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Newsletter for September 2006

Howdy!



Hard to believe, but another summer has come and gone. We hope you all had a great summer. Now it's September -time to go back to school and to get ready to rake up the leaves. And, of course, it's time to dance. Tonight we begin our 42nd season of dancing here in Windham -so before you pick up that rake and dust off the sweater - get in a square and dance!

Annual Picnic at the Kolegas

Alice & John Kolega hosted our annual summer picnic on July 23. We were happy to welcome current and former Windham Whirlers for the event. We were also happy to welcome Mary and Clay Pellet. Clay helped us get the Canterbury Community Center for our April dance and has promised to help us get back there next April. As always, the food was good, the company better and the afternoon was capped off with a spirited game of bocce.

Windham and South Windsor's End of Summer Bash

Windham Whirlers co-sponsored an "End of Summer Bash" with the South Windsor Square Dance Club on August 25. Dancers from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island joined us at the South Windsor Community Center for one last summer shindig. Everyone had a great time; we made some new friends and a little bit of money as well.

Travel Nights/Banner Raids

Friday, September 22: Banner Raid on the South Windsor club at the Powder Mill Barn in the Hazardville section of Enfield, CT. Caller: Chris Pinkham, cuer: Steve Garrett; theme: Apple Festival. 8-10:45; early rounds at 7:30.

October travel night: Saturday, October 28 to Manchester's 50th anniversary dance. This is a ticket dance, so please inform Jerry Leibowitz by October 1 if you'd like to attend. Callers: The Hardys; Cuer: Steve Garrett. 8-10:30, early Rounds at 7:30.

Other Dances of Note:

Sunday, September 17: Cheshire Cats: Caller: Red Bates, Cuer: Sandi Everetts; 7-9:45 p.m. at the Cheshire Community Center.

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.

South Windsor Mystery Trip

South Windsor Square Dance Club is hosting a Mystery Trip for interested dancers on Saturday, Oct 7, 2006. The group will meet at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville at 5:00 PM. Dancers will travel to the mystery location and back to the Barn in a 40-passenger school bus (back at the barn around 12:00 AM). The trip is open to SWSDC members; the cost is \$10.00 for travel expense, a medium priced meal on the way and the admission to the dance. At this point there are 6 seats left. If you're interested speak to Fred Rick.

Quiet Corner Contra Dance Season

The first dance of the 2006-2007 Quiet Corner Contra Dance (QCCD) season is coming up Saturday October 7th at 8pm (teach at 7:30pm) with Erica Weiss calling and White Squall playing at the Chaplin Grange in Chaplin, CT. QCCD is asking people to bring a little something to share during the break.

Shindigs at the Powder Mill Barn

The new season of 4th Sunday night contra dances at the Powder Mill Barn begins on September 24. Contrás will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month thru June. Ralph Sweet will be calling September's dance with live music by "Notorious" featuring Larry Unger on guitar and banjo, and Eden MacAdam-Somer on fiddle.

Admission is \$8.00. Light refreshments will be provided but dancers are encouraged to bring some goodies to share! Directions: from I-91, take Exit 47E, continue about 2.5 miles to center of Hazardville, take a RIGHT onto South Maple St at the light (Valero Mart on Left). Go down hill, look for Red Barn on Right, just before narrow bridge. Questions? Phone 860-749-4494, e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com or check the website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

Hoedowns at the Powder Mill Barn

Ralph Sweet is calling and hosting a series of "Hoedowns at the Barn" on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning in September. 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 -- 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.

In October We Dance Around the Great Pumpkin

Our next dance is scheduled for Friday, October 20 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Bruce McCue; Cuer: Bev Mackay. Hosts: Jeanne & Burt Starkey. Refreshments: **Sandwiches:** Alma Derway & Alice Kolega; **Desserts-** Bernie Brisson & Zoe Leibowitz; **Veggies-** Dale Dyer. The club will provide chips and dip.

The November Dance is as Easy as Pie

Our November dance is scheduled for Friday, November 17th at the Sweeney School. Caller: Jim DeNigris; Cuer: Kathy Bryant. Hosts: Alma Derway & Dale Dyer. This is our Pie Night dance; the club will provide pies unless four members want to bake something - let Noreen Morgan know if you're interested. The club will provide veggies & Crackers.