



Be in our Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our annual Hawaiian dance was once again a great way to wrap up another official square dance season. We had 58 dancers in the hall and we danced 6 squares most of the time. There was lots of colorful attire in the hall and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun.

We are still missing some of our members at our lessons and dances but it was good to have the lotts at lessons. Carol Burch was able to be at our dance and that is a step in the right direction. Dennis Trotter is having an episode with A-Fib and we hope he'll be back to 100% soon.

We started lessons on April 24th with 6 new students and as of May 15th we had 7. They are off to a great start and I look forward to watching them grow. They all seem like they will be a lot of fun once we get them on the dance floor. Don't forget we can always use angels and we have plenty of room for extra squares.

It's not too late to make plans to attend the KS State Festival in Salina. It will be May 31st and June 1st and Justin Russell will be the featured caller. Justin is a young guy and a great caller. Anyone who went on the cruise can verify that for you, as he was one of the best callers on staff. The headquarters hotel is the Country Inn and Suites. All rooms include microwaves and refrigerators, free wifi and parking and a buffet breakfast is included. Dancing will be at the Salina Country Club. As with most festivals, daytime attire can be casual but they ask that square dance attire be worn during the evening sessions. If you have any questions about attending, please feel free to ask.

The MINK Ladies (Wilma Randall, Connie Graham and Lynn Nelson) are having a special dance July 14th at the Eagles in St Joseph from 2-5pm. We would love it if you would all plan to join us. Then on August 24th, we will be in Brookfield, MO with 3 guys from the St Louis area who are known as SH3 (aka Shed House 3). The Shed House 3 is comprised of Dennis Mineau, Mike Richard and Tom Murray. We've dubbed that dance as East Meets West. You never know what will happen when we get together. The only thing I can be sure of, is it will be fun. We've already gotten it programmed and I'm sure you will enjoy what we have planned. It should be a great summer trip so please put it on your calendar.

Over the years, we have tried to take an annual "club trip". Sometimes these have involved square dancing, and sometimes not. Sometimes, I would be the caller and sometimes not. The pandemic put a stop to them. Last year we went to the Country Music Show in Pleasant Hill following dinner at Jumpin' Catfish. We would love to plan another trip for this year so bring some ideas to our picnic. It could be a day trip or a weekend trip. We like to do something when the majority of the club is available. And we don't have to limit it to one trip. If there is enough interest, we could do more than one. We will make these plans at our club pot luck on June 8th.

Each summer we have special dances with guest callers who travel through. These are technically not club dances and everyone pays to attend. Usually these are stretched throughout the summer months but this year they are all in July. For those of you new to the club, our summer format is a bit different. We do Plus from 7:30-8:00 and then Mainstream from 8-10pm. All summer dances are casual and we don't do refreshments. We'll have water and coffee available and you're welcome to bring your own beverage in a covered container. I do appreciate if anyone can come early to help set up and anyone who stays to clean up. Our first special is with Mike Hogan from Nebraska. Mike is super smooth and always willing to help if you have a question. Then, also from Nebraska, is Lanny Weaklend, another smooth calling caller. Our final visitor will be Nick Hartley from Alabama. Nick is a very high energy caller and lots of fun. These are dances you won't want to miss.

For the past several years, some of us have attended the Summer Weekend Getaway in Johnson, NE., with Lanny Weaklend and Mike Hogan. This year's dance will be July 19th-20th at the American Legion Hall. The air conditioning is second to none and it's always a good time. It's Mainstream with Plus tips Friday's dance is 8-10:30. There's a casual workshop from 1:30-4 Saturday afternoon and then Saturday evening from 8-10:30pm. Each evening there is an after party which consists of a social hour where everyone brings snacks to share. There's no need to pre-register. Admission for the entire weekend is only \$50/couple.

August 10th from 7-10pm at Graceway Fellowship Hall in Raytown will be the NW District dance. As a member club, we will all be expected to take refreshments, as well as items for door prizes and the silent auction. For additional information go to: www.NWDance.SquareDanceMissouri.com.

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Next Dances:

July 12th, 26th, 29th

Summer Specials

Happy Birthday and

Happy Anniversary

From your friends at

BNR Squares

TO:

As you know, we usually have a pot luck in June and at that time we plan our themes for the next season. Carol and I have chosen Saturday, June 8th. We plan to gather about 12:30 and eat at 1pm. The club will provide burgers. Everyone bring a dish to share (salad, veggie or dessert) and your ideas for next year. We're always up for new ideas.

As always, you have been doing a great job with our visitation program and with getting the visitation cards signed. This year's visitation program is fast coming to an end so be sure you get your new NW District card at the picnic. Speaking of NW District, Kathy Bean has decided to resign as our delegate due other obligations, and Kelly Bockover has agreed to take her place. Big thanks to them both for filling this position. We won't have a lot of "official visits" in the summer so if you see somewhere you want to go, be sure and put out the word so that others can join you.

Past Visitations

05/04	Pistols 'n Petticoats	4
05/13	KC Plus	6
05/17	St Joe Squars	9
05/18	Crosstrailers	2

Future Visitations

05/24	Stewartsville Kut Ups
06/04	Heartland Squares
06/15	Crosstrailers—Romney Tannehill
06/21	St Joe Squares

Future Themes

6/08 Summer Pot Luck
Bring your ideas for next year's themes

We'll need your help
to fill this space for next season

Special Dances

(those in blue sponsored by us)

5/31-6/1	KSDA State Festival - Justin Russell
7/12	Mike Hogan
7/14	MINK Ladies—St Joseph, MO
7/19-20	Summer Weekend Getaway Johnson, NE
7/26	Lanny Weaklend
7/29	Nick Hartley
8/10	NW MO District Dance & Meeting
8/24	East Meets West—Brookfield, MO

Our next dance is July 12th. It will be our first of 3 summer specials. Casual attire will be the order of the day. As a reminder, no refreshments at our summer dances. As always, thank you for all you do for me and for the club.

Lynn