

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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May - June



2019

Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	CALLER
June 1	RRVA Teen Scholarship Dance	SDL 7:30	RRVA Callers
June 13-15	State Festival	College Station	
June 26-29	Nationals Weekend	Atlanta, Georgia	



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Birthdays

May

Judy Whittaker

Gene Moore

Tommy Jo Epley

Terry Beaver

Chesta Owens

Brenda Beaver

Tom Cleary

Barbara Cross

Terry McCurrin

Suzanne Story



ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Carol Hansard

Daniel & Philicia Scott

June

Birthdays

Robert Wilkinson

Dave Asbury

Linda Burton

Marlissa Gibbs

Perry Griner

Karen Thorogood

Kandace Adams

Charlotte Smith

D' Bramlett

Chuck Forester

Kevin Connors

Jim McMillion

June Lemmon

Anniversaries

Terry & Eleanor McCurrin

Carroll & Susan Trotter



Square Dance Manners

Assuming that you always wear your best manners in public, let's talk about manners that apply specifically to square dancing. A well informed square dancer will follow rules noted here:

1. Arrive on time whenever possible.
2. Form a circle or a set-up square promptly when the music starts or at the Caller's request. Bear in mind that one can be prompt without running. A square dance is not the proper place for a 50 yard dash.
3. Join the nearest square that is forming. If all the nearby squares are filled, hold your hand high so that the Caller can either guide you to a square where you are needed or get some other couples to join you.
4. If time permits, introduce yourself and others in the square. You'll not only acquire the reputation for being friendly, but you'll also acquire many new and interesting friends.
5. Listen quietly during any and all instructions from the Caller. If you are an average goodhearted soul and you know the call being explained, resist the temptation to explain it to the others in your square. Let the Caller do the teaching at that time. When the square is set up and ready to go, the well-informed dancer will let his fellow dancers hear all the professional instructions they have come to enjoy. However, after the tip, your friends may appreciate some help from you and it is perfectly in order to offer it.
6. There is not an acceptable excuse for rough handling of fellow dancers. Roughness is a mark of ignorance – whether by chance or by choice – and you will do well not to imitate even a more experienced dancer who has chosen to ignore this elementary rule of proper square dance conduct.
7. At the end of every dance, be sure to thank others in your square. They do contribute to your fun. Thank your partner, too, and escort her to a chair.
8. Friendliness is part of good manners. Square dancing promotes friendliness since it offers endless opportunities for making new friendships. If you are not continually making new friends, you are not getting the most out of square dancing. A good way to ensure a friendly atmosphere is to consider yourself and others as a host. Friendliness comes from within yourself and can best be described as your interest in others. Those who seek it will be wise to look for it and its source; those who display it are never obliged to seek it.
9. Be a well-informed square dancer. Review these rules of etiquette often.

Code of Ethics for the New Square Dancer

1. I'll wear proper square and round dance attire.
2. I'll always try to keep alive the spirit of square and round dancing by always practicing good fellowship.
3. I'll try not to talk about other dancers unless I have something good to say.
4. I'll try to never walk out of a square unless I am ill or have an important reason and then I will explain to my Caller and try to get someone to take my place.
5. I will not sit out a dance if a couple is needed to fill a square.
6. I will do my share of club duties, whenever asked.
7. I will practice proper manners in asking someone to dance and with others in my square by setting a good example.
8. I will have respect for my Caller and other dancers.
9. I won't glare at other dancers if they make mistakes. After all, I sometimes make mistakes too.
10. If I feel like shouting to show my exuberance, I'll do it during a pause in the call and not when it will drown out the Caller.
11. I'll leave the instruction to the Caller and try not to explain the dance in my own square.
12. I'll remember that personal grooming is important to my acceptance in a square dance group.
13. I'll keep my dancing standard unless I am sure the rest of the square approves of extra twirls, etc.
14. I'll remember that once upon a time I was a beginner and be willing to dance with those who have had less experience than I have.
15. I will not cut in on a square unless I know the dancers in the square and know that they would approve.
16. I'll try to remember that the primary basis of square and round dancing is to have FUN and a "A square dancer I don't know, if a friend I haven't met."

From the Desk of the Presidents

Our square dancers have been busy these past couple of months. The Wichita Wranglers have been having lessons, and they are going great. Even some of the regular dancers have been in attendance. The Wichita Solos have been graduated a group of dancers. It has been fun seeing so many dancers on the floor.

We have had our last regular board member for RRVA this year. But we do have more events scheduled for the next couple of months. On June 1, the RRVA callers will call the Teen Scholarship Dance and on June 21 we will have a Potluck and games night to install the new officers. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of other dancers.

Don't forget to register for the State Dance in Bryan before the deadline in May. Hope to see you there.



Levis & Lace

Greetings to all square dancers, and your friends! The Levis and Lace Squaredance Club will be having our last dance of the 2018-19 year on May 3 and looking forward to a new year with new officers, our same great caller, Jim Howard, and the same delightful members, and hopefully a few new ones!

This said then, we won't be dancing in June, 2019, but will be back in full force on July 5. So, while you're still in the celebrating mood after July 4, come on out and celebrate again the beginning of our great nation with us.

In April we had a wonderful time at our "Around the World in 2 Hours" dance. Jim called some unique dances highlighting our theme and the 6 tables representing 6 places in our world were impressive. Decorating for China was Tommy Jo Epley; for Russia was Barbara Standley and Carolyn Graves; for Great Britain was Chesta Owens and Yvonne Cleary; for Mexico was Naomi Caballero and Brenda Hardy, for Hawaii was Audrey Bee; and for Israel was the Whatleys.

Then, on April 27, we had a garage sale to boost our budget for the year and get us off to a debt-free new year which begins in July. Thank you so very much to everyone who contributed valuable items for the sale, to all those who brought tables and racks, and to all who came to lend their valuable time and presence. We even had someone from another square dance club make a donation, all were greatly appreciated.

The Levis and Lace extend our deepest sympathy to Charlotte Smith on the passing of her fun-loving husband and one of our dear members, Jimmy Smith. His presence at the dances is already being greatly missed. We pray the peace of the Lord will be with Charlotte and the family. Our sympathy also goes out to Tommy Jo and Audrey, Levis and Lace members who also lost a very dear friend and former square dancer in the passing of Yreva Shirey.

Get well wishes go out to both Tom and Yvonne Cleary who recently had surgery (two different surgeries!); to Bob Hardy who is suffering from a recent injury, and to any others we're not aware of who are in pain of any nature.

AND, lastly, please put us on your calendar to join us for our Plus Workshop beginning Thursday, September 5 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Can you believe that our caller, the dedicated Jim Howard, will drive in from Oklahoma City to conduct the workshop/lessons each Thursday evening for 10 weeks?

Yvonne Cleary, Reporter (by Sandra)

Swinging Stars

Fun times are in the air! We have a full summer agenda which includes dancing, socials, and traveling to other areas to dance. We are having a make-up dance the second Saturday in May. Scott Bennet is calling. However, we will not dance at the hall again until our opening dance the second Saturday in September. We will be visiting other clubs this summer, both in and out of town.

In the middle of July, some are going to Red River, New Mexico for the square dance festival. Several went last year and had a blast! If you are interested in joining the group for a fun time, contact Tom and Yvonne Cleary for the dates and details. Also, several members are going to the State and National Festivals. It isn't too late to register. Go to the RRVA web site, click on the State website and either register on line or download the registration form for mailing. You can do the same process for Nationals once you get on the State Website. We look forward to dancing with our friends from our local clubs and around the state and country.

Some very dear friends have gone to heaven and are missed dearly. They are Jimmy Smith, Wayne Salmon, and Billie Gore. Billy was a charter member of Swinging Stars. She was 90 years old and had a full and wonderful life. Before her death, she requested that Robert Walker call a tip and that Swinging Stars dance at her Celebration of Life family visitation. Her son arranged it, and her wish was fulfilled. Jimmy was always the life of the party. He joked, smiled, laughed, and gave our club's prayers for many of our dances. Wayne was our RRVA president many times over the last few years. He was always willing to go the extra mile and help take care of Square Dance Land. We pray that Linda Salmon and Charlotte Smith find peace during their healing journey with God.

We look forward to dancing at other clubs this summer – the more the merrier!

*Your Swinging Stars Reporters,
Chesta & Jim Owens*



Wichita Falls Solos

It has been a busy time for square dancers. Thanks for all of you that came out to support all of the activities of square dancing including our dances and lessons.

We are so sad and words cannot express the sorry we feel at the loss of Wayne Salmon and Jimmy Smith. Our sympathy goes out to Linda and Charlotte and the rest of the family. To say they will be missed is an understatement. Thanks to the Swinging Stars for honoring these at their dances, Long time square dancer Billie Gore also passed away, our sympathy to her family.

The Pioneer Dinner and Dance was a big success. Thanks to Matt Barnes for calling a fun dance. All of the clubs stepped up and worked and made it happen. A big thanks to Winnie Kajs for taking the lead in organizing everything. She thanked everyone and I would leave someone out if I tried but know your help was much appreciated. It was great to see so many families there to see how much fun we have square dancing.

The Solos' lessons are history. Thanks again to all of the angels that came out to help and Dee Roy for teaching. He always does a good job and we appreciate him so much. We welcome to the club new members Sue Bartlett, Colen Long, James and Jennifer Regouby. We are so happy to have you. We also welcome back Robert Fenoglio. We are so happy to have you guys.

It was great fun to have Robert and Pam Walker call at our Anniversary Dance. It is always great to see this couple who have been so important to square dancing. Thanks to all of you who came to the dance.

Three from Wichita Falls traveled to Waco to attend the Texas Single Square & Round Dance Round-Up and had a great time. Lucy Brandon, Winnie Kajs, and Barbara Standley had a great time dancing to Dave Viera. This is not only for singles and if you have a chance to go next year we will try to get the information out.

The State Festival falls on the Solos weekend this year so we have changed our JUNE DANCE TO JUNE 22. Dee Roy will be calling at State and I am not sure about Tim Tanner. Please attend their dances and support our local callers.

Everyone is invited to our dances May 18 and JUNE 22 at 7:30 pm. Our Potluck Suppers and Workshops are May 7 and June 4 at 7 pm. Join us and bring a dish to share. New dancers will be our guests other it is just \$3. Hope to see you there. It is time to elect new officers for our clubs and RRVA. Thanks to all who have served this last year and who will serve next year. Please consider taking an office to help keep square dancing alive in this area.

Hope to dance with you in a square.

Barbara Standley

Wranglers

Hi, ya'll. Hope you were able to come to our Monopoly dance. WE had a great time. We want to thank everyone who came and helped with our only fund raiser of the year. If you missed it, your next chance to dance with us will be May. We are dancing earlier than usual, so mark your calendars. Our new students are doing really well! They are learning fast. They have been to several dances lately and are catching on.

This has been a difficult month for our square dance family. Wayne Salmon passed away, then, Yreva Shirey, a friend and an ex-square dancer, then, we lost Jimmy Smith. We are filled with grief for their families and grief for all of us. We are going to miss them so much, but know they are where they are healthy, happy and spending time with their God and their loved ones. God, please be with all of us. Let's remember them by continuing to dance for us and for them.

Congratulations to those who have birthdays and anniversaries. Come dance with us. Tommy Jo

