

DANCING CACTUS NEWS

A Newsletter for SARDASA Dancers

December 2007

SARDASA MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 13
7:30 p.m. Dance Center
All Clubs: please send
a representative!

DEADLINE for the
January **ISSUE** of the
DANCING CACTUS NEWS
is Saturday, Dec. 15.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Let's be generous! Donate money for the Community Food Bank and wish your square dancing friends Happy Holidays in the Dancing Cactus News! Please e-mail the names of those who donate to Shirley Maddox by Saturday, December 15, and get the money to Gordon Shipp, SARDASA treasurer.

FESTIVAL COMING SOON!

Dancing 'n Diamonds
January 17-20, 2008
Tucson Convention Center
(Friday and Saturday)
Old Pueblo Dance Hall
(Thursday and Sunday)
Something for everyone!
New dancers, cloggers,
round dancers, Mainstream,
Plus, Advanced, shopping!
Pick up a flyer and register!
This year Tom Miller, Bill
Harrison, and Deborah
Carroll-Jones will be calling.
It's going to be a great time.
Go to www.sardasa.com
and click on Festival to
register! Thank you for
supporting the 60th annual
Southern Arizona Dance
Festival!

FREE SARDASA DANCE **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

COME ONE~~~COME ALL
SOUTHERN AZ~DANCERS
TO THE SARDASA HALL
FROM 7 TO 10 PM

STAFF
SQUARES~DAVE WALKER
ROUNDS~RAY WALZ
CLOGGING~
DUANE STEELE

READ THE FLYER IN THIS
DANCING CACTUS NEWS!

SARDASA **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Make your plans now to attend SARDASA's New Year's Eve Party. It is free to all SARDASA members, and if you are not a current member you can join that evening for \$5.00 a person. Everyone also should bring 2 items to donate to the Community Food Bank. There will be Mainstream square dancing to Rick Gittelman, our round dance cuer will be Tina Wrbanek (Phase 2-4), and Duane Steele will lead the cloggers (easy through intermediate). Many great prizes will be awarded to winners of the Festival's New Year's Eve raffle (see flyer for details), and the silent auction offers some really great bargains. It starts at 9 p.m. Bring your own food/drink. See you there.
Jim Young, SARDASA
Membership Chairman

REMINDER: **BUILDING SECURITY**

Please test each door when locking the building. In the last month doors were closed, but not properly latched, so that someone could have gotten into the building. Also, doors were found unlocked and lights were left on. Thank you for your care when closing the building.
Lynn Ruka,
Building Manager

CLEAN UP DAY **THANK YOU**

Thanks to the following people who came to help on clean up day.
Chuck Bjore
Les & Paula Bol
Marva & Elsin Brittle
Barbara Brokaw
Dave & Betty Confer
Bob & Char Erinstein
Helga Fenimore
Gene & Bev Hansen
Dave & Jan Kenney
Barb Klein
David Lefton
Charley & Shirley Lillard
Lynn & Lorraine Ruka
Jim and Mary Ann Schnitzer
Linda Schultz
Gordon & Wyona Shipp
Jerry & Barbara Snyder
Bernie & Evelyn Weber
Jim & Genny Young
We were able to accomplish quite a bit with just a few good workers.
Lynn Ruka,
Building Manager

SPONSORS' BOARD

The Sponsors' Board is pleased to welcome Morris, Hall & Kinghorn P.L.L.C. to the Sponsors' Board. Returning to the Board are Western Whirlers Square Dance Club, A Handyman's Haven, Mortex Mfg., Inc., George and Ann Stadler, Marion Waudby, Jones Photo, Avon Products (Donna Grieb), Merrill Lynch (Donald Daly), DeVries CPAs of Arizona, Green Valley Squares Square Dance Club, Navigant International (Jan Kenney), Pima Pet Clinic, Lou's Plumbing Supply, Diet Center, Desert Diamond Casino, Ron and Mona Sandefur, Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, C1-ders Square Dance Club, It's Time To Tell Your Story, Voyager RV Resort, Rosa's Mexican Food, Rick-A-Shays Square Dance Club, and Mutt Mobile. We thank all these businesses and individuals for their support. The Festival is almost here. If you have any leads for the Board, please let us know. Dancers who secure sponsors with spaces totaling \$50 receive an All-Events Festival ribbon. Two All-Event ribbons go to those dancers securing spaces totaling \$100. Please keep the Sponsors' Board in mind for birthday gifts and get a present for yourself. Thanks for your help. Happy Holidays to all!

SPECTATOR PROMOTIONS

New Year's Eve is almost here. Once again we will have a fabulous Silent Auction and drawing at the SARDASA New Year's Eve dance. Please see the flyer

included in this issue of Dancing Cactus News. We continue to receive prizes which will be added to the current list, so be sure to get your tickets. They will be available from the Snyder's and Festival Committee members. Spectator Tickets will also be arriving in your mailbox. We will have additional prize drawings during the Festival. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact us. We look forward to seeing you New Year's Eve and at the Festival. Happy Holidays! Jerry and Barbara Snyder

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Once again, the square dance community will be collecting food during the holiday season. Please bring your non-perishables to the SARDASA Center. Thank you for participating. Jerry Snyder

WALZ-A-ROUNDS

Our sessions continue through December 20 and will be dark through the holidays. We will resume all sessions beginning January 7. Be sure to mark your calendar for our Christmas Round Dance Party, Sunday, December 9 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Rincon Country West. Please bring finger food to share. The only changes in the December schedule is Wednesdays at 12:45 will be a Phase 4 workshop on popular dances, starting November 28. Also the basic class at 2:15 will be postponed until January. See the schedule in this issue for the rest of our program. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year. If you have any questions, give us a call or e-mail. Happy Dancing,
Ray & Virginia Walz
520-648-7381
walzdancer@cox.net

RINCON COUNTRY WEST

The Square Dance program is in full swing. Here's our December schedule:
Sunday Mainstream Dance at 7:00 p.m. continues through December 16. We'll be dark (no dance) on December 9, December 23 and December 30.
Monday AM Plus Fun Shop with donuts continues through December 17. No dance on Dec. 24 or 31.
Tuesday AM A-1 Class goes through December 18.
Wednesday Plus Workshop 9:00 a.m. goes through December 12. DARK on the Dec. 19 and Dec. 26.
Wednesday Plus Dance 7:00 p.m. Pre-rounds - 7:30 Plus dance with rounds with Marshall Flippo and Ray Walz, through December 19. Dave Walker will be calling on the 19th.
Thursday DBD Workshop 9:30 a.m. goes through December 20 with Dave Walker doing the workshop December 20.
Beginner Class will be starting on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rec Room at RCW. Be sure to mark your calendars for our special upcoming dances. Shane Greer will be calling a Plus dance on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. February 23 and 24 will be a special dance with Jerry Junck. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Flip, 294-6490

CAVERN PROMENADERS

We are back to our regular schedule, dancing every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Lessons are also on Tuesday beginning at 6:00 p.m. We currently have 16 students in our class. As you know, we no longer host an Anniversary Dance in January, however, the club has asked that we host one final All-Callers Dance for the 2nd Saturday in January.

This dance will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at Cochise Terrace RV Resort in Benson - between the hours of 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Cost of the dance is \$5.00/person. Singles, couples & youth dancers are welcome to attend.

As of this date we have 6 callers signed up, some from out of state.

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

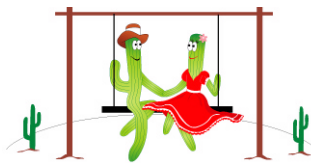


Merry Mixers invites all advanced dancers to join the club each Saturday night. We dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and there are taped rounds between tips. Dave Kenney is our caller. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!
Barbara Snyder, Secretary

PRIME TIME SQUARES

Prime Time Square Dance Class has just completed its first 10 week session and will begin the new session on Thursday, November 29. We have contacted potential students who attended the

free dance on September 6, but did not join the 28 class members in this past session. We welcome any friends, family or acquaintances who would like to take beginning square dance lessons. As in the past, the cost is \$30 for the 10 weeks (\$15 due on November 29 and \$15 due on January 10. Class begins at 7 p.m. and concludes at approximately 8:15 p.m. (We will not be dancing on December 27 and January 17.) We also welcome any regular club members who would like to act as "angels." It's a great way to get to know these class members and encourage them to continue on as members of your club.



Swinging Saguaros

The Swinging Saguaros meet Thursdays at St. Paul's United Methodist Church - 8051 E. Broadway. Everyone is welcome to this friendly Eastside club. You may dress casually or wear square dance attire. The dance costs \$3 per person, and we almost always have refreshments!

Join us each week for our Mainstream dance, with an announced Plus tip, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Come at 6:30 if you'd like to be an angel for our new dancer class. Mark your calendars for a special New Year Gala on Thursday, December 27. It will start at 5:30 with a meal - meat provided by the club - bring a dish to share. Student dance at 6:30

followed by Mainstream with announced Plus from 7:30 - 9, all with our caller Dave Walker! Tickets are \$5 a person for this special fun dance. Please dress in square dance or western attire for this event.

Visit our website for info:
www.swingingsaguaros.com



The Sundancers dance every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in our Sun City Social Hall at 1495 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., Oro Valley. Ron Markus calls Plus Level Squares and cues Round Dancing. Everyone is welcome. Round dance lessons for new dancers will be taught by Ronnie and Bonnie Bond starting on November 26, every Monday through March, in the Dance Studio at the Social Hall building. Classes for new square dancers are Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30. Refresher square dance classes are Mondays at 2:45 in the Social Hall. Visiting Caller Dances along with Ronnie & Bonnie Bond have been booked for three Saturday and one Sunday dance this season. On Saturdays, pre-rounds start at 6:30 followed by Squares at 7:00 p.m. November 24 Jerry Junck January 26 Dan Nordbye February 17 Ken Bower (Rounds at 2 p.m.) March 22 Mike Sikorsky Pre-dance tickets are required for visiting caller dances. Call Darrell & Carmelita Martin at 825-4391 for tickets. If you have any questions, call Bill and Janet Hunter at 818-2927 or write wdh3436@aol.com.

GREEN VALLEY SQUARES

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We dance every Monday evening at Canoa Hills Recreation Center in Green Valley. We dance from 7:00 until 9:00. Currently we do not have any round dancing. We dance Plus level and our caller is Rick Gittelman. Our Annual New Year's Eve dance will be on Dec. 31, 2007 at the West Social Center in Green Valley. Advance reservations are required. Rounds will be with Ronnie and Bonnie Bond and our caller will be Mike Sikorsky. Pre-rounds are at 8:00 and Squares at 8:30. Cost is \$24.00 per person and includes a wonderful buffet. Come and join us for an exceptional evening. Any questions regarding any of our programs please call Sandy McCartney at 520-625-8236.



Western Whirlers Square and Round Dance Club meets on Tuesday evenings with pre-rounds beginning at 7:00 p.m. and Squares at 7:30. Dave Walker is our caller and Tina Wrbanek is our Cuer. We have a great turnout for dancers that are learning Plus moves. We are dancing Mainstream with Dave teaching Plus moves every week. As the students progress with Plus moves, we are moving the level up. We will have a finger food night on Tuesday, December 18th. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

This is Mainstream/Plus dancing and we look forward to everyone joining us for our Holiday dance. Norma Havens is at home and the doctors say she is progressing very well. Pearl Herbaugh is at home, but still waiting for test results. Elaine Wineinger is going to have hip surgery. We wish all a speedy recovery and hope to see all back dancing with us as soon as possible.

A great big thanks to all class members and regular dancers that joined us for the class level dance and potluck in October. Hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Carol Ann Dohrmann



TUCSON CLOGGING CONNECTION

We would like to wish all the dancers and non-dancers a very happy holiday season. There will be a FREE dance (Square, Round and Clogging) on December 8 from 7 to 10 p.m. Our very own Duane Steele will be cueing this all-level dance. SARDASA will be holding a New Year's Eve Dance with Square Dancing, Round Dancing and Clogging. Duane will be leading the Clogging portion and he will be cueing all your old and new favorites. It's free for all SARDASA members and only \$5 for non-members. There will be another chance to show off your clogging abilities during the Southern Arizona Dance Festival, Jan. 17 - 20.

Come to the festival and clog along with Scotty Bilz from Georgia, and several of our other guest cuers from Arizona, California, and New Mexico. Any questions? Call 290-2368 or e-mail tbogan1@cox.net.

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SQUARE DANCE, CLOGGING, ROUND DANCE SCHEDULE FOR MEMBER AND AREA CLUBS – DECEMBER 2007

Courtesy of: "SARDASA" - SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION OF SO. ARIZONA

<u>DANCE/CLASS/REVIEW</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME/DATES</u>	<u>CALLER/CUER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
SUNDAY:				
A-2 Dance (C-1 intro tip)	SARDASA	4:00PM (Rick-A-Shays) (always casual dress)	Gittelman	324-0548
New Dancer/Mainstream	SARDASA	7:00PM (Swingin' Singles)	Potter	888-3937
Mainstream Dance	Voyager	5:30PM (1 st Sunday only)	Walker	887-0842
Plus Dance/Rounds	Voyager	7:00PM (1 st Sunday only)	Walker/Bond	887-0842
MONDAY:				
Fun Shop	Rincon West	10:00AM	Flippo	294-6490
Mainstream Review	Voyager	10:30AM (3 rd Monday – 2:15 p.m.)	Walker	887-0842
Plus teach / review	Green Valley	11:00AM	Gittelman	324-0548
Plus Review	Voyager	12:30PM (3 rd Monday – 4:00 p.m.)	Walker	887-0842
New dancer class	Green Valley	1:00PM	Gittelman	324-0548
Intro to DBD	Voyager	2:15PM (3 rd Monday cancelled)	Walker	887-0842
Plus Refresher	Sun City	2:30PM	Markus	795-6543
Mainstream review	Green Valley	3:00PM	Gittelman	324-0548
New Dancer Class	Far Horizons	7:00PM	Evans	780-0155
Plus Dance (MS 3 rd wk.)	Comanche Wells	7:00PM (Fun Squares) (always casual dress)	Williamson	586-2281
Plus w/Rounds (MS 1 st wk.)	Green Valley	7:00PM;7:15PM (GV Squares)	Gittelman/Walz	324-0548
TUESDAY:				
C-1 Workshop	SARDASA	10:00AM	Kenney	297-9753
MS-C1 classes (GLBT)	Cornerstone	5:30PM (T-Squares)	Gittelman	324-0548
MS Dance, w/announced Plus	Benson	7:30 PM (Cavern Promenaders)	Potter	586-1479
C-3A Class	SARDASA	7:00PM	Kenney	885-6273
Plus Class w/Rounds	SARDASA	7:00PM;7:30PM (Western Whirlers)	Walker/WrbaneK	887-0842
WEDNESDAY:				
Mainstream Review	Voyager	10:30AM	Walker	887-0842
Plus Review	Voyager	12:30PM	Walker	887-0842
Intro to DBD	Voyager	2:15PM	Walker	887-0842
Plus Dance w/Rounds	Rincon West	7:00PM;7:30PM	Flippo/Walz	294-6490
Plus Dance w/Rounds	Sun City	7:00PM (Sundancers)	Markus	795-6543
C-1 Dance	SARDASA	7:30PM (C-1ders)	Kenney	885-6273
THURSDAY:				
DBD Workshop	Rincon West	9:30AM	Flippo	294-6490
New Dancer Class	St. Paul's UMC	6:30PM	Walker	298-7018
MS Dance w/announced Plus	St. Paul's UMC	7:30PM (Swinging Saguaros)	Walker	298-7018
New Dancer Class	SARDASA	7:00PM (Prime Time Squares) (Starts Nov. 29)	Gittelman	885-5032
FRIDAY:				
Advanced-2 Workshop	SARDASA	1:00PM	Kenney	297-9753
Fun Dance	Sierra Vista	6:15PM	Guest Callers	378-6719
MS Dance w/announced Plus	Sierra Vista	7:30PM (Thunder Mountain Twirlers)	Guest Callers	378-6719
Plus Dance with DBD	SARDASA	7:30PM (Tucson Twirlers)	Gittelman	324-0548
SATURDAY:				
Advanced Dance	SARDASA	7:30PM (Merry Mixers)	Kenney	297-9753

DANCE LOCATIONS:

Cavern Promenaders, Cochise Terrace RV Resort, Benson (1030 S. Barrel Cactus Ridge, 1 mile S of I-10 on Hwy 90)
 Comanche Wells, 775 W. Roger Rd, Tucson
 Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N Geronimo Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705, corner of Geronimo and Laguna St.
 Canoa Hills Social Center, 3660 S. Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ, 85614
 Far Horizons Tucson Village, 555 N. Pantano Rd., Tucson, 85710
 Old Pueblo Square Wheelers, Various campout locations, 520-625-5701; <http://oldpueblosquarewheelers.blogspot.com>
 Rancho Resort, 1300 West Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, AZ 85629
 Rincon Country East, 8989 East Escalante, Tucson, 85730
 Rincon Country West, 4555 S. Mission Road, Tucson, 85746
 SARDASA (Old Pueblo Dance Center), 613 E. Delano, Tucson (On N. 1st Ave, 1 blk. south of Ft. Lowell Rd.)
 Sierra Vista Lutheran Church, 101 N. Lenzner (2 blks. N. of Fry Blvd), Sierra Vista, AZ
 St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 8051 E. Broadway, Tucson, 85710
 Sun City, Sun City Auditorium, 1495 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley, AZ 85737
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SUNDAY				
All Levels Round Dance	RCW	1:00 - 5:00PM (2 nd Sunday only)	Walz	520-648-7381
MONDAY:				
Phase 3 Basics	RCW	12:00PM	Walz	520-648-7381
Ballroom Class	RCW	4:00PM	Walz	520-648-7381
Phase 4/5 Workshop/Dance	RCW	7:00PM	Walz	520-648-7381
Clogging - Beginner	SARDASA	5:00PM	Steele	290-2368
Clogging - Intermediate One	SARDASA	6:00PM	Steele	290-2368
Clogging - Intermediate Two	SARDASA	7:15PM	Steele	290-2368
Clogging - Intermediate Three	SARDASA	8:30PM	Steele	290-2368
TUESDAY:				
Phase IV+ Workshop	Rancho Resort	11:00AM	Walz	520-648-7381
Ballroom Class	Rancho Resort	12:30PM	Walz	520-648-7381
Ph 2,3,4+ Round Dance	Canoa Hills	7:00PM (Roun-de-lays)	Walz	520-648-7381
WEDNESDAY:				
Ph 5/6 Workshop	RCW	10:45AM	Walz	520-648-7381
Phase 4 Workshop	RCW	12:45PM	Walz	520-648-7381
Phase 2 Basics	RCW	2:15PM (Starts in January)	Walz	520-648-7381
Plus Dance w/Rounds	RCW	7:00PM	Flippo/Walz	520-648-7381
THURSDAY:				
Ballroom Class	RCE	10:30AM	Walz	520-648-7381
Phase 4/5 and Phase 6	Voyager	7:00PM	Bond	574-5265
FRIDAY:				
Phase 5 Workshop	Voyager	9:30AM	Bond	574-5265
Phase 4+ Class	Voyager	12:00PM	Bond	574-5265
Phase 3 Class	Voyager	2:00PM	Bond	574-5265
SATURDAY:				
Phase 5/6 Workshop	Voyager	10:00AM	Bond	574-5265
Beginner Class	Voyager	12:00PM (Starting date TBA, Call to sign up)	Bond	574-5265

**Please call the club's listed number to confirm that they are dancing, if you haven't attended recently.
Send schedule updates to maps@maddoxmail.com**

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