

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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March – April
2015



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
April 16	Graduation Dance	SDL@7:30	Dee Roy
April 18	Solo's Anniversary Dance	SDL @ 8:00	Skip Gates
April 26	RRVA Quarterly Meeting	SDL @ 2:00	

District Callers

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March

Birthdays

Claudia Starr

Mike Pitman

Susan Krusekopf

Helen Yancey

Sondra Dunn

Patricia Kirkland

John Scantlin

Dot Watts

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Yvonne Cleary

Terry & Brenda Beaver

April

Birthdays

Henry Krusekopf

Walt Clements

Frankie Nance

Lynne Shinpaugh

Julie Farr

Sandra Whatley

Tim Tanner

Carol Hansard

Dennis Graf

Rebecca Tanner

Marilyn Clements

Yreva Shirey

Don Bee

Martha Painter

Robert Steflik

Anniversaries

DB & Marianne Patillo

John & Sandi Scantlin

Jerry & Sandra Whatley

From the Desk of the Presidents

Burrr! Burr! As I write this this afternoon, the temperatures have been hovering near or well below the freezing mark for several days or has it been a week or more. The weather has taken a toll on our clubs' monthly dances and their lessons as well. But we all want to keep our dancers safe and well. So bear with us when cancellations have to be made. Some have blamed the ground hog while others have tried blaming the weather man. But we all figure it is just Texas weather. Yet we are all looking forward to lots of dancing in the upcoming weeks.

Each of our clubs has had a good attendance at its dances (when we were able to dance).

Many of our new dancers have been dancing locally and in Oklahoma. We are happy to see that they are enjoying this recreation of square dancing as much as the rest of us do.

Let me let everyone know about at least 3 exhibitions that we have scheduled in the next couple of months. You might not get this newsletter before the first one, but it is March 14 in Seymour for their Texas Independence Day celebration. We can carpool and will get the information out next week. The other dates and locations are April 11 at the J.S. Bridwell Center for Wicked Weather Day and Heritage Homestead Country Fair on May 16 sponsored by Habitat For Humanity also at the Bridwell Center. Dance times for each of the events are scheduled for 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. There is a signup sheet on the sign in table at the Hall. We can use all of our dancers at these events. This is a great way to let the public know we are here and what fun we are having as we stay healthy.

Having fun and staying healthy are of course our goals, but we also like to eat! All of our clubs have delicious snacks and treats at their dances. Wichita Fall Solos always have a potluck/workshop on the first Tuesday of each month. Cost is just \$3.00. Dee Roy is always willing to workshop any call that anyone might need to practice. We are excited to see the lessons going well for the Solos and the upcoming lessons that are being planned, hopefully, by our other clubs.

Mark your calendar for our annual **Pioneer Dinner/Dance** with K.O. Jeans as the caller, coming up on May 2. You will be hearing more about this from your club as they get the tickets for the event.

Be sure to check the calendar each month and if you hear of a change be sure to let your friends know.

Looking forward to seeing YOU in a square!

Yellow Rocks to all.

Wayne and Linda Salmon

Levis & Lace

Kudos to Phelica and Daniel Scott, our great vice-president, who did a fantastic job of planning and implementing the “February Carnival” square dance. A number of our members either dressed as if they were carnival performers or attendees and it made for a gala event. Our thanks also to Phelica’s parents who often help with decorations, games and etc. And, we had a marvelous turn out!

Our March 6th dance will be a St. Patrick’s Day dance, so if you have it, wear green and/or dress like a leprechaun. The best dressed leprechaun wins a prize.

Cookies (green maybe?) will be served.

Our April 3rd dance (Good Friday) will be an Easter bonnet and Easter hat dance, so come looking like a pastel Easter egg and dance to the good-humored, “swingin’ Robert Walker and his lovely taw, Pam. And, this time – pastel cookies.

What we’ve been told:

Yvonne and Tom Cleary and Chesta and Jim Owens had a flying trip to New Orleans, nearly froze to death while there and were nearly smothered to death coming back with all the Mardi Gras Beads, but enjoyed all the “hoop-la”.

Marilyn and Walt Clements enjoyed their warm 5-week stay in Florida, but are nevertheless glad to be back in “freezin’ Wichita Falls.

Audrey Bee continues her popular quilt classes and she and Don continue to make the “cruise scene”.

Betty Hansard’s ‘4-table Zone Bridge Class’ continues to make very good progress.

Get Well Wishes and ardent prayers for our ailing members:

Anna Marie Bogart

Anthony San Miguel (son of Randy & Lisa)

Bambi Trotter(Trotter daughter-in-law)

Jimmy Smith

Jerry Epley

Marilyn Clements

Jim Owens

And now, a word from our President to all Levis and Lace members, “It’s time to start thinking about an office for the 2015-16 fiscal year”.

*Square Dancin’ for Warmer Weather,
Jerry and Sandra Whatley*

Swinging Stars

We hope everyone's managed to get through our recent winter weather period unscathed. We also hope you folks have been getting your fill of dancin' during the past few weeks. If not, then there's a whole slew of events coming up that you're sure to like, mentioned later in the report.

We'd first like to take a special moment to welcome a new couple to the group: Bill & Sharon Wiltse who've joined the 'Stars in January. Be sure to give them an extra-long Yellow Rock the next time you're in a square with them!

If you enjoyed January's silly "Crazy Hat Dance" dance and February's crimson "Valentine Day Dance" you'll be sure to enjoy the remainder of our seasons' dances. Join in on the fun for the rest of our upcoming 2nd and 4th Saturday Spring dances at the Square Dance Land hall. We'll be having our verdant "St Paddy's Day Dance" on March 14th; a dance on March 28th; a festive "Tax Day Dance" on April 11th and our last dance of the season, but certainly NOT the last dance of the year, on April 25th. Be sure to put these events on your dance schedule.

As Chesta has mentioned, the Swinging Stars will be giving spring lessons starting April 23 and ending June 13th. They will be for 7 weeks, twice a week. The lessons will be the same type as the Fall series. In addition to dancing at the 'Stars regular dances, New Dancers are encouraged to attend the next set of lessons as an Angel. If you feel you still need more practice, come to the lessons as a student. Having already taken the Fall lessons, dancing with us at our regular scheduled dances, and attending our Spring lessons will have you good and ready for the State Festival this coming June.

Once again, as always, Jim & Chesta did a GREAT job for scheduling our recent 'Stars social dinners for B-Day's and Anniversaries: Jason's Deli and Parkway Grill North were really tasty. The fellowship was grand also. Chesta is always looking for new places to go to so if you have a favorite spot or know of a new place in town give her a holler.

There are some special folks that, due to health problems, we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers: Jim Murphy, Jimmy Smith, Linda Salmon, Jim Gray, Anna Marie Bogart, Jim Hansard's son David, Susan Trotter's mother Addelle, Bambi, Barbara Cross's granddaughter as well as Anthony San Miguel (Randy's son).

Also, Stephen & Rosa for the loss of her mother, and Carolyn Evers from Hereford for the loss of her husband, Sonny.

Hope to see you folks at our upcoming dances.

Your Swinging Star Reporter,

(back on the floor again....)

Kim Peterson

PS. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the past few months, following Gail's passing. I'd also like to thank all of those who participated with the auction of three of Gail's dresses at the Teen Scholarship dance. It was great to see the financial support for our teens and I'm certain Gail is proud to see her dresses spinning and twirling around the dance floor, as they had many times in the past. Also, it's good to be back dancin' again among good friends. I hope to get a chance to dance with you all again soon.



Wichita Falls Solos

It is good that Spring is just around the corner although at this time you can not tell it. The weather was good to us for our February dance but the bottom dropped out the next day. We really had a good dance and we thank all of you that came out and supported our dance. We had visitors from Levis & Lace, Lawton Promenaders, Swinging Stars, Vernon Travelers and Wichita Wranglers. We also thank the RRVA officers Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents and Secretary for being there and all of their hard work for us. The refreshments were great as usual. Thanks to Eddie and Sondra Dunn for the decorations and planning the food and all of those who brought it.

Lessons are going well on Thursday nights. We appreciate all of the angels that come and help us. Graduation will be April 16 at 7:30 pm. Come out and welcome the new dancers to square dancing.

The Solos are celebrating their Anniversary on April 18 at 8 pm. Skip Gates will be our caller. We will have a Pot Luck Supper as well as cake and punch so come and join us. We are going to give away a \$100 bill to some lucky winner so get your tickets!

Our Pot luck Suppers and Workshops are March 3 and April 7 at 7 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$3 a person but the new dancers are our guest. Bring a covered dish and join us for a fun evening. Dee Roy will workshop both mainstream and plus.

There are several exhibition dances planned for the next few months. Sign up and help us promote square dancing. It will be a lot of fun and we will get to meet some new folks.

It is good to see Charlie Sanders back as he has been under the weather. Jimmy Smith is also dancing again about a week after having three stints put in his heart. Janice Roy is not feeling well at this time so please remember these folks in your prayers. Betty Hansard's son is having serious health issues also and needs our prayers. I always hesitate to start mentioning folks for fear I will leave someone out and if I did please forgive me. Oh yes Jim Murphy is also recovering from a fall and Anna Marie Bogart recovering from surgery.

Remember our dance March 21 and our Anniversary Dance April 18 at 8pm.

. I hope to dance with you in a square soon.

Barbara Standley



*Wichita Falls Solos
Anniversary Dance*

April 18

Skip Gates will be
the caller.

Grand March at 8:00

Come enjoy the fun

*A hundred dollar
bill will be given
away at the dance.*

Wichita Wranglers

Hi, it's me, Tommy Jo. Can you believe this "yo-yo" weather? The Wranglers celebrate the 1st quarter birthdays and anniversaries. Birthday kids were Yvonne, Randy, Susan and anniversaries were Don and Audrey, Tom and Yvonne, Randy and Lisa and Mike and D. We had a covered dish social at Sandra's house and boy, the food was great.

Marilyn and Walt have returned from a 5-week! stay in Florida. Marilyn is taking chiropractic treatments for an injury she incurred while in Florida (wind surfing?? roller blading??), but hopes to be back dancing in a week or so.

Speaking of injuries, if you've missed us as we've missed you, Jerry just got his first shot for his heel problem (I can't spell planter facitis) and he is feeling better!! Yea! Robert Steflik is having trouble with his back and he also hopes to be back soon. Jimmy Smith has been in the hospital for a heart stint! Goodness!

Anna Marie says she is "fine", that's what she always says and I really admire her attitude. She's my hero!!

Anthony San Miguel is "energetic and alert" when Randy talks to him on the phone. He has had treatments and will find out on Wednesday, Feb. 24th if they've made a difference yet. Randy is hopeful that the tumor will be either smaller, or God willing, gone!

The Wranglers have student lessons in the works, but the dates have yet to be set.

Six Wrangler couples traveled to Lawton recently to dance with Jerry Stover and the Sill-o-etts. The dancing was great, but some of the dancers had to be escorted in by the police and some of them learned the lay-out of the whole city!!

The next dances for the Wranglers are Friday, March 27th and Friday, April 24th.

Be sure to put the Bramlettpalooza on your schedule for Saturday, May 23rd. It will be so much fun. There will be food, door prizes, a silent auction, and dancing with those terrific Bramletts!!

Happy Birthday to whom it may apply and to those of you who are suffering with illnesses and losses, we love you and you are in our prayers.

Let's Dance, people!!

Wichita Wranglers
presents



Bramlett Palooza

**Saturday
May 23, 2015**

7:00 Beans and Cornbread

7:30 Plus Workshop

8:00 Grand March

**Silent
Auction**

**Take-Home
Goodie Bags**

**Cornbread
and Beans**

**Western Hoe Down
Square Dance**

Square Dance Land
821 Travis
Wichita Falls, TX

For more information
Contact Sandra Whatley
940-691-4028



Friday, June 5th 2015
Austin SRDA and Heart of Texas SRDA



All roads lead to a Beary Good time



Mike Bramlett
**Mainstream &
 Announced Plus**

Pre-Festival Dance

Mike Bramlett, caller
John & Norma Jean Becker, cuers



John & Norma Jean Becker
**2 Round dances
 between tips**

6—7pm Early Rounds
7—7:30pm Opening Ceremonies
7:30—11pm Square Dance with Rounds
Braxos Ballroom 214 & 215

Pre-Festival Activities

Braxos Ballroom North 214

**9:30am — 11:30am Mainstream
 1—3pm Plus**

Sponsored by Austin SRDA & Heart of Texas SRDA

Braxos Ballroom South 215

**9:30am — 11:30am DED & Advance
 1—4pm *Optional Round Dance**

Texas Round Dance Teachers Association
***5 donation per round dancer**



Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas 76702-2570



Pre-Festival Co-Chairman: Jay & Sue Welch jwelch@flash.net suewelch@flash.net 512.889.7479
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Meet in the Middle in 2015

53rd Annual Texas State Square & Round Dance Festival

**Squares
Rounds**

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas 76702-2570
June 4 - 7, 2015

**Clogging
Contra
Lines**



Trail End Dance
Thursday 7:00pm, June 4th
Texas State Callers'
Association
Squares & Rounds

Optional Round Dance
Friday 1 - 4 pm, June 5th
Texas Round Dance
Teachers Association
All Rounds
\$5 donation

Pre-Festival Activities
Friday 6 - 11pm, June 5th
Austin SRDA &
Heart of Texas SRDA
Squares & Rounds
1-3pm Plus
9:30-11:30am Mainstream
9:30-11:30am DBD & Advanced

53rd Texas State Festival
9am - 10pm June 6, 2015
Texas State Federation SRD®
Squares, Rounds, Contra
Line Dancing & Clogging
Festival Business Meeting
Sunday, June 7
8am Devotional
8:30am Coffee
9am Business Meeting



2016 State Festival, Waco, Texas, June 4 - 7, 2016

Advance Registration Form

Comfort Suites Waco North is our Host Hotel
 810 IH-35 North, Waco, Texas, 76706
 2.6 miles (5 minutes) from the Convention Center
 Phone: 254.799.7272 Fax: 254.799.7011
 Rm Rate \$66.00 for King or Double Queen Beds + tax
 Includes full breakfast
 All suites include Microwaves & Refrigerators

Alternate Hotels:

Marriott Courtyard
 101 Washington Avenue Waco, TX 76701; 254.752.8888
 Room rate \$119 for King or Double Queen beds + tax
Hilton Waco
 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, Texas, 76701
 Phone: 254.754.6404
 Rm Rate \$124 for King or Double Queen beds + tax
 * For all Hotels, Ask for Square Dance Rate

Camping

I-35 RV & Resort; Exit 348 off I-35, 15131 N I-35
 Phone 254.629.0688
 Over 200 full hook ups, Game room, cafe, free breakfast
 30 amp \$30 and 50 amp \$32
Airport Park by Lake Waco; Phone 254-756-6389
 Full hook ups \$28, Water/sewer \$20;
 Will accept America The Beautiful cards
Riverview Campground on River View Road;
 Phone 254.662.0475; Full hook ups
 30amp \$28 and 50amp \$30
 Limited space; Need to call 2 months in advance
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Thursday:	Trail End Dance	Texas State Callers' Association
Friday:	Pre-Festival Activities	Austin SRDA and the Heart Of Texas SRDA
Saturday:	Texas State Festival	Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers*
Sunday:		Devotional at 8am then the Business Meeting at 9am

Advance Registration - Deadline May 15, 2015

No Dance Packages Sold After Advance Registration Deadline - Entrance by Daily Admission Only**

Last Name: _____ First Name Hic: _____ Hers: _____
(Circle if 19 or younger) (Circle if 19 or younger)
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____ District: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Number of T&F&RD Festivals Attended: _____ Number of Years Dancin': _____

Package*	Quantity	Price per person***	TOTAL
Thursday, Friday & Saturday save \$7.00		\$ 35.00	
Friday & Saturday save \$6.00		\$ 26.00	
Saturday Only save \$2.00		\$ 16.00	
Festival Printed Program (pre-sale price)		\$ 10.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID			

*Dancers 19 & under are half price - Please circle name if 19 years of age or under
 Youth under the age of 13 must be accompanied by adult in the Teen Room

**Admission at the door: Thursday - \$11.00; Friday - \$13.00; Saturday - \$18.00

***10% cancellation fee after May 15 and no refunds after May 31, 2015

Pay by Paypal or Check payable to T&F&RD and mail to:

Joyce Waterbury, 925 Greystone Drive, Copperas Cove, TX 76622 Email: joyce5@earthlink.com
 Registration and PayPal payment are available at www.squaredancebr.com

Confirmation Sent _____ Ribbons Given _____



March 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Levi & Lace Plus lessons 7:30 – 9:30	3 Solos Pot Luck With Workshop 7:00	4	5 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	6 Levi & Lace Robert Walker 8:00 54th Conclave Lubbock TX	7 54th Annual Conclave
8	9 Levi & Lace Plus lessons 7:30 – 9:30	10	11	12 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	13	14 Ex. Seymour TX Independence Day Celebration Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
15	16 Levi & Lace Plus lessons 7:30 – 9:30	17 Tim Tanner Caller Workshop 7:30-9:30 pm	18	19 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	20	21 Solo's Dance Dee Roy 8:00
22	23 Levi & Lace Plus lessons 7:30 – 9:30	24	25	26 Solo's Lessons Dee Roy 7:30-9:30	27 Wranglers Plus @ 7:30 Mainstream @ 8:00	28 Swinging Stars Robert Walker 8:00
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26 RRVA Quarterly Meeting 2:00	27 Swinging Stars 2nd Lesson Robert Walker 7:00-9:00	28	29	30 Swinging Stars 3rd Lesson Robert Walker 7:00-9:00		