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Newsletter for October 2004

Howdy!



In 1965 a minor musical quartet from a small town in England called Liverpool was making a bit of a splash in America while in Willimantic crowds of delirious square dancers were screaming with delight when the Windham Whirlers began their remarkable 40-year run. Today, those guys with the funny haircuts and accents are but a faded memory while the Windham Whirlers are still dancing up a storm. Don't miss your chance to be a superstar -- get into a square and dance!

Dances To End Earlier, Continuous Refreshments

Beginning in November our dances will end 15 minutes earlier -- at 10:30 instead of 10:45. To make up some of the time, we will no longer have a refreshment break -- refreshments will be available continuously for a set period during the dance. We will try this new procedure at the November dance to see how it works and make adjustments as needed.

End of Summer Bash a Summer Smash

On August 27 the Windham Whirlers joined forces with the South Windsor Square Dance Club to sponsor their first annual End of Summer Bash. The event, held at the South Windsor Community Center, was a fundraiser for both clubs and a chance for dancers all over Connecticut and Southern New England to enjoy one last summer fling before the start of the new season.

The dance was a rousing success. Over 100 dancers from all over the CASDC region and beyond attended the event. Alice Kolega donated her painting of square dancers for a raffle; the winner was cuer Roy Williams. Caller Everett Mackin kept the

dancers hopping throughout the evening. This was the first joint effort by the two clubs; we hope this will become an annual event. (Note: due to a printing error this article did not appear in September's newsletter -- I forgot to write about it, so it wasn't printed.)

Travel Nights

We are increasingly dependent on guests for our dances, so we need to make ourselves known in the Square Dance community. This is why it's important for us to visit other clubs when we can. When we visit clubs on a regular basis we are likely to get more guests. More guests means better dances. So it is in our interest to travel to other clubs when possible. Suggested travel night destinations are below; contact information for each club is available on the CASC sheets attached to the newsletter; all dances begin at 8 p.m. with Early Rounds at 7:30.

Saturday, October 30: Manchester, at the 2nd Congregational Church. Caller: Bill Mager, Cuer: Liz Becker, Plus Dance.

Friday, November 5: South Windsor, at the Orchard Hill School. Caller: Ed Ruddy, Cuer: Laura Knight; Plus dance.

Saturday, November 6: Ledyard Squares at the Ledyard Senior Center in Gales Ferry. Caller: Steve Garrett, Cuer: Liz Becker; MS/Plus dance. Ledyard is Club of the Month for November (double travel points).

Blast Off and Graduation Dances

We need to encourage new and returning dancers as much as we can. Attending graduation and blast-off dances is a good way to introduce us to new dancers and do our share to keep Square Dancing alive in Connecticut. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the CASDC schedule for Blast Off and Graduation Dances. Please try to go to as many of these dances as your schedule will allow.

40th Anniversary on May 21, 2005

Our 40th Anniversary Dance will be held on Friday, May 21, 2005 at the Sweeney School. We will soon have tickets and ribbons to sell for the dance. Gloria Lee is chairing the event and is looking for volunteers to help with decorations, food, and just about anything else that can be done. Please speak to Gloria about helping out.

Bum Back Sacks Hack

(I always wanted to write for *Variety*.) The president of the club has ordered me to inform you that your newsletter writer is temporarily out of action due to a bad back -- this is only temporary (I hope) -- I expect to be out on the dance floor (hopefully upright) by our November dance.

CASDC News (by Frank Lussier)

Manchester is now dancing on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays until further notice.

South Windsor's Friday, October 22, dance will be held at the Eli Terry School, 569 Griffin Road in South Windsor, with Shawn Cuddy calling and Carole Landry cueing.

A-1 lessons available in October 2004. Caller Jim Dinigris is looking for a minimum of eight couples (two squares). The lessons are scheduled to take place at the VFW Hall on Hall Avenue, Meriden, Ct. for more information Contact Frank Lussier Phone: 203-729-1494, e-mail: felussier@snet.net

In November, Don't be a Turkey, Get up and Dance!

The November dance is scheduled for Friday, November 19 at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds). Caller: Bob Smith; cuer: Bev Boudreau. This is a Mainstream level dance. The hosts are Gloria & Bob Lee with Noreen & Chuck Morgan assisting. Refreshment assignments are below:

Sandwiches (3 Doz./36 pcs)	Sweets (3 Doz./36 pcs)	Fruit	Chips & Dip	Vegetables
J. Starkey	A. Derway	N. Morgan	G. Lee	F. Rick
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Don't be a Scrooge, Get up and Dance in December

The December dance is scheduled for Friday, December 17 at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds). Caller: John Hendron; cuer: Bev Boudreau. This is a Mainstream level dance. The hosts are Noreen & Chuck Morgan with Alice Leibowitz assisting. Refreshment assignments are below:

Sandwiches (3 Doz./36 pcs)	Sweets (3 Doz./36 pcs)	Fruit	Chips & Dip	Vegetables
P. Powers	G. Lee	A. Derway	F. Rick	N. Morgan
B. Brisson	E. Macke	Z. Leibowitz	A. Kolega	D. Dyer
A. Leibowitz	J. Starkey			

