

FREEWHEELERS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Question: What makes a great club? Answer? IT IS FRIENDLY MEMBERS. One of the primary ways we get new members is by holding beginner classes and having a good turnout of friendly Angels. I hope each and every one of you have personally invited someone to come to our beginner class which will start Wed., Sept. 8th at 7:30 pm at Lake City Community Center. We have an eight week class and no graduation, just a lot of fun dancing. They can continue on with the next lessons and enjoy square dancing even more. Do you know someone who has recently retired? Do you know someone who has lost a spouse? Maybe they could use the friendliness that square dancers provide. Do you know someone whose children are grown and they now have some extra time on their hands? Perhaps square dancing would be just the new experience they need. I could go on and on, basically square dancers or potential square dancers could come from anywhere. It is our job to put our thinking caps on and reach out to the people we know and invite them to join us in our hobby. We need to attract new members, and all they need is YOUR invitation. As I write this article I have already thought of two more people that I need to invite. Remember to extend a hand and an invitation. I hope to see all of you on the dance floor at the classes in September.
Sally Buckingham, President e-mail: sally.buckingham@yahoo.com

SUNSHINE REPORT:

It's with great sadness that I have to report that Martin Elder passed away on June 11th from pancreatic cancer. He was Freewheelers' President for a couple of years, Vice President for the same and Caravan Chairman for several years. Martin loved to dance, especially with his wife, Phylis. He loved playing Santa Claus, so he bleached his beard and let it grow every year. Phylis, our hearts go out to you. We are going to miss him too.

On a happy note, Jon Chapman and Doris Holloway are getting married on July 24th. We wish them much happiness. If you know of someone in need of our special thoughts, call Sunshine Lady, Millie Hecht at 425-259-8110 (Millie's new phone number).

ITEMS OF NOTE:

Ken and I would like to thank the club members for turning in our names for the Ila Williams Award. To our surprise, we won and received it at the May 23rd Council Dance from Bonnie and Dave Harry – last year's winners. We are honored to receive it, but we believe there are people much more deserving. We get to keep the award for a year and then we get to pick next year's winners – such a responsibility! We hope we select the right people. Thanks again.



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

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: (Correct your rosters.)

Dorothy McReynolds e-mail address is dorothymcr2@comcast.net.
Ginny Baxter's new cell phone number is 425-582-3029.

Tom Pinkava rejoined the club after the roster was printed. Please add him to your rosters. If you wish to talk to him, it might be better to call him at his daughter's home. He has dinner at her house each evening. His daughter's name is Dolly Beaver and her number is 541-546-7908. His address is 634 E. Grandview Lane, Culver, OR 97734. His number is 541-475-4656 & his birthday is Jan. 9th.

GREETERS: See Brenda Torrey if you would like to be a greeter at a future dance. It doesn't take much of your time, just get to the hall a little earlier. The greeters for the August dances will be: August 15th - Joe Clein and Sally Buckingham August 29th – Dick and Brenda Torrey

NO ONE IS SIGNED UP FOR KITCHEN DUTY. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please sign up on the kitchen calendar. If you need to know what it entails, talk to Anita Needham. Also, let her know if you can't do kitchen duty the night you sign up for.

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

COMING EVENTS:

Free Mainstream square dance at the Seattle Center House from 7:00 - 9:00 on Fri., July 23rd with Mike DeSisto, Kevin Thomaier and Wayne Easton calling and Randy Preskitt cueing.

Saturday, July 24th is the date for the Aqua Sox Demonstration and baseball game. See Carol.

There is NO Freewheelers dance on Sunday, August 1st.

Friday, August 6th -- Caravan to Square Crows dance with Jim Hattrick (See Caravans.)

Sat., Aug. 7th Freewheelers will have an "all day" booth at the Lake City Pioneer Days. We need people in square dance attire to man the booth & hand out information about our beginners' class. Talk to Penny, Dwight or one of the officers, if you can help out.

Free Mainstream square dance at the Seattle Center House from 6:00-8:00 on Sat., Aug. 14th with Ray and Cindy Gallagher.

Sunday, August 15th is our "Crazy T-shirt" Party (Floor Level) Dance with Roger & Jill Spiese. New graduates are invited to this dance. We will be serving root beer floats! You can wear your craziest t-shirt, if you wish, but dress casual to stay cool. It is sure to be a great dance! The Square Crows will be coming in to this dance, so make them feel welcome.

Sunday, August 29th is our "Hot Hawaiian Nights" (All Singing Calls) Dance with Roger & Jill Spiese calling, cueing and putting on a fun dance for us. Wear your Hawaiian outfits if you wish.

CARAVANS:

We had 16 members caravan to the Happy Hoppers dance but don't know how many went to Jet Steppers as the newsletter was printed before the caravan happened. The next caravan out will be to the Square Crows dance on Fri., Aug. 6th. They dance at Sammamish Valley Grange, 14654 148th Ave. NE, Woodinville from 8:00 - 10:30 (Pre-rounds at 7:30). Jim Hattrick is calling & Linda Nold is cueing. We will meet at 7:00 sharp at the Lynnwood Civic Center - 191st & 44th Ave. SW to carpool. Thanks for supporting the caravans! Joe Clein

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

LOOKING AHEAD: (See note from Joe Clein on the next page.)

Our new beginners' classes will start on Wed., Sept. 8th at the Lake City Community Center from 7:30-9:30. Dennis Webb will be doing the teaching. This is the start of doing the classes a different way. We will run them for 8 weeks and then start a new class, such as Sept. 8, Nov. 3, and Jan. 5 & Mar. 2, 2011. 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 the same night from 6:30-7:30. The cost of the classes will be \$5/person/class night. WE'LL NEED LOTS OF ANGELS, TOO! HELP!

FROM JOE CLEIN, CLASS COORDINATOR:

A few months ago we had a General membership Meeting at Penny Schultz's house. At that meeting, Billie and I presented a plan that got 100% of the quorum that was present. This method emphasizes faster learning due to newer, upbeat music; keeping time with the music and a slightly different sequence of the calls learned. We will be implementing that plan starting in September. We were able to get Dennis Webb, a local, popular, known, great caller to work with us on this new method of teaching square dancing.

On Sept. 8th we will start the first of four classes. The 2 hours of the first eight weeks will consist of the first 51 calls of the Callerlab Mainstream List. In the 2nd, 3rd & 4th eight weeks, the first 1-1/2 hours will be a repeat of the first eight weeks, the last 1/2 hour of the class will be devoted to calls 52 thru 72 of that list! The theory and proven results of this method are, new dancers will be up and dancing right away, having fun. Also since they will be having fun right away, they WILL get their friends to come to the next set of classes, in less than two months, not next year!

Dennis Webb will be teaching "Plus Classes" at 6:30 every Wednesday, our Beginners' classes start at 7:30. This will help our club finance the classes, as everyone taking Plus classes will pay \$5.00, hopefully this will also encourage them to stay and "angel" our new students. Each night of classes will cost "Our Club" \$100.00 for the hall and the caller, so everyone can see how important it is get Plus students, new students and for club members that will be enjoying the dancing as "angels" to help defray the cost with donations, if they can.

We all know that our ladies would rather dance the "Ladies" part while square dancing! We have to face the fact we have many more ladies in our club than men. It is also true that more of our students may be ladies than men. The new method we will be using will be moving everyone around, not keeping the same partner more than a call or two. This is a perfect opportunity to get everyone learning the men's part from the "Get Go". Our club will need a lot of help with the classes, if you are not able to dance the whole evening, we can use your skills at the sign-in table, and with the snacks, etc. Please come and support our classes as often as you can. Thanks for your help! Joe Clein

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

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