# DANCING CACTUS NEWS

## *A Newsletter for SARDASA Dancers*

## October 2007

**SARDASA MEETING**
**Thursday, Oct. 11**
**7:30 p.m. Dance Center**
**All Clubs: please send a representative!**

**DEADLINE for the October ISSUE of the DANCING CACTUS NEWS is Monday, Oct. 15.**

### THE TALE OF THE DANCING SAGUAROS (CONTINUED)

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

The Dancing Saguaros have taken off their Festival T-Shirts. They are planning their Halloween costumes. Should they be scary or funny? Should they make them or rent them? So many questions and so little time. Keep checking them out at the Dance Hall and you may see some changes this month. They would love your suggestions. He loves wearing his new belt buckle. It is so shiny and bright. He enjoys showing it off as they dance together. Every time they do a grand right and left all of his partners notice its dazzle. He knows he must do something special for his beautiful girlfriend. He decides to make an appointment to visit ChaZann, the company run by Char Ernstein and her daughter Suzanne. He wants to see what he can have designed for his sweet Saguaro. They meet secretly and think of all of the possibilities. What will make her happy? They talk it over and decide on some wonderful pearl earrings made just for her. Now all he needs is the perfect night to give them to her. He can't wait. The very next time they dance at the hall, he will present her with this special gift. What's next? See the next edition of Dancing Cactus News to find out more about the Dancing Saguaros' Tucson adventures. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Festival: DANCING 'N DIAMONDS, January 17 - 20, 2008. See a Festival Member if you want a t-shirt just like the Dancing Saguaros like to wear.

### SPONSORS' BOARD

The Sponsors' Board is pleased to welcome Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market at Grant & Alvernon to the Board. If you have any leads for the Board, please let us know. The Festival is getting closer. Dancers who secure sponsors with spaces totaling $50 receive an All-Events Festival ribbon. Two All-Event ribbons go to those securing spaces totaling $100. Please consider the Sponsors' Board for birthday or holiday gifts. Thanks for your help.

### SPECTATOR PROMOTIONS

We are delighted that Southwest Airlines has again donated two "Anywhere It Flies" vouchers as the Grand Prize for the Spectator Ticket drawing at the Festival. We have started securing prizes for the New Year's Eve and Festival drawings. As of mid-September we have over 100 prizes. If you have any suggestions, please contact us.
Jerry and Barbara Snyder
Chairmen

### SARDASA MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to join SARDASA for the 2007/2008 membership year. Dues are $5.00 per person and $20.00 per club. Your membership helps support the dance center and allows you to attend all SARDASA meetings, run for any office on the SARDASA Governing Board and attend any "Free to Members" event which SARDASA may offer (such as the New Year's Eve Party). Please help support our dance center by joining and become active in helping to run the association.
Jim Young -
Membership Chairman

### CLEAN-UP DAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. SARDASA will provide a light lunch.

We need your help to keep the hall a great place to dance and looking good. See you there; bring some tools if you can.
Lynn Ruka,
lruka@earthlink.net

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Plans are shaping up for a fun New Year's Eve party. There will be square, round and clog dancing from 9:00 to 12:30. Squares will be called by Rick Gittelman, Tina Wrbanek will cue the rounds and Duane Steele the clogging. Plan to spend that evening with fellow SARDASA members in our great dance hall. The Festival New Year's Eve Raffle will offer a host of neat prizes and you can bid on the silent auction for some really great items. All proceeds from the raffle and auction go to the Festival, which helps support the maintenance of our hall. The party is free to all who have a current SARDASA membership and make a food bank donation.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

We now have the 2008 Books for sale for $35 each. SARDASA and the selling clubs will each make $3.50 for each book sold, an easy fundraiser. SARDASA spent over $6000 on our recent marketing campaign, so it'd be great if you can help us raise some money! Sell to anyone - they don't need to be dancers. Thank you for helping square dancing; buy your book from us. These clubs currently have books for sale: Swinging Saguaros, T-Squares, and Tucson Twirlers. Contact Bernie Weber at 885-5032 to get your club involved.

**RICK - A - SHAYS**

We meet Sundays from 5 - 7 p.m. for an advanced dance, casual dress.
On September 30 Chuck Bjore will be calling for us. We'll have finger foods on October 7. Chuck Bjore will also call for us on October 21. October 28 will be our Halloween Dance. We always have a fun time at the Advanced level with Club Caller Rick Gittelman's creative choreography and mix of singing calls. Our second tip is a workshop where we offer an A call from an different position or sometimes a C1 call. We are still looking for those of you who may be interested in Advanced Lessons. Let Rick know if you are interested and we will try to schedule a time for those lessons. Please note that starting in November we will change our time to 4 - 6 p.m.

Tucson Twirlers meet Fridays from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. for a Plus Review/Plus Dance. Well, fall is finally here! Come out to our Plus Review and Workshop (we will also be teaching some DBD) starting Friday, October 5th, followed by our always fun Club Dance with Rick Gittelman calling. First Fridays are also finger food night; bring something to share if you like. Join us on October 19th as Dennis Farrar from Phoenix will be our special guest caller. Come help us kick off the fall season!

**Sundancers**

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. Refreshers for seasoned dancers will be held on Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting Oct. 22. And if there is interest, we intend to start beginner square dance classes in the fall in Mainstream, and onto Plus. Round dance lessons taught by Ronnie and Bonnie Bond will start in November, every Monday through March, in the Dance Studio at the Social Hall building. Please contact Sarah Hobart if you are interested in lessons from the beginner level to advanced (825-7848). A new beginner class may start if there is enough interest.
Visiting Caller Dances along with Ronnie & Bonnie Bond have been booked for three Saturday and one Sunday dance in the 2007-2008 season. On Saturdays, pre-rounds start at 6:30 followed by Squares at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!
Dances include:
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 and come out and enjoy the fun.
If you have any questions, call Bill and Janet Hunter at 818-2927 or write them at wdh3436@aol.com.

## GREEN VALLEY SQUARES

Good to be really "into" dancing again after the slower summer pace.
The Green Valley Squares are having classes and workshops that begin on November 5th and meet Mondays and Wednesdays.
11:00 Plus teach / review
1:00 New dancer class
3:00 Mainstream review
Regular dances are on Monday evenings - Rounds at 7:00 - squares 7:15 to 9:15. We dance at Plus level except the first Monday of each month which is Mainstream.
Our caller is Rick Gittelman and his dances are always lively and fun. All activities take place at Canoa Hills GV Recreation Center on Camino Del Sol.
Keep watch next month for our flyer about our annual New Year's Eve Catered dinner and dance. It will be held on Dec. 31st at the GVR West Center. Mike Sikorsky will be calling Plus squares and Ronnie and Bonnie Bond will be the cuers for rounds. A catered dinner is served at midnight. It'll be a fine evening. Sign up early as you must have an advance reservation.
For information, call Sandy at 520-625-8236.

## FUN SQUARES

Fun Squares dance on Mondays (7-9 p.m.) in air-conditioned comfort 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. We invite Mainstream dancers on the third Monday of each month to also join in the fun! For more information call Shirley Peterson at 774-8539.
Frank Soltys

Western Whirlers Square and Round Dance Club meets on Tuesday evenings. Pre-rounds begin at 7:00 with Squares at 7:30. Dave Walker is our caller and Tina Wrbanek is our Cuer. We are having Plus classes every Tuesday. We have been having a great turnout for dancers that are learning Plus moves. If you wish to join us for Plus Classes, you will need to speak to Dave Walker prior to dancing, unless you are a Plus dancer wanting a refresher. We will dance Mainstream with Dave teaching Plus moves every week. As the students progress with Plus moves, we will move the level up to keep the students progressing weekly. The number of moves that he teaches will depend on how the students progress. We will be having a potluck supper on Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m. We will be dancing at class level that evening so all new class dancers can come out and join us. Class members are not required to bring anything to the potluck unless they wish to. Just come out and join us for an evening of dancing.
We are looking forward to seeing all Mainstream and Plus dancers; join us each Tuesday!
Carol Ann Dohrmann

Swinging Saguaros

The Swinging Saguaros meet every Thursday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church - 8051 E. Broadway. Everyone is welcome to our friendly Eastside club. You may dress casually or wear square dance attire. The dance costs $3 per person. Join us each week for our Mainstream dance, with an announced Plus tip, from 7:30 - 9 p.m.
You are welcome to come and angel our new dancers at 6:30 each Thursday.
We are pleased with the number of new dancers that have joined our class!
We had such fun teaming up with the T-Squares to host the Darren Gallina dance. Fun caller, friendly people, and great snacks! Hope to see you at our next special dance!
Please visit our website: www.swingingsaguaros.com

## TUCSON CLOGGING CONNECTION

Are you ready for some clogging? This year clogging will be on Monday evenings starting October 1. E-mails and letters were sent to all those who expressed interest in clogging. If you didn't get contacted and would like to find out more about clogging please notify me.

Remember clogging starts on Monday, October 1. Class times are: Beginner 5:00 - 6:00, Intermediate 1 from 6:00 - 7:15, Intermediate 2 from 7:15 - 8:30, Intermediate 3 from 8:30 - 9:45. The beginner classes on October 1 and 8 are FREE. Come learn a new form of dance! Come join us and spend a couple of hours enjoying good exercise, good dancing, and great people. Questions? Call 290-2368; or E-mail tbogan@earthlink.net.

**CAVERN PROMENADERS**

In October our Winter program will resume with weekly dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m at Cochise Terrace RV Resort, 1030 Barrel Cactus Ridge in Benson.

**RINCON COUNTRY WEST**

We are looking forward to a great season, starting with our Fun Shop on Monday, October 1, 10 a.m. until noon, with donuts! Our Wednesday night Plus dance with rounds by Ray and Virginia Walz starts Wednesday, October 3rd with Pre-rounds at 7; Plus dancing at 7:30. Our DBD Workshop begins Thursday at 9:30 a.m. on Oct.18th. They have redone our floor again. We are hoping it will dance real good for you; it looks great! We have a couple of great callers coming this season. Our good friend and super caller, Shane Greer, will be here on Sunday, January 20 at 7 p.m., and of course, Jerry Junck on his usual weekend, February 23 and February 24. You know how great he is. Looking forward to seeing you.
Flip 294-6490

Merry Mixers

Merry Mixers invites all advanced dancers to join the club each Saturday night. We dance from 7:30 to 10:00, and there are taped rounds between tips. Dave Kenney is our caller. Merry Mixers will return to "dressing for the dance" on October 6. Please note that club and SARDASA membership dues and insurance need to be renewed. Hope to see you soon!
Barbara Snyder, Secretary

**OLD PUEBLO SQUARE WHEELERS**

The Old Pueblo Square Wheelers had their first campout of the fall on September 7-9. We camped at Turquoise Valley Golf and RV Resort in Naco, AZ. e were not a large group, but we sure did have fun. October should welcome back many of our campers who travel in the summer. October 12 - 14 are the dates for our next campout. It will be held at Fort Huachuca on the base. Everyone is invited. We are not sure of the exact location on base at this time, but we hope to see you all there. I will have the details posted on the SARDASA website. Just look under Old Pueblo Square Wheelers. Anyone who has a RV and square dances is welcome. Please call our wagon masters to make your reservation. If you square dance and are in the area at the time of our dances you are also welcome to join us.
Jane Winkenwerder, cjwink@cox.net

**WALZ-A-ROUNDS**

We hope everyone has had a great summer. After a long hot summer, we think we're all ready to get back to dancing. Wednesday, October 17 and 24 we will be cueing rounds at RCW with Marshall Flippo calling Plus dances; pre-rounds at 7:00 and squares 7:30 - 9:30. We will not be dancing on Halloween, Oct. 31. Regular Wednesday dances will resume on Nov 7.
Here is our Fall Schedule, starting in November:
Mondays, Beginning November 5, 2007 at RCW
12:00 Noon - Phase 3 Foxtrot Basics
4:00 Social Ballroom Lessons - Foxtrot
7:00 p.m. Phase 3/4/5 Workshop - 8:00 p.m. Phase 3/4/5 Dance
Tuesdays, Beginning November 20, 2007 at Rancho Resort
11:00 a.m. - Phase 4+ Workshop
12:30 p.m. - Social Ballroom Lessons - Waltz
Tuesdays, [ONGOING] at Canoa Hills Social Center in Green Valley
Roundelays Round Dance Club 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Phase 3/4/5 Dance
Wednesdays, Beginning November 7, 2007 at RCW
10:45 a.m. - Phase 5/6 Workshop - 11:45 a.m. - Phase 5/6 Dance
12:45 p.m. - Single Swing
2:15 p.m. - Phase 2 Waltz Basics
Wednesday - Beginning October 17 at RCW [No Dance on Oct. 31]
7:00 p.m. - Pre-Rounds
7:30 - 9:30 Plus Dance w/Rounds
Thursdays, Beginning November 1, 2007 at Rincon Country East

10:30 a.m. - Social Ballroom Lessons - Foxtrot
Sunday, November 18, 2007 at RCW
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. All Levels Dance Party - Finger food
[Note! Our Round Dance Parties will be on the 2nd Sundays after November]
If you have any questions, give us a call or e-mail.
We look forward to seeing everyone.
Happy Dancing,
Ray & Virginia Walz
520-648-7381
walzdancer@cox.net

There's always a lot going on with T-Squares.
On August 25th we put on our Anniversary Dance, held at Reid Park, where about forty dancers and non-dancers joined us at a delicious potluck with great, upbeat calling by our illustrious Rick Gittelman. Thanks to everyone who brought the wonderful food and helped out with planning, set up, and breakdown. You're all Angels!
Darren Gallina provided very energetic calling at the joint Swinging Saguaros / T-Squares dance on Sept 8th at St. Paul's. If you didn't attend, you missed a good one. Great snacks, too. Many thanks to planners & participants!
Our Board of Directors will be holding monthly Board meetings on first Tuesdays from 5:15 till 6:15. Contact Board members for location. Next Board meeting is Tuesday, October 2nd.
We would like to start our new C-1 classes every non-board meeting Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Hall, beginning October 9th. We need C-1 Angels, so please contact me if interested in signing up as an "angel" or as a "learner". I'll keep track of the lists. We will then teach MS with some Plus tips 6:30 until 9:00, as always.
Our first Mainstream crash course is Sept 15th. The next will be held October 27th. Lunch is included at both. Calling all Angels!
Great "Average" Dane

**VOYAGER ROUND DANCE**
Here is our winter schedule. Classes are subject to change or cancellation depending on attendance.
Thursday (starting Nov. 1)
7:00 p.m. ph 4-5 & ph 6
Friday (starting Nov. 2)
9:30 a.m. ph 5 workshop
12:00 p.m. ph 4 plus class
2:00 p.m. ph 3 & more class
Saturday (starting Nov. 3)
10:00 a.m. ph 5-6 workshop
Saturday (starting date to be announced) call to sign up
12:00 noon - beginners (depending on interest)
**If this was your class last season this is where you need to continue***
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
All level parties:
Saturday, Nov. 3
Welcome back
Saturday, Dec. 1
Tuesday, Jan. 1
New Year's brunch/dance
Saturday, Jan. 5
Saturday, Feb. 2
Saturday, Mar. 1
Saturday, April 5
Farewell party
For more info call Ronnie and Bonnie Bonds at (520) 574-5265 or e-mail rbbond1@juno.com

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**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER DCN IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.**

**SQUARE DANCE, CLOGGING, ROUND DANCE SCHEDULE FOR MEMBER AND AREA CLUBS – OCTOBER 2007**
**Courtesy of: "SARDASA" - SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION OF SO. ARIZONA**

| DANCE/CLASS/REVIEW | LOCATION | TIME/DATES | CALLER/CUER | PHONE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SUNDAY:** | | | | |
| A-2 Dance (casual dress) | SARDASA | 5:00PM (Rick-A-Shays) | Gittelman | 324-0548 |
| Mainstream/Plus w/Rounds | SARDASA | 7:00PM (Swingin' Singles) | Kenney | 888-3937 |
| **MONDAY:** | | | | |
| Fun Shop | Rincon West | 10:00AM (Starts Oct. 1) | Flippo | 294-6490 |
| Plus teach / review | Green Valley | 11:00AM (Starts Nov. 5) | Gittelman | 324-0548 |
| New dancer class | Green Valley | 1:00PM (Starts Nov. 5) | Gittelman | 324-0548 |
| Plus Refresher | Sun City | 2:30PM (Starts Oct. 22) | Markus | 795-6543 |
| Mainstream review | Green Valley | 3:00PM (Starts Nov. 5) | Gittelman | 324-0548 |
| Clogging - Beginner | SARDASA | 5:00PM (Starts Oct. 1) | Steele | 290-2368 |
| Clogging - Intermediate One | SARDASA | 6:00PM (Starts Oct. 1) | Steele | 290-2368 |
| Clogging - Intermediate Two | SARDASA | 7:15PM (Starts Oct. 1) | Steele | 290-2368 |
| Clogging - Intermediate Three | SARDASA | 8:30PM (Starts Oct. 1) | Steele | 290-2368 |
| 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 |
| **TUESDAY:** | | | | |
| C-1 Workshop | SARDASA | 10:00AM | Kenney | 297-9753 |
| MS-C1 classes (GLBT) | Cornerstone | 5:30PM (T-Squares) | Gittelman | 324-0548 |
| Ph 2,3,4+ Round Dance | Canoa Hills | 7:00PM (Roun-de-lays) (Starts Nov. 6) | Walz | 648-7381 |
| 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:** | | | | |
| 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 (Starts Oct. 18) | Flippo | 294-6490 |
| New Dancer Class | St. Paul's UMC | 6:30 PM | 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 |
| MS Dance w/announced Plus | Sierra Vista | 7:30PM (Thunder Mountain Twirlers) | Guest Callers | 378-6719 |
| Plus Dance | SARDASA | 7:30PM (Tucson Twirlers) | Gittelman | 324-0548 |
| **SATURDAY:** | | | | |
| Advanced Dance | SARDASA | 7:30PM (Merry Mixers) | Kenney | 297-9753 |

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

## 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 or http://www.sardasa.com/opsw-campingdancers/
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