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Newsletter for April 2007

Howdy!



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If April showers bring May's flowers then we will be buried in blossoms a month from now. Fortunately, after a week of rain the skies have cleared in time for our dance tonight. We're making our annual pilgrimage to Canterbury so don't just stand there telling tales -- make a good knight of it and don't miller around - get thee in a square and dance!

Annual Meeting Potluck Dinner

Our Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 6-9 p.m. at Alma Derway's cottage on Columbia Lake. Contact Alma for directions. The main business of the meeting is to elect next year's Executive Board (see below)

Executive Board Nominations

Thanks to our Nominating Committee -- consisting of Zoe Leibowitz and her super powers of persuasion, we have the following nominees for the 2007/08 Executive Board:

President: John & Alice Kolega
Programming: Burt & Jeanne Starkey
Treasurer: Al Macke
Secretary: Fred Rick
CASDC Rep: Joan Weatherford
Hospitality: Chuck & Noreen Morgan
Publicity: Warren Bliss
Special Events: Jerry Leibowitz

Dues are Due

May marks the beginning of our new year so it's time to pay annual dues. You can give the money to Al Macke at the annual meeting or at one of the dances. You can also mail the payment to Al Macke at 262 Clubhouse Road, Lebanon, CT 06249.

Chuck, Noreen and Larry Join in on "Les Jois de Quebec"

An Evening of Canadian music by the French- Canadian/Irish band "Les Jois de Quebec" will be presented by Eastern Connecticut State University next Thursday April 26 at 7:00PM in Room 110 of the Webb Building. Featuring 16 fiddle players, the show includes Windham Whirlers' Chuck and Noreen Morgan on fiddle and guitar, and former Windham Whirler Larry Boisvert on harmonica. During the intermission Bev York of the Windham Textile & History Museum, will present a lecture-slide presentation: "Migration of Canadian Workers to Willimantic"

New Web Site/E-mail for CASDC

The problems with the CASDC website have been solved, there is a new web page and new e-mail address.

The CASDC website is located at <http://www.casdc.net>

The new CASDC e-mail address is casdc_ctsquare@yahoo.com.

Please pass this information along, if you have any questions on this speak to Fred.

Travel Nights/Banner Raids

Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29: New England Square and Round Dance Convention

The 49th New England Convention is scheduled for April 26-29, 2007 at the Sheraton and Marriott hotels in downtown Springfield, Massachusetts. We have been told that the problems with the floors have been resolved; there will be wood floors in all the halls.

Among the highlights of the convention will be a special after-hours dance on Friday Evening from 11:15 p.m.-1 a.m. featuring callers Ted Lizotte and Paul Cote and cuer Bev Mackay. There will be separate Round dance parties, progressive squares and dances for all levels from beginner to C1 throughout the convention.

Other Travel suggestions for April/May: unless otherwise noted dances start at 8, 7:30 Rounds:

Saturday, April 21: Manchester SDC is Club of the Month-East. Caller: Ed Foote, cuer: Roy Williams; early rounds at 7:30. Plus level dance.

Saturday, April 21: Hayloft Steppers: Caller Matt Auger, Cuer: Leo Boudreau, Mainstream Dance. No early Rounds.

Saturday, May 5: Hayloft Steppers Mayflower Dance: Caller: Ken Ritucci, cuer: Birgit Maguire. MS/PL. No early Rounds.

Friday, May 11: South Windsor Pizza Night: Caller: Everett Mackin, cuer: Roy Williams.

National Square Dance Convention

The 56th National Square Dance Convention will be in Charlotte, NC June 27-30, 2007. We'll provide more details as soon as they are available.

CASDC Mini Festival

CASDC will host a Mini festival in October 2007 at New Horizons in Farmington CT on Sunday October 14, 2007. We'll provide details as soon as they are available.

Quiet Corner Contra Dance Season

The next dance of the 2006-2007 Quiet Corner Contra Dance (QCCD) season will be Saturday, May at 8 p.m. (lesson at 7:30). The caller is Ralph Sweet; live music provided by White Squall. The dance is at the Hampton Congregational Church at 256 Main Street (on Rte. 97) in Hampton, CT. QCCD is asking for contributions to their dessert potluck at the break.

Shindigs and Hoedowns at the Powder Mill Barn

Ralph Sweet is calling Contra Dances at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville on the 4th Sunday of each month through June. Ralph is also calling and hosting a series of "Hoedowns at the Barn" on the 2nd Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. thru June. The series will take place featuring mostly square dancing to live music with the Barn Band. This will be a fun-level but fast-moving dance that uses the same basics as contra dancing; Ralph is expecting some new people will be joining each night so he might be "doing a mite more teaching than usual" during the early part of the evening. There will also be a couple of contra dances and waltzes-- this is a good chance to introduce some new beginners to both square and contra dancing. For contact information: phone 860-749-4494, e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com or check the website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

Round Dance Lessons with Jo Yakimowski

Jo Yakimowski is teaching Round Dance at the North End Senior Center in East Hartford Thursday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. Beginner phases from 7-8;

intermediate/advanced from 8-9:30. For more information and directions see <http://fhrick.net/SWSDC/SW-Rounds-2007.pdf> or speak to Fred Rick.

In May We're Club of the Month!

Our May dance is scheduled for Friday, May 18 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Bob Smith; Cuer: Bev Mackay. Hosts: Alice Leibowitz & Fred Rick. This is the Ice Cream Social Dance -the club will provide ice cream, carrots and crackers.

In June We End the Season on a High Note

Our June dance is scheduled for Friday, June 8 (note: second Friday of the month) at the Sweeney School. Caller: John Hendron, Cuer: Birgit Maguire. Hosts: Chuck & Noreen Morgan. Refreshments: **Sandwiches:** Bernie Brisson & Elaine Macke; **Fruit:** Jeanne Starkey & Noreen Morgan; chips, cookies & punch provided by club.