



DANCING CACTUS NEWS

A Newsletter for SARDASA Dancers

September 2007

SARDASA MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 6
7:30 p.m. Dance Center
All Clubs: please send
a representative!

**DEADLINE for the
October ISSUE of the
DANCING CACTUS NEWS
is Saturday, Sept. 15.**



THE TALE OF THE DANCING SAGUAROS (CONTINUED)

**Sweetness in
September**

The Dancing Cactus truly had a wonderful summer. They danced as often as they could. Diamond Chain Thru seems to be one of their favorite calls! They handled the heat by jumping into the pool as often as necessary. Midnight horseback rides in the desert on Diamond Dan the Dancing Man provided more romance. The couple shopped in cool air conditioning whenever possible. One evening on a whim she opened her computer and visited Petticoat Junction on-line. All of their western wear intrigued her. There she found the perfect diamond belt buckle with which to surprise him. As soon as her order arrived she invited him to Pastiche for dinner. This restaurant seemed like just the perfect place for a cool, special evening. They

had a wonderful dinner ending with a decadent chocolate dessert. She then presented him with the very special belt buckle, making him grin from ear to ear. This relationship continues to be full of fun, romance, and experiencing Tucson. 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.

CLUB COOPERATION & PLANNING MEETING: "LET'S GET COORDINATED"

On Sunday, August 26 at 2:30 p.m. there will be a very important meeting for those who are interested in saving square dancing in our community (see flyer). SARDASA has spent money in advertising on T.V. and radio this summer to recruit new dancers; the response has been successful as far as phone calls and e-mails. The real test is when classes actually start in September. We will need angels from every club to help out. Having a successful class is only the first piece of the puzzle; we need to retain the dancers and keep the ball rolling for future classes, and add dancers to the pool, which down the road will benefit all

clubs. We must come together NOW as a community to plan on supporting the classes, sponsoring Mainstream dances, Plus Classes and workshops. Instead of each club coming up with separate plans we need to "COORDINATE" our efforts. So before the fall season hits, let's start by attending this meeting, and come in with an open mind and with the attitude that we can all work together.

SPECIAL DANCE SEPT. 8

Please join the T-Squares and Swinging Saguaros in

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Darren
Gallina,
Square
Dance
Caller,
to Tucson!
Saturday,
Sept. 8th.



St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 8051 E. Broadway
6:00-7:00 p.m. - Advanced
7 - 9 p.m. - MS, MS, Plus;
\$5 /person. See you there!

PRIME TIME SQUARES NEEDS ANGELS - YOU!

Our advertisements for square dance lessons on Thursday nights beginning on September 6 (with a free dance) have been well received. The class begins at 7:00 p.m. with the continuing class from 8:15 - 9:30 p.m. From the positive response, we'll begin the

2007-08 season with a number of new dancers. Since the Thursday night class at the Dance Center will only go to Mainstream, it is a good opportunity for dancers from all our other clubs to attend as "angels." Mingling with the new dancers will encourage them to continue on to take Plus and become members of the SARDASA clubs.

Thursday night at the Dance Center will remain a "class" and not become a club. It is our hope that the SARDASA clubs will band together to present a unified plan where class members can dance with clubs on other nights, leading up to Mainstream, then continue on to attend a Plus class and become club members. To increase the number of dancers in our activity, we must start at the beginning and slowly build membership in all levels of square dancing. In this vein, round dancing and clogging will also benefit by recruiting members from the square dance activity. Come join us and be part of the "new wave," helping beginners become accomplished square dancers!

Bob Ernstein/Rick Gittelman

SARDASA'S NEW YEAR'S EVE

Plans are coming together for SARDASA'S New Year's Eve party, so mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will have round, square, and clog dancing rotating throughout the evening. Tina and John Wrbanek will cue the rounds, Rick Gittelman will call the squares, and Duane Steele will cue the clogging. And don't forget there will be a

silent auction and all kinds of prizes in the Festival New Year's Eve raffle, run by Jerry and Barbara Snyder. Admission will be a valid SARDASA membership and a donation to the food bank. More information will be provided in later issues of the Dancing Cactus News. Plan to be there!!
Jim Young - SARDASA Membership Chairman

2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

They are out and we have them for sale; same price as last year, \$35. Clubs can make \$3.50 for each book they sell, an easy money maker, so let me know how many books you need. Sell to anyone - they don't need to be dancers. Help your club, buy your book from us. Clubs that currently have books for sale are: Swinging Saguaros, T-Squares, and Tucson Twirlers.
Bernie Weber 885-5032

SPONSORS' BOARD

The Sponsors' Board is pleased to welcome Bank of the West 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 ribbon; two All-Events ribbons go to those securing spaces totaling \$100. Thanks for your help.

SPECTATOR PROMOTIONS

We are starting to secure prizes for the New Year's Eve and Festival drawings. If you have any suggestions, please contact us. Jerry and Barbara Snyder, Chairmen

GREEN VALLEY SQUARES

The Green Valley Squares are getting back in the groove after the summer schedule. Throughout September we are dancing at the Canoa Recreation Center in Green Valley. Monday evenings at 7:00 is the time. The first Monday of the month is Mainstream and all others are Plus level dances.

We are seriously beginning to think about our New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. It will be held on Monday, December 31, 2007 at the West Social Center in Green Valley. Mike Sikorsky will be calling and Ronnie and Bonnie Bond will be doing rounds. Dancing begins at 8:00 with pre rounds and Plus level Squares start at 8:30. Dinner will be provided as part of the evening events. Cost for dinner and dancing is \$24.00 per person. Next month's Dancing Cactus News will contain a flyer with a reservation form. Watch for it! Questions? Call Sandy McCartney 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. Mainstream dancers are invited to join in the fun on third Mondays! Call Shirley Peterson, 774-8539, for more information.



Western Whirlers Square and Round Dance Club meets on Tuesday evenings. Pre-rounds begin at 7:00 p.m. with Squares at 7:30. Dave Walker is our caller and Tina Wrbanek is our Cuer. We are starting Plus classes every Tuesday beginning September 4th. You are welcome to join us! 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 hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer and look forward to having all our dancers return from vacation. Membership renewal is fast approaching. We will be collecting dues beginning September 4, with dues due by the end of September. Dues are \$15.00 per person. Looking forward to seeing you at our dances. Carol Ann Dohrmann

Sundancers

We 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. Refresher Dance / Classes for seasoned dancers will be held on Mondays from 2:30 p.m.

until 4:30 p.m. starting October 22nd. 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, or anyone you know, 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.

CAVERN PROMENADERS
 In September we will be dancing on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. In October our Winter program will resume with weekly dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Location is Cochise Terrace RV Resort, 1030 Barrel Cactus Ridge in Benson. Hope to see you all there!



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. We are starting our new dancer class on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is only \$3 a person, and nursery care is free. If you can walk briskly, listen to and follow directions, and desire friendship with others, then join us! We welcome ages 12 and older - couples preferred, singles welcome - we will try to find you a dance partner. Please spread the word to all your east-side friends! You are welcome to come and angel our new dancers. We're happy to have our caller, Dave Walker, back with us after summer break. Thanks to all of the guest callers for filling in for us! Please visit our website regularly to get the latest and greatest news: www.swingingsaguaros.com We're all looking forward to co-hosting the special dance with the T-Squares on Saturday, Sept. 8 at St. Paul's, with Darren Gallina. 6 - 7 p.m.: Advanced level 7 - 9 p.m.: MS, MS, Plus \$5 each; bring a snack to share. See you Sept. 8!

RICK A SHAYS

Rick A Shays meet Sundays (5-7 p.m.) for an Advanced Dance; casual dress. Come join us for a fun-filled evening of Advanced Level Dancing. We are not a workshop or a class, but we do have a third tip workshop. Rick Gittelman, our club caller, mixes a good mix of choreography with some singing calls, too. There will be no dancing on Sept. 2 (Labor Day) or September 23, as Rick will back East calling and visiting family and friends for the Jewish Holiday. September 9 will be finger food night; Chuck Bjore will be the guest caller on September 30. If anybody out there is interested in Advanced lessons, please let Rick know and we may schedule a class. E-mail: rickygitt@hotmail.com or call 324-0548.



If you want a fun night of Square Dancing come join

the Tucson Twirlers. We dance every Friday night from 7:30 to 10:00 with Rick Gittelman calling. We'll have guest callers on: Sept. 21, Chuck Bjore; Sept. 28 Dave Walker; and Oct. 19 Dennis Farrar from Sun City. If you missed Dennis last month then you really missed a great dance. This is Dennis' 50th year of calling and he's only 60. Mark your calendars for that night. It's annual dues time for club, SARDASA, and insurance, so be prepared to pay in September. Hope to see you on the dance floor. Bernie & Evelyn Weber



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. If you haven't danced to Dave for a while, come give him a listen--he's been taking speech therapy. Hope to see you soon! Barbara Snyder, Secretary

THUNDER MOUNTAIN TWIRLERS

The Thunder Mountain Twirlers (TMT) got a nice recharge from the summer monsoon rains that revived the grass, flowers, and dancers. As we approach the end of summer, (which was HOT as well as humidly wet), reports came back from members who traveled far and wide to dance fests, conventions, Show Low, Lolo, and that far off metropolis of Benson (Cel Potter's Pool Party). TMT will continue its reduced dancing schedule until the end of September, meaning the 1st and 3rd Friday, and resume full time weekly dancing in October. We are counting on enlisting new and returning dancers this fall, and therefore charge all TMTers and old timers to "get out the vote". Our upcoming callers in the "Stir the Pot" program are as follows: September 7th - Bill George; 21st - TBA; October 5th - Fun Night prior to beginning of new dancer lessons; 12th - TBA; 19th - Bill George, 26th - Chet Bahn.

If you see a date not covered it will be announced at a regular dance session. TMT and all our friends were saddened at the passing of a wonderful and faithful dancer, Nancy Nelson. Nancy passed July 27 after a short illness. Our prayers and thoughts go out for her and to Barry, her life dancing partner. We will miss her and stand by for Barry. Come dance with TMT, at 7:30, Friday evenings at the Sierra Vista Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 101 N. Lenzner (North of Fry Blvd). TMT contacts: Jan/Sandy Hall, 378-6719 - Jill/Steve Gunzel, 803-6743 David Ballenger, NoteTaker



Our club members had a really nice evening dancing with the Western Whirlers on Tuesday, August 7th. There were about forty dancers altogether, and I swear at one time we had five squares going all at once. We extend a kind "thank you" to the Western Whirlers for inviting us to join them. We were also happy to see a couple of our newest dancers join in, being that it was their first dance away from our weekly classes! They told me they had a really nice time. Their next extra class adventure is at T-Squares' Anniversary Dance Saturday, August 25th. You'll see my article about that in the next issue of this newsletter.

Our "C-1 for Beginners" class is a "go", but we have not quite yet been able to choose a starting date. This will also be announced. We do know that we will be holding it on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 till 6:30 teach/angel/dance at Plus level. C-1 will be new material not only for our Advanced dancers but for Rick, too, so patience is highly encouraged all around. Email me at danekenyon@theriver.com, call me at Minton Place at 745-9212, write us at T-Squares, P.O. Box 2102, Tucson, AZ 85702-2102, or just talk to me at the Cornerstone Social Hall on Tuesdays or at the OPSDA Center at Rick-A-Shays on most Sundays.
Dane

57th National Square Dance Convention® & Grand Square, Inc. SPONSOR'S A "FREE" CALLERS SCHOOL

You read it right! The 57th National Square Dance Convention® and Grand Square, Inc., have joined together to sponsor a FREE CALLERS SCHOOL in Wichita, Kansas, just prior to the 57th National Square Dance Convention®. Five accredited CALLERLAB caller/coaches, Tony Oxendine, Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll Jones, Vernon Jones and Jerry Story will be the instructors. The number of students allowed to register will be sixty. The only requirement is that the caller is registered to attend the 57th National Square Dance Convention®. The dates of the school are June 22-25, 2008. The 40 hours of in-

struction will be held at the Broadview Hotel, across the street from the Hyatt Regency Wichita, the Convention's headquarters hotel. Register with Grand Squares, Inc., either by telephone 704-377-5554 or Ashley@grandsquareinc.com.

BID SESSION

The Bid Session is at 9:00 Friday morning, June 27, in Concert Hall. It is a wonderful chance to find out where square dancers may be going in the future. It gives you an opportunity to see what the bidding cities have to offer square dancers. Currently, the States of Washington and Oklahoma are bidding to host the 61st National Square Dance Convention® in 2012. Who knows? Even more states may be bidding in 2008. To be in the "know," best you not miss the Bid Session in Wichita, on June 27!

BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

During the 57th National Square Dance Convention®, the bus service will be provided by VILLAGE TOURS & TRAVEL. All buses are air-conditioned with very comfortable and spacious seats. Bus service will be provided to all of our contracted hotels for the convenience of our attending dancers. Our contracted hotels provide free parking to their guests.

We encourage you to purchase a bus pass, only \$40.00 for the entire convention. Don't be stressed out from dealing with downtown traffic and parking. Ride a bus and arrive fresh and ready to dance. More info at: www.57nsdc.com Mark your calendars: June 25-28, 2008.

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

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

DANCE/CLASS/REVIEW	LOCATION	TIME/DATES	CALLER/CUER	PHONE
SUNDAY:				
Clogging – Intermediate Class	SARDASA	1:00PM	Vettore	797-9632
Clogging – Beginning Class	SARDASA	2:30PM	Vettore	797-9632
A-2 Dance (casual dress)	SARDASA	5:00PM (Rick-A-Shays) (Dark Sept. 2 and 23)	Gittelman	324-0548
Mainstream/Plus w/Rounds	SARDASA	7:00PM (Swingin' Singles)	Kenney	888-3937
MONDAY:				
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;7:30PM (GV Squares)	Gittelman/Walz	324-0548
TUESDAY:				
C-1 Workshop	SARDASA	10:00AM	Kenney	297-9753
MS-A2 classes (GLBT)	Cornerstone	6:30PM (T-Squares)	Gittelman	324-0548
MS Dance, w/announced Plus	Benson	7:30 PM (Cavern Promenaders) (2 nd and 4 th weeks)	Potter	586-1479
C-3A Class	SARDASA	7:00PM	Kenney	885-6273
Plus Class	SARDASA	7:30PM (Starts Sept. 4)	Walker	887-0842
MS/Plus w/Rounds	SARDASA	7:00PM;7:30PM (Western Whirlers)	Walker/Wrbaneck	887-0842
WEDNESDAY:				
Plus Dance w/Rounds	Sun City	7:00PM (Sundancers)	Markus	795-6543
C-1 Dance	SARDASA	7:30PM (C-1ders)	Kenney	885-6273
THURSDAY:				
New Dancer Class	St. Paul's UMC	6:30 PM (Starts Sept. 6)	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 (Starts Sept. 6)	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) (1, 3 wks.)	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/ops-w-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