



Orange Blossom Squares News

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In our February News we were welcoming all our seasonal members and guests back to dancing with us. Now Spring is here, and those same people will have left for Easter, or will soon be leaving us. We wish you all a safe trip home, and a very nice Summer. We'll look forward to having you join us again in the fall.

Ron and I would like to thank our Presidents Elect Larry and Barbara Harding for filling in for us while we were on a cruise. It was nice getting away, but also nice to be back.

March 9th, we had our Johnny Preston/Ron Libby dance at the Savannah Center. Despite Shamrock Swing being the same weekend, we had 27+ squares. February and thru March, 16th

we averaged 20 squares. On February 24th, we had six student couples from Duane Roger's class join us for the 1st and 3rd tips of the evening. They all did a nice job of dancing, and enjoyed attending the dance. Most of them stayed around for the remainder of the evening, and enjoyed watching us square and round dance. This same class has been invited to join us once again for the 1st and 3rd tips on March 31st, and April 13th. They will be graduating in May.

After much work by Jennie and Bob Courter (training directors), Bob and Liz Wilson (media), and Ron and I, we think we may have enough students for the Monday evening class. The first class was held on Monday March 24th. March 31st, and April 7th will also be introductory classes when new students can still join. If you know of anyone interested, please bring them to class. We had tried a Monday morning class twice, and just couldn't get enough interested people to attend. Then we held a "free fun night" which was well attended. Approximately half of those that attended the fun night came back for the 1st class. Several of those are seasonal residents, and will be leaving very soon. **A BIG THANK YOU TO THE COURTTERS, AND WILSONS.**

CALLER & CUER

Apr. 6 Whit Brown
Apr. 13 Duane Rodgers
Apr. 20 Don Hanhurst
Apr. 27 Red Bates
May 4 Lon Ligon
May 11 Bob Wilson
(Mothers Day)
May 18 Paul Place
(Armed Forces Day)
May 25 NO DANCE
(54th State Convention)
June 1 Bob Stern
June 8 Duane Rodgers
June 15 Whit Brown
June 22 Susie Minicozzi
June 29 Don Hanhurst

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In another month or so, we will be appointing a Nominating Committee. This committee will be working along with our Presidents Elect to nominate a slate of officers for the term October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. Why am I telling you this????, to ask each of you, if you are asked to be on the committee, or to accept a nomination, please say YES. We've all heard the saying "It takes a Village", well it takes ALL OF OUR MEMBERS helping to have a good club, and to keep the club going.

Have you supported our club??? Are you attending dances fairly regularly?, Do you sign up to Greet, and be Hospitality?, Do you bring refreshments when called upon?, Have you served on a committee?, Have you taken an office or appointed position? These are some of the ways you can support Orange Blossom Squares.

The Greeter and Hospitality sign up sheets are out again. Please help us fill them up. Maybe you've already been a Greeter, perhaps you could do it a second time. We would certainly appreciate your help!!!!

If you find you're unable to Greet or be Hospitality the week you signed up for, PLEASE find a replacement, OR for Greeter contact Gene and Phyllis Allison, and for Hospitality Ron and Sharon Paul. The phone numbers are in the club directory

We sincerely THANK everyone that supports our club.

Presidents,

Ron and Sharon Paul

PRESIDENTS – ELECT

As Presidents –Elect we continue to prepare for our commitment that will start in October. A nominating committee will be formed shortly to create a staff to work with us as we start our new endeavor. There are many positions of responsibility and many jobs to be performed. These positions do not take special skills but they do take the dedication and commitment that is formed by the pride we have in our club.

We take pride in our recruiting program, the Callers that give the classes, the Class Directors and the Angels that work with the new couples. Orange Blossom Squares has held its size when other clubs have been failing.

We take pride in our Sunday night dances and the way our club draws couples from many areas. It is always an honor to give out visitors dangles to our guests. It is not strange to have the honor to give out visitor dangles to couples from foreign countries.

We take pride in the National Callers that we can invite because of our attendance and reputation.

We are proud of our heritage and the way our founders have set up and organized our club. We demonstrate it each year as we honor our Founders and Past Presidents at a special dance.

As Presidents - Elect we are asking for our club members to look around and think about where they could fit in to “the order of things” that make our club run. To think of ways we can build pride in our club together. We will be asking our members for help but we hope that the members we approach will already have an idea where they can fit in.

**Happy Dancing,
Larry & Barbara Harding**

TRAINING DIRECTORS REPORT - Bob & Jennie Courter

The following is a report regarding all OBS classes.

Tuesday and Thursday night classes are progressing very nicely. Bob Wilson is providing a very well planned Mainstream program. Students seem to be greatly enjoying the class and continue to have fun learning the new calls. Fortunately, we have many Angels helping with the class.

George and Patt Jacobs are wonderful class directors always planning themes that coordinate with the various holidays.

Duane Rodgers is now into the Plus program and the students continue to learn and dance the new calls that are introduced each week. By the time you read this report, these students will have attended their second club dance. Hope some of you had the opportunity to meet them. They really are looking forward to completing the program.

Chuck and Florence Anderson have been great assets in helping and caring for the students. Once again we are most grateful for the many Angel couples that come out to help each week.

Fun Night – March 10th

The Fun Night program was a huge success. We had a number of people come out to share in the fun program. A large number of the participants were seasonal couples and we also had a number of those who just wanted to see what Square Dancing was all about.

However, on March 24, we had 11-1/2 couples come to our dance at the Alamanda Rec Center. Several of these couples had attended the Fun Night Program. Of this group, 3 couples will be leaving the end of March. We do expect several other couples to come to the March 31st class.

Once again we did have a good turnout of Angel couples assisting RJ Hogan with the program.

CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION REPORT – Bob & Jennie Courter Area
Directors

Nine Orange Blossom Square couples attended the CFA 5th Saturday Dance in DeBary on March 30. All of them wore Green & White and all of the men wore Green hats to promote the 2009 Shamrock Swing.

We would like to thank Ron & Sharon Paul, Larry & Barbara Harding, Bob & Liz Wilson, Bill & Phyllis Varec, Sam & Doris Mason, Don & Kathy Curtis, Bill & Sandy Yakel, Gary & Margie Pearce for sharing and helping us with their support. Also like to thank Bob & Carol Stern for wearing their green and their support. If you are counting, we were the ninth couple.

This dance was well attended and we were able to promote the 2009 Shamrock Swing with our participation. The Next Fifth Saturday Dance will be May 31 in DeLand. Once again we would greatly appreciate having the OBS support. Check out the flyer on the Flyer Table.

Reminder: The 2009 Shamrock Swing is going to be held on March 20 & 21, 2009 right here in LaHacienda Center. We are selling ribbons for the two day event. We are also looking to have as many \$1.00 name boosters in our program book. We will also be looking for ads from the businesses, area clubs, and individual Square Dancers. We need everyone to help make this event a huge success, so that we can have future events held in this very beautiful area of the state.

Please help us!!!! Offer your assistance!!!! Buy Ribbons Now!!!! Take a Booster for \$1.00 per name.

Please remember to support the Florida State Convention on May 23, 24, & 25, at Lakeland Center. Of Course, we also have ribbons for this event.

Thank you, Bob & Jennie

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING

or

How to make Friends and Influence people!!!!

CONTINUED

V1. Don't come to a dance, workshop or class if you have been drinking or under the influence of drugs, be they legal or not. Square and Round dancing requires your best mental and physical alertness. Your coordination must be at its very best.

V11. Personal cleanliness is important in square and round dancing. If possible always shower or bathe. Use your deodorant, cologne or perfume (be careful of strong smells, some people are allergic), and don't forget to sweeten your breath. Avoid eating garlic or other offenders before attending a dance.

V111. Once a tip is underway, refrain from talking. It is frequently difficult to hear, and your talking may very well prevent someone else from hearing a call. It is also extremely rude to talk while announcements are being made. Try to quiet anyone speaking to you. Give the speaker the same consideration you would want if you were speaking.

1X. For some, square dancing can be a strenuous exercise. If you feel you are unable to dance, sit out. It is usually best to remove yourself from the dance area, and return after the tip has started. Sometimes you can learn a great deal just by watching and listening, don't insist upon talking. Square dancing is a social event but not a place to socialize during tips or rounds even if you are not dancing.

X. In addition to applauding the caller and thanking your fellow dancers at the end of each tip you should personally speak to and thank the caller and or cuer before leaving the dance. If you are a visitor you should also make a point of speaking with a club officer.

Orange Blossom Specials Schedule

- Apr. 02-----Terra Vista Rehabilitation in Orlando
(Former Club Member Janet Ensor is at this facility.)**
- Apr. 16-----Quiet Oaks & TimberRidge Nursing & Rehab Center in Ocala.**
- Apr. 28-----Altera Claire Bridge Cottage & Altera Sterling House in Leesburg.**
- May 05-----Superior Residence at Cala Hills & Life care Center in Ocala.**
- May 08-----Lake County Government at Hickory Point Recreation on route
19, South of Tavares.**

Thanks

Bruce & Roberta Troop

Media Report

**The last month or so we worked on publicity for the new class which started on
March 24th. We had the information listed at a number of places around The
Villages. Several club members suggested a couple of these avenues to us.**

News about the Fun Night and the Class were listed in the:

Daily Sun

VNN (Channel 20 -- the rec news Ticker)

WVLG Radio Station

JMAX non-computer emails

The April Bow and Swing is on the flyer table Sunday nights.

The club's monthly article is in there. Stop by and look over this state publication.

Bob & Liz Wilson

SHIRTS - CAPS - SOCKS

**To order Orange Blossom Square Polo Shirts, please see us for order forms and sizing
information. We also have Orange Blossom Square baseball caps and orange socks for
purchase. See us on Sunday nights or phone us at 259-9546. We plan to visit the current
square dance classes as they get closer to graduation so that the new dancers will have the
opportunity to order shirts.**

Don & Kathy Curtis

BIRTHDAYS

HARDING, Larry, 04/03,
 PARENT, Don, 04/07,
 PEACOCK *Terry, 04/08,
 SPINKS Jo 04/10
 BINKLEY, Carolyn 04/10
 LYONS, Betty 04/11
 SELL, Marilyn 04/12
 TOMPKINS, Lee, 04/12,
 NASH, Maurine 04/15
 LEONARD, Lou 04/16
 LEDOUX, Lilly 04/16
 CURTIS, Don, 04/16,
 METZGER, Patt 04/19
 BARDSLEY, Frank, 04/20.
 TOMPKINS, Wylene 04/28
 CIMMINO Lois 04/29
 WILLIAMS, Roile, 05/04,
 GREEN, Libby 05/10
 WHETSTONE Karl, 05/10,
 MEYER, Wes, 05/13,
 CLIFFORD Pat, 05/14,
 WALKER, *Don, 05/16,
 MCNAMEE Jane 05/17
 TRULSON, Muriel 05/18
 McCARTIN, Art, 05/19,
 SMITH, Jean 05/20
 STRUNK, Jerry, 05/20,
 PEARCE, Gary, 05/21,
 ANDERSON, Chuck 05/21,
 HALFERTY, *Jon, 05/24,
 PREZIOSO Gerry, 05/25,
 CHILDS Hank, 05/26.
 NASH, Don, 05/27,
 SPANIERMAN, Andrea 05/29
 MUELLER, Doreen 05/29
 COUTURE Lori 05/30
 McCARTIN, Barbara 05/31

ANNIVERSARIES

YAKEL, Bill, Sandy 04/08
 HOUSTON, *Jim, JoAnne 04/08
 LEDOUX, Tom, Lilly 04/10
 GARGIULA, Ed, Fran 04/11
 SELL, Donald, Marilyn 04/12
 BINKLEY, Ralph, Carolyn 04/17
 MENTZER, *Jim, Lois 04/19
 PEACOCK *Terry, Sue 04/23
 NOWE, Ed, Rae 04/25
 CLIFFORD Pat, Jackie 04/25
 LYONS, John, Betty 05/08
 AMERSON, Willie, Brenda 05/09
 VAREC, Bill, Phyllis 05/18
 BARDSLEY, Frank, Lee 05/30
 ORNDORF, Don, Fran 05/30
 PASSMORE, Mike, Pat 05/31
 HEINS, Dale, Rita 05/4