



October, 1988

# **Business Meeting Results**

Several items were discussed at the business meeting held on September 23. It was felt that the Standards of Conduct should be restated. Please look for an article on this subject on Page 3.

Several By-law changes were suggested. These changes are explained for you on Page 2. Please take the time to read them and plan to vote on these changes at the Dance on Nov. 4. If you wish to vote as an absentee, you can get an absentee ballot from any board member.

Ann Thompson volunteered to organize two special dances for the club. One wil be a Halloween dance on October 21 and the other a Christmas dance on December 16. Plan to attend these dances and offer to help if you can.

## B'N B Halloween Party

The October 28 dance will be a Halloweeen Dance. Start thinking about your cotsume now. Prizes will be given for unusual and interesting costumes. Western wear will not be considered a costume, so you must get creative.

There will be a sign up sheet at the Friday dances for those of you who would like to contribute food. Those who bring food will get into the dance for free, so plan to bring your favorite snacks.

Decorations will really lend atmosphere. Of course we will need a set up and clean up crew. Please volunteer in any way you can. Decorators will also be able to get into the dance free.

Ann Thompson is the person who is going to organize this party, so see her to volunteer your help or call her at (415) 751-8400.

# Boots 'N Buckles Jackets

The first order for Boots 'N Buckles jackets has gone in. Another order will be placed soon. The cost is \$50. Color selection is Navy Blue on White. If you want White letters on Blue jacket, include an additional \$10.

Sizes are S M L XL and XXL. If you need an extra long, please indicate it and add \$5.

Follow these instructions to order your jacket:

Make your check out to Boots 'N Buckles and put JACKET on the memo line. Bring this with the size and your FIRST name which will be placed on the front of the jacket and any additional ordering information to a Friday dance or mail to Bill Jackson, 12800 Dianne Dr., Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

# IMPORTANT DATES

Halloween Dance Oct 28
Change of Bylaws Vote Nov 4
Nomination of new Board Nov 25
New Board elections Dec 9
Christmas Dance Dec 16
New Board Takes Office Jan 1, 1988

## PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The following changes to the bylaws are proposed and recommended by your present board. We have over 370 members in our club and we want your input. The board believes that these changes will have a positive effect on the club and its operations.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD CHANGE**

The benefits of this change would be to:

A. Provide continuity and stability in the operation of Club by overlapping Directors terms of office.

B: Having a larger board will provide more diversity and fresh ideas to keep up enthusiasm. More directors will reduce the time required by each director and will allow involvement by people who want to contribute but may not wish to be an officer.

#### ===PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE IV ===

Article IV Executive Board.

A. The Executive Board shall be comprised of ten elected Directors. Five Directors will be elected every six months and will serve for a one year term of office or until successors are elected. Any vacancy during the term of office will be filled by the Executive Board to serve until the next regular election.

B. After each election the new and continuing Directors will meet and elect officers for the next six month period. The following officers shall be elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-president Membership. The immediate past president will also be a voting member of the Executive Board if their term as a director has expired.

C. Candidates for election as Club Directors may be submitted in writing to any Board member and must be members in good standing at the time of election and during their term of office. The five candidates who receive the most votes will be the new officers.

### =====OLD ARTICLE IV ======

Article IV - Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of members in good standing and include the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President, Membership. These officers shall serve for a period of six months or until their successors are elected. Any vacancy during the term of office shall be filled by appointment by the BOD to serve until the next regular election.

B. Term of Office Term of office shall be six months with a maximum of two terms in any one office and a maximum of four terms on the BOD. After one term off, a member is again eligible for office under the same restrictions listed above. The Executive Board will consist of all elected officers. The immediate Past-President will serve as an ex-officio member of the BOD without vote.

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### AGE LIMIT CHANGE

The reasons for changing the age limits: In California the age of majority is 18. There are young people who participate in our club activities and contribute enthusiasm and a love of country western dancing. These people support the ideals and goals of the Club and would make excellent representatives of Boots "N" Buckles.

### ===PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE III ===

Membership A. Eligibility

1.Regular membership in the Boots"N"Buckles Dance Club is open to all C/W dancers and those interested in becoming C/W dancers who are 18 years of age or older with all rights and privileges of membership.

2. Associate membership in the Boots"N"Buckles Dance Club is open to All C/W dancers and those interested in becoming C/W dancers who are under 18 years of age with all rights and privileges of membership except the right to vote in elections.

#### =====OLD ARTICLE III ======

### Article III - Membership A. Eligibility

1. Regular membership in the Boots"N"Buckles Dance Club is open to all C/W dancers and those interested in becoming C/W dancers who are 21 years of age or older with all rights and privileges of membership.

#### NOTICE

A special meeting has been set for Friday November 4th to vote on these two separate changes. If you will not be present at that dance and wish to vote: you may obtain an absentee ballot from any Board member, complete it, and put it into the ballot box or you may mail it to: Boots "N" Buckles P. O. Box 1922 Fremont, Ca 94538-0192 We must receive your ballot before November 1st in order for it to be counted in the election.

Please Note: The November newsletter will not be published until after elections on Nov 4, so we can bring you the results.

## **COUNTRY SWING**

Jim Sneed reports that Country Swing had a great time on September 10 with Bill Jackson and Carolyn Jones. They taught their dance, The B. C. Cha Cha in Tracy. Those who attended really liked the dance.

On October 8 the montly Country Swing dance will be held in Tracy at McKinley School Gymnasium. This is at the corner of Tracy Blvd. and Carlton Ave.

Jim Sneed and Rich Small will be doing a Waltz Workshop in Galt on November 12 at Galt community Center. Look for advertisements in the future.

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Be courteous and cooperative with members, guests and employees.

- 2. Follow dance etiquette and at all times have fun!
- 3. Don't take out or bring in ANY alcoholic beverages (State Law)
- 4. Since we do not have waitress service, please pick up your empty glasses and bottles and return them to the bar. Also, lets keep the parking lot clean.
- 5. Young people under 16 must have a responsible adult with them in attendance at each dance and must be able to do Country Western dancing.
- 6. Young people under 21 are NOT allowed in the bar area except to use the bathroom. They must have an adult order their soft drinks from the bar.
- 7. If you go outside to cool off, please stay near the front steps and don't hang out by the cars or wander around the parking lot.



# **QUICK STEPPERS**

The Country Quick Steppers will give their bimonthly dances on October 1 and October 15. The dance on October 1 will be at the Veterans Memorial Building in Redwood City. The dance on the 15th will be a Halloween Dance and will be held at Bowditch School in Foster City. Both dances begin at 8:30.

# SWISS PARK DANCE LESSONS

Reminder that on October 10, Dave West will be teaching his award winning Waltz moves. See you at the lessons!