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Newsletter for September 2008

Howdy!



Welcome Back!

We hope you've all had a great summer; it's time to get back into the dance season with our first dance tonight in the Sweeney School. Today is *International Talk Like a Pirate Day* (no, seriously, it is) so we're celebrating with Root Beer Floats - OK, it doesn't have to make sense just enjoy them and don't ask questions.

So, avast ye mateys, get on board and motivate yerself wit' seven other landlubbers, there be some dancin' to do - that's pirate talk for it's time to get in a square and dance!

Summer News (while we were away)

We had ten squares at our Wednesday night dance with South Windsor on June 18 - caller Rick Hampton and cuer Jo Yakimowski kept the crowd on their feet most of the evening and everyone had a great time. Special thanks to all the folks at South Windsor for doing the lion's share of the work and for our own crew, especially Al Macke who manned the door and kept the finances in order throughout the evening.

Our Annual Picnic was held on Sunday, August 3 at the Starkeys. We didn't have a huge turnout but everyone who came enjoyed great food and great company. Thanks to Jeanne and Burt for hosting the event.

Kay & Art Say Hello

Actually, Kay Cote sent me a note via e-mail last May and I haven't had a chance to

post it yet. I apologize for the delay but I seem to have spent most of the summer in a haze. Kay wrote:

I receive The Windham Whirlers news letter each month. My husband & I joined the club in 1979 and it became an important part of our lives, We have made many close friends there who we still keep in touch with. Ernie & Bernie Brisson visited us in our home in Titusville Fl. this Feb. and they were lucky enough to see a shuttle launch while they were here. Titusville is directly across from the launch pads @KSC. on the Indian River. I Checked out THE WINDHAM WHIRLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB on the net today. Good Job. The Morgans and Larry Boisvert are good friends of mine. I will check it often.

*Sincerely,
Kay Cote*

Refreshment Schedule Correction

Bernie & Ernie Brisson should be listed as the hosts for the December dance, not Jeanne & Burt Starkey. The correct version of the Refreshment Schedule is available on our website at <http://fhrick.net/windhamwhirlers.html>.

Dues are Still Due

Membership dues are still \$10 per person, if you haven't paid yet now is as good a time as any. So dos-si-do with the dough to Al Macke tonight or mail a check to Al at 262 Clubhouse Road, Lebanon, CT 06249.

CASDC New England Convention Kickoff Dance

CASDC will sponsor a New England Square & Round Dance Convention 'Kickoff Dance' n Sunday, October 26 from 2-5 PM at New Horizons Village located at 37 Bliss Road in Farmington, CT. For more information, check the CASDC website at <http://www.casdc.net/>.

Round Dance Lessons

Bev Mackay

Bev is offering Round Dance lessons at the Farmington Community Center on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 16. The schedule will be: 6:30 - 7:15 - Two-Step; 7:15 - 8:00 - Jive; 8:00 - 9:30 - Rhythms. For more information contact Bev at bnbrounds@comcast.net

Sue Lucibello

Sue Lucibello will begin Round Dance Lessons on Thursday evenings starting Thursday, September 18, in the Middlefield Community Center, CT Rt-157 in Middlefield. Here is the schedule: Beginners' class, Two-Step & Waltz, at 6:15 PM; Intermediate Class, Rumba Cha-Cha & Waltz at 7:30 PM. For more information contact Sue at slucibello@msn.com

A1 lessons at South Windsor

South Windsor is sponsoring A1 Lessons with caller Steve Garrett on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30. The lessons started with a Fun Nite last week and continue at \$5 per week beginning Tuesday, September 23. Dancers need a year's experience at the Plus level. Lessons are held at the East Hartford North End Senior Center, 30 Remington Rd, East Hartford. Remington Rd is off highway 5 (Main St, E. Hartford) about a mile north of the downtown area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Garrett at 860-961-2630.

Everett Mackin

We are sad to report that Everett Mackin has retired from Square Dancing due to illness. We will miss Everett's smooth calling and gracious manner. All of us Windham send Everett Mackin and his family and we will keep them in our prayers.

Chuck & Noreen Continue World Tour

Chuck & Noreen's group, Perfect Partners & Friends be opening for Dusty Adams Country & Bluegrass show at the Woodstock Grange on Oct. 11 (starting at 7:15). For more information speak to Chuck & Noreen or you can visit their website at <http://www.geocities.com/chuckmrgn@att.net/music.html>. Chuck & Noreen's other group - the Thread City String Band will be performing at the October 4 Quiet Corner Contra Dance, see below for more information.

Quiet Corner Contra Dances

The new season begins on Saturday, October 4, with Christine Hale calling and Thread City String Band (featuring Windham Whirlers Noreen & Chuck Morgan and Larry Boisvert) playing. Instruction starts at 7:30 p.m., the dances begin at 8:00pm. Dances are held at the Hampton Congregational Church located at 256 Main St, (Route 97) in Hampton CT. Beginner dancers are always welcome; no partner is necessary. All dances are taught. Bring soft-soled shoes and water for drinking and, if you can, bring something to share for our FAMOUS dessert potluck at the break.

Here is the rest of the Quiet Corner Contra Dance Schedule for 2008-09 (always subject to change, we'll update as needed):

- 11-1-08 Bill Fischer calling with The Neo Contras playing
- 12-6-08 (Caller TBD) with 1st Time String Band playing
- 1-03-09 Jim Gregory calling with (Band TBD)
- 2-7-09 Tom Roby calling with Matching Orange playing
- 3-7-09 Ralph Sweet calling with White Squall playing
- 4-04-09 Steve Holland calling with Thread City String Band playing

5-02-09 (Caller TBD) with Neo-Contras playing

6-06-09 (Caller TBD) with 1st Time String Band playing

For more information contact Susan at 860-933-3586 for more info, or check on the web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QuietCornerContraDance>

Shindigs at the Powder Mill Barn

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! The first dance of this season is set for October 26 with the Barn Band (Sue Hill, fiddle, and Linda Thomas, piano) and Ralph Sweet calling contras and some squares. More details will follow as the date gets closer. 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.

CASDC News

By Frank Lussier

Cheshire Cats are dancing on Sunday, September 21, and not on September 20 as previously listed in error. Sorry for the error. I neglected to type in the Sunday date.

Friendly Squares will dance at 7:30 PM on Saturday, September 27, at the United Methodist Church, 38 Edgemont Road in Katonah, NY. Mike Callaghan will call the 27th dance and Rick & Rosina Wagenhoffer will cue. Both dances will be alternating MS/PL with an A1 after tip.

Hayloft is sponsoring MS, PL & A1 Lessons Sunday evenings beginning Sunday, September 28, at the Hayloft Barn in Sturbridge, MA with Bill Mager calling. MS at 6 PM, Plus at 7 PM and A1 at 8 PM. Angels are welcome free at their level of proficiency. Contact: Moe Bracken at 508-867-8036 or at brackenm@charter.net. Prior to the start of these lessons Hayloft is sponsoring two free Fun Nites at 6 PM on Sunday, September 14 and 21, at the Hayloft Barn.

Manchester SDC will hold lessons at 6:30 PM, prior to their dances, on Saturdays beginning Saturday, September 20, at the 2nd Cong. Church on No. Main St. in Manchester with Bill Mager calling. Info: Charlie Kingsbury at 860-643-6631 or Dick & Jeanne Wright at 860-643-9375.

South Windsor will sponsor Beginner Square Dance Lessons at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays, beginning October 15, at the North End Senior Center in East Hartford

with Bob Smith calling. Contacts: Dana/Gail at 860-745-7831 or Brian/Lois at 860-872-9984.

Stratford will hold their September and October dances. Unfortunately the club will fold following their 57th Anniversary October dance.

Valley Squares will hold a Fun Nite at 7:30 PM on Thursday, September 11, at the Congregational Church, on the Green, in Huntington (Shelton) with Al Brozek calling.

Peg Millar will cue **Valley Squares** September 26 dance.

Frank L.

Recipes of the Month

Here are some recipes from recent dances that were a hit with everyone. Renee Taylor of South Windsor was kind enough to pass along two recipes provided to her by Lynn Jason of Surfside 8 and Renee added one recipe of her own - if you have any of your own, please feel free to send them in.

Oreo Balls

1 pkg. Oreo cookies (crushed)
1 8oz pkg. cream cheese softened
2 cups choc. chips melted. (added 2 tbs. shortening to make choc. thinner)

Mix crushed cookies with cream cheese. Can use mixer, it's less messy. Melt choc. chips. You can use a (small) scoop to make small balls and then dip them into choc. Lift out with metal spoon. Put on waxed paper and refrigerate. Enjoy!

Pecan Cream Cheese Squares

1 pkg. (18 1/4 oz) yellow cake mix
3 eggs
1/2 butter softened
2 cups chopped pecans
1 8 oz pk. of cream cheese softened
3 2/3 cups confectioners sugar

In one mixing bowl, combine cake mix, 1 egg and butter. Stir in pecans: mix well. Press into a greased 13x9x2 in. baking pan. In another mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and remaining eggs until smooth. Pour over pecan mixture. Bake at 350 for 45-55 min. or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack; cut into squares. Store in refrigerator; yield: 3 doz.

Recipes Cont'd:

Renee's Whole Wheat Banana Bread

Cream 1 stick butter and 1 cup brown sugar (can be replaced with oil for butter or use applesauce). Add 2 eggs, 1 c. buttermilk and 1.5 to 2 c. pureed ripe banana, liquefied and 1 tsp. vanilla.

Mix dry ingredients: 2 c. white whole wheat flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. oat bran, 1 c. ground walnuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. oat bran, 2 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. ground coriander. Can add up to 1 c. grated zucchini/carrots to dry ingredients. Mix dry and liquids together and bake 350 degree oven in a greased 9 x 12 pan for about an hour or until the knife comes out clean.

See You in October, at Sweeney

Our October dance is scheduled for Friday, October 17 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Will Larsen (this is a schedule change); Cuer: Jo Yakimowski. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Barbara Clayton & Warren Bliss; Sandwiches: Bernie Brisson & Jeanne Starkey; Desserts: Alice Kolega & Zoe Leibowitz; Veggies or Fruit: Dale Dyer; chips will be provided by the club.

Don't be a Turkey, Come Dance and have some Pie with us in November!

Our November dance will be on Friday, November 21 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Jim DeNigris; Cuer: Kathy Bryant. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Jeanne & Burt Starkey; the club will provide the pies and crackers; Veggies: Warren Bliss