



The Whirl & Twirl

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUB



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Hello All Members,

Our classes are going well, and we have several people who are now learning the calls for mainstream. We hope they will become club members in due course. As they learn more calls, I hope they will stay for the first tip or two of our regular mainstream dancing on Wednesdays. The classes start at 7pm promptly, so that there is enough time to teach the class before Mainstream dancing at about 8:15 begins. Mainstream dancers should join the tips any time after 8:00pm. We do have a few angels who leave after the teaching ends.

As you are aware, the Board has been evaluating the available options for our club home base. Several properties in the local area were evaluated, both for cost and for convenience of the club members. The final choices came down to 2 possible properties near 436, and the current dancing place at the Crystal ballroom. I arranged a meeting between the Board and the management of the Crystal Ballroom for all questions to be answered. The final consensus is that we will continue to dance at the Crystal Ballroom, hoping that they will fulfill their commitment. We have good parking there, and our dancers seem happy. Tara has said that we can have a locked back closet to store our club effects. This consists of some tables, file cabinet containing club records, shelves for paper and plastic supplies, and our banners etc. Our beige chairs will be loaned to the Crystal Ballroom, and used in our dance space. The silver wooden chairs will be moved back to their other dance spaces. We have also agreed to finish our dances at 9:45pm, so that Whit and Earle can pack up their equipment and be walking out of the dance area at 10:00pm. There are other dancers coming in after us to dance late at night. We also discussed air conditioning and other concerns, and we hope that they will all be resolved over the next few weeks. So for now, we will continue to dance at the Crystal Ballroom, but other options will still be available in the future if we become upset with the conditions there. Meanwhile we plan that income from our reserves will be used to offset the net operating loss for our club.

Last Friday February 8th we hosted a raid from the Space Trackers. We had 6 squares of dancers on the floor. What a delight to see the floor full. We also had a delegation from the State Convention to be held in Daytona on February 22 and 23rd. They were selling tickets to that event, and I hope that many of you are planning to attend. Our caller Whit and Cuer Earle will be attending the convention, so NO DANCING at our regular venue this Friday 22nd. Hopefully John Lotti, our Blue bandit coordinator, will be able to arrange more raids and

retrievals in the coming months, now that we are more settled. We will be able to put our big sign outside the Back room on dance night, so that we can be found.

We will not be holding a TAW appreciation supper this year. The event was not well attended last year. Wayne Norwood and his wife Lola have worked hard to put on this event for the club members. Wayne usually starts cooking the meat at about 6 am, followed by preparations of the other side dishes that go with it, so that means about 12 hours of work for him. It is not cost effective or time effective to cook for only a few people. We thank Wayne and Lola for all their efforts for the club over many years.

We are also cancelling the picnic for the usual month of April. Again, the reason is non participation of enough members to justify the efforts of several members to buy, cook and prepare the event. It may be that we might hold a picnic later in May or June, depending on members showing interest at that time.

The Board has also changed the price of 50/50 ticket prices. It was felt that getting a long strip of tickets for \$5.00 was quite unfair to people who only wanted to buy a smaller number of tickets. So the new prices are 1 ticket for \$1.00, 3 tickets for \$2.00 and 10 tickets for \$5.00. I hope this will encourage more dancers to buy 50/50 tickets. Don't forget to feed the kitty for our coffee fund.

Hope to see you all on the dance floor. Yellow Rocks to you all.
Rowena Wilson