birthday, which is the third Sunday in June. However, several years before him, in 1908, Dr. Robert Webb conducted what is believed as the first Father's Day service at the Central Church of Fairmont, West Virginia.

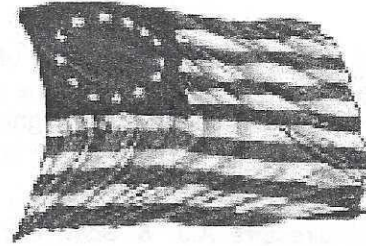
Mrs. John Bruce Dodd also promoted the idea of a Father's Day in commemoration of her own father. As a widower, he raised six children while farming in eastern Washington State. In 1909, she conceived the idea during a Mother's Day service. This prompted her to write a proposal to the Spokane Ministerial Association. The Spokane YMCA also agreed to promote it. In 1910, Spokane became the first city to honor fathers.

Ironically, Spokane was supposed to celebrate its first Father's Day on June 5, 1910, Mrs. Dodd's father's birthday but the local ministers did not have enough time to prepare their sermons. It was pushed back to the nineteenth, the third Sunday in June, the same day selected by the Uptown Lion's club in Chicago!

The holiday continued to gain popularity until President Richard Nixon officially established it as a national holiday in 1972.

"Men are like a fine wine: they start out as grapes, and it's up to women to stomp the poop out of them until they turn into something acceptable to have dinner with."

Deeply Sentimental Unknown Author



Flag Day

On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day. Schools in Philadelphia, New York, Illinois, and others began observing Flag Day with ceremonies and pageants.

Inspired by these celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 ** - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

Historically, while it is possible that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag, there is no evidence she designed it. Records show that in May 1780, Francis Hopkinson sent a bill to the Board of Admiralty for designing the "flag of the United States".

***The Marine Committee's resolution of June 14th, 1777, which adopted the theme of the red and white striped Union Flag of Holland to the flag of the 13 United States of America.*

For information on the flag and other items of interest, visit:

<http://www.bright.net/~jimsjems/flagcode.html>



If you can't make it to Swiss Park....

Cactus Corners

June 6: *Grange Hall, Danville*
7:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Lesson at 8:30 PM

June 21: *Grange Hall, Danville*
Cactus Corners' Birthday Dance
7:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Lesson at 8:30 PM
For info call 510-489-3105

Country Quick Steppers

June 7: *St. Timothy's Church, Redwood City.* 8:00 to 10:45 PM
Couple's lesson @ 7:15 PM
"Oldies" Dance & Board Elections

June 21: *Twin Pines Sr. Center, Belmont;* 8:00 to 10:45 PM

Country Hustlers

June 14: *Danville Veteran's Hall*
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM

June 28: *Danville Veteran's Hall*
Birthday Bash & Board Elections
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
CountryHustlers@yahoo.com

For other dance lessons, events, and announcements check out www.linedancefun.com or visit our "Flyer Table" during one of our Friday night dances.



Boots 'n' Buckles At Swiss Park

Saturday, June 7, 2003
Annual Workshop & Social
And 18th Birthday Celebration!

Workshop: Noon to 6:00 PM
Social Dancing: 8:00 PM to 11 p.m.



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Tuesday Night Lessons are back!!

(Where they ever really gone?)

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