

OCTOBER 2008

COWTOWN SINGLES SQUARE DANCE CLUB FOR SINGLES & COUPLES



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President's Message:

. . . **Betty (Cowley) Lawyer**



Well, are you getting ready for the busiest time of the year? There is so much fun coming up. We have Graduation on Oct. 15th and Halloween is our night to dance, so we want to make it a really fun night. Do you have any ideas you want to share with us? Then we have Thanksgiving and Christmas. What a wonderful time of the year. We also are hosting our New Year's Eve dance. We voted to do it ourselves this year, so we will really be needing all the help we can get. Aunt Pauline & I would like to thank all our members for your help with getting your dues in early. It makes her job so much easier.

It was so nice of Sherry Stanke to offer her home for our Bunko party. It was a potluck and a good time was had by all. As usual, we all ate too much and decided not to play Bunko. Instead, we had a wonderful evening of visiting. Seems we never get to do much of that with every one having such busy lives.

The dance on September 19th was a lot of fun. There were so many different people than the usual crowd. Our caller was Duane Woodmansee from Utah. He brought his wife and another couple from St. George, Utah. Four other members of Valley Trailers came with them and all of them were having a great time. Carol Allen did a great job of cueing. With so many of our regular members gone for various reasons, we had seven squares and that was great. Thank you to all of you who support our dances.

On Sunday Oct 21, we went to Stagecoach Squares for a Visitation to their last dance. There was a big crowd, and we are so sorry to see another club fold. That's why we all have to support our club so the same thing doesn't happen. It takes a lot of workers to keep a club moving in the right direction. What a great bunch of angels we have that come out week after week to help the class. It's always the same angels who come. If it wasn't for you, we would have no class.

Our next meeting will be at Carrow's on Oct. 20th. We moved it down a week because Michele and Don are on vacation and Dan and I are going on vacation to Virginia. While we are all gone, I know all of you members will step up and help with the class. It is wonderful to have a club that fills in where they are needed.

As many of you know, we are talking about having a workshop for 5 weeks after the class graduates. I am asking for your support if we decide to do this. Our class is not quite as strong as we would like them to be, so we thought if we did 5 weeks of workshop, it would be good for all of us. The cost will be \$25.00 each, in advance, so we know that the money would be there to pay the caller and rent. We are going to have a sign-up sheet at Cowtown so we can see if the class wants to do this. If they do, we need as many of the Wagon Trains and Cowtown Singles members to come out and let the class experience what dancing is really like.

The Blue Book has the wrong caller for our class dance on Sept. 28th. Darren Gallina is the caller. Dale Hoppers is the caller for Oct. 26. Keep on dancing

Hope to see you at class.

Betty



Vice President's Message:

... *Michele Campbell*

Hi all,

Well, our class will be graduating this month. We had our Sunday dance with Darrin Gallina calling. Please don't forget our October Dance with Dale Hoppers. He is a wonderful caller, and our class will be graduated by then, so it will be a full plus level dance. Please come and support our new dancers and our clubs.



I am working on getting an exhibition dance at the Festival of Lights again this year, so I hope you will all participate. I do not have a date yet, but will let you know as soon as possible. Our Graduation will be on October 15, so please try to come that night. We really need the support of our club at this one. Even if you are committed to another dance, please try to come to our Graduation instead. You won't be sorry.

To all of our class members, I am so sorry that I won't be at the graduation this year. We have a great group to be there for you, so I hope everything goes well. I have asked a couple of people to help with the graduation, so it should all go great! I wish the very best to all of you and hope to see you at our dances and next year when we start class again!

I understand that we may be having a workshop after the class is over. I should be back by then, so it will be exciting to see everyone dancing at plus level!!!! We will see you all soon.

See you in a square!

Michele

Social Activities:

.. *June Jacobson & Beth Houlihan*

We had about a dozen people at our potluck at Sherry's house on Saturday, Sept. 20. The visiting was great and we had fun getting to know some our new class members. Nothing is planned for October.



June & Beth

"Cowtown's Party Line"

We are looking for a Telephone Chairperson for our club. We also need one more person to relieve Lois Roberts who has asked to be replaced. 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*

Hello, Friends....Well, here it is Fall and back to school time again. Some of our members have had some problems and we hope everyone is doing much better. Cards were sent to Debbie Tabor who lost her father. We extend our condolences to Debbie and all the family. Also, our condolences to the family of Doris Hales in their loss. She will be greatly missed. June Jacobson's daughter had surgery to have leg and foot amputated. And Doris Hull has fallen and needed stitches in her head. Each of you is in our thoughts and prayers at this time; also to anyone we may have missed.

I want to thank you all for your input, please keep it coming. Stay well and don't forget to get those flu shots when the time comes!

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, October 20**

LOCATION: Carrow's Restaurant
La Sierra & Magnolia
Riverside



Visitation:

.. *Shirley Parker*

Our September Visitation will be to:

BREAST CANCER SQUARE DANCE

CALLERS: Cliff Simpson,

Carrie Masters & Ken Bower

CUERS: Mel Branham & Neil Booth

DATE: Sunday, October 19

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Our Visitation to Stagecoach Squares was a lot of fun. We had two callers, Rod Shuping and Cliff Simpson. They called a very good dance and there was lots of good food. Those attending were: Betty and Dan Lawyer, Pauline Shawver, Shirley Parker, Jerry Johnson and we had five class members: Ken and Julie, Bruce, Damon and Sandy F. If you want to know how they enjoyed the dance, ask them as I believe they all enjoyed the experience of dancing to different callers.

Our next Visitation is in October to the cancer dance. The date is October 19th and the dance is at the Beaumont Civic Center from 2 - 5 PM. The callers will be: Cliff Simpson, Carrie Masters and Ken Bower. The cuers will be: Mel Branham and Neil Booth. Pre-sale ribbon donation is \$6.00 and at the door will be \$8.00. Please join us for this dance as all the proceeds go to Cancer Research. This will be a good dance for everyone including all the class members, so let us show the other clubs that we can help make a difference for the fight against Breast Cancer.

Hope to see everyone at the next dance.

Thanks again, *Shirley*



**CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES!!**

MODERN SQUARE DANCE CLASS 2008



Getting to Know You



CAROL CHILCOAT

Carol graduated from Redlands B&B's in 2003. She came to Cowtown for a refresher. She is divorced and has three sons and 2 grandchildren. Carol said she is very happy with our class and really enjoys dancing and making new friends. Her interests include quilting, reading, walking, writing and dancing. For fun, she likes to go fishing and camping and loves outdoor gardening. Carol is with the Banning School District. Thanks for dancing with us, Carol.



NELLIE GARCIA

Nellie was brought to our class at Cowtown by Tony Mendoza; way to go Tony! She was been a regular to our class to the line dancing and hopes to start class in January. Nellie is a widow and has four grown children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She always has a smile and, guess what, she does for fun? Well, she dances Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday because it is good exercise and lots of fun. For hobbies she likes sewing, making bead jewelry and breeding Pomeranian, Chihuahua and Poodle puppies. Nellie is with the Norco School District. We can hardly wait for you to start class, Nellie.



JANIS YOUNG

Janis was invited to our class by Bonnie and Richard Cameron; good job Bonnie and Richard!! That is the way we get new members, by all of you bringing your friends to have fun. She had danced in the fourth grade. Janis is divorced and has two daughters. The only way she would like our class better would be if it was free. (smile)

She comes to our class to make new friends and for the good exercise. Right now it is the only thing she does for fun. For hobbies Janis likes to cook and sew. She is a Librarian and teaches people how to read and write. Glad to have you in class Janis.



Thanks to Rosie Weir & Betty Lawyer who provided the info on our class members.



Square Dance Class:

. . . Janet Coleman, Co-Class Coordinator, Wagon Trains

Hello Class!!

The good news is that we have a fine group graduating Oct. 15th from our class. They have all worked very hard

since January and most have had exemplary attendance, which really shows in how skilled they are. They enjoy dancing and, even in the heat of the last months, have been enthusiastic and pleasant people to be around. I couldn't be happier with them.

Now, it is time to welcome them to the real world of square dancing. Please come out for their graduation night, Oct. 15, 7:00-9:30 p.m. We have a nice evening planned. And then, of course, please be extra encouraging when they come to dances. Just remember how it was for you at the beginning. They will need lots of floor time to cement their skills, and a welcoming attitude from you all will really matter. Heck, take someone to dinner first if you can. See you in a square,

Janet

FOURTH SUNDAY DANCE (Class Level Dance)

When: Sunday, October 28
Where: Cowtown Square Dance Center
Time: 2 – 4:30 p.m.
Caller: Dale Hoppers

Invite friends from other classes and clubs.
Let's make this another big event!

Editor's Desk:

. . . 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



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



On Friday, August 29, Tim Pepper called at our "Hot, Hot Pepper" dance. We had only 5 squares but everyone had a fun time. Carol Allen cued for our round dancers. Thanks to all those who brought goodies for our refreshment table!



On Friday, September 5, Pat Carnathan called at our "Labor Day Trot" Dance. This time we had 8 squares. Thanks to all the members and all our guests who attended the dance. Again, Carol Allen cued favorites to the many round dancers on the floor. Thanks to those who contributed snacks for our refreshment table.



I was out of town for Friday, September 19 "School Daze" dance with Duane Woodmansee from Utah calling. Sorry I missed that one. In her article, Betty said the dance was a lot of fun. Duane brought his wife and another couple from St. George, Utah. Four other members of Valley Trailers came with them, and all of them were having a great time. Carol Allen did a great job of cueing. With so many of our regular

members gone for various reasons, we had seven squares and that was great. Thank you to all of you who support our dances. Many thanks again to those who brought snacks. (Thanks, Betty, for the information).



OUR COWTOWN CALLERS FOR OCTOBER:



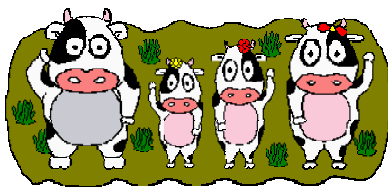
JOE VALVO: (No Photo Available)
 Friday, October 3: Joe and his wife, Linda, are originally from Western New York, around the Buffalo area. They moved to Las Vegas in 1979 and have called it home since. Joe works for the local power company and his wife works for the State of Nevada.

They had not heard of, or even knew square dancing existed outside of an elementary classroom setting until they moved to Las Vegas. They were introduced to the activity in 1982 through a friend of Linda's at work. They thought it would be a hoot to do as a couple, seeing as they had tried bowling, tennis and skiing. They met so many nice people in the activity and stuck with it, moving from Basics to C1 in two years.

Around 1984 Joe started to teach square dancing and attended a Caller's School by Bob Ban Antwerp and Bill Peters. He's a member of Callerlab, was a committee member for the USA West Convention in Las Vegas and recorded on Circle D records. Joe calls four nights a week in Las Vegas to groups from Plus to C2. Outside of his routine schedule, he's been calling regionally for Nevada, California and Arizona area clubs.



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU"



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Negrete – Oct. 10
 Stan Tomsic – Oct. 18
 Rollin Blossy – Oct. 23

**Club Dances:
 COWTOWN SINGLES**



1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays

October 3 - JOE VALVO
 "Fall Back"

October 17 – NASSER SHUKAYR
 "Oktoberfest"

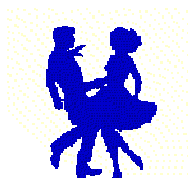
October 31 – BOB VAN WEST
 "Halloween Howl"
 POTLUCK DANCE

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.



NASSER SHUKAYR – Friday, October 17: Nasser graduated from college at age eighteen, and at age twenty started Computer Professionals, Inc. He learned to square dance in 1987, and called his first tip while still in new dancers' class. In 1988 he attended Jack Lasry's caller school, then taught his first class

of new dancers. In 1989 he learned to call Progressive Squares. In 1990 he started cueing rounds. Nasser recorded with *Rockin' M Records* for several years. He now records with *Lou-Mac Records*. Nasser calls ten sessions each week for his local clubs, and enjoys traveling extensively to call square dances.

Nasser is enthusiastic about square dancing because of the high quality of people in the activity. In square dancing, you'll meet wonderful people who can easily become your lifelong friends.



BOB VAN WEST – Friday, October 31: 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.



DALE HOPPERS – Sunday, October 26: Dale has been calling and teaching Square and Line Dancing since 1984. His easy, casual style makes him the perfect choice for groups where there are dancers with varied levels of skill. "I like to get right down on the

floor, among the dancers and call from there. Sometimes I dance in the squares if they need me, while I'm calling. Whatever it takes to keep the party going, I'm all for it. It's all about having fun!"



8TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER SQUARE DANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008
2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

BEAUMONT CIVIC CENTER
550 EAST 6TH STREET, BEAUMONT, CA

Callers: Cliff Simpson, Carrie Masters & Ken Bower
Cuers: Mel Branham and Neil Booth
Donation: \$6.00 (\$8.00 at the door)
All monies go to the American Cancer Society



**12TH ANNUAL RIVERSIDE COUNTY
SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL**
NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 2008

(Opening with a Thursday evening trail-in dance.)

At the
National Date Festival Fairgrounds
Indio, CA

Callers: Wade Driver, Marshall Flippo, Tony Oxendine, Johnny Preston, Gary Shoemake, Mike Sikorsky, Ken Bower (Thurs. night only)
Cuers: Linda & Bill Maisch
Virginia & Ray Walz
Plus dancing with mainstream tips, A1, A2, C1, Round Dancing, Singles Rotation
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