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“Happy Hopper Happenings!”

CALENDAR

November 5

Fall Harvest
Dance with Randy
Dibble

November 8

Membership
Meeting, 7pm,
Allen Creek Elem.

November 12

Wreath making at
Jean & Frank's
tree farm. 9am

November 19

Hawaiian Thanks-
giving Dance with
Kevin Thomaier

Dances

1st & 3rd Sat. of
each month, pre-
rounds at 7:30,
dance at 8:00pm.

Location:

Stillaguamish
Senior Center,
18303 Smokey
Point Blvd.

President's Corner

Hello Hoppers,

Our dance year is off to a great start with two well-attended dances behind us. Both were called with gusto by National callers from out of state. Let's do everything we can to keep the momentum because we are truly blessed in this area with really good local callers. Next up is Tom Clymer calling our Spooky Dance on Oct 15th.

Board members met early this month and agreed on one important momentum builder for the club; to be positive and to refrain from negativity. It's great that your license plate holder might say "Square dancing – friendship set to music" and that your badge says "Happy Hoppers." Let's all walk the talk so that other club members, dancers outside our club and members of the caller community have a positive impression about us and are eager to have fun dancing with us.

The Winthrop Barn Dance – 2011 is now history and the Hoppers got the "boot" for having the second largest number of pre-registered dancers in attendance. Since we forgot the "horseshoes" first prize on the west side of the Cascades, our forfeit is to organize a substantial caravan to deliver it to the winning club, Samena Squares. Leslie and James have that already set for Oct 14th. And speaking of caravans, we are scheduled to caravan to the Fogcutters for their Prawn Dinner (all you can eat) on November 18th. They did a great job of supporting our double dance with Deborah Carroll-Jones by bringing 4 squares of dancers. Let's return the favor in November.

Mainstream lessons are in full swing and we have seen new students at each of the first three sessions. We do need angels to

dance the boy's part since all our students are female.

In September, you voted to set aside our normal business agenda in October and devote the meeting to reviewing our financial position and the SOS committee presentation. You may be reading this after Oct 11 (I am writing before then) and it is my hope that the club will be able to agree to take some specific steps to increase our income. We may have differing perspectives on the club's financial health but we can probably all agree that some more income would be a good thing, especially if we have fun along the way. Let's focus on this area of agreement and move ahead.

Happy Dancing
Don Carlson,
President



Happy Hopper Square Dance Club - Marysville, WA

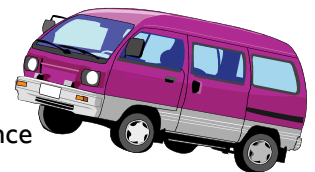
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Hoppers Dance Schedule

Date	Caller	Theme	Hosts	Kitchen	Decorations
11/5	Randy Dibble	Fall Harvest	Orona/LaMontagne	Homme	Camardo
11/19	Kevin Thomaier	Hawaiian Thanksg.	Hardy/Walker	Schirmer	Orona
12/3	John Corrigan	Winter Green Prom.	Hawkinson	Nelson	Streeter
12/17	John & Wendy Syrstad	Christmas with Santa	Cottle	Armit	Ewing
1/7/12	Susan Morris	Snow Day Level	Johnson	Deal	Schirmer
1/21	Weber/Haslett	Comic Book Night	Orona/Hazelett	Nelson	Carlson
2/4	Kevin Thomaier	Sweetheart Ball	Fischer	Hardy/Walker	Lucas?Baron
2/18	Rem Remington	Graduation Pie Party	Tompkins	Scalzo/Jeschke	Camardo
3/3	Mike Sikorsky	March Madness (Plus)	Cottle		Chapman
		Mainstream	Knudson	Jeschke/Cheever/Castle	Phillips
3/17	Adam Christman	St. Patrick's	P. Hess & girls	Newman	Thompson
4/7	Doug Davis	The April Fool	Armit	Camardo	Streeter
4/21	Steve Noseck	55th Anniversary	Homme		Cheever/Castle
5/5	Dave Knien	Cinco de Mayo	Orona/LaMontagne	Ewing	Thompson
5/19	Randy Dibble	50's Sock Hop	Tompkins	Haverty	Price
6/2	Hunter Keller	Strawb. Dance (Plus)	Chapman	Jeschke	Hawkinson
		Mainstream	Newman	Hazlett/Davis	Hawkinson

2011-2012 Outgoing Caravan Schedule

Date	Club	Caller	Cuer	Theme
10/28/2011	Samena Squares	Susan Morris		Halloween/Costume LEVEL
11/1/2011	Dudes & Dolls	Scott Coon	Debbie Taylor	Support Our Troops
11/18/2011	Fidalgo Fogcutters	Brent Mawdsley		Prawn Dinner PLUS
12/2/2011	Square Crows	Jim Hatrick		
1/14/2012	Fern Bluff Squares	Ray Gallagher	Linda Nold	Tiki Torch Luau
2/11/2012	Rainbow Squares	Brent Mawdsley		Brent Does Broadway
2/25/2012	Whidbey Whirlers	Steve Noseck	Bob Berka	Soup Dance
3/9/2012	K-9 Corps	Dave Knein		PLUS
3/31/2012	Sky Valley Whirlwinds	Steve Noseck		PLUS
4/15/2012	Freewheelers	Guest Caller	Debbie Taylor	April Showers
5/11/2012	Mt. Baker Singles	Dave Harry	Bob Berka	Sombrero Dance



Incoming Caravans

- 11/5/2011: Sky Valley Whirlwinds
- 11/19/2011: Samena Squares & Freewheelers
- 3/2/1012: Whidbey Whirlers
- 3/17/2012: Stanwood Sashayers
- 4/7/2012: Checkerboard Squares
- 6/2/2012: K-9 Corps & Mt. Baker Singles
- TBA: Dudes & Dolls

Lessons Update

Our lessons are off to a great start! We have 9 students registered and 34 angels. Class Coordinators Evelyn Orona and Melody Scalzo want to thank all the angels for their help! Check out the helpful tips on "angeling" listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Winthrop Weekend

Congratulations to us (the Hoppers) for winning the "Boot" at Winthrop for having the second largest Club representation!

Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at Gleneagle Country Club. Doug Newman is coordinating again this year.

2011-2012 Officers

President:

Don & Snookie Carlson



Vice President:

Michael & Patti Deal

Treasurer:

Frank Rousseau & Jean Raymond

Secretary:

Shannon & Jeff Camardo

Trustee at Large:

Steve & Carol Tompkins

Newsletter Submissions:

Please send articles you would like in "H Cubed" to Michael Deal at real-deal167@yahoo.com. Deadline is the second Tuesday of the month. (same as the club meeting date) Also, please let me know of any changes in your email address.

Membership Update

Do you have a new Address, Phone Number or E-Mail Address? Please either e-mail Jennifer Knudson at gjknudson@juno.com or call 360-658-7794. Thank you, Jennifer

Council Delegate Report



- New State Officers were installed on September 17th. Nominations are being accepted for next year's State officers for one year terms. Contact Gailyn Ploeg for more info.
- The featured speaker at this year's Leadership Seminar (in July, after Nationals) will be Steve Noseck.
- The Spring 2012 Council Dance, hosted by the Woodinville Square Crows, will be on March 31. Caller: Doug Davis and a Friend. Cues: Randy & Marie Preskitt. Location: Heatherwood Middle School. The Shirts & Skirts will be providing refreshments. Cost is \$8 pre-sale and \$10 at the door.
- Melody Scalzo has tickets for the Fall Council Dance on October 29, and Entertainment Books for North Puget Sound and Seattle/Eastside are for \$25.
- All positions for Mt Baker Council board are open for election in April except Area Delegate. Contact Gailyn Ploeg if you are interested.
- The KCTS pledge drive has been confirmed. The date is Saturday, December 10, from 4:30-8:30 (2nd Saturday of the month). Dinner will be provided. Twenty five volunteers are needed; square dance attire is recommended. To sign up contact Sally Buckingham.
- Jim Burnside is needing recommendation letters for the Ila Williams Award.
- The State has made window clings that advertise square dancing. Cost is \$1 per sticker. See Gailyn or Ron Ploeg to purchase a sticker.

Wreath Making

The annual wreath making get-together will be on Saturday, November 12th at Jean & Frank's Tree Farm. Festivities start at 9:00 am. Bring old rings, new ones cost \$1.25, and bring greens if you have them. Please bring soup or dessert for a potluck. Call or email Jean & Frank for directions.



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Being a Class Angel

BE ON TIME- You may be the cause of three other couples sitting out during a teaching tip.

BE OBSERVANT- Make sure that every student is in a square during the teaching tip. BUT don't wait for them to square up - Invite them to your square.

LET THE CALLER RUN THE CLASS- Don't take it upon yourself to start splitting couples. When it is time to break up a group or separate a couple, the caller will indicate this by his or her teaching methods.

DO NOT TALK IN THE SQUARE when the caller is giving instructions. Learning to listen to the caller's commands requires concentration. No person can listen to two persons at a time. All should be listening to the same caller.

DANCING STYLES- Some dancing styles that dancers have adopted are out of place in class. Basics should be kept in pure form. The proper Do Sa Do, hand and arm holds, a quick touch to acknowledge position, and no short cuts will ensure new dancers of the proper position for the next call.

ANGELS ARE HELPERS, NOT PUSHERS- Students must learn to react to each command. To gently guide someone is fine, but we accomplish nothing for the student if he or she has been pushed through an action and doesn't know what was supposed to be done. Angels' action should be firm but gentle.

LET THE CALLER KNOW if a dancer has not grasped the concept of a call after a reasonable time. The caller can review the call during the next tip. It is not a good idea to "teach" a call during a break. The student needs the time to relax and clear the mind. What if you teach it wrong?

DRESS FOR STUDENTS- Do not encourage students to "go right out" and buy square dance clothing. As you know, women's clothing can be expensive. Their first dance will be soon enough.

DO NOT TAKE DANCERS TO DANCES THAT ARE ABOVE THEIR DANCING EXPERIENCE-

You will be surprised how many times club members tell students "Come on, we will pull you through." This will discourage many new dancers. Your caller will let them know when there is a dance at their experience level. Now is your chance to join them where both of you can have fun together.

FRIGHTENED- Square dancing is a frightening experience. Keep in mind at all times with new students even after they "graduate". Every time a mistake is made, they think they caused it.

DANCE WITH THEM- Do you want to keep the new students in your club? Then you must dance with them, talk with them during breaks, and encourage them. One of the biggest complaints heard from new dancers is that they are not sure the old club members want them.

In the case of an emergency in a square: Dancers surround the dancer who needs the assistance, joins hands and raise them in the air to let the caller know there is a problem.

