



JANUARY 2009
COWTOWN SINGLES
SQUARE DANCE CLUB
FOR SINGLES & COUPLES



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President's Message:

. . . Betty (Cowley) Lawyer

I have just one special wish and that is that every one of you is having a wonderful Christmas season. Each one of us can make a big difference if we just look around to help someone who needs a little help with something. That is the best gift we can give. It seems like Christmas really crept up on us this year. The Christmas party at Sherry's was so much fun. Our club can always count on Sherry to be so gracious with her home. We had about 30 friends and lots of super food. The gift exchange was a lot of laughs, as usual. It turned into a free-for-all over some of the gifts, all in fun of course. What a great bunch of members we have! Beth Houlihan and June Jacobson gave Sherry a hand to help her get ready and, of course, Rollin Blossey was a great help with all the decorating. Thanks to everyone who came and brought food. It was so much fun.

I hope if you were able, you supported Michele at the exhibition dance at the Mission Inn on Dec. 28th. She worked very hard to make this come together.

Remember this year we are doing the New Year's Eve Dance as a club project, so we need all of you to help. Mary Negrete and her helpers will be decorating the hall. We also need you to come and make it a fun night. We are all working very hard to make it a special night.

David Mee and Carol Allen were both great at our dance on Dec 19th. They both played a lot of Christmas music to get us in the mood, and we had a nice crowd. I was really surprised that at such a busy time, so many of our members took the time to get together and remember what Christmas really is about. Thank you to everyone who brought food. The table was really full and lots of wonderful desserts!



We took a club picture for CCHA and I hope most of you are in it.

See you in the New Year!

Betty



Vice President's Message:

. . . Michele Campbell

Hi all and Happy New Year:

At this writing, we have had one demonstration at the Mission Inn and are due for the second one on December 28 at 6:00. This is a time to go out and show people what square dancing is, and to invite them to come and try it for themselves at our class. This event is probably one of the most important things we can do to promote square dancing through the year and to keep our club growing.

From that point, we come to our class starting in January on the 14th. We are looking forward to a great class this year and hopefully many of you will come and help. The first three weeks are the most important and we need an extreme amount of angels. And ladies, if you come with your husbands, we may ask you to release him and allow him to dance with someone new that evening; having enough men is usually a problem. We appreciate your help with this small sacrifice for the new dancers. So, we hope to see you all out on January 14 to meet the new people and start fellowshiping.

I will also announce in this newsletter that Don and I were just married. It was a very small event and only a few people attended, so please don't be hurt that you weren't invited. It was a very nice, small ceremony. Thank you all for being our friends.

See you in a square,

Michele





Square Dance Class:
. . . Janet Coleman, Co-Class Coordinator, Wagon Trains

Hello club: I hope you all had a great holiday season and are ready for a new year. Amazingly, class is ready to go again!! I hope you have a lucky friend or family member ready to

come to our first class, January 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

If you haven't thought of anyone yet for this wonderful opportunity, hurry, hurry, hurry!!!! There is still time to scour your mind and INVITE someone and bring them to the class. They will be forever grateful (I know I am to Debbie Taber). There is no class without the club finding the new classmates. I am bringing my sister this year. I do look forward to seeing who shows up, but it is scary wondering if Dianne (my sister) and I will be dancing alone. LOL See everyone at Cowtown on a Wednesday. We need you as angels too, of course, so come with or without a newbie.

I send best wishes for a prosperous new year,

Janet

Social Activities:
. . June Jacobson & Beth Houlihan

No report from the ladies this time.



“Cowtown’s Party Line”

We are looking for a Telephone Chairperson for our club. We also need one more person to make calls. Please let one of us know if you would like to do this.

Thanks to all the “call girls:” Margie Hart and Fern Yonnes by telephone; Sue Seman by email.

Sunshine & Shadows:
. . .Lois Roberts

Dear Friends: I haven't heard of anyone needing a card this month. I hope that means that we are all staying well and healthy. Bruce had back surgery Dec. 18 and is recovering quite well. Please keep him and others who may be ill in your thoughts & prayers.



Greetings and best wishes to all for a wonderful New Year. Please keep the input coming, so we can send our friends a note of cheer when needed. Thank You & God Bless You!

Congratulations to Michele Campbell and Don Cassell. They were married on Dec. 20

Lois

CLUB MEETING

ALL MEMBERS are invited. Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to eat, we meet at 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

DATE: **Monday, January 12**

LOCATION: Carrow's Restaurant
La Sierra & Magnolia
Riverside



Visitation:

. . *Shirley Parker*

TO: CANYON LAKE TWIRLERS
"35TH Anniversary "

CALLER: Buddy Weaver

CUER: Neil Booth

DATE: Sunday, January 11

Advanced Rounds: 1:30 p.m.

Pre-Rounds: 2:00 p.m.

Squares: 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Some of the members went to Canyon Lake on Sunday, December 14th. We danced to Ken Bower and Marshall Flippo and had a great time. Those attending were: Bonnie and Richard Cameron, Elaine and Charlie Ladd, Pauline Shawver, Tony Mendoza, Beth Houlihan and Shirley Parker.

Our January visitation will be to Canyon Lake on Sunday, January 11th. The caller will be Buddy Weaver. Let's have a good turn out at this one.

Hope to see you in a square soon.

Shirley

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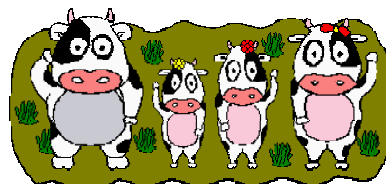
. . . *Sue Seman*

Thanks for keeping me informed. Without your items, there would be no newsletter! My deadline is usually the 20th of each month.

You can email me at suzseman@aol.com



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Wicker - Jan. 20

Sue Seman - Jan. 23

John German - Jan. 24

Carol Christiansen - Jan. 28

Afton Higbee - Jan. 30

Club Dances: COWTOWN SINGLES



1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays

January 16 - BOB VAN WEST
"New Beginning"

January 30 – LEE SCHMIDT
"Prince of the Crawdads"

Squares: 8:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Pre Rounds: 7:30 p.m.

Cuer: Carol Allen

ROUND DANCE CLASSES AT COWTOWN

With Carol Allen

Intermediate Class: 6 – 8 p.m.

Beginner Class: 8 - 10 p.m.



OUR COWTOWN CALLERS FOR JANUARY:



BOB VAN WEST – Friday, January 16: Bob learned to Square Dance with the Heels & Toes Square Dance club at Fort Rucker, Alabama in September 1976, and he started calling professionally in September of 1990 when he attended a Caller's School taught by his friend and mentor Lee Schmidt (known to us all as the "Crawdad Man"). They met every Saturday morning at Lee's home from September through February. They had a lot of fun learning how to be Callers. It was intense as well; Bob thought he knew definitions, and by the end of the class, he really knew them well. They started out with 9 and at the end of the class, 5 graduated.

In January, 1999 (as part of his commitment to continuing education), Bob attended another caller's school taught by Ken Bower and Gary Shoemake. They are excellent instructors, as well as two of the finest Callers and Showmen around.

Bob teaches 3 beginner classes a week and calls most weekends at either club dances or One Night Stands.



LEE SCHMIDT – Friday, January 30: "The Crawdad Man," makes his home in Anaheim, California. Square dancing is the California state folk dance and is recognized as the national folk dance as well. Lee has been active in the preservation of this folk art.

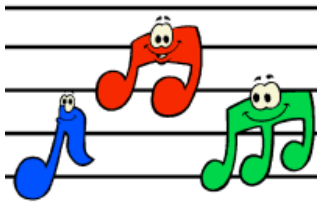
He has been calling over 40 years, not only in California and the U.S. but all over the world. He has participated in festivals in Alaska, Texas, Arizona, Florida, Missouri, Canada, China, England, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand to name a few. Presently, Lee calls mostly in the western states and makes one or two trips out of the country each year.

Lee teaches two or three beginning square dance classes and calls local dances every week year round. He has taught over 20,000 people to square dance. Lee also performs at several "live music" dances every year which has been consistent "sell-outs." In addition to this, he teaches a caller's class for new and upcoming callers.



CONGRATULATIONS!! DON & MICHELE





**MODERN SQUARE DANCE
BEGINNER'S CLASS
WED., JANUARY 14, 2009
7:00 - 9:30 P.M.
\$5 PER PERSON, 1ST NIGHT FREE
Hosted jointly by
Cowntown Singles & Wagon Train Squares**