



DANCING CACTUS NEWS

A Newsletter for SARDASA Dancers

Summer 2007 (June, July, August)

SARDASA MEETING Thursdays

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9.
7:30 p.m. Dance Center
All Clubs: please send
a representative!

**DEADLINE for the
September ISSUE of the
DANCING CACTUS NEWS
is Wed. Aug. 15.**



THE TALE OF THE DANCING SAGUAROS (CONTINUED)

Summer Romance

It will be a summer full of more fun as the Dancing Cactus get to know each other better and better. They are making all of their summer plans, including a possible trip to the Grand Canyon. Will they try a donkey ride down the Canyon or will they try backpacking? They know they want to spend some time at the Saguaro National Park enjoying the summer mornings. An evening rooting for the Diamondbacks will certainly be a must. They even are considering Black Diamond HUMMER Tours of Tucson. This adventure is known to lead the way in off-road experience! As they mull over the many possible experiences for the summer, he puts his arms around her. A chilled prickly sensation goes up and down her

arms. Is this leading to a new level of their relationship? Only time will tell. Happy Summer to the Dancing Cactus and all of their friends!

See the next edition of Dancing Cactus News to find out more about the Dancing Saguaros' summer adventures. Remember the newsletter is on summer vacation, too. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Festival: DANCING 'N DIAMONDS, January 17 - 20, 2008.

AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TO ATTRACT NEW DANCERS INTO OUR ACTIVITY!

At the May SARDASA Board meeting a Public Relations/Advertising program was approved that will have press releases and commercials in local newspapers, radio and TV! Four Star Advertising, Inc. will script and produce a comprehensive plan that will blitz the Tucson area media for 2 ½ months, beginning in July, leading up to the square dance classes that will start in September. This program will cost several thousand dollars and will need the help of all dancers to see our activity grow. There is NO WAY that we will recoup our cost within the immediate future. The Board decided to invest the money in order to bring new dancers from the area

into the local dance scene. These dancers will begin at the BASIC level, working their way to MAINSTREAM. None of these new dancers will want to join the other clubs, should they decide to progress beyond Mainstream, if they haven't met and danced with club members. Therefore, we will need help from dancers in all the clubs to angel at both Swinging Saguaros on the east side of town, and Prime Time Dance classes at the Old Pueblo Dance Center, to make Thursday evenings a fun night for all! While this proposal promotes introducing new people to square dancing, it is primarily square dancers who become future round dancers and cloggers. So, if we want square dancing, round dancing, and clogging to grow in the Tucson area, we need to unite in our efforts. All dancers, no matter what level or form they prefer to dance, need to support the new program.

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Summertime and the living is easy! As you travel on your vacations, please take our Festival Forms with you and distribute them along the way. Enjoy, and keep dancing. If you know of anyone who is under the weather, please let me know. Stay Safe!!!
Betty Confer

PASTICHE PROMOTION

If you're dining out during the month of June, please consider dining at Pastiche. Pastiche will donate a portion of your check to SARDASA. Please contact Jerry and Barbara Snyder at 795-0661 for further details. Thanks for your support! Pastiche is located at 3025 N. Campbell; phone is 325-3333.
The Snyders

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 further information call Shirley Peterson at 774-8539.
Frank Soltys

CAVERN PROMENADERS

The Cavern Promenaders will be changing their dance format this summer and will be dark for the months of June, July, and August. However, mark your calendars for our Annual Pool and Pot Luck Party which will be held on SATURDAY, JUNE 16, between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Earn your Ducky Badge by Square Dancing in the pool. This is always a fun event and everyone is welcome. Just bring a food dish to pass, \$3.00 for use of the pool and be here to have a

blast. Location is Cochise Terrace RV Resort, 1030 Barrel Cactus Ridge in Benson. Take I-10, exit at 302, head south on Hwy 90 for 1 mile. The RV Park is on the right (West) side of the highway. Hope to see you all there!

In September we will be dancing on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, and in October our Winter program will resume with weekly dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.



The Tucson Twirlers will dance all summer so come out and have a good time. We are a small club with lots of fun. We dance Plus on Fridays at SARDASA, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Get well, Howie. See you in a square. Bernie & Evelyn Weber



The world of square dance is a world of possibilities. It includes advancing one's skills in the arts through dance. T-Squares is always searching for ways to create new possibilities for our own dancers. The club directors seek to provide teaching and dance time for as many levels of dance as at all possible. Challenge level class on our Tuesday evenings is a real possibility

and is closer to becoming a reality. T-Squares is willing to take our Tuesday evening start time back from 6:30 to 5:30 p.m. in order to accommodate dancers with this "possibility".

Write me at danekenyon@theriver.com, call me at Minton Place at 745-9212, write me at T-Squares, P.O. Box 2102, Tucson, AZ 85702-2102, or just talk to me at the Cornerstone Hall Tuesdays, or at the OPSDA Hall Sundays at Rick-A-Shays. We encourage our Angels to sharpen their own dancing skills through angeling. You develop self-confidence and pride while you further develop your sense of concentration, coordination, and community enjoyment. Many still have that spark by which one seeks to continuously challenge oneself. We know who you are. Do you know who you are? Expand your abilities. See how far you can go. Think of the possibilities.
Dane



Merry Mixers invites all advanced square dancers to join the club each Saturday night. We dance to Dave Kenney's calling from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., and there are taped rounds between tips. Please come visit us and make us a part of your summer. We look forward to seeing you!
Barbara Snyder
Secretary



Western Whirlers meets on Tuesday evenings at the SARDASA Dance Center with Dave Walker as caller. Rounds are cued by Tina Wrbanek. We have pre-rounds beginning at 7:00 with squares and rounds from 7:30 to 9:30. Dave will be calling a Mainstream Dance on the first Tuesday of each month to encourage more dancers to join us. Each month we will have one Tuesday evening of singing calls. We will have guest callers for June and August. Election of officers was held on the 8th of May at our regular dance. All current officers and board members were reelected and we have one new board member. We want to thank the existing officers and the board and welcome our newest board member, Pearl Herbaugh. Dave would like to get a Plus Class started in September. If anyone is interested, please contact Dave Walker at 887-0842 for more details. Our next board meeting will be on the 5th of June at 6:30 p.m. All WW members encouraged to join us for the meeting. We will not have a Board meeting in July. Our August meeting will be held on August 7th at 6:30 p.m. Come out and join us on Tuesday evenings for squares and rounds. Looking forward to having all of you dancing with us. Have a great summer. We will be dancing all summer if you need a place to dance.
Carol Ann Dohrmann

Sundancers

We dance throughout the summer 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. No dance July 4. **Round dance lessons** will begin in November. Please contact John and Millicent Kaiser if you are interested in lessons from the beginner level to advanced (825-8004). **Visiting Callers** 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:
Nov. 24 Jerry Junck
Jan. 26 Dan Nordbye
Feb. 17 Ken Bower (rounds at 2 p.m.)
Mar. 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. Questions? Call George & Mary Allen at 818-6564.

SATURDAY NIGHT PLUS DANCES

Marshall Flippo and the Rincon Country West RV Resort, 4555 S. Mission Road, invites all Plus Dancers to its Saturday night square dance series on the following dates: June 9, June 16, June 23, July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28. The dances are from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information please contact Marshall Flippo at 520-331-9465.



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. We will have special guest callers for most of the summer while Dave Walker is out of town. Join us each week for our Mainstream dance, with an announced Plus tip, from 7 - 9 p.m. **CALLER SCHEDULE:**
June 7 Tom Crisp
June 14 Tom Evans
June 21 Chuck Bjore
June 28 Rick Gittelman
JULY - DAVE WALKER
Aug. 2 Tom Evans
Aug. 9 Rick Gittelman
Aug. 16 Tom Crisp
Aug. 23 Rick Gittelman
Aug. 30 Chuck Bjore
We had an awesome graduation party on May 3! Over 70 people joined us as we welcomed 23 graduates! We had a potluck, danced, gave out diplomas, ate cake, danced with balloons between our knees, and had a great time with our friends. We are so proud of our newest Mainstream dancers! Congratulations! We elected new officers! Many thanks to those who have volunteered to serve their club - President: Bill and Ruth Applegate; Vice-President: Bob and Pat Seiter; Treasurer: Rob and Sherry Hubbard; Event Coordinator: Ken and Tonya

Bach; Marketing: Shirley Maddox. We thank the outgoing officers for all their hard work at helping our club grow - President: Shirley Maddox, Secretary: Andrea Evans, Treasurer: Bill and Mary Ellen Gorman, Event Coordinator: Ken and BK Silvers; SARDASA Rep: Tom Evans.

Join us for fun on the first Thursday of each month as we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries!

On Wed. June 20 we are doing a demo/teach at St. Paul's to kick off its Vacation Bible School with the theme "Avalanche Ranch". Dinner is at 5:15 followed by the dance at 6. We can accommodate 2 squares; sign up to come! Please visit our website often to find out what else is happening this summer:

www.swingingsaguaros.com
We will either meet in the Brummet Hall (front parking lot) or the Life Center (back parking lot) at St. Paul's. Check our website for the latest news - all summer! Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors to our new dancer class which starts Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6:30. So far, we have 8 people interested in joining our new dancer class. These people contacted me through our website. I'm keeping a list of potential new dancers, so feel free to send me names and contact info (phone, e-mail). We'll contact everyone on the list as it gets closer to September and invite them to join us. If your friends live on the east side - send them to Swinging Saguaros - if not, send them to Prime Time at the Square Dance Center.

Either way, be an angel and get to know our new dancers on Thursday evenings. We look forward to seeing you at Swinging Saguaros! Shirley Maddox

PRIME TIME DANCERS

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Why not join us at the Dance Center on the following Thursday evenings, as we workshop and dance figures from Basic to Mainstream: June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 16, 30. We'll begin the fall season with a FREE Introduction to Square Dancing on September 6. Invite your friends to learn this fun, interesting, aerobic activity! Classes resume on Thursday, September 13.

SUMMER CLOGGING CLASSES

Are you looking for something to do with those lazy, hazy summer days? Summer clogging classes will begin June 24 at the Old Pueblo Dance Center! Two classes will be offered every Sunday afternoon through September 30. The first class is an intermediate level and will be offered from 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. The second class is Easy Beginning and will be offered from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Both classes will be taught by Theresa Vettore. The cost of each class will be \$28 prepaid for each seven week session, or \$5.50 per class. For more information feel free to contact Theresa at 797-9632 or cactuskicker@comcast.net or Tom Bogan at 290-2368 or tbogan@earthlink.net Join us for a fun-filled summer!

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

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DANCE/CLASS/REVIEW	LOCATION	TIME/DATES	CALLER/CUER	PHONE
SUNDAY:				
Clogging – all levels	SARDASA	1:00PM (June 3)	Bogan	298-2368
Clogging – Intermediate Class	SARDASA	1:00PM (Starts June 24 – Sept. 30)	Vettore	797-9632
Clogging – Beginning Class	SARDASA	2:30PM (Starts June 24 – Sept. 30)	Vettore	797-9632
A-2 Workshop/Dance	SARDASA	5:00PM (Rick-A-Shays) (Resumes June 24)	Gittelman	324-0548
Mainstream/Plus w/Rounds	SARDASA	7:00PM (Swingin' Singles)	Kenney	297-2971
MONDAY:				
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) (Dark June)	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
C-3A Class	SARDASA	7:00PM	Kenney	885-6273
Plus w/Rounds (MS 1 st wk.)	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:				
MS Dance w/announced Plus	St. Paul's UMC	7:00PM (Swinging Saguaros) (casual dress)	Walker	298-7018
Basic / Mainstream Dance	SARDASA	7:00PM (6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30)	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) (casual dress)	Guest Callers	378-6719
Plus Dance	SARDASA	7:30PM (Tucson Twirlers) (casual dress)	Gittelman	324-0548
SATURDAY:				
Plus Dance	Rincon West	7:00PM (June 9, 16, 23, July 14, 21, 28)	Flippo	331-9465
Advanced Dance	SARDASA	7:30PM (Merry Mixers) (Casual dress)	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:

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

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