



Orange Blossom Squares News



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our winter of fun, excitement and enthusiastic crowds is drawing to a close. Tim Marriner, Bill Harrison, Tony Oxendine, Jack Lewis at the Savannah Center, Libby/Preston and Tony "O" have visited us and left. We have had our 50+ Anniversaries, our Sweethearts Ball and our St. Patty's Dance. Now our "Seasonal Residents" are beginning to leave a warm winter for a cool northern summer and they will be taking some Florida people with them. Our traffic will be less, the wait time at restaurants will end but much of the excitement will leave with them. The club attendance will be down and the summer fun will be up to us and our local callers to provide.

This time of year club member support is critical. We need a good attendance to pay our callers and our cuer. We need helping hands at our classes. We need graduates to make up for the annual attrition that we face. We need people to say yes. If we enjoy dancing and we have pride in our club, we must step forward to recruit, to participate and bring energy to our club. Our club has so much talent but it needs it all.

Highlighting the next two months will be the Monday Night Class Graduation on April 6th at Odell Recreation Center. It's a graduation! It's a party! There will be goodies and it's free. Our club needs these Graduates and the Graduates need our support as they nervously enter into our club. It's embarrassing to beg, but club support is lacking and these new couples are so badly needed.

Another highlight will be our Red White & Blue Student Ball on Saturday May 16th at Saddlebrook Recreation Center. The Student Ball will be open to all new and old dancers including those from other clubs. Other clubs have tried this before with great success. Now it's our turn.

As we look forward to April & May, we also look forward to our Mother's Day Dance on May 10th. If we all attend OBS on our Summer Sundays we can create our own fun and excitement. By bringing a smile and a Square Dance friendship, every Sunday can be special.

Happy Dancing,
Larry & Barbara Harding



CALLERS SCHEDULE

APRIL

- 5 DUANE RODGERS
- 12 EASTER -- NO DANCE
- 19 R.J. HOGAN
- 26 WHIT BROWN

MAY

- 3 RON LIBBY
- 10 BOB WILSON Mother's Day
- 17 GARY BROWN Armed Forces Day
- 24 NO DANCE -- 55th Florida State Conv.
- 31 DUANE RODGERS

JUNE

- 7 WHIT BROWN
- 14 BOB STERN
- 21 DON HANHURST Father's Day/
Pie Night
- 28 LON LIGON

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JOANNE & KEN HELTON

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PRESIDENTS' – ELECT REPORT

Callers for the 2009 – 2010 Dances

We have been actively inviting callers for our dances for the club year that begins October 1. To date we have sent invitations to 15 callers, 13 have accepted, and we are expecting responses from the other 2 soon. The acceptances cover 35 Sunday dances in 2010. We expect to fill the dance schedule by mid April.

Nomination Committee for September Elections

A nominating committee will be formed soon in accordance with the club's Bylaws to establish a slate of officers and staff for 2009 –2010 elections in September. We hope some of the members who are currently serving so hard and effectively in the many important officer and staff positions will offer to remain on the job another year with us (Mary-Ann and Jack) on the 2009 – 2010 team, and help us move the club forward into the 21st century.

We have some challenges to address: declining membership is a problem for all the clubs in this area including the OBS, and improving the retention of our Training Class graduates is key to growing the club. We will be making the improvement in retention and increasing our membership our top priority for our officer/staff team in the next year. Nothing would please us more than to have members come up to us and say “ that sounds like a team I'd like to be part of – where do you need me?”

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Ann and Jack Hostetler

TRAINING DIRECTORS' REPORT – BOB & JENNIE COURTER

Monday Night Class - This group is now into the final phases of the program. Actually by the time you read this it may be just before Graduation or right after. Graduation will be Monday April 6. Joanne & RJ will provide the program. Liz Wilson has made the graduation folder, and Sam & Doris Mason provided the pictures. Three couples, Vinny and Mary Beth Bonini, Jim & Sue Fields, Ron & Judy Rebhorn, and Joann Kaufman will be joining the Orange Blossom Squares.

We are looking at starting a new session of classes by having a free dance on May 4 with the following week being a regular paying class for all those who came to the May 4 free dance, and any new comers will be free. This will be the last free week. Our present directors will not be remaining in this position, therefore we have asked Barbara & Larry to try to come up with replacements for the May start.

Tuesday Night Class - The students are moving right along with their Mainstream Calls. Each week offers new challenges, new smiles and laughter. This group will be finishing up their Mainstream program on April 14, and will have two Mainstream Dances, one on April 21 and the second one on April 28. We could really use a few more OBS members to come and help out with the program.

Most of the remaining members are full time residents; we can only hope that we will not lose some to long summer travels.

Thursday Night Program - Still rolling along with between 4 and 6 couples.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob & Jennie Courter

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MEDIA REPORT – BOB & LIZ WILSON

The March Bow & Swing is on the flyer table Sunday evenings. We have two photos in this issue. One photo being the couples who joined the married over 50 years group this year during the OB Squares annual celebration and the other photo is of the OB Squares members who attended Winterfest in Lakeland in January. There is one problem ---- the captions under the photos were reversed. The April Bow & Swing should be on the flyer table in two weeks.

We have an article and regular listing for OB Squares coming out in the next Keepin' Posted ---- publication for Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association.

Bob & Liz Wilson, Media

BANNER RAID REPORT – NORB & PATT METZGER

April 5th, Recreation Plantation will be here to retrieve their banner.

April 19th, Royal Highlands will be here to steal our banner.

May 1st, Orange Blossom will go to Sunshine Promenaders to retrieve our banner.

May 3rd, On Top of the World will be here to steal our banner.

We have had some awards given out for attendance at Banner Raids.

Respectfully submitted,
Norb and Patt Metzger

Five Banner Raids – 3 Couples



Pat & Jackie Clifford



Don & Fran Orndorff



Marlene & Tom Yeager

Twenty Five Banner Raids



Mary-Ann & Jack Hostetler

Fifty Banner Raids



Bill & Phyllis Varec

Sixty Banner Raids



Charlotte & Jerry Strunk

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS – BRUCE & ROBERTA TROOP

Apr. 01-----Savannah Court of Leesburg & LRMC Nursing Center.

Apr. 04-----Relay for Life Fund Raiser at the Polo Field.

Apr. 14-----The Village Recreation Department at Spanish Springs Town Square.

Apr. 18----- The Spirited Singles Club At North Lake Presbyterian Church.

Apr. 27-----Brookdale Senior Living--Claire Bridge & Lake Harris Nursing home, both in Leesburg.

May 04-----Central New York Club At Laurel Manor Rec. Center.

May 08-----Brookdale---Sterling House in Leesburg.

May 12-----Spanish Springs Town Square

May 18-----Quiet Oaks & TimberRidge Nursing & Rehab. in Ocala.

Thanks
Bruce & Roberta Troop

  

SHIRTS - CAPS - SOCKS

Orange crew socks for sale for \$5.00 per pair
and OBS logo caps for \$7.50.

Call Kathy and Don Curtis 259-9546 if interested.

 

Recycle Your Square Dance Clothes

To sell items

For Sale: 1 Orange & White dress- Med, Tie, Men's Shirts-Size- Medium, Whites and various colors.
Call Valerie Moldovan @ 352-753-8766

Recycle Your Square Dance Clothes- Cont'd

Dear Fellow Square Dancers,

Valerie and I would like to send a big "THANK YOU" to all who made our Recycle Event on March 14th so successful. We had a garage full of clothes to sell and a garage full of buyers. Many who were no longer dancing were so happy to have an opportunity to pass on their clothes to new (and old) dancers. They were also happy to spend time with their square dance friends.

Many donated what didn't sell to the Club.

Sincerely,
Sandra Smith

CFA PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Shamrock Swing 2009

Wow!!!!!! A thank you seems like a very insignificant phrase to use. However, Bob & I are just overwhelmed by the support that we received from OBS members. All of the committees did a fantastic job of helping us to have a most successful SS. However, it was not just OBS members, but the committee chairman went out of their way to elicit help from the other area clubs. I really can not mention all of the individual names, but I do want to comment on just a few. Skip & Joan invited their house guest to come and help decorate; we observed the Millers from On Top the World helping out with Finnegan's place. We know Ann & Loren bought in refreshments. These are just a few of the many hands that made this successful. And of course, how about Paul up on the stage all evening enjoying and joining in the festivities and pulling the winning ticket. We know there were many others from several of the clubs, but it is impossible to name them all. You know who you are and we applaud all of you.

Most importantly, we danced two of the best callers, Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern. What a wonderful duo to have on our stage. Their support was fantastic. Of course our own Joanne & Ken did a great job with the round dance portion and workshops. These are the people who kept you smiling, and having fun throughout the festival.

All of our committee chairpersons did a fantastic job of organizing their committees and having everything available for the event. All of their names were published in the Shamrock Swing Program Book. When you see them give them a big hug for a job well done!!!!!! Each of the committees had additional dancers helping them, and we are sure that each committee chairperson has thanked each of them for a job well done. Even though we are not going to attempt to list their names, you know who you are and know that we appreciate all that you did to make the Shamrock so successful. It takes many hands to put something thing like this together, and all of you are the greatest!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We would like to give a very special thank you to Sharon & Ron Paul. As assistant co chairpersons, they went far and beyond what needed to be done. These are two very special, fantastic people who are most supportive of Square Dancing.

Please remember to take \$1.00 boosters in our 2010 Shamrock Swing program book for next year. \$1.00 per name per line, this really is a major help in the cost of printing the book. Ask your friends, and remember to get your ribbons for next year. Right here in the Villages, with Tim Marriner, Bob Stern, and Jimmy and Carol Griffin.

We also could use some more help with the 2010 Shamrock Swing. Please join the team for 2010!!!!

Thank you and hugs to all. Bob & Jennie Courter

Shamrock Swing Festivities



They came by the Bus load



Checking in and being directed



Lots of fun and smiles Square Dancing



Graceful Round Dancing



Time for a much deserved rest

CFA DIRECTORS' REPORT

CFA Report

The CFA Shamrock Swing, right here in La Hacienda March 20th, and 21st, had great attendance. It was wonderful dancing to Tony Oxendine, and Bob Stern in the squares, and it seemed Joann and Ken Helton had a large group of round dancers during both the workshops, and dancing.

If you missed this dance this year, it will be in The Villages again next year March 19th, and 20th. Watch for the Shamrock Swing table on Saturday evenings to purchase your ribbons, and sign up to be a booster.

CFA area Directors
Sharon and Ron Paul

State Convention

Shamrock Swing is over, **NOW** it's time to help support the State Convention to be held May 22, 23, and 24. We have **ribbons**. Even if you don't plan to attend there are ways you can give **OUR** State Convention support.

Come to the Convention table on Sunday nights, to purchase raffle tickets on a nice notebook computer, a lovely quilt, and to support the 2010 convention, a chance on a 5 or 6 day cruise. Cruise dates are September 1 - December 18, 2009, or September 1 - November 1, 2010. The winning ticket will be drawn at this years convention on May 24th.

You do not need to be present to win.

Thank you for supporting our State Convention,
Sharon and Ron Paul

Orange Blossom Squares Spring Golf Outing

The 2009 Spring Orange Blossom Squares golf is schedule for Thursday May 7. The course we will play is Silverlake. The tee times will start at 1:02 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow square dancers for a round of golf.

If you have any questions, call Mary or Larry Taylor at 750-9092.



Todd, Tod	04/02
Harding, Larry	04/03
Peacock, Terry	04/08
Spinks, Jo	04/10
Lyons, Betty	04/11
Tompkins, Lee	04/12
Nash, Maurine	04/15
Curtis, Don	04/16
Metzger, Patt	04/19
Bardsley, Frank	04/20
Tompkins, Wylene	04/28
Cimmino, Lois	04/29
Williams, Rolle	05/04
Lyons, Barbara	05/07
Gruver, Bob	05/08
Whetstone, Karl	05/10
Meyer, Wes	05/13
Clifford, Pat	05/14
Walker, Don	05/16
McNamee, Jane	05/17
Trulson, Muriel	05/18
Lange, Kathy	05/19
McCartin, Art	05/19
Smith, Jean	05/20
Strunk, Jerry	05/20
Anderson, Chuck	05/21
Halferty, Jon	05/24
Barone, Dave	05/26
Nash, Don	05/27
Mueller, Doreen	05/29
McCartin, Barbara	05/31

Fortier, Mary & Don	04/08
Houston, JoAnne & Jim	04/08
Yakel, Sandy & Bill	04/08
Gargiula, Fran & Ed	04/11
Sell, Marilyn & Donald	04/12
Mentzer, Lois & Jim	04/19
Peacock, Sue & Terry	04/23
Clifford, Jackie & Pat	04/25
Moldovan, Valerie & Fred	05/03
Heins, Rita & Dale	05/04
Marchioni, Ann & Ron	05/05
Lyons, Betty & John	05/08
Amerson, Brenda & Willie	05/09
Varec, Phyllis & Bill	05/18
Bardsley, Lee & Frank	05/30
Orndorff, Fran & Don	05/30

HAPPY

