Newsletter of the Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club • November 2006 • Volume 17, Issue 11 **President's Message**

Well, this is it! Boots 'n' Buckles has started its 22nd year. The Board of Directors are changing again. Since the current board of directors only signed on to serve through the end of 2006, we are currently looking for members who will run to serve on the 2007 board. There are only 3 members who have stepped up to the plate to be on the board for 2007, thus far. This is a very sad development. What this may mean is our club will fold. Without a full board to take care of the finances, insurance, admission, membership dues, securing instructors & DJs, food and water, there will be no line dancing at Swiss Park. Our next General Membership Meeting is Friday, November 17, 2006. On this day we will be voting on the proposed bylaws changes & hold elections for next year's Board of Directors. If we don't have enough nominees, our club will default to absolution status and at the following general membership meeting in

January, members would be voting for the charity to which the remaining club funds would be donated. BnB has always strived to be a club whose members came together and supported goodwill, friendship and dance. As current president, I call upon you now to join together and save our club. Nominate yourself or another to come to the aid of Boots 'n' Buckles and be on the board. Let a current board member know of your nomination in writing. Nominations will be open through November 14.



Sincerely,

Glenn Wiegand
President – Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club

Don't miss the annual
Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club's
CHRISTMAS DINNER
December 15, 2006
RESERVATIONS must be in
by December 8th
(See page 2 for details)

Treasurer's Report - Overview for November 2006

On our bootsnbucklesdanceclub.com website are the financial statements for the club as of October 31, 2006.

The club continues to realized a surplus of \$886 year-to-date. Last month the club renewed our liability insurance (\$427) for another year.

The club's cash position remains strong with a \$10,140 risk-free CD earning 4.00% APR and over \$1,600 in cash and checking. – Gary Davidson, Treasurer

Three Dot Dance News



Open Dancing

Open dancing is available for those who enjoy arriving early and like to get out on the dance floor before the 8:00 PM start of the Boots 'n' Buckles dance. Thanks to Bob Hubbard for being able to volunteer his time so that we all have this opportunity. Please let Bob Hubbard know what dances you would like played.

We will continue open dancing for as long as Bob Hubbard's schedule is able to accommodate the specific time.



Merchandise Memo

The Boots N Buckles T-Shirts have run out of stock with the exception of a few size smalls, which we are offering at a Sale Price of \$10.00. The Board has decided to hold off on replenishing the rest of the stock to allow the 2007 Board to determine if there should be any changes or additions to the merchandise currently being offered. To help the new Board with this decision, we'd like the members of the Club to put in their two cents about what type of merchandise they would like to see offered (i.e., T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Hats, Jackets). Please write down your suggestions and place them in the Suggestion Box.

We still have several Boots N Buckles Tote Bags available for \$8.00.







CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE - Dec. 15, 2006

Our club's **annual Christmas dinner** will be held on **Friday, December 15**th. The doors will open for Happy Hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. There will be a choice of filet mignon with mushroom sauce or chicken cordon blue. Both entrees will be served with green salad, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and coffee. The dinner price of \$23 includes admission to the evening dance which starts at 8:30 p.m. **Reservations** for dinner must be in by **December 8**th, and no refunds will be made after that date. Forms are available to download from our website or you can pick them up at the Friday night dances. You can make a reservation at any of the Friday night dances or by sending a check for \$23 with your dinner choice (filet or chicken) to P.O. Box 875, Newark, CA 94560. Admission to the dance only will be at the usual price and the doors will open at 8:15 p.m.

Carole's Corral

Maria Keiser



Maria was born and raised in Munich, the capital of Bavaria. She had gone to Lake Achensee for a ski weekend and that's where she met her husband, Kurt. They got married 2 years later.

In Munich, Maria had worked for a leading furniture company (which sold inside and outside furniture). Once during pre Christmas season, a beautiful, elegant woman came to the manager of the decorator's office and asked if she could buy some of the special Christmas decorations. At first he said no because they weren't for sale (he had made them himself) but after finding out that the attractive lady was Ursula Andress, he quickly changed his mind and gave them to her as a personal Christmas gift from the company. It goes to show, if you are famous and good looking; you don't need money to get your wishes fulfilled.

From the windows of Maria's office, she could see the famous Hofbraeuhaus, but had never gone there until she met Kurt (Hofbraeuhaus is the most famous beer hall in the world).

Maria and Kurt lived in a suburb of Munich where their two kids, Roland and Julia, were born. Her daughter Julia is currently training for her second Nike women's Marathon, which will take place on 10/22/06 in San Francisco. This race is to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Kudos to Julia for being involved in this!

Maria's husband was transferred by his company to their subsidiary in Johannesburg, South Africa. So they all moved to Johannesburg in September 1981. Johannesburg is 6000 feet high and has a very mild climate, great for outdoor living the whole year with great vacation opportunities. There is no rain from April through mid October. But when it does rain there, the thunder is so loud that it can drive the whole family, including the dog, to hide under the table. At first their stay was planned for 3 years, which was extended to 7 years.

At the end of 1988, Kurt got an offer from his company to move to Boca Raton, Florida. The family liked this idea and they were happy not to go back to Germany's cold winter. After 2.5 years, they moved to Connecticut for 1 year, learning after 7 months that Kurt was to take over a position in Santa Clara, California. They got so used to the nice California weather and life style that they decided to stay and become US citizens....thus, here they are.

Now, here's how line dancing began for Maria...

Having always been the sporty type, Maria joined the YMCA. There she got hooked on line dancing by her great and long time teacher and friend, Shirley Keller. Shirley invited her to take lessons from Joanna and Ted Arrouzet, Bob and Trish Boesel, Mike and Beth Sliter, Sharon and Harry Emmet, and Doris Volz. Maria went to the Saturday socials at Gunderson High School where Shirley introduced her to the choreographer of Silk and Satin, Evelyn Khinoo. She was very impressed to meet Evelyn because Silk and Satin was one of the first dances she learned. Maria said when she goes to the Boots 'n' Buckle's dance and sees those familiar faces from that time in her life, it really makes her happy.

Maria also said that she owes a lot of thanks to all these great teachers who had and still have the patience and drive to teach us something new every time we attend their classes. She says it's a great feeling and fun when we finally fit the steps to the music.

We sure are blessed to have Maria as one of our fellow dancers!

Carole Wiegand

Boots 'n' Buckles Monthly Dance Schedule

Come dance with us every Friday Night! All request social dance. Great wooden dance floor.

Where: Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA

This Month:

November 3, 2006 – First Dance of the Month.

Guest instructor: Connie Silva

November 10, 2006 – Second Friday Dance.

November 17, 2006 – Celebrate November Birthdays.

Guest Instructor: Doris Volz

November 24, 2006 – Thanksgiving Dance.

Bring a snack to share.

Next Month:

When: 8:00 pm to 11:30 pm

December 1, 2006 – First Dance of the Month.

December 8, 2006 – Celebrate December Birthdays.

Guest Instructor: Henry Costa See Henry's website.

December 15, 2006 – Christmas Dance. Last dance of the year. See you in 2007!

Other Bay Area Dances

November

Fri Nov 3 - Cactus Corners The Grange, Danville

DJ: Gary Clayton 7:30- 10:30pm

Sat Nov 4 - Quicksteppers – Golden Oldies

American Legion Hall, San Mateo

DJ: Neil Hale 7:30 - 10:30pm

Sun Nov 5 - First Sunday Dance

830 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale

Instructors: Heide and Kaylene 8:00 - 11:00pm

Fri Nov 10 - Second Friday Dance

Masonic Temple, Menlo Park

DJ: Jamie Hogan 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Sat Nov 11 – Second Saturday Charity Dance

Workshop and Dance See the flyer

Twin Pines – 1223 Ralston Ave., Belmont

Presented by John and Gina

Workshop 12:00 – 5:00 Dance 6:30 – 10:30 pm

Sat Nov 18 – Quicksteppers – Thanksgiving Dance

Barrett Community Center, Belmont

DJ: Evelyn Khinoo & Denny Harris 7:30 – 10:30pm

Sat Nov 18 - Cactus Corners - Election Night, Silent

Auction, Sports-Theme Dance

The Grange, Danville

DJ: Clint Qualls 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Fri Nov 24 - Fourth Friday Firehouse Dance

Pedro Point Firehouse, Pacifica

DJ: Matt & Carol Fitzpatrick 8:00 - 11:00pm

Sat Nov 25 - Country Hustlers

Danville Veteran's Hall

DJ: Clint Qualls 8:00 - 11:00pm

November Birthdays

| Kathy Menzies | 11/4 | Susan Van Wambeck | 11/15 |
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| Jim Cromie | 11/13 | Hong Yin Wang | 11/17 |
| Amy Tsou | 11/13 | Norma Borgeson | 11/18 |
| Carole Wiegand | 11/13 | Elaine Mighell | 11/23 |
| Maria Lucia Cavin | i 11/14 | Jim Mc Grogan | 11/28 |
| Rob Lynch | 11/15 | Jim Maggini | 11/30 |



Members get into one Friday night dance during the month of their birth for Free!

Check with the cashier when you arrive.



HALLOWEEN DANCE by Lee Sollecito

Boots 'n' Buckles had their Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28. The costumes worn that night were outstanding and the judges had a hard time selecting winners from our Halloween parade.

In the single category, there were two winners:

Scariest: Susan Van Wambeck - Witch

Most Creative: Penny Harrison – Titanic Survivor

In the couples category, we had five winners:

Best Period, Upstairs-Downstairs: Kathy Menzies and Jim Cromie - French Maid and Butler

Scariest: Marie and Bill Parrish – Pinocchio and Geppeto Funniest: Helen Phillips and Gary Davidson – Snow People Colorful: Norma Borgeson and Peter Iversen – Mrs. Santa and Elf

Most Creative: Carole and Glenn Wiegand – Raggedy Andy and Raggedy Ann.

A big "thanks" to all who participated.



Boots 'n' Buckles Dance Club - Business

See Proposed bylaw changes included in this issue or on the website: www.bootsnbucklesdanceclub.com. Voting on the proposed changes will commence at our next General Membership Meeting, Friday, November 17, 2006. Elections for the 2007 Board of Directors will also commence the same evening, Friday, November 17, 2006. Nominations are being accepted through Tuesday, November 14, 2006. You may submit your nominations in writing to any board member or by sending an email to: bootsnbucklesdance@yahoo.com

Keep your suggestions coming...we are receiving quite a few suggestions and are happy to see all of the input from members.

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This newsletter and more are all available on our website above.

Check it out and become informed.

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