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Newsletter for September-October 2007

Howdy!



Welcome back, we hope you all had a great summer. It's hard to believe but we're already on our second dance for the 2007/08 season. We begin the year on a sad note, saying good-bye to Paul Trowbridge (dancing with Doris in the picture to the left), but also with the hope that we continue to enjoy dancing and friendship for another year. So, get in a square and smile, because we're sure Paul has a

camera on us somewhere, and get in a square!

Paul Trowbridge

Paul Trowbridge, a long time member of the Windham Whirlers passed away earlier this month after a brief illness; he was 89. Paul had been a caller and was a member of several clubs, including the old Norwich club, prior to joining the Windham Whirlers soon after our club formed. In addition to serving in several Executive Board positions, Paul also was an avid photographer and later videographer. Paul would regularly video Windham dances and had them aired on the community channel (channel 14 in this area) as a way of publicizing square dancing.

Paul also was an auto racing enthusiast; using the name "Paul Tremaine" he broadcast a report on WILI in Willimantic for years. After the station reduced his airtime to a few 40-second reports, he and his friend Andy Maine decided to find a new way to get race results to the fans. They would go from one racetrack to another, gather up the results and then set up a system of answering machines that regularly delivered racing results to race fans, long before the Internet or Cable or Satellite Radio. Paul

was honored for his service to the sport by being inducted into the New England Auto Racers Hall of Fame in 2004.

Although ill health forced Paul and Doris to stop dancing a few years ago Paul still kept in touch with current and former members of the club -- attending the annual potluck dinner/annual meetings, maintaining their membership in the Windham Whirlers; and at the weekly gatherings at the Willimantic Burger King on Main Street. Paul continued to meet with friends there until a few weeks before his death.

His friends here at the Windham Whirlers remember his keen wit and sharp sense of humor - he could always make us smile. We will miss him. Our hearts and prayers are with Doris and the Trowbridge family.

2007/08 Dance Schedule

The latest draft of next year's schedule is printed in the back of the newsletter distributed at the dance and available online at <http://fhrick.net/Dances2007-08.html>.

Refreshment Schedule

Is included in the newsletter; if you have any questions, concerns, please speak to Noreen Morgan. The Refreshment Schedule is also available online at <http://fhrick.net/WWRefreshments07-08.pdf>.

Travel Nights/Banner Raids for October/November

Official Travel Night:

Saturday, October 27: Manchester Square Dance Club Ghosts and Goblins Dance.
Caller: Bill Mager; Cuer: Bev Mackay (7:30 Rounds) 8-10:30 p.m.

Other Travel Possibilities (all dances 8-10:45, 7:30 Rounds)

Friday, October 26: South Windsor Square Dance Club, Trick or Treat Dance.
Caller: Bill Mager, Cuer: Steve Garrett

Friday, November 9: South Windsor Square Dance Club, Veteran's Day Dance.
Caller: Charlie McLeod, Cuer Jo Yakimowski

Friday, November 30: South Windsor Square Dance Club, National caller Dayle Hodge; Cuer: Birgit Maguire

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.

Thread City String Band Continues World Tour in Hampton

The Thread City String Band featuring Windham Whirlers Chuck & Noreen Morgan and Larry Boisvert will provide the live music at the next Quiet Corner Contra Dance in Hampton on Saturday, November 3. Erica Weiss will call the dance. See below for the QCCD Schedule for this season.

2007-2008 Quiet Corner Contra Dance season

Dances are held at the Hampton Congregational Church at 256 Main St in Hampton, CT (on Rte. 97). Dances begin at 8 p.m. with beginners' lessons from 7:30-8.

11/03/07 Erica Weiss calling with Thread City String Band playing

12/01/07 Tori Barone calling with 1st Time String Band playing

01/05/08 Ralph Sweet Calling with neo-contras playing

02/02/08 Tom Roby calling with GET REEL! playing

03/01/08 Christine Hale calling with Becky Miller and Norb Spencer playing

04/05/08 Steve Holland calling with Polymorphous String Band playing

05/03/08 Bill Fischer calling with TBD playing

06/07/08 Dan Pearl calling with TBD playing

Powder Mill Barn Contra Dances

Contra Dances at the powder Mill Barn will resume on start the fall season on Sunday, October 29 with "Notorious" featuring Eden MacAdam Somer on fiddle, and Larry Unger on Guitar. Ralph Sweet calling. The Powder Mill Barn Contra Dances are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville from 7-10 p.m. Admission \$8.00; light refreshments available; guests are encouraged to bring some goodies to share! Directions: from I-91 take Exit 47E, go about 2.5 miles. In the center of Hazardville, (Valero Station on left) take a RIGHT onto South Maple Street; go down hill, look for the Red Barn on right just before narrow bridge. For more information contact Ralph Sweet at 860-749-4494; e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com; or go to the website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

Don't Be a Turkey! Come to our November Dance!

Our next dance is scheduled for Friday, November 16 at the Sweeney School. Caller:

Bruce McCue; Cuer: Bev Mackay. The theme is Pie Night, the hosts are Alice Kolega and Joan Weatherford. The clubs will purchase pies; Veggies: Dale Dyer.

Don't Be a Scrooge, Come Dance in December!

Our December dance is scheduled for Friday, December 21 at the Sweeney School (location may be changed, check the next newsletter). Caller: John Hendron; Cuer: Bev Mackay. Hosts: Jeanne & Burt Starkey. All members are encouraged to bring finger foods.