



FREEWHEELERS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2011



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Summer Dancing is here! As you eagerly read your Newsletter; you will find that we are having some great summer dances – Hot Hawaiian Nights, Lucky Dancers and Crazy T-Shirt; so plan now to come enjoy with your fellow club members and guests. Again, I remind everyone that we need help with the Kitchen, Greeters, and Set up and tear down after the dance. Please notice the sign-up sheet as you come into the dance; or email Anita Needham, Brenda Torrey or Sally Buckingham as to when YOU CAN HELP. If everyone helps, then the same few people will not be burdened with volunteering every week to help. We have classes beginning in the fall and need angels and crew to HELP and to bring new students to the Club. All of our members enjoy dancing; so why not share in the Volunteering, so we can all enjoy dancing. Remember, we all love and support our club, so why not invite your friends and community to square dance with you. See you in the exclusive Club of Volunteers! Sally Buckingham ~ 425-293-4510 ~ sally.buckingham2@gmx.com

SUNSHINE REPORT:

E-mail from Carol Ann Robbins regarding her dad, Robbie: “Thank you for your concern. We are all well, but Dad did have a fall a couple of weeks ago (in May) while getting the mail, and he broke his collar bone. It's something that will just heal on its own, and the only treatment he needs is physical therapy. Dad will not be dancing for awhile, but we will try to get out to a dance soon.”

Update E-mail from Carol Anne: “Dad finished the physical therapy for his collar bone and shoulder, but he is continuing to go once a week to work on strengthening his legs and improving his balance. We also take him to the nearby mall a couple of times a week to walk. Since Dad worked on the Space Shuttle project for about 15 years, we have been watching the last Space Shuttle mission that is going on now. Dad is really enjoying following the coverage on TV”. We are hoping that Robbie, Irene and Carol Anne are back to dancing soon. We miss all of you! We send Anita Needham our hopes for a *speedy* recovery after her latest surgery on June 29th on her right hand, because she had 4 ruptured tendons. What's next? It was good to see Millie Hecht back on her feet when Ken and I visited her. She was out of the wheelchair and using a walker. Keep up the good work, Millie! Call Ken or Audrey at 425-673-0858 or e-mail at kandasharp@comcast.net, if you know of someone in need of some “Rays of Sunshine”. We wish good health to you all!

From Ruth Eaton (about Merv's Memorial Dance): “Hi everyone, what a wonderful celebration we had of Merv's life! Thank you all for your participation (and help before and after). It was truly the celebration that he wanted and would have loved. I'm sure he was watching, laughing and full of pride for his family. He is still giving, just as he did in life - \$875 was donated at the dance, divided between NW Kidney Foundation, Providence Hospice of Seattle, Kauai Hospice & Virginia Mason Foundation. Thank you each and every one very much. With much love and pride, Ruth”

Happy News: From Freewheelers Friend, Laura Bennett (on Facebook): “Well, you've heard the saying ‘Never say never,’ well I said that yet, on May 25th I got married! Yep, I did it! It's been great! He's a sweetie! (Dan Cline) A few other things changed too! I sold my home, we rented his and we bought a home in Gold Canyon, Arizona! Blue skies are in my future! Still working some, at least thru the end of the year! Could semi-retirement be in my future? I hope so! Then lots of golf and dancing!” Congratulations to Laura and Dan from all the Freewheelers and Ken and me!

Sad News: We were sorry to hear that longtime Cuer, Denis Crapo passed away on May 24th. Also, former Freewheelers and Single Stars member, Louise Ogle passed away on June 23rd.

ITEMS OF NOTE:



For those of you who did not make it to our Mt. Baker Council Spring Dance, Ken and I, as last year's recipients of the Ila Williams Memorial Award, got the honor of picking this year's recipients. We were delighted to pass it on to Jim and Polly Burnside. They are certainly very deserving of the award. Jim and Polly will pick next year's winner(s), so be thinking of a couple or a person in the clubs of the Mt. Baker Council to suggest to them for the award. You also missed a great time if you were not there!

MEMBERS: Pick up your new Membership Roster at a dance. Please check the information that we have for you in the roster. Let me know of any changes and I will put them in the newsletter.

At the end of the newsletter you will notice the people who have agreed to be on the committees again this year and most of them have for a lot of years. Please think about helping or even chairing one of these committees in the near future.

Decorations Committee Chair, Penny Schultz needs people to volunteer to come to the dances early to decorate the hall. She shouldn't have to work so hard. She and her helpers are doing a beautiful job!

WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR KITCHEN DUTY AT THE DANCES. Maybe you think, "I did it once" but that is not enough. We have 12 months of dances and Anita Needham should not have to do all of it herself. Please sign up for a dance or two.

**GREETERS: Brenda Torrey: *"Dick and I really don't mind being greeters, but we'd like to share the fun! If you can arrive by 6:40, that is all that is required to be a greeter. Please check your calendar and let me know when you could help. If you could give me 3 dates to choose from, I'll let you know the date I've selected for you. Thanks! Brenda"* See Brenda if you would like to be a greeter at a future dance. You get lots of hugs! Greeters for the July 31st, August and September dances are: July 31st and Aug. 7th – Dick & Brenda Torrey
Aug. 21st – Dwight Koch & Donna Franklin Sept. 18th – Joe Clein & Sally Buckingham**

CASUAL OR SQUARE DANCE CLOTHES ARE ACCEPTABLE AT OUR SUMMER DANCES.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 31st is our "Hot Hawaiian Nights" (All Singing Calls) Dance with our Caller / Cuer team, Roger and Jill Spiese putting on a fun dance for us. You can wear your Hawaiian outfits if you wish, but do dress casual to stay cool.

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Sunday, August 7th is our "Lucky Dancers" Dance with Roger and Jill Spiese calling and cueing. Come to see how we pick the "lucky" dancers. It is sure to be fun!

BBO/BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST 13TH AT PENNY'S HOME IS CANCELLED.

Sunday, August 21st is our "Crazy T-shirt" Dance with Guest Caller/Cuer, Tom Tomlinson. We will be serving root beer floats! You can wear your *craziest* t-shirt, if you wish, but do dress casual to stay cool. It is sure to be a great dance!

SEPTEMBER

There will be no dance on Sunday, September 4th because of Labor Day week-end. Drive safe!

CLASSES STARTING: Our new beginners' classes will start on Wednesday, September 7th at the Lake City Community Center from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Dennis Webb will be doing the teaching again. We will be doing two 14-week classes – the first one going from September 7th thru December 14th and then the second one will start on January 18th and go thru April 18th. We will need lots of students, so pick up some fliers and start passing them out to friends, neighbors and family who might be interested in learning to square dance. Also, leave them at different places where you are allowed. **There will be Plus classes on the same nights from 6:30–7:30 p.m. The cost of the classes will be \$5/person/class night. We will need lots of angels, too! PLEASE HELP!** If you need further information, contact the Class Coordinator, Joe Clein at 425-774-6574.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING: The September board meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Sally Buckingham's new residence - 21708 48th Ave. W., Mountlake Terrace. Her phone number is 425-293-4510 for directions. All members are urged to attend and bring their ideas to get the new season of dancing off to a good start! You do get to know your fellow members better and also learn how the club is run. Come get involved in the running of your club.

Friday, September 16th – Caravan to Square Crows dance (See Caravans.)

Sunday, September 18th is our “Welcome to Fall” Dance with Roger and Jill Spiese. Join the fun at our first dance of the new season!

CARAVANS:

The first caravan out of the new dance season will be to Square Crows dance on Fri., Sept. 16th. They dance at Sammamish Valley Grange, 14654 148th Ave. NE, Woodinville from 8:00 - 10:30 (Pre-rounds at 7:30). Call Joe Clein at 425-774-6574 for the meeting time and place.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Sunday, October 16th is our “Dancing in the ‘50’s” Dance with Special Guest Caller, Glenn Raiha & Guest Cuer, Randy Wulf. So get your “Poodle Skirts” or other ‘50’s outfits ready! It will be fun to “Rock Around the Clock”!

Fern Bluff Squares are hosting the Mt. Baker Council Fall Dance, “Dancing at the Speakeasy” on Sat., Oct. 29th at Skagit Valley Grange, 1273 Cook Rd, Sedro Woolley from 7:30–10:30p.m. The caller is Kevin Thomaier & Linda Nold is the cuer. Roaring 20’s Costumes are encouraged. See Carol Harris for tickets - Presale tickets: \$7 & \$9 at the door.

Sunday, November 6th is our “Harvest” Dance with Special Guest Caller, Steve Noseck. If you came to the Council Dance, you would know what a fun caller Steve is! Debbie will be back from her cruise. We have missed her!

Signed up for 61st National Square Dance Convention in Spokane yet? It is going to be June 27–30, 2012 – long time before it’s this close to home again.

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Sally Buckingham~21708 48th Ave. W., Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043, Phone & e-mail is the same.

Bonnie & John Hurley’s new email address is bonkul@comcast.net.

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

OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!



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COMMITTEES:

- Caravans: Joe Clein
- Council Delegates: Carol Harris and Ella Simmons
- Decorations: Penny Schultz (She needs volunteers to come early to decorate the hall.)
- Footnotes Editor: Ruth Jester
- Hospitality: Brenda Torrey (Sign up with Brenda to be a greeter at some dances.)
- Kitchen: Anita Needham and Dick Nicholson (Sign up with Anita for kitchen duty.)
- Membership: Ken & Audrey Sharp
- Newsletter: Audrey & Ken Sharp
- Publicity: Karen Johnson and Audrey Sharp
- Spotlight Editor: Donna Franklin
- Sunshine: Ken and Audrey Sharp are subbing for Millie Hecht.
- Telephone: Dorothy McReynolds with Joe Clein, Donna Franklin, Trisha Porter, Ella Simmons & Jean Wilson



JIM HATTRICK, STEVE NOSECK AND DEBBIE TAYLOR HAVING FUN AT THE “HAT, NOSE AND TAYL” MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL SPRING DANCE.