



FREEWHEELERS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Welcome to Spring!! Hopefully your dancing shoes are ready for spring. As everyone knows, the Freewheelers are hosting the Spring Council Dance on Saturday, April 30th at the Northshore Senior Center. We need your help. We need great "NEW" donations for our raffle baskets...read on for more information. We need the donations by the March 13th Dance or bring them to the meeting at Penny's house on April 7th. We are beginning our last session for our Club lessons Everyone get out your elevator speech...we need students. Your board needs everyone to help make our club successful.

I want to encourage all club members to get a "Round to It - All Around Dancer" dangle. Let's all make an effort to dance at different clubs and experience all the callers and cuers. I accomplished mine in 4 months and had a ball. I attended the March Mt. Baker Council Meeting and accepted the position of Publicity and Promotion Chairman. I was very impressed with Doug Coleman's "30 second talk"...We need to keep dancing and dancing and dancing and without your help....Square Dancing will become a thing of the past. So let's keep dancing around Puget Sound and keep Square Dancing alive. We need to encourage our club members to dance and spread the word.... because together we can only go up and grow...just got to love Doug! See you on the dance floor!
~~ Sally Buckingham, President ~~~ Sally's e-mail: sally.buckingham2@gmx.com ~~~

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Ginny Baxter* spent some time in the hospital with pneumonia recently, but is home now. Anita Needham had foot surgery (bone graft). Our Sunshine Lady, Millie Hecht fell and broke her hip and had hip replacement surgery. If you wish to send Millie a card, she will be in Providence Rehab – 916 Pacific Ave., Everett, WA 98201, Room# 629 for a while. She doesn't want visitors or phone calls, at this time, but probably would like cards from her square dance friends. Our Freewheelers' friend (Gordon Shaefer's too), Esther Smith fell and broke a couple of bones in her arm and had to have surgery. We wish them ALL speedy recoveries. We told Millie that we would try to fill in for her as "Sunshine" until she is "back on her feet". So, for now call Ken or Audrey at 425-673-0858 or e-mail kandasharp@comcast.net if you know someone in need of some "Rays of Sunshine".

*Correction: Ginny's phone# 425-582-3029. It was wrong in the last newsletter. Sorry, Ginny!

ITEMS OF NOTE:

PLEASE NOTE - DUES ARE DUE! The 2011 dues are due before April 1st. Dues are \$12 for our club dues, \$5.50 for State Insurance & Dues and Council dues, for a total of \$17.50. This will cover your Freewheelers membership until March 31, 2012. Give them to the Treasurer, Randy Lewis at a dance or mail them to him at 2126 N. 132nd St., Seattle, WA 98133. Make the check out to "Freewheelers", not to Randy. Please DO fill out the application, so that we have your current information. If you want some of your information unlisted, let us know and we will not put it in the roster. Thank you to the members who have already paid their dues. The quicker we get them in, the quicker we can do the new address roster.

PLEASE GET YOUR DONATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL DANCE RAFFLE BASKETS TO PENNY SCHULTZ! WE ARE PUTTING THE BASKETS TOGETHER AT THE BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 7TH AT PENNY'S HOUSE. ALSO, BUY YOUR TICKETS TO THE DANCE TO GET THE PRESALE PRICE OF \$9 EACH. *IT'S SURE TO BE A FUN DANCE!*

So far, the people running for the Club Offices are: Sally Buckingham – President; Joe Clein – Co-Vice President/Class Coordinator; Ron Mitrovich – Co-Vice President; Trisha Porter – Secretary and Janice & Randy Lewis – Treasurer. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor.

Kitchen Sign-up: We need people to sign-up for a turn or two at Kitchen Duty at the dances. This involves setting up coffee, water and etc, putting the treats out at the break and cleaning up after the dance. Sign up on the calendar at a dance. There are usually lots of helpers.

Greeters: See Brenda Torrey if you would like to take a turn as a greeter at a future dance. It does not take much of your time. You just have to get to the hall a little earlier (at least by 6:40).

COMING EVENTS:

Sat., March 19th – Caravan to Jet Steppers’ “Spring will Spring” Dance (See Caravans.)



Sunday, April 3rd is our “Spring Hop” Student Level Dance. Dennis Webb is calling and Debbie is cueing. The Jet Steppers are coming in, so bring extra treats, if you can.



Our next board meeting is 7:30 on Thurs., April 7th at Penny Schultz’s home - 15128 48th Ave. SE, Everett. For directions, her phone number is 425-337-5441. We will be putting together the Raffle Baskets for our Council Dance. Please come & help! All members are urged to attend the meetings.

Friday, April 8th - Caravan to Mt. Baker Singles “Tulip Promenade” Dance (See Caravans.)



Sunday, April 17th is our “April Showers” Dance. Hope it is not snow showers!! Roger will be calling and Debbie will be cueing.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! On Sat., April 30th, our club is hosting the Mt Baker Council’s Spring Dance “Hat, Nose & Tayl” Dance at Northshore Senior Center, 10201 Riverside Dr, Bothell. Jim Hattrick & Steve Noseck are calling and Debbie Taylor is cueing. It is sure to be a great dance. Presale tickets are \$9 or \$10 at the door. (Kids are \$5.) Pick up some fliers and take them to the dances that you go to. See Penny Schultz to find out what you can do to help. We will need lots of help from all of our members in setting up at the dance & taking down after the dance.



THAT MEANS YOU! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP YOUR CLUB, AND TO MAKE THIS DANCE A GREAT SUCCESS! PLEASE HELP!!



CARAVANS:

We had 14 members go on our caravan to Dudes & Dolls. Our next caravan out will be on Sat., March 19th to the Jet Steppers’ “Spring will Spring” Dance at Cedar Grange, 22531 SE 218th St., Maple Valley from 7:30–10:30. Call Carol Harris at 206-362-3734 regarding a possible carpool for the caravan to the Jet Steppers dance. Then we will caravan on Fri., April 8th to the Mt. Baker Singles’ “Tulip Promenade” Dance at the Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Rd, Sedro-Woolley (I-5 N. Exit# 232). They dance from 8:00-10:30 (7:30 Pre-rounds). Our own, Roger & Jill Spiese will be calling/cueing this fun dance. Please go to support them and the Mt. Baker Singles. Call Joe Clein at 425-774-6574 to find out about carpooling. Joe Clein, Caravans

Remember to share dances at caravans and club dances even if you come with a partner.

3RD TIP AT ALL OF OUR DANCES IS LADIES CHOICE, SO LADIES CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER EARLY!

LOOKING AHEAD:

60th Washington State Square & Folk Dance Festival - Enumclaw, WA - June 17 - 18

60th National Square Dance Convention – Detroit, Michigan – June 22 - 25

43rd Annual State Leadership Seminar – Circle (8) Ranch, Cle Elum, WA – July 8 - 10

61st National Square Dance Convention – Spokane, WA – June 27 - 30, 2012

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FROM LAST YEAR! SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN DOING YOUR JOBS FOR A LOT OF YEARS. WE APPRECIATE IT!**

**OFFICERS:**

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| <b>JOE CLEIN</b>        | <b>CO-VICE PRESIDENT/<br/>CLASS COORDINATOR</b> | <b>425-774-6574</b> |
| <b>TRISHA PORTER</b>    | <b>SECRETARY</b>                                | <b>206-523-1769</b> |
| <b>RANDY LEWIS</b>      | <b>TREASURER</b>                                | <b>206-367-9219</b> |

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COMMITTEES:

Caravans:	Joe Clein
Council Delegates:	Carol Harris and Ella Simmons
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