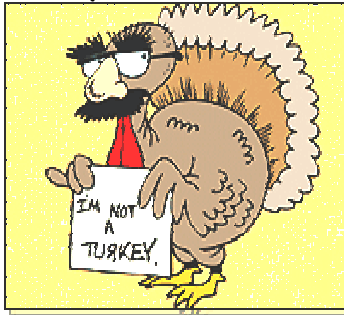


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Newsletter for November 2006

Howdy!



We've survived another Election Day (it's safe to watch TV and listen to the radio again!). Now it's on to Thanksgiving when we pause to give thanks for all our blessings and begin the season of endless consumption of comestibles and mall crawling. So let's get a head start on working off those calories and have some fun before we're stuck in a line at the mall -- get in a square and dance!

Class Continues

We currently have six students in our beginner square dance class. The Executive Board decided to continue the classes as long as there are at least four students attending regularly. We still need male angels or women who can do the man's part. So if you're free on Thursday evenings between 7:30 and 9 p.m. please stop by the North Windham School and angel or just say hello to our students.

Travel Nights/Banner Raids

We don't have an official travel night for November, but here are a few dances of interest coming up next month (dances start at 8 (7:30 Rounds) unless otherwise noted):

Saturday, November 18: **Manchester:** Canned Food Drive: caller: Bill Mager, cuer: Steve Garrett.

Saturday, November 18: **Hayloft Steppers:** "Giving Thanks" dance: caller: Matt Auger; cuer: Leo Boudreau

Sunday, December 3: **Cheshire Cats:** dance begins at 7, no early Rounds.
Caller: Rusty McLean, cuer: Randy Roraback

Friday, December 22: South Windsor dance at the Powder Mill barn in Hazardville/Enfield: Holly & Ivy dance: caller: Steve Xeller; cuer: Jo Yakimowski

Carole O'Leary

We are sad to report that Carole O'Leary passed away on Monday, November 6. A memorial fund in her honor has been set up in her honor; if you wish to contribute to the fund, please send donations to Jack O'Leary at 629 S. Avenue, Nevada, Iowa 50201.

Quiet Corner Contra Dance Season

The next dance of the 2006-2007 Quiet Corner Contra Dance (QCCD) season is coming up Saturday, December 2 at 8pm (teach at 7:30pm) with Dan Pearl calling and the Thread City String Band featuring Windham Whirlers Chuck & Noreen Morgan and Larry Boisvert providing live music at the Chaplin Grange in Chaplin, CT. QCCD is asking people to bring a little something to share during the break.

CASDC News

By Frank Lussier

Valley Squares Friday, December 8, Christmas Blast-Off will be held at 7:45 PM in the Shelton Community Center in Huntington at 41 Church Street, a block from the Congregational Church.

Dragonwood Public Square Dances hopes you will join us this Sunday, November 19, with Pat Push as our featured caller, and Peg Millar providing lines, folk and novelty dances between sets. The dance will be from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the United Methodist Church in Katonah, NY. Admission is \$6.00 per person, and casual attire is acceptable.

If there are any doubts about the weather, you can call the toll-free number for CASDC (Connecticut Association of Square Dance Clubs) at 1-888-571-8831, or log on to their Web site at <http://casdc.fhrick.net> (this is a new temporary address, see below).

The CASDC website has been temporarily moved to <http://casdc.fhrick.net> the old address (<http://www.casdc.org>) does not work. We hope to resolve this in a few weeks and return to the regular address.

Shindigs at the Powder Mill Barn

The next in the series of 4th Sunday Contra Dances at the Powder Mill Barn is on November 26 from 7 - 10 p.m. Live music by The Wild Notes, Ralph Sweet is calling. 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 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.

In December We Spin the Dreidel and Swing a Maidel

Our next dance is scheduled for Friday, December 15 (the first night of Chanukah) at the Sweeney School. Caller: Everett Mackin (substituting for John Hendron) Cuer: Bev Mackay. Hosts: Bernie & Ernie Brisson. We're Club of the Month for December so we have all been asked to bring finger foods for the night.

The January Dance is as Easy as Pizza Pie

Our January dance is scheduled for Friday, January 19th at the Sweeney School. Caller: Everett Mackin; Cuer: Steve Garrett. Hosts: Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz. This is our Pizza Night dance; the club will provide pizza, soda and veggies. Chuck & Noreen will order pizzas from Tony's.