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June, 2010

- 04 Allemanders Jungle Dance with Marty Northrup
- 06 10th Annual Watermelon Festival and Dance, sponsored by High Mountain Squares, with Tom Pustinger & Ken Perkins.
- 11 Skyland Twirler's Baseball Stars Dance.
- 11 Sylvan Squares with Gary Monday calling
- 12 Flag Day Dance at Pisgah Promenaders.
- 18 Mtn Mixers with Mark Foster
- 19 Southern Lights International Night with Matt Temples and Ramona Stowe cueing.
- 24 Circle 8's Anniversary Dance.
- 25 Skyland Twirler's NO DANCE (National Convention)
- 25 Sylvan Squares Sharing House Benefit Dance Marty Northrup
- 26 Pisgah Promenaders NO DANCE (National Convention)

July, 2010

- 02 Asheville Allemanders NO DANCE Have a safe and happy 4th!
- 07 High Mountain Squares 22nd Anniversary Dance with Jerry Biggerstaff.
- 08 Crazy 8's Dance at the Circle 8's.
- 09 Skyland Twirler's Patriotic Dance.
- 14 Pisgah Promenaders Red, White and Blue Dance.
- 23 Sylvan Squares "We all scream for Ice Cream" Dance with Gary Monday.
- 23 Skyland Twirler's NO DANCE (Bele Chere)
- 28 Pisgah Promenaders' Mid Summer Dance, Jim Cosman calling.
- 31 WC Federation Dance Woodland Hills Community Church

August, 2010

- 06&07 Queen City Ball
- 06 Back to School at the Asheville Allemanders.
- 12 Summers's End Dance at Circle 8's.
- 13 Skyland Twirlers Hawaiian Hula Luau.
- 14 Pisgah Promenaders Funny T-Shirt Night.
- 20 Asheville Allemanders with Gary Monday calling.
- 20&21 NC State Convention, Raleigh, NC.
- 27 Sylvan Squares Dawg Days Dance with Gary Monday.
- 27 Skyland Twirlers South of the Border Dance.
- 28 Pisgah Promenaders Back to School Night with Stan Russell calling.



Summer Dance

Matt Worley

Calling Squares

Bob and Bev Casteel

Cueing Rounds

Saturday, July 31, 2010, 6-9:30 PM

Advanced at 6-7; Early Rounds at 7-7:30 PM;
MS with Announced Plus 7:30-9:30 PM

Location: **Woodland Hills Community Church,**
North Asheville, NC
(Exit 21 from I-26 to New Stock Road
Turn left under I-26 & left at Woodland Hills Church
Drive around to the back)

Host Clubs: Skyland Twirlers and Double A's

All Federation members to bring finger food!

**RON & CAROL ARNOLD - BOB & VIRGINIA WALKER
INDUCTED INTO WESTERN CAROLINA FEDERATION HALL OF FAME**

Belatedly, but very sincerely, heartiest congratulations are extended to Ron & Carol Arnold (Southern Lights) and Bob & Virginia Walker (High Mountain Squares) for being inducted into the Western Carolina Federation **Hall of Fame** at the October 30, 2009 Federation dance.

Ron & Carol have been tireless contributors to Western Square Dancing over their entire 13 years of dancing (8 with the Circle 8's and 5 with the Southern Lights). During this time, they served for 4 years as Vice President of the WC Federation, Presidents of the Circle 8's for 2 years and Vice President/Class Managers of the Southern Lights for 2 years, worked on the Education Committee for the 56th NSDC in Charlotte, and they have served on numerous Club Committees including the development and fund raising for Scholarships to Caller School at Pride.

Bob and Virginia Walker have also contributed immensely to WC square dancing in their 10 years of dancing with various clubs including Otto Firehouse Squares, Merri Mixers and simultaneously with the Asheville Allemanders, Skyland Twirlers and High Mountain Squares. They have served as WC Regional Director for the Folk, Round & Square Dance Federation of North Carolina; they served as Vice President of the WC Federation for 2 years; they served on Registration and Tours Committee at the 56th National Convention; they served as Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer for various clubs and they served as Presidents of the High Mountain Squares for 4 years as well as club delegate to the WC Federation for 5 years.

Again, heartiest congratulations to both couples. Thanks for all your contributions to Western Square Dancing.

Lee Bares

President's Corner

We want to thank Lee Bares for nine years (or more!) editing the Swap Around. He has done a great job. Many thanks and yellow rocks to LEE!!!

We would like to welcome our new editor David Goldsmith. Let him know all your news. We appreciate his doing this. e-mail to: <dad.andmom@gmail.com>

Welcome to all you new dancers, I know you will wish you had started dancing much sooner, since it is loads of fun, and there are so many great people. We look forward to seeing all of you at all the dances this year.

Our hall of fame committee is Paul & Marge Christianson, Ron and Carol Arnold, Lee and Sharon Bares. They will be asking for your nominations soon. If you have any questions, ask one of them.

Ron Parton is our web master for the federation web site.

The site is wcfdance.com. Send him the things your club is doing.

Have fun dancing, see you in a square.

Louise and Doyle.

Bits and Pieces from the Clubs

In addition to promoting friendship and enjoying a social activity through square dancing, the **Asheville Allemanders** continue to reach out to our community as evidenced by our March benefit dance for the Boy Scouts of America. Over 90 dancers joined us to honor the Boy Scouts' 100th anniversary with Gary Monday as guest caller. A number of Eagle Scouts participated and were recognized, and once again Christine Moody was busy rounding up scout-oriented memorabilia & decorations. We ended up donating close to \$700 to the scouts from which we received numerous notes of thanks ... from parents and scouts themselves. Makes one proud.

This past week we graduated 10 new square dancers and are encouraged into promoting heavily for the up-coming fall class schedule. Many thanks to those from other clubs who have helped angel our class this year. We are most grateful, not only for your help but also for your friendship.

Once again encouraged by our caller Don Williamson, the Allemanders have scheduled a guest caller for each month for the balance of the year, with July the only exception. Future guest callers include Marty Northrup, Gary Monday, Ron Libby, Ken Perkins, Jimmy Roberson, and Gary Monday.

(See special dance calendar on p 1. Ed.)

We also are in the process of planning several new dancer dances during July and August, similar to what Jerry Story refers to as an "ABC Patio Party." We hope that by getting potential square dancers up and actually dancing within a 5-10 minute period, that it would encourage them to continue by taking lessons in the fall.

Once again, our thanks to all local clubs and officers for your effort in keeping the lines of communication open between clubs. You have made our tenure as presidents of the Allemanders these past two years much more enjoyable, we greatly appreciate the friendships we have developed over the years, and we look forward to continued friendships with square dancers throughout the North Carolina mountains.

Alice & Kim Cook, Presidents 350-1021 < KimCook2000@aol.com >

Circle Eights Square Dance club, dances year around the 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 at the Murphy/Oakley Rec. Center, 749 Fairview Rd in Asheville.

Enjoy Mainstream, Plus and Line Dancing with club caller Ken Perkins and associate caller Hoyle Grose. We also have guest callers at various times during the year.

Workshops are held before the dance from 6:30 - 7:30, but not always if we have a guest caller.

We welcome visitors with smiling faces and dancing feet.

For info, call Judy@ 253-6915 or Ed Walters 828 279 6361 <EGWalters@tycovalves.com>.

The **Double A's** (Asheville's Advance Club) continue to meet each Thursday at the Senior Opportunity Center on Grove St. Jerry does a work shop at 7:00 PM, the dance begins at 7:30. We have a great time, and have some new dancers joining our group. Advance dancing is great fun, if you want to learn some new calls the next time a class starts take part. Louise Cook

High Mountain Squares Franklin, NC

Classes are complete and graduation is over for another year. We graduated 12 excited new dancers. Jim Roper did his usual excellent job of working with the new dancers. THANKS Jim !!

Now it's time to make plans for our legendary 10th Annual Watermelon Dance and Party June 6th, that's Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 PM. With the dynamic duo from S.C. doing the calling, Ken Perkins and Tom Pustinger, the "P Boys". It's Sunday, it's casual, it's hot, and it's a blast. Mark your calendar, bring your appetite. You won't ever want to miss this dance party again.

Y'all should be recovered in time for our 28 Anniversary Dance July 7th. Jerry Biggerstaff will again be calling our anniversary dance.

This will be followed by our Greenway Dance September 12th with Rudy Saunders calling for all the dancers. Another great casual out door party.

We have a great line up of callers and cuers for y'all for the rest 2010. Old standbys like Ken, Tom, Rudy, Jerry, Stan, Hoyle, Gary, Marty, Ace, Willis, Richard, Ricky, Mike, and our own Jim Boys. Also we have some new callers and cuer to the area, Jim Cosman, Nelda Eaton, and Dean Kinion. Come enjoy our great list of callers and cuers for 2010.

High Mountain Squares dance Western Style Square Dancing, mainstream with announced plus tips 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM with early rounds at 6:30 on the 5th Fridays at the Macon County Community Building. Set your GPS for 1288 Georgia Rd (441 South), Franklin, NC and come dance with us.

For more information: 828-332-0001, 828-369-8344, or <www.highmountainsquares.org>
Happy Dancing.....Bob & Virginia Walker

The Mountain Mixers Linville Land Harbor, Linville, NC

We have opened our dance season for 2010 to run from May 21 through October 11. We have a full range of square dance classes and workshops from beginner through Advanced and Round Dance classes and workshops that will be taught from June through September. We have a number of special dances such as men's pie night, hat night, and several ice cream socials planned for 2010.

We will dance Mainstream and Plus on Friday nights from 7:30 - 9:30 PM with great local callers from TN, NC, and VA starting with Jerry Biggerstaff on June 4, Ron Libby on June 11, Mark Foster on June 18 followed by a great lineup of callers each Friday night. Casual attire. On Sunday afternoon we will have early A-2 dancing at 1:30 - 2:00 PM followed by a Plus dance with rounds between each tip from 2:00 - 4:30 PM

We have a great lineup of national callers starting with Mike Sikorsky on June 6, Vance McDaniel on June 13, Jerry Junck on June 20, Ron Libby on June 27 and followed by many other great callers on each Sunday afternoon.

A-2 dances every Monday evening at 7:30 - 9:30 PM thru October 11. Casual attire. C-1 review at 7:00 -7:30 PM with Jerry Biggerstaff as Caller for the evening. Visitors are very welcome to all Mountain Mixers functions.

For further information go to our web site at <www.mountainmixers.com> or call Jim Buckner at 828-733-1341 and email at <jsbuck@charter.net>.

Pisgah Promenaders have been busy the past few months. First we joined the Asheville Allemanders for their celebration of the Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary. It was a fun dance and enjoyed by all. We then jumped into a celebration of our graduation class. Fun and games were the tone of the evening.

Next, we visited the Circle 8's and participated in dancing to the calling of Tim Mariner. Again, another fun dance with a great workshop prior to the dance.

On April 24th, Pisgah Promenaders were center stage of a square dance demo at the "Greening Up the Mountain" festival in Sylva. Many of the onlookers came forward to learn a few basic steps and experience the enjoyment of square dancing.

May 8th was a red-letter day for our club as we danced to the live music of the Rye Holler Boys. A record turnout of dancers and listeners helped to make the evening a success. There was something for everyone, Round dancing, line dancing and square dancing all made possible by the calling of Ken Perkins and cueing of Kit and Sandy Brown. Our thanks go out to the square dance community for the support that was given to us.

Our sights are set on looking forward as we attend the anniversary dance of the Skyland Twirlers on May 14th.

We eagerly anticipate the May 29th dance of the Federation to be held at our location in Waynesville. High Mountain Squares will be co-hosting with us.

See you in a square soon!

The **Skyland Twirlers** invite you to dance with us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, enjoying the calling of nationally-renowned caller Jerry Biggerstaff and outstanding round dance cuer Sandy and Kit Brown.

Officers for 2010 will be a shared effort. Howard and Judy Earley extended their term as 2009 President through January at which time Lee and Sharon Bares assumed this office. They will serve until June with Doyle and Louise Cooke serving as Vice President, Noella and Ray Ducharme serving as Secretary and Roger & Nancy Hill serving as Treasurer.

One especially notable news item to share at this time is to report an immensely successful and enjoyable celebration of our **50th Anniversary** as a club on May 14. Wow! What a memorable event.

146 dancers (18 squares) were treated to a marvelous evening of dancing to the calls of Gary Shoemake and the round dance cues of Sandy Brown. Sandy also cued early rounds and Gary called an Advance tip at the end of the dance.

Notable attendees included Jerry & Judy Biggerstaff, who has been the club caller for the past 16 years, Hoyle and Jody Grose, previous club caller for 17 years, and Edna and Bill Anderson, club round dance cuers for 45 years from 1964 to 2009. Gary Shoemake very graciously invited Jerry and Hoyle to share calling a tip with him.

Special thanks are extended to Ann Mathis, who spearheaded decorations, and to Doyle & Louise Cooke, Paul and Andrea Benson, Chuck & Margie Marshall, Noella and Ray Ducharme, Ed and Irene Banks all of whom came in early to decorate and prepare the hall and a special thanks to Irene Banks for preparing and serving a scrumptious Anniversary Cake. We also wish to thank Noella and Ray Ducharme for heading up the refreshment committee and a big thanks to Jane Dupree & Andrea Benson for preparing the really, really good punch. The refreshments were outstanding and we thank everyone who brought marvelous "goodies" Finally, we wish to extend thanks to all our area dancers for joining us to celebrate this momentous occasion.

On a sad note, we lost a charming and loved club member, Shirley Sheppard in late March. We miss Shirley very much and extend our condolences to Joe and the rest of Shirley's family.

Please note on your calendars that the Twirlers will not dance on June 25 (dance cancelled for National Square Dance Convention in Louisville) and July 23 (cancelled for Belle Chere). Come dance with us!!

Lee and Sharon Bares, <leeandsharon@charter.net>, (828) 254-1273.

The **Southern Lights**– Hendersonville, NC dance the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Whitmire Activity Center, Lily Pond Road, Hendersonville. Early "A" dance at 6PM . Early rounds at 7PM. Plus squares and rounds at 7:30PM. The 2nd tip is Stan's Surprise and the 4th tip is Hot Hash. Caller: Stan Russell. Cuers: Al & Lou Krech.

76 dancers attended the February "ALL HOT HASH DANCE". By the time you read this we will have had another!

The "EXPERIENCED SQUARE DANCE CLOTHING SALE" was a success. Our new class members came, purchased clothes, and danced the first two tips. Many dancers went home with new clothes.

31 Indonesian students, their teachers and their hosts came to watch square and round dancing. Many wore their native clothing. All enjoyed the dancing. Two couples from California, touring the south, attended our May 1st dance.

We celebrated our 28th Anniversary "Prom Night" dance, complete with photos, decorations, good food and great dancing with Stan.

Our class will graduate in June.

On the 19th we will hold an "INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DANCE". Please wear your ancestry country's attire. We would like to have many countries represented. Matt Temples and Ramona Stowe will be cueing.

Club members put on Square and Round Dance demonstrations at the Johnson Farm Festival and a Lions Club meeting.

Attire for our summer dances is casual. Come join us for a fun filled evening. See you in a square. Dick and Eva House

SYLVAN SQUARES - Brevard, NC

Sylvan Squares continues to dance on the 2nd and 4th Fridays with callers Gary Monday and Marty Northrup on alternating Fridays plus a few other interesting callers sprinkled in for good measure.

We have a workshop at 7:00pm and dance from 7:30-9:30pm at St. Timothy United Methodist Church, 1020 Asheville Hwy in Brevard.

We are currently graduating 12 dancers from Plus. They are having a great time and look forward to filling out more squares.

In May we cancelled our first Friday dance so that we could all attend the Skyland Twirlers' 50th Anniversary Dance. We had a super turnout for the party.

On Memorial Day weekend we held our 3rd Annual White Squirrel Twirl with Patty Greene calling. In June, Gary Monday will be calling on the 11th;

Marty Northrup is calling the Sharing House Benefit Dance on the 25th. All proceeds will be donated to Sharing House of Transylvania County.

On July 23rd we hold our "We All Scream for Ice Cream" Dance featuring Gary Monday and homemade ice cream!

For more info or friendly conversation, call Mike & Linda Uhler at 884-6428 or 226-7333 (cell); or contact <sylvansqs@comporium.net>

DAVID GOLDSMITH IS NEW EDITOR OF SWAP AROUND

Please welcome David Goldsmith [David + Janice <dad.andmom@gmail.com> ; (828) 667-1257] as the new editor of the "Swap Around". While this was a "labor of love" for me for 10 years, health and family issues as well as a potential move to Virginia have mitigated against my continuing the commitment. Because I believe this Newsletter does serve a positive purpose to square dancers in western Carolina, I am very grateful to David for picking up the editorship. I suspect that, initially, the newsletter will be similar to past issues, but I know that David will put his own mark on it. Please send your club contributions, suggestions and encouragement to David via the email or phone addresses given. Happy Dancing, Lee Bares