

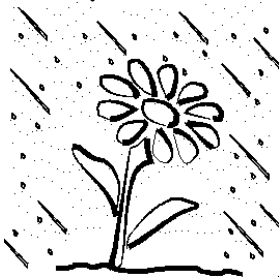
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Newsletter for April 2006

Howdy!



They say April showers bring May flowers although there hasn't been a lot of rain lately, we are just happy to finally see and feel some spring-like weather. We have survived another winter and it's good to see the sun. Even out here in Canterbury. But no matter where you are, there is no better way to celebrate the season (any season, come to think of it) than to square up and start dancing!

Annual General Meeting/Potluck Dinner

Our Annual General Meeting/Potluck Dinner will be held at Alma Derway's lake house in Columbia on May 10. If it is too cold for the lake, Alma will host the event at her home. Call Alma for directions and more information. Among the items on the agenda for the evening are the officers' annual reports and the election of next year's Executive Board.

Slate for Next Year's Executive Board

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2006/07 year:

President: Fred Rick and Alma Derway
Program: Burt and Jeanne Starkey
Treasurer: Al and Elaine Mackey
Secretary: Ethel Lusky
Hospitality: Noreen and Chuck Morgan
Publicity: Gloria and Bob Lee
Special Events: Jerry Leibowitz
Association Rep: Pat Powers and Alice Leibowitz

Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting on May 10 when the Executive Board will be chosen by the club.

Travel Night for May

Friday, May 5: **Sound Steppers 40th Anniversary Dance** in Clinton, CT. We haven't visited there in a long time, so perhaps we should plan on carpooling. The CASDC calendar shows two callers, Ed Ruddy and Will Larsen, with Liz Becker cueing. For more information contact Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz.

Other Dances of note in April/May

Saturday, April 22: Manchester. Dance begins at 8 p.m.; Early Rounds at 7:30

Caller: Bruce McCue; Cuer: Steve Garrett

Saturday, May 6: Hayloft Steppers Mother's Day Dance. Dance begins at 8 p.m., no Early Rounds. Caller: Bill Mager; Cuer: Birgit Maguire

Saturday, May 13: Glastonbury: Dance begins at 8 p.m.; Early Rounds at 7:30.

Caller: Ed Ruddy; Cuer: Liz Becker

CASDC dance in October

CASDC is sponsoring a dance on Sunday, October 22 from 1-6p.m. The dance will be held at the New Horizons in Farmington featuring local callers and cuers. Admission is \$10.00; Pat Powers has the ribbons and more information.

Thread City String Band Continues World Tour

The Thread City String Band is performing at two upcoming dances: Saturday April 29, 8:00 PM square dance (eastern style) at the Tolland Grange and Saturday May 6, 8:00 PM contra dance at the Chaplin Grange. Bob Livingston is calling both dances. No dancing experience required. The Thread City String Band consists of two fiddles, guitar, harmonica, and bass fiddle, and includes Windham Whirlers Chuck & Noreen Morgan as well as former member Larry Boisvert. In addition to dances, the band which has been together about 10 years, also entertains at all kinds of events with a wide variety of music styles from old fiddle tunes to country and early rock and roll. For more info call Chuck at 423-5403 (e-mail chckmrqn@juno.com) or go to <http://www.windhamarts.org/mambo/content/view/43/> Come out and support a local band and enjoy some old time dancing.---Regards, Chuck

Next Year's Schedule in the Works

Our Programmer Burt Starkey is putting the finishing touches on next year's schedule and we'll send it out as soon as it is ready. Our first dance of the 2006/07

season will be on Friday, September 15 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Bill Mager; Cuer: Bev Mackay.

February Potluck Dinner Hosted by Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz

We neglected to mention in the last newsletter that the club's annual potluck dinner was held on February 9 at Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz's home in Storrs. Unfortunately, the event was planned at the last minute and we were unable to notify all the club members. However, most of the club did attend and a good time (and a good meal) was had by all. Special thanks to Zoe & Jerry for their hospitality, and for volunteering to host the event on very short notice.

CASDC News

By Frank Lussier

The May **CASDC Board Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, and not May 14 as listed in the May Dance Listing. May 14 is Mothers' Day. Your scheduler goofed.

A longtime member of the Valley Squares, Gert Lambe, died this week. She was also an avid round dancer dancing at many CT clubs. Services will be held at St. James Church on Minerva Street, in Derby on April 22 at 11 AM. Cards may be sent to her daughter, Joyce DiMauro, 30 Tran Drive, Oxford, CT 06478.

Contra Dances

The April Shindig at the **Powder Mill Barn** will be on Sunday, April 30, 7-10 p.m. Admission \$8.00. Ralph Sweet calling contras and squares with live music provided by *Dark Carnival* featuring Lise Brown (of "Big Bandemonium") on flute and sax, Mary Lea on fiddle, and Peter Barnes, piano. Mary and Peter have made many CD's, and played in many famous bands, most notably "Yankee Ingenuity." For more information call 860-749-4494 or e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com or visit the Powder Mill Barn website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

The next dance of the 2005-2006 **Quiet Corner Contra Dance (QCCD)** season is coming up Saturday May 6 at 8pm (teach at 7:30pm) with Bob Livingston calling and the Thread City String Band (featuring Windham Whirlers Chuck & Noreen Morgan and Larry Boisvert - see story above) playing at the Chaplin Grange in Chaplin, CT. QCCD hopes that you can make this next dance of the 2005-2006 season; they are also asking people to bring a little something to share during the break. For more information contact QCCD Coordinator Rich Donavan by e-mail at donovr@yahoo.com or call 860 455 1385.

Plus Workshops Continue into the Summer

Bob Smith is currently conducting Plus classes/workshops at the North End Senior Center in East Hartford every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 thru May 24. Bill Mager will take over the class and continue throughout the summer beginning on June 7. The classes are sponsored by South Windsor, but dancers from all clubs are welcome. For more information, see Fred Rick or check the website for directions at <http://fhrick.net/SWSDC/Lessons.html>.

First Thursday Summer Rounds Party in East Hartford

South Windsor is sponsoring summer Round Dance parties during the summer on the first Thursday of each month from 7-9 p.m. beginning on May 4. Steve Garrett is cuing. Round Dance parties will be held on June 1, July 6 and August 3 from 7-9 p.m. For more information, speak to Fred Rick or go to <http://fhrick.net/SWSDC/Lessons.html>.

In May We'll Dance Our Way Back Home

Our May dance is on Friday, May 19 at the Sweeney School 8-10:15, Rounds begin at 7:30. We're Club of the Month! Caller: Jim Denegris; cuer: Liz Becker. Hosts: Bernie & Ernie Brisson. This is our Ice Cream Night, no refreshment assignments.

In June We Come Full Circle (Square?)

Our June dance is on Friday, June 9 (the second Friday of the month) at the Sweeney School 8-10:15, Rounds begin at 7:30. Caller: Bill Mager; cuer: Bev Mackay. **Hosts:** Chuck & Noreen Morgan. **Sandwiches:** Elaine Macke & Zoe Leibowitz **Fruit:** Jeanne Starkey, Alma Derway & Noreen Morgan