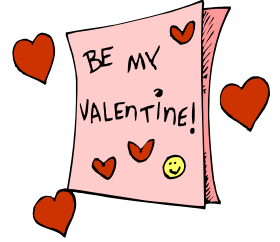




Orange Blossom Squares News



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It is wonderful to see so many of you back dancing with Orange Blossom Squares for 2012. Hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Our January schedule provided great callers and gave us all the opportunity to get back into a part of our normal routine. Unfortunately Bobby Keefe could not be with us; however we were most pleased to have Ron Libby take his place. We look forward to having Bobby with us in April.

Recap of Special Events that took place during December & January

As usual our Toys for Tots Dance was great. We had an outstanding number of toys for the Marine Corp to take back and distribute to those less fortunate. Thank you all for participating in this yearly event. Please know that your generosity is greatly appreciated. OBS also presented a \$100 check donation.

Our 50th + Anniversary Dance was chaired by Ron & Sharon Paul. There were several new members who joined this special group.

Upcoming Events:

February 5 – No Dance – Super Bowl Sunday

February 12 – OBS Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dance at 7:00 p.m. with caller Dave Towry from Arkansas. This is a regular price dance.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the dance floor during the upcoming months. Remember Square Dancing is a good physical and mental exercise.

Please keep all of our members and their families in your prayers and thoughts, especially those who are ill, those facing operations and special treatments, and those who have recently passed away.

Please remember to support our dances. The club needs you! We miss you when you are not with us.

Yellow Rocks, Jennie Courter

CALLERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

- 5 NO DANCE Super Bowl
- 12 DAVE TOWRY Sweethearts Ball
- 19 WHIT BROWN
- 26 KEN RITUCCI

MARCH

- 4 JACK LEWIS
- 11 LIBBY/PRESTON **
St. Patrick's Dance
- 18 NO DANCE Shamrock Swing
- 25 DON HANHURST

APRIL

- 1 BOB STERN
- 8 NO DANCE Easter
- 15 BOBBY KEEFE IRS Dance
- 22 MIKE SIKORSKI **
- 29 RON LIBBY

** SPECIAL TICKET DANCE

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JOANNE & KEN HELTON

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TRAINING DIRECTORS' REPORT

Christmas/New Year holidays are over and both classes are hard at work reviewing and learning new calls.

R J reviewed Basic and Mainstream the first week back. Then the class will begin the Plus calls. This class averages 3-5 couples. With the angels we usually have 2 squares. We could certainly use more angels. If you aren't doing anything Monday mornings please come help us. The class is at Odell Recreation Center 9:30 AM to 11:20 AM. If you can't be there at 9:30 come anyway. We would all thank you.

Duane's class has been averaging between 4-6 couples. This class is in the Mainstream calls. We have 2 couples that attend both classes. One couple had to drop out due to foot problems, and another couple we haven't seen since they went on vacation prior to Christmas. This class is blessed with plenty of angels.

If you know of anyone that wants to come back to Square Dancing, have them get in touch with us. We will direct them to the class we feel is most appropriate for their level of dance experience.

Ron and Sharon Paul
Training Directors

BANNER RAID REPORT

January 15th Fountain Squares retrieved their Banner. This was the last stolen banner in our possession. We now need you to help us raid clubs to decorate the front of our stage Sunday Night (again).

We currently have four raids planed in the coming months and more will be added. The participation of members going on raids is disappointing. We are the largest Club in Florida and have a very poor showing at events outside our lessons and Sunday night Dances. Won't you please consider adding Banner Raids to the activities you engage in. If you do not understand Banner Raids or would like more information about them contact us. We would love to talk to you about your participation in our Banner Raids.

January 25, 2012: We raid Friendly Squares to steal their Banner.
Only 6 couples signed up for this raid!!!!

February 13, 2012: We will raid Oak Run. This is a special Ticket required dance with Nick Hartley Calling. Norm Barnes will have tickets \$12 in advance at our Sunday night Dances.

February 26, 2012: Sunshine Promenaders will be here to steal our Banner.

March 13, 2012: We will raid Circle Squares. This is their "Party Night".

April 6, 2012: We will retrieve our Banner from Sunshine Promenaders.

s/Jerry & Charlotte Strunk

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS

Feb. 04-----Winterfest at United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park.

Feb. 11-----West Michigan Shoreliners Club at Hibiscus Rec. Center.

Feb. 26-----Sociable Singles at Chatham Rec. Center.

Mar. 07-----Arbor Village Nursing Center in Wildwood.

Mar. 07-----Mission Oaks in Oxford.

We urge Club members to go with us on these nursing home visits.
We bring lots of joy to the nursing home residents & I think you will enjoy it also.

Thanks
Bruce & Roberta Troop



SHIRTS - CAPS - SOCKS

SHIRTS FOR SALE

We are now obtaining shirts from a new manufacturer. These shirts are a 65/35 poly/cotton blend and come in both men's (S-XXL, \$28; XXXL, \$31) and women's (XS-XL, \$28) sizes in both orange and white.

We still have the cotton pique shirts in men's sizes (S-XXL, \$30; XXXL, \$33.50). These prices include ALL embroidery. This would be a great time to update your wardrobe with a new shirt.

We also have 4 sample shirts in orange with no embroidery for sale. These are 50/50 poly cotton, one each in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. They are priced to sell at only \$10 each.

Contact Muriel and Roy Trulson 352-259-2422.

ROUND DANCE CLASSES

ROUND DANCE SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES AND DANCES
with
Ken & Joanne Helton - Instructors/Cuer
CHECK OUR WEB SITE @ www.joannehelton.com/schedule.htm
or
Call 352-343-4282 or cell 352-455-5759

CFA DIRECTORS' REPORT

CENTRAL FLORIDA'S SHAMROCK SWING

MARCH 16 & 17, 2012

Are you going?? It's a fun dance, you won't want to miss. Do you have your ribbons?? Purchase them early, and save. Please sign up to be a Booster in our program book. Just \$1.00 per name gets you listed in the program book, and at the same time it is helping to defray our cost of printing the book.

We still need some kitchen help. We schedule each couple for just 1 hour out of the whole weekend. It's nothing hard, just keeping the food and drinks replenished.

Help our club make a Gift Basket for the Chinese auction. Our theme is Activities. Use your imagination; it could be a deck of cards, puzzle book, a small game, anything that would create activity in some way.

Come see us over in the corner any Sunday evening. We have ribbons, signup sheets for both boosters, and kitchen help. Pick up a flier to see the line up and our scheduled hours.

We thank you in advance for your help.
Co-chairpersons Ron and Sharon Paul, and Jennie Courter

2012 DIRECTORY CHANGES

NEW MEMBERS

FORGUSON, 08/19	Ed, Pat 11/11, 11/23	1116 Paradise Drive ed@edforguson.com	32159 717-991-5160	FL Mar '09
IVINS,	Betty 12/27	1622 Cypress Point	32159 751-3232	PA Jan '12
McNEILL, 07/31	Bob, Evelyn 04/08, 06/16	2922 Rain Lily Loop drpaintsmart@juno.com	32163 228-224-6619	CA/MS Jan '12

CHANGES

HOSTETLER , Mary-Ann - mah1mah1@yahoo.com
KOSA , Frank and Janet - frank2323@centurylink.net
SANTANGELO, Tony and Anna - astonyanna@aol.com

“MEET OUR MEMBERS”

JIM DUNLOP CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY JANUARY 1.

The Orange Blossom Squares helped Jim Dunlop celebrate his 90th birthday at the Sunday evening dance, January 8th. Jim and his wife, Helen, have been square dancing since 1977, where they took lessons in Staten Island, NY. Over the years, they have danced in Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii (3 times), England, Wales, Canada, Alaska, and throughout the United States. One event that stands out to them is dancing at the 1986 Celebration of the Statute of Liberty. They square danced with 200 dancers in the Giants Stadium which was televised on national TV. They also ballroom dance and have done several exhibitions—one in Bermuda in the 1980's at a square dance convention. The second was at a talent show on a cruise ship.

Jim said they had square danced in the 1950's in Lima, Peru, so they thought they could dance. Well, at the first dance in Staten Island, they quickly found out square dancing had changed.

Jim & Helen have been married 61 years. They moved to The Villages in 1999 and became members of the Orange Blossom Squares. They were also part of The Specials Exhibition/Nursing Home Group from 1999 until 2004. They continue to be active members of the club and it is with great pleasure to help this couple celebrate this special event.



Faith and Art Hubert have lived in The Villages for 9 years. Prior to moving here, they lived in Mansfield, OH. Before retiring, Faith was a middle school media specialist. Art was a project accountant for General Motors.

They have been married for 44 years. Art and Faith have 2 children, a son and a daughter; 2 grandchildren, both girls.

They have been square dancing for 8 years. They have served on the OBS Board as Treasurers. None of their children square dance.

They both enjoy golf, square dancing and round dancing. Faith also enjoys playing the piano, reading, Pegs and Jokers, and Mah-Jongg (for fun only), and of course, her grandchildren.



Roberta and Bruce Troop have lived in The Villages for 22 years. Before moving here, they lived in Carpentersville, IL. Before retiring to The Villages, Bruce worked as a Machine Setter and Roberta was a factory worker and also did In-Home small parts assembly.

They have been married 58 ½ years. They have 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 10 Great-grandchildren.

They have been square dancing for 24 years. They joined OBS just one year after the club was started. They have served on the OBS Board as Banner Raid Director, Orange Blossom Specials Director, and in charge of Badges & Flyers. None of their children square dance.

In addition to square dancing, Bruce and Roberta enjoy traveling, golfing, as well as playing cards and dominoes. Roberta also makes Afghans that the Orange Blossom Specials give to nursing home residents.



Happy Anniversary

Grove, Ron	02/04	Stackhouse, Arlene & Bill	02/01
Biddinger, Bob	02/10	Campbell, Bonnie & Larry	02/12
Van Rooy, Nancy	02/11	Godlin, Ted & Kaufman, Kelley	02/19
Pearce, Margie	02/13	Yaeger, Marlene & Tom	02/22
Moldovan, Valerie	02/14	Bailey, Peg & Fred	02/27
Richard, Lorraine	02/18	Troop, Roberta & Bruce	03/11
Troop, Roberta	02/24	Baumann, Hal & Van Rooy, Nancy	03/17
Hubert, Art	03/01	Stead, Ethel & Bob	03/17
Paul, Ron	03/01		
Smith, David	03/02		
Hostetler, Mary-Ann	03/04		
Rouze, Robert	03/06		
Young, Robert	03/07		
Smith, Sandra	03/08		
Labbe, Tom	03/11		
Stead, Ethel	03/12		
Barone, Glenda	03/13		
Kaufman, Kelley	03/13		
Davis, Pat	03/15		
Kinder, Ruth	03/15		
Orndorff, Fran	03/16		
Mickelson, Mick	03/17		
Troop, Bruce	03/18		
Strunk, Charlotte	03/19		
Yakel, Sandy	03/20		
Paul, Sharon	03/21		
Heins, Dale	03/25		
Jacobs, George	03/29		

