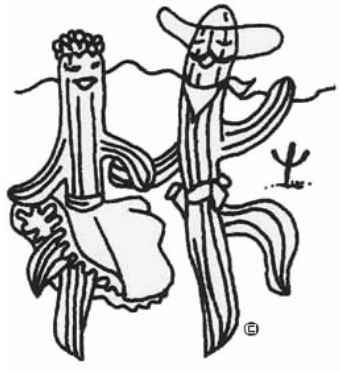

DANCING CACTUS NEWS

A Newsletter for SARDASA Dancers

January 2008

THE TALE OF THE DANCING SAGUAROS

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Dancing Saguaros are engaged! She proudly wears the sparkling diamond engagement ring. They are making wedding plans. They have decided to get married at the Festival. They will be joined by all of their friends and family for this joyous occasion. No gifts, please! Christmas is also on their minds. They have each gone shopping and bought the perfect gift for their loved one. He has bought her a fabulous necklace. He went back to ChaZann which is Char and her daughter Suzanne's company. What else could he pick - but a diamond necklace? He knows it will be perfect for her.
She has decided to buy him a very special new kerchief to wear around his neck. Square dancing means so much to both of them, she is sure it is the perfect gift for him. She has also decided to buy him 25 chances for the New Year's Eve raffle - it only cost her $10 for 25 chances to win some of those amazing prizes. Maybe she will win the prize from The Melting Pot or Outback Steak House or any one of the fantastic prizes that are available this year. It doesn't matter, as long as she gets to support the Southern Arizona Dance Festival. They will have a wonderful Christmas together. And they want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season! See you at the Festival! Help celebrate the wedding of the Dancing Saguaros at the Festival! Be sure to come to the Festival: DANCING 'N DIAMONDS, January 17 - 20, 2008. Don't forget to buy YOUR raffle tickets!

NEW EDITOR NEEDED!

Many thanks to Shirley Maddox, who has been the editor of the Dancing Cactus News for 7 years! We appreciate all you have done for the square dancing community. Shirley is going on to other things, and we need a new editor, someone who has e-mail, likes to proof read, and wants to help inform our SARDASA dancers. Let me know if that can be you!

All clubs: send February articles to me by Tuesday, Jan. 15.

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520-885-5032.

Ed. Note - I hope you have enjoyed reading the DCN! Remember, "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Ph. 4:13
May God bless you all!

SARDASA NEW YEAR'S EVE

Come join in the fun New Year's Eve at the Old Pueblo Dance Center. There will be square dancing with Rick Gittelman, round dancing with Tina and John Wrbanek, clogging with Duane Steele.
Bring food and drink to share, enter for a chance to win many prizes in the raffle, and participate in the silent auction. No charge for SARDASA members, but bring non-perishable items for the food bank. If you're not a SARDASA member you can join for $5.00 per person. See the accompanying flyer.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Congratulations to Bev and Gene Hansen, who normally keep our hall decorated. They are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.
I would like to thank the people who decorated the hall this holiday season:
Dave & Edie Hund
Cheryl Klawon
Lynn & Lorraine Ruka
Jim & Mary Ann Schnitzer
Linda Schultz
Jerry Snyder
Evelyn Weber
Jim Young
Bev and Gene, we missed your guidance; hope you had a great time.
Happy Holidays,
Lynn Ruka

SPONSORS' BOARD

The Sponsors' Board is pleased to welcome Wildcat Exterminating, Carol's Custom Woodworking (Carol Dohrmann), and William Hahn, C.P.A., and Eric Hahn Financial Services to the Board. Returning to the Board are T-Squares Square Dance Club, Dave and Ginny Walker, Southern Arizona Callers and Cuers Association, Barton Fink, D.P.M., Desert Sky Technology, Old Pueblo Carpet Cleaning, Festival Clogging Committee, Youngs' Square Dance Tours, Swingin' Singles Square Dance Club, Noel Shaw, D.C., Alan Ziblat, C.P.A., and chaZann. We thank all these businesses and individuals for their support and hope you will patronize them. 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 and holiday gifts and get a present for yourself.

SPECTATOR PROMOTIONS

Spectator Tickets will be arriving in your mailbox. We will have additional prize drawings during the Festival. If you would like additional tickets for yourself or to sell, please contact us. Thank you to all who participated in the New Year's Eve drawing and Silent Auction.
Jerry and Barbara Snyder

Sundancers

We dance each 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. Refresher Dance/classes for seasoned dancers are held on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. through the winter months. We have started beginner square dance classes in Mainstream, and on to Plus. If interested, please contact the Hunters (see below). Round dance lessons for new dancers are being taught by Ronnie and Bonnie Bond every Monday through March, in the Dance Studio at the Social Hall building. Please contact Sarah Hobart if you are interested. (825-7848). Visiting Caller Dances, along with Ronnie & Bonnie Bond, are scheduled for two Saturdays and one Sunday dance this 2008 season. On Saturdays, pre-rounds start at 6:30 followed by Squares at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Dances include:
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 them at wdh3436@aol.com.

RINCON WEST SQUARES

Howdy, we are enjoying a good season and it's great to see old friends returning. Here is our January calendar: Sunday at 7:00 p.m. is a Mainstream Dance. Monday morning at 10:00 is Plus Fun Shop with donuts. Monday at 2:00 p.m. is Plus Workshop and on Monday evening, starting January 14, is our new beginner class. Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. we have an A-1 Class. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. is our regular Plus Dance with the Walz' on the Rounds. Thursday at 9:30 a.m. is a DBD Workshop. Old friends Shane & Missy Greer will call a Plus Dance on Sun. Jan. 20: pre-rounds at 7:00 and Plus dancing at 7:30, with Ray doing the rounds. We'd love to see you.
Flip, 294-6490

WALZ-A-ROUNDS

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and the New Year is off to a good start. "Welcome Back" to those who are just getting here. Be sure to mark your calendar for our Party Dance on Sunday, January 13. On Sunday, January 20, will be a special PLUS Dance with Shane Greer.
Mondays, at RCW,
Beginning January 7
12:00 Noon - Phase 3 Tango and Slow Two Step
4:00 Social Ballroom
7:00 p.m. Phase 4/5 Workshop/Dance
Tuesdays at Rancho Resort,
Beginning January 8
11:00 a.m. - Phase 4+
12:30 p.m. - Beginner Waltz
Tuesdays, at Canoa Hills Social Center Green Valley
Roundelays Round Dance Club 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Phase 3/4/5 Dance
Wednesdays, at RCW,
Beginning January 9
11:00 a.m. - Phase 5/6 Workshop/Dance

1:00 p.m. - Phase 4 Foxtrot
2:30 - Two Step Basics
7:00 - Pre-Rounds - 7:30 Plus Dance (Marshall Flippo) w/Rounds
Thursdays, at Rincon Country East, Beginning January 3
10:30 a.m.- Social Ballroom
Sunday, January 13 at RCW
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. All Levels Dance Party - Finger food
Happy Dancing,
Ray & Virginia Walz
520-648-7381
walzdancer@cox.net

FUN SQUARES

Fun Squares dance on Mondays (7 - 9 p.m.) at Comanche Wells Mobile Home Park, 775 W. Roger Road, on the near NW side of Tucson. Our level is Plus, dress is casual, and our esteemed caller, now in his *50th* year of calling, is Mr. Bill Williamson. Singles and couples are always welcome. Bill is retiring on March 1, 2008 (special dance at SARASA, see enclosed flyer) so please enjoy our caller while you still can. We invite Mainstream dancers on the third Monday of each month to also join in the fun! For further information call Shirley Peterson at 744-8539.
Frank Soltys

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. Our caller is Dave Walker, the cost is just $3 a person, and that includes refreshments! Join us each week for our Mainstream dance, with an announced Plus tip, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. We have a great group of New Dancers this year - come at 6:30 if you'd like to be an angel. You are invited to our 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. We will have a student dance at 6:30, followed by Mainstream with announced Plus at 7:30. Please dress in square dance or western attire; cost is $5 for this special dance. We are looking forward to having lots of us attend the So. AZ Dance Festival on January 17 - 20.
Visit our website for info: www.swingingsaguaros.com

TUCSON CLOGGING CONNECTION

On behalf of the Tucson Clogging Connection I would like to wish all the dancers and their families a very happy New Year. Those of you who attended the free dance on Dec. 8 know how much fun it was. We would like to thank Duane Steele for sharing his cueing talents with us and for all he does for clogging in Tucson. There will be a chance to show off your clogging talents during the Southern Arizona Dance Festival January 17 - 20. Come to the festival and clog along with Scotty Bilz and several of our other guest cuers from Arizona, California, and New Mexico. The Spring Clogging session, including a new Beginner class, will start on January 21, the Monday after the Festival. So come to the Festival and come in to the Mohave Hall, watch a little clogging, see how much fun we have, and join our Beginner's class the following Monday.
Any questions? Call 290-2368 or tbogan1@cox.net.

OLD PUEBLO SQUARE WHEELERS

In December we had a wonderful campout at St. David, AZ. Thirty-three members and guests were served a delicious turkey dinner. The Monastery staff always makes our Christmas campout very special. We brought toys for the their orphanage and many gave money for the Tucson Food Bank. We have a busy schedule coming up. Jan. 11-13 we will camp at Cochise Terrace RV Park in Benson. We look forward to dancing on Friday evening with our caller, Bill George. Saturday evening, 7:00 - 9:30, we will attend the Cavern Promenaders "All Callers Dance", at Cochise Terrace RV Resort. On February 8-10 we will camp at the Sr. Center at Sunsites. Not only do we dance, but we visit area sights. Especially we do what we all love best…eat and play games. If you wish to attend you only need an RV and know how to square dance. If you plan to attend, e-mail winkenwerder@cox.net

or call 625-5701. Our schedule is also on the web: http://oldpueblosquarewheelers.blogspot.com
Jane Winkenwerder

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. We will be dark January 19, of course. We'll be at the Festival. Hope to see you there! Happy New Year to all of you!

Season's Greetings, All! Besides our Callers, our Angels are some of our most important assets in square dancing. Angels are the guides who very gently take the hands of the new dancers and help them through the calls. We are thankful not only for the Caller we employ, who is also our club member and our friend, but for the Angels that show nearly unending patience, kindness and gentility to all new dancers. T-Squares has very dedicated Angels who have sacrificed many hours of time to help advance the skills of newer dancers to prepare them for even greater fun up ahead. The San Carlos, Mexico trip was a huge success, especially due to the hard work and skills of David L. and Melinda L. I understand that it was the best trip yet. Plans are moving along for our 2009 fly-in. Our newest members show a pleasantly surprising resourcefulness and dedication. On behalf of T-Squares, I wish all of you the happiest of holidays this season and a Happy New Year, with plenty of warm spirits, joyfulness, friendship, parties, and money.
Dane

GREEN VALLEY SQUARES

Green Valley Squares are ready to kick off the New Year! We are Dancing at Canoa Hills Rec. Center every Monday from 7 until 9:00 p.m. We have no pre-rounds. We will be dancing Plus and Mainstream. SPECIAL DANCE - We will be having a special dance on February 9th at Canoa Rec. Center - Caller is Jerry Junck and Rounds by Ronnie and Bonnie Bond. Time is 7 p.m. for Rounds and 7:30 p.m. for Squares. Cost will be $6 per person or $12 per couple. Hope to see you there!

FREE MHK DANCE

The dance on Dec. 8 was well-attended and enjoyed by all of the dancers. Special thanks go to Morris, Hall, and Kinghorn for sponsoring this event, and to the staff - Dave Walker, Ray Walz, and Duane Steele! We welcome MHK as a SARSASA corporate sponsor. Information concerning this firm that specializes in estate planning is available at the Dance Center and Festival.
Gordon Shipp

THUNDER MOUNTAIN TWIRLERS

The Thunder Mountain Twirlers are reeling with the success of our Friday Night Fun Dance using the ABC Square Dance Program. The program is open to all newcomers, "brush up" dancers, and even some of our older regulars, meeting Fridays from 6 - 7 p.m. No experience needed, with casual attire, comfortable shoes, a desire to have fun, eat snacks, and enjoy the friendship that comes naturally. First night is free, and $3 for follow up dance nights, or free again, when you bring a new beginner. No RSVP - just come! Future Dances are Jan. 4, 11, and 25, and Feb. 1. Regular club dances follow the Fun Dance, with some of the Fun Dancers staying to join the first "easy" tip. Visitors, dancers and callers from anywhere are invited to come and view how this wonderful program works. TMT held its annual Christmas pot luck party on Friday, 21 December with ham and turkey furnished by the club, followed by a "dance off the calories" dance. All dancers are welcome: Mainstream with announced Plus, at 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 101 N. Lenzner, Sierra Vista, AZ. Contacts: Jill/Steve Gunzel, (520) 803-6743; Sandy/Jan Hall, (520) 378-5103.
David Ballenger, Note Taker

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA
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www.sardasa.com

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
DECEMBER 2007

Thank you for your monetary donation to the Community Food Bank!

OLD PUEBLO SQUARE WHEELERS

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CONNIE WREN
LYNN GUYMON
DOUG & CEL POTTER
KAY HANSEN
CHARLES MITCHELL
SUE JORDEN
GREGG GILBERT
EVELYN & HOWARD SHAPIRO
CAROL HAZEL
NORMA HAVENS
ED BAN
BARBARA BROKAW
DAVE & EDIE HUND
JOHN & TINA WRBANEK
IRVING HINES
SUZANNE AND JERRY RUPE
RICK GITTELMAN
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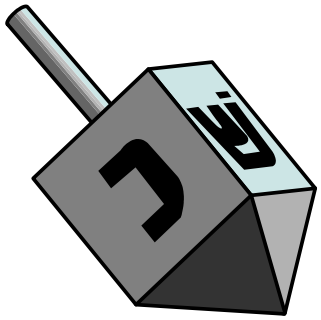

SQUARE DANCE, CLOGGING, ROUND DANCE SCHEDULE FOR MEMBER AND AREA CLUBS – JANUARY 2008
Courtesy of: "SARDASA" - SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION OF SO. ARIZONA

DANCE/CLASS/REVIEW	LOCATION	TIME/DATES	CALLER/CUER	PHONE
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 (Come at 7 p.m. on 1st Sunday only)	Walker	887-0842
Plus Dance/Rounds	Voyager	7:00PM;7:30PM (1st Sunday – Mainstream/Plus)	Walker/Bond	887-0842
Mainstream Dance	Rincon West	7:00PM	Flippo	294-6490
MONDAY:				
Plus Fun Shop	Rincon West	10:00AM	Flippo	294-6490
New Dancer Lessons	Voyager	10:30AM (3rd Monday – 2:15 p.m.)	Walker	887-0842
Plus teach / review	Green Valley	11:00AM	Gittelman	324-0548
Plus Lessons	Voyager	12:30PM (3rd Monday – 4:00 p.m.)	Walker	887-0842
New dancer class	Green Valley	1:00PM	Gittelman	324-0548
Plus Workshop	Rincon West	2:00PM	Flippo	294-6490
Mainstream Review	Voyager	2:15PM (3rd 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 3rd wk.)	Comanche Wells	7:00PM (Fun Squares) (always casual dress)	Williamson	586-2281
Plus w/Rounds (MS 1st wk.)	Green Valley	7:00PM;7:15PM (GV Squares)	Gittelman/Walz	324-0548
Beginner Class	Rincon West	7:00PM	Flippo	294-6490
TUESDAY:				
C-1 Workshop	SARDASA	10:00AM	Kenney	297-9753
A-1 Class	Rincon West	10:00AM	Flippo	294-6490
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:				
New Dancer Lessons	Voyager	10:30AM	Walker	887-0842
Plus Lessons	Voyager	12:30PM	Walker	887-0842
Plus Review	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	10:30AM	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)	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

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SUNDAY				
All Levels Round Dance	RCW	1:00 - 5:00PM (2nd 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

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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
Voyager RV Park, 8701 S. Kolb Rd. Tucson, 85706