



2004

# COWTOWN SINGLES

DECEMBER

## SQUARE DANCE CLUB FOR SINGLES & COUPLES

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### President's Message: . . . *Chuck Bell*

Well, the Riverside County Festival is over. If you were not there, you missed a good one!

This month I would like to put out some "food for thought." It's part of an article written by the American Callers Association, speaking about the lack of square dancers.

The breaking point, in their view, is that as people's life styles and values have been changing and evolving from those who were long-term joiners of organizations to one of people willing to pay but demanded instant gratification and were not willing to make commitments to long periods of instruction.

American Callers was formed to provide an alternate view and return the largest majority of dancers to an international program one floor program. The instruction period would run 16 to 20 weeks. The published list includes the main dance movements from the fundamentals up to the plus movements. It will allow the bringing together of all dancers to one harmonious group and would be more acceptable to dancers who reject long periods of instruction. I like the idea; what do you think?

'Til next month,

*Chuck*



### Membership:

. . . *Pauline Shawver*

Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership before time ran out. Remember, if you did not pay your dues, December 2004 will be your last newsletter.

### Class News . . . *Shirley Parker*

Our new class starts on January 5, 2005. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, a group of members will get together to discuss what we would like to see happen with the new class. I will update you on what we discussed in the next newsletter.

Report on the Fair at Perris: I believe that it was a success, as we were able to have some people sign our sheets and we now have 36 new names and addresses to contact for possible new class members. Unfortunately, we were rained out two days but were able to put on seven demonstrations. The last day of the Fair, we were fortunate to have The Blue Jays do the demonstration. They are a delightful group of young people known as the handicapables. Diane and Mickey Manning danced with them, which they have done in the past on a number of occasions. Mickey is the one that let me know about them, and I want to thank him very much, as I really enjoyed watching them.

Again, I want to thank the following callers who donated their time: Vic Kaaria, David Mee, Ken Bower, Bruce Jackson, Dennis Young, Larry McBee, Tim Pepper, Brent Lively, Cliff Simpson, Chuck Bell, Jim Johnson and John Vary. They all did a great job!

Also, I want to thank the following clubs for participating: Western Stars, Canyon Lake Twirlers, Hemet Roadrunners, Grape Stompers, Wagon Trains, Sunkissed Squares, Calico Quails, Redlands BnB's, Blue Jay Squares and also all the Cowtown Singles that helped out.

### CLUB MEETING

**NO CLUB MEETING FOR DECEMBER**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON

MONDAY, JAN. 10

At Country Folks Restaurant  
La Sierra & 91 Freeway

### **Sunshine & Shadows:**

. . . *Sherry Stanke*



It was good to see Afton Higbee back at our 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance, after hurting her back.

Another blessing was to see Ida & Jim Selby at the dance. Ida actually danced three tips and is feeling better after her chemo treatments. We appreciate them coming out.

Jan Capley is having her gallbladder removed November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have missed her smiling face. Best of luck to you, Jan.

Estella Payne is having cataract surgery. She's our new "Call Girl" chairperson and a recent graduate. She's lots of fun and we wish her well.

Thank you cards were sent to Cliff Simpson, Brent Lively and Carol Allen for donating their time and monetary proceeds to the Dick Neumann Benefit Dance for his hospital bills. Thanks you each and everyone for coming to the dance and those who didn't come but contributed anyway. We have lots of benevolent hearts in square dancing.

Also thank you card went out to Kathy Anders for all her contributions to our club by wearing so many hats and helping in so many ways.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DO TO BENEFIT OUR CLUB!**

Have a Blessed Holiday Season. I'll be in Florida for a week over Thanksgiving for a family get-together. I wish each and everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christ-centered Christmas.

If you know anyone who needs a call or a card, please call Sherry.

### **"KATHY'S CHATTER"**

. . . *Kathy Anders*

I am turning over the "Call Girls" to Estella Payne, one of our new club members. So, if all the club would come up and introduce yourself, then she will know the people in the club and how important this committee is. It includes regular phone calls and email (which Sue Seman does on top of the newsletter).

You are indeed a fortunate club to have so many wonderful people who work all the time to make this a great club. Please say "YES" when you are asked to contribute; that is what makes a club prosper or fail.

Jan Hamilton, another new club member, is doing the "Information Board" on the wall at Cowtown, with the details of all the coming events and other information.

Mary Negrete will be changing the "cows' attire" each month. They are also located on the wall.

Also, don't forget, we are one of the few clubs that have a Web Site, and that is thanks to Cindy Vinckel, Don Hendrickson and Mickey Manning.

<http://www.cowtown-singles-square-dance.org>

Lots of Hugs,  
Kathy



## Visitations:

. . . *Jerry Johnson*

Our Visitation in November to Western Stars earned us a banner. A BIG THANK

YOU to those who attended: Dottie Bowers, Shirley Parker, Pauline Shawver, Chuck Bell, Sue Seman, David McCune, Jan Hampton, Estella Payne, Fern Yonnes, Harold Reed, Gordon Wyne, Cindy Vinckel, Wayne Allen, Helen Crum, Walt Oglive, Sheila Wilson, Mike, Pris Hampton, Phil & Linda Wicker, Rollin Blosssey, Mary Daniels and myself.

Our Visitation for December will be:

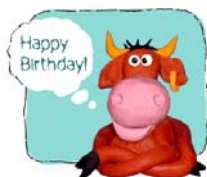
CLUB: CANYON LAKE TWIRLERS

CALLER: Ken Bower

DATE: Sunday, December 12

Rounds at 2:00 p.m.

Squares: 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Don Colgan - Dec. 1*

*Hope England - Dec. 10*

*Roy Janes - Dec. 19*

*C.W. Folmer - Dec. 22*

*Beverly Dale - Dec. 23*

*Phil Wicker - Dec. 27*

*Dorothy McAfee - Dec. 29*

*Jackie Bean - Dec. 30*

## Social Activities: . . . *Fran Stoddard*

Our trip to Palm Springs Follies will be Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will all meet (if you so choose) at the Cedar Creek Inn, 1555 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. for the "Early Bird" dinner. We need to be in line at 6:30 p.m. for the show at the Historic Plaza Theater, 128 South Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs. We have a great group going; we are all looking forward to the show.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 9 p.m. at Goeske Senior Center. This will be a potluck. Please bring your own dinner service and drinks. We will also have a \$10.00 gift exchange, which is lots of fun. Hope everybody will attend.



## WORK PARTY

at Cowtown

Saturday, December 11

8 a.m. - 12 noon

## Editor's Desk: . . . *Sue Seman*



Please keep me informed with information for the newsletter. Any changes or updates on addresses and phone numbers, please call or email me. My deadline is usually the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

You can reach me at (909) 738-1989 or email me at [suzseman@prodigy.net](mailto:suzseman@prodigy.net)



## Refreshments . . .

*Bonnie Adams*

Thanks to Lois & Chuck Bell, Linda Wicker and Gordon Wyne for serving at the "Benefit Dance for Dick Neumann" on November 5.

Thanks to Lela Zwettler and Dottie Bowers for helping me serve at the "13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance" on November 19.

Enhanced Sound

Club Dances:  
**COWTOWN SINGLES**



1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays

Dec. 3 - BUDDY WEAVER  
"Holiday Magic"

Dec. 17 - DAVID MEE  
"Can Can Jubilee"  
(BRING CANNED FOOD)

Dec. 31 - BILL KRAMER  
"NEW YEAR'S EVE"

(PreRounds start at 8 p.m.; Squares are  
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. for this dance.)

Squares: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Pre Rounds: 7:30 p.m.

Rounds: Carol Allen

At the November Board Meeting it was decided  
that all upcoming dances will be \$5.00 entry.



OUR COWTOWN CALLERS FOR  
DECEMBER:



BUDDY WEAVER - Friday,  
December 3: Buddy began  
calling in his native state of  
Hawaii in 1977. He is a  
third generation Square  
Dance pioneer, starting the  
first Advanced program in

Hawaii and the first Multi-Cycle New Dancer  
programs in Hawaii and San Diego. Buddy has been  
featured in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany,  
Japan, New Zealand, Sweden and twenty four  
United States. He is the first American Square  
Dance Caller to perform in Poland.

Since 1981, Buddy has recorded over 60 Square  
Dance records and is the owner/producer of BLUE  
STAR RECORD PRODUCTIONS.

Buddy and his family reside in San Diego, California  
where he hosts weekly beginner, Plus, & Advanced  
programs; dance weekends in Solvang and Hemet  
California; and has been sponsor of Square Dance  
promotions at the 2nd largest Street Fair in  
California.

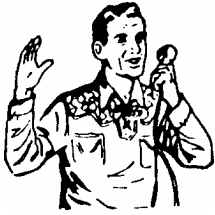


DAVID MEE - Friday, December  
17: David has been calling for 24  
years (and looks about 19 yrs. in  
his picture). He began calling  
originally in 1975 at the age of 11,  
but did not fully pursue the caller  
profession until 1980. Since then,  
he has called throughout California,

Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and other states.  
He has also called internationally in Denmark,  
Sweden and China. He calls Basic to A2 levels.

He lives in Grand Terrace with his wife, Dawn, who  
is a Clogging and Round Dance Instructor/Cuer in  
Southern California (his opinion is that she is the  
cutest and the best). They have three girls—  
Denise, Debbie and Danielle.

In addition to Square Dance Calling, David works full time for Disneyland as a Senior Financial Analyst. He also sings and plays the piano with the Praise Team at Central Community Church.



**BILL KRAMER** - Friday,  
December 31 (NEW YEAR'S  
EVE): No Photo Available.  
Bill began square dancing in 1955  
in a little town called Sisquac,  
just south of Santa Maria,

California. He never stopped.

In 1971 he moved to Lancaster, California and was elected President of the Aces and Dueces Square Dance Club. He was also an adult advisor of a young people's square dance club known as the Sun Dance Kids. Each year they sponsored a benefit dance that featured amateurs that wanted to be callers. He decided to try and asked the club caller to help him. He agreed, and the rest is "history."

Bill has recorded for several square dance record companies including Top Records, Cow Town, Wild West, Windsor, and LouMac. He has been club caller for several clubs over the years and have called for one club for over 25 years in Camarillo, California. He has also called for several festivals including Bakersfield and Associated Square Dancers and several State and National Conventions.

## Benefit Dance a Success!

When Cliff Simpson volunteered to call for Dick Neumann's scheduled dance and donate the fee to Dick, who knew that it would grow into a real "Benefit Dance"? Thanks to our generous Square Dance family and some hard work from members, Cowtown Singles were able to donate \$700.

Part of what made the night so successful was Cliff Simpson and Carol Allen donating their fees, the Cowtown Singles members Dottie Bowers, Robin Hendrickson, Lois Bell and Linda Wicker donating cakes for refreshments and the winners of split the pot donating their winnings back to Dick. Many other donations and the people who served and cleaned up were another part of what made it such a special event.

On top of all that it was a FUN DANCE!

Our Best Wishes go out to Dick and his Family. We can't wait for him to come back and call his own dances.

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE**  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 2004**  
Hosted by Cowtown Singles  
with  
**BILL KRAMER**  
and  
**CAROL ALLEN**

Squares are limited; sign up early!



Catered Dinner  
Midnight Toast  
Door Prize Drawing  
Party Favors

PreRounds: 8:00 p.m.

Squares: 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

\$18.00 per person

For info, call Dottie 951-686-0890

Happy New Year

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