



Grapevine

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Stay Safe!

Associated Square Dancers

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- Special dances for the three months following date of issue.
- Articles on activities that have had a **major impact** on the club's membership, dance attendance, and classes.
- Fundraisers and/or outings your club has enjoyed.

Please be positive and helpful with your articles. Sharing ideas helps all clubs be more successful.

A Square D Website: www.asquared.org

A Square D Calendar:

SEPTEMBER

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| September | 1 | National Square Dance Month — Enjoy! |
| Monday | 5 | Labor Day |
| Sunday | 11 | Patriot Day |
| Monday | 12 | District meeting: South Bay Westside |
| Monday | 19 | District meeting: Orange |
| Tuesday | 27 | District meeting: Valley, Ventura, Santa Barbara |

OCTOBER

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| October | 5 | Yom Kippur |
| Monday | 10 | District meeting: South Bay Westside |
| October | 16 | President's Anniversary Ball, 2 p.m. |
| Monday | 17 | District meeting: Orange |
| Tuesday | 25 | District meeting: Valley, Ventura, Santa Barbara |
| October | 31 | Halloween |

NOVEMBER

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| November | 6 | Daylight Saving ends |
| Monday | 14 | District meeting: South Bay Westside |
| November | 20 | General Meeting via ZOOM, 2 p.m. |
| Monday | 21 | District meeting: Orange |
| Tuesday | 22 | District meeting: Valley, Ventura, Santa Barbara |
| November | 24 | Thanksgiving |

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President's Message



Hello Everybody,

The Board of Directors of the Associated Square Dancers is always busy working for the health and future of the activity we all love but a lot of that work is not visible to the average dancer on the floor.

One of the big things we do is to get insurance for all of the dancers in our association. Can you imagine how much work it would be for one of your club members to have to google

insurance companies, and find a company that will work with you when you have 20-50 members? That person would also have to understand the technical terms that insurance companies use and make sure that all dancers at your dance will be covered like they are now. That would be a lot of work.

ASqD analyzes tax law so that your club members don't have to read and try to comprehend the publications put out by the IRS and Franchise Tax Board. If you have ever had to read anything published by these organizations, you will know how hard they are to understand. ASqD then puts out that information so that even if the IRS or Franchise Tax Board starts asking questions, you will know that you have followed the law.

We put on five large dances every year that allow you and your members to meet dancers and make friends with dancers that you would not have had the chance to meet otherwise. These dances also show that our activity is larger than just the club dances that you attend. The Board of Directors also visits as many club dances as they can.

ASqD organizes a special visitation to the National Square Dance Convention. In addition to the great dancing to fabulous callers, you can visit fabulous local tourist spots with the High Flyers program that you may have never heard of before. You can also attend presentations, classes, and discussion groups about square dancing.

ASqD is a wonderful organization made up of dancers, just like you, who volunteer their time to support the activity that we all love. I am so glad that I can work for the betterment of square dancing. During the years I have been on the ASqD Board my most favorite part is going to dances. I square dance because I love it and I do what I can to help it thrive.

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Square dancing is the perfect activity because it is loads of fun; you get to spend the evening dancing to music, it's healthy for body and mind, and you will make lifetime friends.

As of this writing, we are planning to make a major announcement at the August General Meeting that we hope will be useful and welcomed by all member clubs. Hope all delegates will be on hand for it, and I look forward to seeing you in a square.—*Fredi Levitt*

A Square D Club Happenings

Buckles & Bows

There is so much going on in the square dance world, and Buckles & Bows are right in the middle of it all.

Our dance hall, The Goebel Adult Community Center, went under renovation, so we lost the hall for several months, not only for our Tuesday SSD classes and our 4th Saturday dances, but we also had to cancel our main event, the Sea Breeze Dance for this year. It would appear that we will return to the Goebel in August, and that will be welcomed, indeed.

Our replacement hall could not accommodate us for our Tuesday SSD classes, so we had to switch to Thursdays, causing us to miss about half of our students who have other plans on Thursdays. All indicate they will return when the Tuesday classes resume.

All of these students have completed the 50 calls in the SSD program and we will start another SSD class on Tuesday, September 13, with Mike Seastrom calling.

Our fourth Saturday dances will continue, with Eric Henerlau calling September 24, Ken Bower calling October 22, and Mr. Hot Hash himself, Mike Sikorsky, calling November 26. We will be dark in December.

While we do require proof of vaccinations or a negative COVID test within 48 hours, we are not requiring folks to wear masks, as of now. We strongly recommending folks wear them, however. Many of us do so for now.

We hope to see you in many squares soon.

Farmers & Charmers

Farmers & Charmers hosted a Mainstream/Plus dance on Millie's restaurant patio (16840 Vanowen St, Van Nuys, CA 91406) on August 6, 5–7 p.m. where we experienced Dick Hodnefield's 50 years of calling.

- Outside—no mask or vaccine restrictions.
- Patio is concrete—wear appropriate shoes.
- \$10; we request bringing a chair.

Major Keys

We're dancing on October 22, 2022! Dale Hoppers will be the caller and Bill Berry the cuer. Rounds start at 7 p.m., squares at 7:30; the dance will be SSD & Plus depending on the dancers on the floor.

Ribbons & Souls

The Ribbons & Souls continues to hold classes and dances. Our spring Social Square Dancing class became a summer workshop on Wednesdays at 6:45–8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, with Bill "Tex" Gipson instructing. The donation at the door is \$10. On September 7 we will kick off our new SSD class.

The Advanced Square Dance, A1/A2, class is meeting on Thursdays at 4–6 p.m. We welcome Plus dancers new to Advanced to join the class through September and Advanced dancers to join the class at any time in the year. We dance in the Iksan Room, and Bill "Tex" Gipson is the instructor. The donation is \$10. To join the class or for more information, contact Nancy by e-mail at R&SAdvanceClass@gmail.com or call at 310-853-3112.

We'll start our Round Dance Class on September 11, with Judy Keller Smith, Tom Hicks, and Jim Smith instructing. The class meets on Sundays at 1:00–4:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Advanced will be 1:00–2:00 p.m., Intermediate 2:10–3:10 p.m., and Beginner 3:15–4:15 p.m. The donation is \$12 per class.

Dances are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, SSD level, and 5th Saturdays. Plus level. We dance at 7–10 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. The donation is \$12.

Here is the calendar of dances coming up: September 10, Mike Kellogg calling and Judy Keller Smith cuing, Celebrating the Small Screen; September 24, Jim Smith calling and Judy Keller Smith cuing, Wild West; October 8, Mike Hogan calling and Joe Scarlatella cuing, Fall Fallies; October 22, Lawrence Johnstone calling and Jim Spence cuing, Hollywood's Golden Era; October 29, Darren Gallina calling and Jim Spence cuing, Halloween Haunt; November 12, Paul Waters calling and Jim Spence cuing, Veterans' Day; November 26, James Thompson calling and Judy Keller Smith cuing, Thankful Heart.

These are our COVID protocols for dances and classes. Proof of vaccination is required, but we do not check for boosters. Masking requirements are subject to change based on County of Los Angeles mandates or those of our building. When masks are not required, we invite anyone who feels safer in a mask to wear one.

We dance at the Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, 90230, on the SW corner of Overland Ave. and Culver Blvd. To get to the building, exit the 10 Freeway at Overland Ave. and travel

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How to Find a Dance Venue

Due to COVID, the Ribbons & Souls found themselves needing a new venue. We found a hall in Summer of 2021, and then suddenly in December we lost it and were sent scrambling again. Fortunately, each time we thought we had exhausted all of our resources without finding a dance location, something new came through—and each time we gained experience.

In total, we contacted 105 organizations and public officials. Finding a new venue can be a daunting and difficult task. We hope that some idea in this list will be useful to you now or in the future.

First Planning: When setting up to find a hall, start with a meeting of your club members.

- Brainstorm to create a “Venue Specifications and Wish List” for what you need and what you would like to find for a hall.
- Find out how far people are willing to travel to dance.
- Estimate the most that you can afford to pay for a hall.
- Then form a committee to do the work.
- Create a document to log all the information you gather, from names of places that you haven’t called yet to places that you have called back a number of times, and make one team member the keeper of the document.
- Designate someone to handle signing the contract when you have found a good venue.

Actions: Start with a list of places to call. Query your club membership for suggestions for venues. Organizations to contact can include churches, parks and recreation centers, schools, lodges such as the Elks, Masonic and American Legion, senior centers, YMCAs, and private studios such as a dance studio.

Call organizations. If they don’t have a suitable hall to rent, ask them for suggestions for where you might look. Take notes of all they say. If their hall is carpeted, note that. If their hall is only available for one-off dates, but it is a large hall, note that too for future use. If you leave a message, note that also. If a venue turns out to be a dead end, note that. If there is still a chance, call again at least once a month. In the log, date your entries.

Contact the office for your local government official, such as a councilman or state representative. Pick their brain for places to dance. When you have contacted their suggested places, call the office again and let them know how it turned out. Inform the people in the office about how important it is for a city to have places where people can gather.

Keep Records: The document used for holding all the notes could be an Excel spreadsheet. Important columns could be Organization, Address, Status (yes, no, maybe, or blank), Committee member working with this organization, Contact Person and Information such as name of

contact. phone number or e-mail address, etc., Notes for keeping the dated log of all the times you called them and the results each time, and Next Action if any such as “Call again in October.”

Finally: When you find your dream hall, or something close to it, bring in the person who will diligently read the contract, ask questions, and ultimately sign the contract for the club. Establish a good contact person in your club for ongoing relations with the organization. Save your document logging contacts for future reference.

When all is said and done, it may not be possible to create a hall that isn’t there. But a good faith effort to find a hall will go a long way to finding a venue to dance in. Best of luck!—*Jan Bartholomew, Ribbons & Souls*

Anniversary & Benefit Dances:

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| Sierra Hillbillies | September 11 | 55th Anniversary Dance <i>With caller Andy Allemao and cuer Cindy Mower</i> |
| Trail Dusters | October 1 | 65th Anniversary Dance <i>With callers Mike Seastrom & Ken Bowers</i> |
| Sierra Hillbillies | October 2 | Annual Harvest Festival & Food Pantry Benefit <i>With caller Phil Farmer</i> |
| Western Weavers | October 7 | 41st Anniversary Dance <i>With caller Mike Hogan and cuer Jim Spence</i> |
| Shoreline Squares | October 22 | Anniversary Dance <i>With caller Terri Sherrer</i> |
| Valley Trailers | November 19 | 68th Anniversary Dance <i>With caller Mike Seastrom and cuer Cindy Mower</i> |

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south, or exit the 405 Freeway at Culver Blvd. and travel east. The entrance to the parking lot is off of Culver Blvd. We are not serving food due to COVID concerns, and we encourage you to bring your own water. Please check our new website at www.ribbonsandsouls.com. See you at a dance! —*Jan Bartholomew*

Shoreline Squares

Shoreline Squares is continuing our A1/A2 workshop Thursday nights 7–9:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Long Beach. Our anniversary dance will be Saturday, October 22, 2022, 7–10 p.m. with Terri Sherrer calling SSD through A2 tips also at the St. Thomas of Canterbury

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Episcopal Church in Long Beach. Please see our website for the address—<https://shorelinesquares.com/>. Proof of vaccination is required for all Shoreline events.—*Stuart Mosher*

Sierra Hillbillies

The Sierra Hillbillies were super happy to be the hosting club when caller Paul Waters received his 50-year caller award from CallerLab presented by Michael Seastrom. Two squares of Buckles and Bows were on hand that day to congratulate their instructor, as were callers Michael Kellogg and Janienne Alexander. Our July Patriot T-Shirt Dance was truly memorable!



PHOTO BY NANCY NEILL..

We're positive our September 11th 55th Anniversary Dance with Andy Al-lemao calling and Cindy Mower cuing rounds will be memorable as well! Hope you can attend, but if not be sure to bring canned goods to our October 2 Harvest Festival & Food Pantry Benefit with Phil Farmer at the microphone. Then we'll honor & salute our veterans on November 6 with Michael Kellogg calling our 21Gun Salute & Dance.

We'll be starting our Fall SSD class with Santa Clarita Parks & Recreation Department on September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Rd., Santa Clarita, with instructor Janienne Alexander. Registration, \$50, for the 14-week class is on-line at www.santa-clarita.com/seasons.

Simi Valley Boots and Slippers

Boots and Slippers continues to be active with both class and dances. Our Plus-level class will have eight graduates September 12. We plan to have a new class starting September 19. Our dances consistently bring in from 8–10 squares. We have had a lot of support from Buckles and Bows in Thousand Oaks. We also support their dances. Both our clubs benefit from our mutual efforts to help each other.



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Our Guide Dogs of America benefit dance was a huge success. We had a visit from several guide dog puppy raisers and their dogs. They are

High Flyers

Well, the 71st National Square Dance Convention is history now, and we're sorry to have missed it. Time to look forward to number 72...in Mobile, Alabama. As of just prior to this year's convention 1317 dancers were registered 62 being from California. The numbers will, of course, be higher by those who signed up during the recent convention.

The site of the 74th convention has been decided, too.

That will take place in Shreveport, Louisiana, June 25-28, 2025. It will be the second for the state, the first was the 20th convention in 1971. Ted & Tonia Hofmeister will head the team of hundreds of dancer volunteers working hard over the next three years to welcome you in 2025!



FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS
JUNE 21–24, 2023: MOBILE, AL
JUNE 26–29, 2024: MILWAUKEE, WI
JUNE 25-28, 2025: SHREVEPORT, LA



so cute and fun to have there. We had raffles and a live auction for a quilt donated by Lea Veronica of *Open Squares*. Dick Hodnefield and Don Schadt donated their talents. We served grilled hot dogs with all the fixings. The auctions were very successful and with a large group of dancers we were able to make a significant donation to Guide Dogs of America. We were excited to be able to sponsor a puppy this year. Her name is Jade, and she is a yellow Labrador retriever. We hope she will visit us from time to time.

The July dance "Honoring the Flag" was also well received. Mike Kellogg was our caller with Jim Elder cueing. Our caller, Dick Hodnefield was surprised with a plaque from CallerLab celebrating 50 years of square dance calling. We are so proud to have him as our club caller and class instructors. Everyone enjoyed the root beer floats served by our member kitchen helpers. Our kitchen chairman Bill Scholl was surprised with a gift from the kitchen helpers. He now has a new statue of Dodger's Clayton Kershaw to add to his collection of over 100 Dodger bobble heads.

Our 63 Annual Anniversary Luau was held Saturday, August 13 at the Simi Valley Senior Center. Deborah Carroll Jones called along with Jim Elder on rounds. The senior center is at 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley 93063. —*Glenda Hamburg*

Trail Dusters

Although it was a quiet summer for dancing, many Trail Dusters enjoyed returning to other social activities now that most had returned to normal. However, square dancing was still in the forefront of our thoughts; members

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were encouraged to participate in the numerous workshops in the area offered by other Clubs and to get involved in actively recruiting new members to join our square dance classes in the Fall.

The Board has been busy these past three months planning and organizing our 65th Anniversary Dance on October 1st, 7:30–9:30 p.m., to dance with two of most well liked callers—Mike Seastrom & Ken Bower. By the time this article is printed, we will have distributed updated flyers advertising not only the callers, but the other special things planned to make the afternoon a memorable one. We are very proud to be able to celebrate this milestone and to continue to enjoy a vibrant Club. (At our graduation night in June we had 97 members attend!)

When we returned to uninterrupted dancing in March, needless to say, our skills were a little rusty. Our caller, Paul Waters worked hard to refresh memories and muscles after two years away! And each week dancers—experienced and new—worked diligently to improve their dancing skills at both the Plus and SSD levels in preparation for our Anniversary dance. Everyone is looking forward to returning to a dance (not a class) with Mike Seastrom and Ken Bower! Individually this dynamic duo is experienced, fun, and exhibit an infectious enthusiasm—imagine how exciting they will be as a team. Come and find out—you will not want to miss this dance!

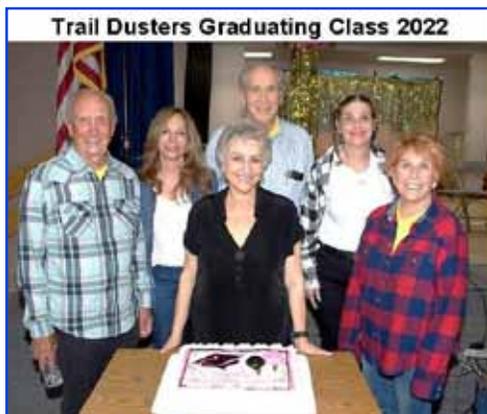
We look forward to welcoming and visiting with fellow square dancers!—*Shirley Brown, Publicity*

Valley Trailers

Valley Trailers have been having a great time since we've been back dancing at the Wilkinson Center. Our plus workshop is progressing nicely, and our club dances are fun and entertaining.

Our next dances are:

- Saturday, September 17th: Mike Sikorsky is the caller and Cindy Mower is the cuer; National Square Dance is the theme for this month.



*Our 2022 graduating class--
Front Row: Bob Sanders, Eileen Burkenheim, Cookie Siski;
Back Row: Jill Sanders, Earl Metter, Jennifer Mantell.*

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- Saturday, October 15th: Pat Carnathan is the caller and Cindy Mower is the cuer; Fright Night is the theme.
- Saturday, October 29th: Advanced dance with Frank Lescrinier calling.
- Saturday, November 19th: Valley Trailers will be celebrating our 68th Anniversary with Mike Seastrom calling and Cindy Mower on rounds. This is always a great dance, and we welcome everyone joining us in the festivities.

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6th at the Wilkinson Center 7 p.m. For July and August, workshops were held at the Prince of Peace Church, 9449 Balboa Blvd., Northridge. Basic pre-workshop: 6:30–7:00 p.m.; Plus workshop: 7:00–9:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination required with masks strongly advised.

Successful fundraisers are located in restaurants where we get together, meet for lunch or dinner and have an opportunity to socialize.

Western Weavers

After more than two years of not dancing, the Western Weavers restarted workshops in April and welcomed back old friends as well as some new faces who hadn't danced in a while. It was all to get ready for our first dance back in May, which saw four squares descend on the Joslyn Center in Burbank as Dale Hoppers led us in square dancing and Joe Scarlatella handled the rounds. It was a great success for our return and would like to thank Sets in Step for its support at both our workshops and dance.

However, one of the biggest supporters of the Western Weavers has left us. Ron Black, a longtime caller and HUGE friend to the Weavers, passed away at the end of May. Ron, wearing whatever hat fancied him that evening, would frequent our dances and classes and lend an encouraging word to students and established dancers alike. He definitely will be missed.

We extended our workshops into the summer and held another dance



The Valley Trailers are super happy to be dancing once again at Wilkinson Center!

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE VALLEY TRAILERS.

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in July with Eric Hennerlau visiting from Northern California. Jim Spence called the rounds for this dance. Sadly, just before we went to press with this issue, we had to announce a pause to activities because of the increase in COVID cases. We hope this will be a short pause and hope to see you in a square soon since we have some things planned for this fall.

One of those things is our new Social Square Dancing class, which we hope to start in September. Our classes are held at the Magnolia Park Community Methodist Church (2828 W. Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank) on Tuesdays, with line dancing from 6:30–7:30 p.m. and square dance instruction from 7:30–9 p.m. Angels from other clubs are welcome and it's just \$5 to dance. Questions? Contact the Weavers Hotline at 818-252-9692.

Also this fall, we will be celebrating our 41st Anniversary in October. We are pleased to announce that the great Mike Hogan will be calling for us once again, with Jim Spence handling the cuing duties. The dance is set for Friday, Oct. 7, with rounds starting at 7:30 p.m. (and between tips) and squares from 8–10:30 p.m. Donation is \$10 (\$9 with a Burbank Senior Activity Card). Connect with us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/westernweavers) or visit WesternWeavers.com for the latest updates.

Save the Date! October 16

We're planning the date above for the A Square D Anniversary Dance at Hawthorne Memorial Center, 3901 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, hoping to see you all in person. The event will be free of charge, vaccinations required, and follow all county mandates in place at that time. We're still asking you to be aware that we may yet have to cancel due to COVID safety concerns.

A Square D Affiliate Clubs:

1. Club name, regular dance location, and day dancing 2. Club web address given if available. Please contact me to correct errors in the information for your club. *Thanks, KGS, Ed.*

Boots and Bows: Riviera United Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd, Redondo Beach. Third Saturday; <http://bootsandbows.net>

Buckles & Bows: Goebel Adult Center, 1385 E. Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Fourth Saturday; www.bucklesandbows.org

Dancing Stars: Mel's Square Dance Hall, 5946 Westminster Blvd., Westminster. Third Saturday; www.ocdancingstars.com

Farmers & Charmers: Millies Restaurant, 16840 Vanalden St., Van Nuys. First Saturday. <http://www.farmersandcharmners.com/index.html>

Fun Wuns: (A-2) Mel's Square Dance Hall, 5946 Westminster Blvd., Westminster. Fourth Saturday; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1344068042290283>

Grin-N-Square It: El Monte. www.grinnsquareit.com

Inglewood Guys and Dolls: Los Angeles.

Lads 'n' Lassies: Northridge; <https://www.facebook.com/LnLsquaredanceclub/>

Major Keys: St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 11345 Miller Rd., Whittier. 4th Saturdays. www.majorkeys.org

Phantom Squares: (A2–C2) Canoga Park. www.phantom-squares.com

Ribbons & Souls: Veterans Memorial Building 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230. Second, 4th & 5th Saturdays. www.ribbonandsouls.com

Shoreline Squares: St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 5306 East Arbor Rd, Long Beach. Occasional Saturdays. <http://shorelinesquares.com>

Sierra Hillbillies: United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 25718 McBean Parkway, Santa Clarita. First Sunday; www.sierrahillbillies.org

Simi Valley Boots & Slippers: Simi Valley Senior Center, 3900 Avenida Simi., Simi Valley. Second Saturday. www.bootsandslippers.com

Taws & Paws: St. Mark United Methodist Church, 3942 La Colina Rd., Santa Barbara. Every Wednesday.

Trail Dusters: Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge. Second Saturdays. www.traildusters.com

Valley Trailers: Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden Ave., Northridge. 3rd & 5th Saturdays. www.valleytrailers.com

Western Weavers: Joslyn Adult Center, 1301 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, California. Occasional Fridays; info: 818-252-9692; Visitations: WWvisitations@gmail.com; www.westernweavers.com

PLEASE check with clubs directly before heading out to an event! We're as accurate as possible at press time, but Covid changes things daily!

About this issue's cover



• Just a quick word about how lucky we are here in

sunny SoCal! My parents were also dancers, but they lived in Kansas and while they did have access to dances, they were usually a ways away. And while I know there are good and dedicated callers everywhere, we here are blessed with many of the best of the best!

• Here are three of them: Dick Hodnefeld, Michael Seastrom, and Paul Waters. Both Dick (at a Boots and Slippers dance) and Paul (at a Sierra Hillbillies dance) recently received CallerLab certificates for 50 years of calling and both were

delivered by Mike Seastrom who got his 50 years of calling award in 2013 (Mike literally began his calling career at the age of 12).



• Seastrom himself has fairly recently received CallerLab's Gold Card or "Life Membership in CallerLab"—an honor so far only presented to 23 callers. He's respected in square dance communities around the world.

• So we are very lucky here in Southern California to have the opportunity to dance with many superb callers—a priveledge most dancers around the country don't enjoy on a regular basis.



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A Square D Club Theme Dances:

Valley-Ventura-Santa Barbara: September

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| Sierra Hillbillies | September 11* | 55th Anniversary Dance/SSD (Casual attire) |
| Valley Trailers | September 17 | National Square Dance Month/Plus |
| Buckles & Bows | September 24 | Screaming into Fall/Plus |

October

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| Trail Dusters | October 1 | 65th Anniversary Dance/Plus |
| Sierra Hillbillies | October 2 | Harvest Festival & Food Pantry Benefit/SSD (Casual attire) |
| Western Weavers | October 7 | 41st Anniversary Dance/Plus |
| Valley Trailers | October 15 | Fright Night/Plus |
| Buckles & Bows | October 22 | Halloween Dance |
| Valley Trailers | October 29 | Advanced Dance/A2 |

November

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| Sierra Hillbillies | November 6 | Vets 21 Gun Salute & Dance/SSD (Casual attire) |
| Valley Trailers | November 19 | 68th Anniversary Dance/Plus |
| Buckles & Bows | November 26 | Thanksgiving Dance |

South Bay Westside:

September

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| Ribbons & Souls | September 10 | Celebrating the Small Screen/SSD |
| Boots & Bows | September 17 | Autumn Leaves/Plus |
| Ribbons & Souls | September 24 | Wild West Dance/SSD |

October

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| Ribbons & Souls | October 8 | Fall Follies/SSD |
| Ribbons & Souls | October 22 | Hollywood's Golden Era/SSD |
| Shoreline Squares | October 22 | Anniversary Dance/SSD-A2 |
| Ribbons & Souls | October 29 | Dark |

November

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| Ribbons & Souls | November 12 | Veterans Day Dance/SSD |
| Ribbons & Souls | November 26 | Thankful Heart Dance/SSD |

Orange: September

October

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| Major Keys | October 22 | Halloween Dance/SSD & Plus |
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November

* **Special Date**

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