



"Swap Around"

Newsletter of the
Western Carolina Federation of Round and Square Dancing

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MAY

- 05 Circle 8's with Don Franks
- 07 Southern Lights 1950's Dance
- 10 Japanese Benefit Dance & Auction Pride Resort
- 11 High Mountain Squares with Bob Morrison
- 13 Land of Sky Squares May Flowers Dance
- 13 Sylvan Squares with Marty Northrup
- 14 Pisgah Promenaders Pie Night with Ken Perkins
- 16 Mountain Mixers opener A2 with Ron Libby
- 17 Pride Resort
- 19 Circle 8's with Marty Northrup
- 20 High Mountain Squares with Jim Cosman
- 20 Mountain Mixers with Ron Libby
- 21 Southern Lights 29th Anniversary Dance (MS&P)
- 21 NC Federation Spring Fling in Greensboro
- 27 Land of Sky Squares
- 27 Sylvan Sqrs White Squirrel Twirl Patty Greene
- 28 Pisgah Prom Dahlia Dance with Marty Northrup

JUNE

- 03 High Mtn Squares- NO DANCE
- 04 Southern Lights Funny T-Shirt Dance
- 05 High Mtn Squares Watermelon Dance Ken Perkins & Tom Pustinger
- 10 Land of Sky Squares Baseball Night
- 10 Sylvan Squares with Gary Monday
- 11 Pisgah Prom Flag Day Dance Ken Perkins
- 17 High Mountain Squares "Graduation" Jim Roper
- 18 Southern Lights Summer Sounds Beach Party
- 22-25 60th National Square Dance Conv. Detroit MI
- 24 Sylvan Sqrs Here Comes Summer Marty Northrup
- 24 Land of Sky Squares with Stan Russell
- 25 Pisgah Prom Summer Solstice Marty Northrup

JULY

- 02 Southern Lights Red White and Blue
- 06 High Mountain Squares Anniversary Dance with Jerry Biggerstaff
- 07 Circle 8's with Patty Greene
- 08 Land of Sky Squares Firecracker Dance
- 08 Sylvan Sqrs Red White + Blue Gary Monday
- 09 Pisgah Prom Red White and Blue with Jim Cline
- 10 Mountain Mixers 30th Anniversary Dance with Jerry Biggerstaff
- 15 High Mountain Squares with Jim Cosman
- 21 Circle 8's
- 22 Sylvan Squares with Marty Northrup
- 23 Pisgah Prom Mid-summer Dance Marty Northrup
- 29 High Mtn Squares Ace McGee+ Dean Kinion
- 30 WC Federation Dance Steve Kopman in Woodland Hills, Weaverville

(Mountain Mixers every Sunday, Monday, & Friday- see article; and Pride Resort, every Tuesday. Use the web-email to squaredance@pridrvresort.com for callers or other info.)

2011 Hospice Dance- Sunday, Sept 18th
2-4:30 PM Whitmire Center in Hendersonville

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Swap Around- **July 25th**- deadline for copy to include in the July 30th issue. Please submit to David Goldsmith <dad.andmom@gmail.com>

THE MOUNTAIN MIXERS Linville Land Harbor, Linville, NC

We are very pleased to announce Don & Linda Hichman from Gastonia, NC will be our new Round Dance cuers at our Sunday dance and instructors for round dance classes and workshops during the week. Many of you have danced to Don & Linda and know that you can expect a fun afternoon of round dancing.

We will be opening our dance season for 2011 starting Monday, May 16 through October 10. 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 will dance Mainstream & Plus on Friday nights with great local callers from TN, NC, and VA starting with Ron Libby on May 20 & 27 and Jerry Biggerstaff on June 3, followed by a great lineup of callers. Dress is casual and times are 7:30 - 9:30 PM. On Sunday afternoon we will have early A-2 dancing from 1:30 - 2:00 PM followed by a Plus dance with Round Dance between tips from 2:00 - 4:30 PM. We have a great lineup of national callers starting with Randy Page on May 22, Frank Holland on May 29, Mike Sikorsky on June 5, Keith Rippetto on June 12, followed by other great callers on each Sunday afternoon. A-2 dances every Monday evening at 7:30 - 9:30 starting on May 16 with Ron Libby calling and May 23 through October 10 with Jerry Biggerstaff calling. Workshop will be from 7:00 -7:30 PM each Monday evening, casual attire for this dance. Visitors are very welcome at 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

HIGH MOUNTAIN SQUARES Franklin, NC

Square dancers everywhere- it is getting close to watermelon time. That's right, the 11th Annual Watermelon Festival and Dance will be celebrated June 5th this year, from 2 to 5 PM. The dynamic duo from down South Carolina, Ken Perkins and Tom Pustinger, will be hosting, along with anyone else who wants to help out. We have ordered great weather again,,, we have been blessed the last 10 years. Dance, fellowship, good food, and watermelon... can't ask for anything more.

Our class is moving along great thanks to Jim Roper, and will graduate June 17th. We also would like to welcome back to our square dance family, Chuck & Pam Nolen and Tillman & Anita Register. Missed y'all.

July 6th will be our 29th Anniversary Dance with Jerry Biggerstaff calling. We will also install new officers for the coming year that night.

We have some great callers lined up for your Summer dancing pleasure. Besides Tom, Ken, Jim,

and Jerry there will be Jim Cosman, Ace McGee, Bob Morrison, and Stan Russell. The pretty lady from Texas, Nelda Eaton will be with us again. We will close the Summer out with Patty Green calling our Greenway Dance September 11th.

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

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

SOUTHERN LIGHTS SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUB – HENDERSONVILLE

The first Sat. in May and June will be plus. Advanced dance at 6 pm. Early rounds at 7 pm and Plus at 7:30 pm. Our Experimental Dance Format, Alternating MS and Plus will continue on the third Sat. in May and June. Advanced dance at 6 pm. Early rounds at 7 pm. Caller: Stan Russell and Cuers: Lou and Al Krech.

Our students have completed Mainstream and Plus lessons started on April 6th.

Plus lessons are open to students from other clubs and anyone who wants to brush up on their Plus calls. Several of our students attended the "Spring Fling" in Gatlinburg. 5 squares of hardy dancers attended our "All Hot Hash Dance". Stan really kept us on our toes.

The "Experienced Clothing Sale" was a huge success. 114 dancers including our students took advantage of the opportunity to purchase dance clothing at a reasonable cost. Some folks came just to shop. We thank Barbara Lea and Jan Partin for a super job organizing the event.

At our "Think Pink" dance we had donations of over \$300 for the Pardee Foundation's Women Helping Women Program. We welcomed Jimmy Roberson as our Guest caller. We also had a couple from Germany who are touring the US for a year in their motor home. They were winners of our free dance prize. They plan to come again on their way back to Baltimore. A couple from FL also attended. They are working on the challenge to square dance in all 50 states. Quite an undertaking.

Many wore hats to the Easter Bonnet Parade. Winners were: Prettiest – Barbara Lea, Funniest – Sue Pierce, Most Unique – Eva House, and Co-ordinated couple – Doug and Susan Swan.

May 7th is our "50's Dance". Come in 50's attire. May 21st Southern Lights will celebrate their 29th Anniversary. This dance will be our experimental format of Mainstream and Plus. We would like to see many new dancers at the dance.

Wear your funniest T-shirt to our "Funny T-shirt Dance" on June 4th. (continue next page)

(continue **Southern Lights**) "Summer Sounds Beach Party" on June 18th will celebrate the beginning of summer. Summer attire is acceptable starting with this dance. July 2nd "Red, White and Blue Dance" We do not grow too old to dance. We grow old because we do not dance. See you in a square. Dick and Eva House

Sylvan Squares Brevard The first quarter of 2011 has been fun and productive for the Sylvan Squares.

Our St. Valentine's dance "Have-A-Heart" was a rousing success. With all the donations we were able to take 122 pounds of cleaning supplies and canned goods plus a check for \$406 to the Sharing House of Transylvania County.

Its graduation time and our new dancers are primed and ready to hit the dance floor! Please welcome - Bill & Karol; Weezie & John; John D; Tonya, Cecil & Marshall; Janice; Emerson; Nancy & Michael; Paula & Gary; Kathy & Randy; Joan & Ron - into your squares. By the time you read this they will be well into the plus calls. Some have even volunteered to be part of the demos and exhibition squares.

Speaking of "exhibition" we will be exhibiting our skills for the Transylvania County Sesquicentennial celebration in May. So far, we have been asked to dance at the Little River Community Club "Hay Day" and the See-off Community Club festival.

Our open invitation to new dancers from all clubs resulted in some terrific dances. Marty Northrup and Gary Monday made these evenings both fun and challenging for the new dancers. We were exhausted but happy.

Our 4th Annual White Squirrel Twirl will happen on May 27th. This dance is part of the White Squirrel Festival honoring the unique little white critter population of the Brevard area. Once again, Patty Greene will be calling. She will surely have some special calls to liven up the evening.

We are now able to transmit the calls for those folks who use those little FM receivers. Just tune yourself to 95.7 and square up.

Sylvan Squares continue to dance the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month with a workshop at 7:00PM and dancing at 7:30-9:30PM. For more information please call Mike & Linda Uhler at 828-884-6428 or 828-226-7333; or Beverly Beavers at 828-884-9657.

YOUR REGIONAL DIRECTORS Just a reminder about some upcoming special dances.

May 10th there will be a Japanese Benefit Dance at Pride Resort from 7:00 to 9:30 PM ??? Jerry S and Tony O will do the calling and auctioning. Live auction starts at 8:00. **ALL** money raised will go directly to the Japanese Relief Effort. It will be an evening y'all won't forget for awhile.

May 21st will be the North Carolina Federation

Spring Fling at Greensboro. Dancing starts at 2:00 till 10:30 PM. Calling will be done by NC Callers Association callers.

North Carolina State Convention will be August 19th & 20th in Raleigh again this year. The theme will be Wild Wild West, bring your best western duds. Don't forget your new graduate dancers get to come FREE. The Hot Hash Hall is going to be enlarged to about twice the size as last year. The best callers in NC will be there for your dancing pleasure. It will be a great week-end, make your plans now. Bob & Virginia Walker

Double A's The double A's continue to meet every Thursday at the recreation center on Grove St. in Asheville. We have a great time with a work shop at 7:00, dance at 7:30. We have been having four to five squares. If you want to have a great time and advance dance, this is the dance to go to. See you there. Louise & Doyle Cooke Representatives

LAND OF SKY SQUARES. The joining together of the Allemanders & Twirlers in January has gone as expected - very smoothly & very successfully. Our sincere thanks to the square dance community for their support & encouragement. Our classes are working well and we thank Jerry Biggerstaff for encouraging us to modify the traditional class concept. More new dancers began lessons in February, enabling them not to have to wait until the following September to begin lessons. Both mainstream & plus classes will end toward the end of May. A good concept, for sure. The club's new cuer is Don Hichman, who comes from Gaffney and has been cueing for a number of years in that area. We're pleased to have him as our regular cuer. And in May we will have elections for new club officers, who will take office in July.

Contact: Kim Cook at 350-1021 or KimCook2000@aol.com

Circle Eights Oakley Dances 1st & 3rd Thursdays. Regular dances with Marty Northrup include a Plus workshop at 6:30. Keep Smiling. For info contact Steve Garwood 828 299 4366 <garwoods2@yahoo.com> or Ed Walters 828 279 6361 <egwalters@att.net>

Pisgah Promenaders Waynesville Dance 2nd & 4th Saturdays at the "Old Armory", 44 Boundary St Early Bird Schedule: starts at **6:45PM** Contacts: Joe & Barbara Klerlein 828 586 8416 email- <bklerlein2@morrisbb.net

It's SUMMER

and time for our

Western Carolina Federation Dance

Saturday, July 30



Caller: Steve Kopman

Cuers: Bev & Bob Casteel

Advanced 6-7 .. Early rounds 7-7:30 .. Square dance begins at 7:30

Location: Woodland Hills Church in Weaverville

For directions or further information, call 828.230.5100

Host Clubs: Land of Sky Squares & Double A's