



THE ROUNDUP

Boots 'n' Buckles Newsletter

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From your president:

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and Passover. I can't believe it's already come and gone! Time is going faster than you can say "Wait A Minute! Remember that dance?" If you wait a minute there's a new dance, and if you wait another minute, it's gone and replaced by another new one! Just like the months! Whew!

April was filled with lots of fun! For our first Friday dance of April, we had Trish & Bob Boesel teach a funky little dance called "Phloor Philla.". And the name tells it all...it does fill the floor! Try it if you haven't. It really is a fun dance that isn't very difficult and you can add a little attitude.

Then there was Pasta Night on April 11th! Those who signed up got a plate piled high with spaghetti, bread, and salad, all prepared by Chef Doug, AND you got entrance to the dance for just the price of the dance! Who could beat that? It was totally delicious! Thanks again to Walt for helping us out with this event, and to Doug for all the pasta sauce he prepared! Free raffle tickets were also given to everyone who wore Boots 'N' Buckles attire. This definitely should be an annual event! Big thanks also go out to Mike & Beth Sliter who filled in at the least minute for an under-the-weather Bob Hubbard. Glad Bob is feeling better and back to spinning the music!

The following Friday, April 18th, we celebrated our Spring/Easter Dance. Another great turnout with lots of shared goodies. A few Easter surprises were given away (by the Easter Bunny????). The gifts were a basket of baking goodies won by Joyce Shannon, and cashews won by Bonnie Berberich. We also had a teach of "Long Train Running" by guest instructors Mike and Beth.

And what's the NEXT BIG THING coming our way???? It's the Annual Boots 'N' Buckles Workshop, next month on Saturday June 7th. So far we have 25 signed up! It's also our 18th

birthday, so it's sure to be an extra special day and night of celebration! A lot of thought and hard work is going into this workshop. I want to thank all the Board Members for the efforts they're making to produce the best event yet! I am sure it will be another sellout, so hurry and reserve your spot!

Well, I want you to know that I'm feeling blessed for having such a great haven to retreat to each Friday night...this place we call Swiss Park. It gives me a little relief from the stresses of war and all the negative news we are surrounded by. May the world be at peace soon. Stay healthy and keep dancing. See ya on Friday night!

Helen Phillips

President
Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club



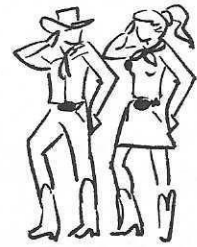
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MAY 2003 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2nd – Line Dance Lesson with Trish Boesel
- 5th – *Cinco De Mayo*
- 9th – Mother's Day dance
Please bring some finger food to share
- 11th – *Mothers' Day*
- 16th – Line Dance Lesson with Evelyn Khinoo
- 17th – *Armed Forces day*
- 23rd – Dance review by Connie Silva
- 26th – *Memorial Day (observed)*

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

KATHY'S KORRAL



I know I promised you an interview with Jim and Bonnie Berberich, however, they just returned from their extensive vacation and I was not able to interview them at this point. I will have their story for you next month and it promises to be very interesting. Since Jim's retirement, Jim and Bonnie have been traveling a lot, seeing many parts of the United States with their traveling companions, their two cats.

Instead of the interview this month, I would like to mention that the Pasta Night Dance on April 11th seemed to be a great success. Approximately 80 Boots 'n' Buckles members and their guests attended this event. Although the Club was very full, once everyone finished eating there was plenty of room to dance and what a dance it was.

Unfortunately our DJ Bob Hubbard was hit with a touch of pneumonia that night but he did arrange to have Mike Sliter stand in for him. Mike played a great combination of older and newer dances and it seemed the floor was packed for every one of them. When people weren't dancing, they were visiting so it was a fun evening to be had by all. Helen Philips orchestrated this event with the help of the Swiss Park Restaurant crew and we are hoping to repeat this event again, soon.

Our Easter Dance was also a lot of fun, as I'm sure you will agree. The decorations done by Sue van Wambeck gave the room a touch of spring and Easter combined. We also were treated to a lesson by Mike Sliter ("Long Train Running") and Bob Hubbard played an interesting mix of dances that kept everyone hopping on the dance floor. Members brought a variety of appetizers to be shared and the Club gave away door prizes as well.



I would like to remind everyone that the Boots 'n' Buckles Board is open for any suggestions regarding the activities you would like to see the Club sponsor. If you would like to offer some input, please join us at any one of our open board meetings or contact any of the Board Members. This is your Club and we want everyone to enjoy it and have a dancing good time. See you on the dance floor.

Kathy Martin

Vice President,
Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club

Here's something for you dancers who want to liven up a party or a dance...

The Tush-Push Game

The object is to dance the Tush-Push without dropping any balloons.

You start off by placing one balloon under each arm (this keeps the person from "accidentally" adjusting the balloon between the legs), and one balloon between the legs.

Start off with a slow dance. Everybody must move to the dance at all times, and they are not allowed to adjust the balloons (even during the song break!) To keep eliminating people, speed the song up, and add more balloons between the legs (they can adjust the balloons at that point).

Usually by the third dance and with two balloons between the legs, you'll have a winner.

Joe Diffie's "Third Rock From The Sun" usually eliminates people FAST!!!!

Leslie Brazelton

DID YOU KNOW...

According to figures given on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002, Line Dancing is the second most popular recreation in the UK, only beaten by Bingo, with 1 in 25 of the population line dancing. Interesting!

The Saddle Rack has opened

Yee Haw! It's been almost 2 years, and after all the rumors, it is truly a fact! It's a tad smaller venue than the original, but still very cool.

A large couples dance floor in the center and a smaller, yet a good size, line-dance floor in the back. The infamous bull and the barber chair are there as well, along with a game room to the side.



It's open Wednesday through Saturday, with lessons on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday starting at 7:30pm and Live Music & Dancing from 9:00 to 2:00am. When the Friday Night Dance at Swiss Park ends and you haven't had your fill of dancing, there's now a place to go that's not far.



Take the Automall Parkway Exit on 880 and go West (heading towards the Bay) – turn right on Boscell Road and it's on the left.

Check it out! The Rack is Back!

Leslie Brazelton



May Birthdays

Evelyn Khinoo	2 nd
Trish Boesel	5 th
John Mighell	10 th
Marilyn Canja	22 nd
Stephen Crosby	23 rd
John Wayne (1907)	26 th
(For you, Gary)	
Helen Phillips	27 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

May is upon us folks with summer knocking at the door. You'd think, as I'm basking in the sun in a chair on the deck listening to the birds chirp and the leaves rustling on the trees, that writing this report would be easy, but it's not. I'm always afraid of boring you to death with all the numbers. Boots 'N' Buckles held four dances in the month of March. After expenses, which consisted of music, instructor's fees, 50/50 raffle, and water, one dance proved to be profitable while the other three encumbered small losses.

As always there are factors that can affect net loss/profit. Attendance can be down which in turn lowers monies collected from the 50/50 raffle. Also, rent monies can fluctuate from class changes. Overall for the month, the club incurred a loss of \$302.54. In addition to the expenses mentioned above, there were expenses including \$1,400 (Swiss Park), \$221.84 (printing/postage), \$67 (office supplies), and \$100.61 (decorations/refreshments). The checkbook has a balance of \$10,643.32. The board has discussed the possibility of putting some of the money into short term CD's. I'll let you know more about this, when a decision has been made. The sale of tickets for this year's annual workshop has begun, which should generate some good revenues to help increase the checkbook balance.

This concludes my treasurer's report for the month of March. After having almost spent a year recovering from a tendon injury I hope to be back soon dancing. From this experience all I can say is you really never appreciate what you have until you don't have it anymore. I hope everyone will think about that.

Respectfully,

Debbie Bloodworth

Treasurer, Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club

Mother's Day

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by *Julia Ward Howe* (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Mass every year.

President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium, which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.

M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,

Put them all together, and they spell "MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.

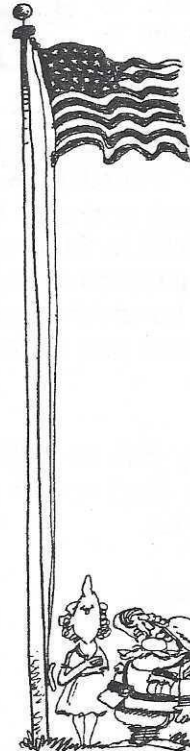
Howard Johnson (c. 1915)

Armed Forces Day

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense.

In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace."

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past President Truman and his party.



Memorial Day

On May 5, 1866, the citizens of Waterloo, New York, shuttered their shops, lowered their flags to half-mast and marched to the town's three graveyards to honor Americans who had fallen in the Civil War.

Then, on the order of General John A. Logan, May 30, 1868 was officially identified as a day for decorating the graves of the American Civil War dead. It was observed on every May 30 until 1971, when most states changed to a newly established federal schedule of holiday observance.

Memorial Day, (originally called Decoration Day), is observed annually on the last Monday in May in most of the United States, in honor of all of the nation's armed services personnel killed in wartime.

Confederate Memorial Day, formerly a legal holiday in many southern states, is still observed on the fourth Monday in April in Alabama, the last Monday in April in Mississippi, and April 26 in Florida and Georgia.

Editor's note: please take a few moments during the month to pray for our brave men and women stationed around the world ...especially those who are in harm's way. Thanks.



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

Cactus Corners

May 2: All Clubs Dance; at the
Shannon Center, Dublin
May 30: Grange Hall, Danville
7:30 PM to 11:00 PM
Lesson at 8:30 PM
For info call 510-489-3105

Country Quick Steppers

May 3: Ralston Middle School,
Belmont. 8:00 to 10:45 PM
May 17: Black and White Ball;
Redwood City Senior Center,
Couples Lesson 6:15;
Dance 7:00 to 10:00 PM
May 31: St. Timothy's, Redwood
City. 8:00 to 10:45
quicksteppers@yahoo.com

Country Hustlers

May 10: Danville Grange Hall
May 24: Danville Veteran's Hall
(Both dances are 8 PM – 11 PM)
CountryHustlers@yahoo.com

For other dance lessons, events,
and announcements check out
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Boots 'n' Buckles At Swiss Park

**Saturday, June 7, 2003
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Social Dancing: 8:00 PM to 11 p.m.**



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Flyers are now available at the Friday night dances.

Monday Night Lessons with: Gary Clayton

**7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
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The Tuesday Night lessons are no longer available.

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