

SQUARE & ROUND

NOTES



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted all dances are 8 PM at Elizabeth Holladay Elementary School:

9/19 Circle Eight George Jordan caller - George & Jeannine Springer cueing

10/15-17 FORGET-ME-NOT BALL Holiday Inn Patriot Williamsburg, VA
Dee Dee Dougherty, Jimmy Roberson, Jeremy Butler, Gene Chamberlain, Jim Durham, Ken Jordan, David Trimble, Jim & Priscilla Adcock, Dom & Joan Filardo

10/31 Tuckahoe Squares Halloween Dance
Skip Cleland – Jim and Priscilla Adcock

11/14 Colonial Squares Jimmy Roberson and Gordon Adamski

12/12 Christmas Mother's Ralph Echols - Connie Cox

CLUB NEWS

Capitol Squares

A1-A2 dancing is alive and well on Thursday nights at Holladay School (7 PM). The club currently has about 30 members and is always looking for more. A step was taken in this direction recently when a Capitol Squares contingent visited Tuckahoe. To get their banner back Tuckahoe members (and anyone else interested in trying advance dancing) are invited to an introductory session on a Thursday night in the near future. When the date is set we will pass the word around. For more information please contact any member of the club or our caller, Jeremy Butler (at 757-478-0025).

Circle Eight

How time flies when you are having fun - especially square dancing fun!! The summer is over and we have returned to Thompson Middle School for our Thursday night workshops. We have changed our start time to 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM.

During the summer workshop nights we danced at Town and Country Community Center and we had excellent attendance.

In August we had our "favorite" night with ice cream and the fixings as well as graduation for our new dancers. The initiation of the new dancers was great fun by all and one that will long be remembered by the new dancers as well as all members present.

Several of our members have had major health issues or have been "under the weather" but are doing well and are now attending the Thursday night workshops.

Our entertainment committee will be making plans for a Halloween Dance, Christmas Dinner & Dance and our Valentine Dance. We will be taking our annual trip to Cacapon with Jim and Nan Durham in November. We look forward to a great time together. Our thanks to Jim and Nan for all their hard work in putting this outing together.

Rae Wootton, Secretary

Rhythm Rounders



A great turnout for the Day of Rounds on June 27th with over 30 couples attending. The teaches during the day were great and the dance that followed in the evening was delightful.

ROUND DANCE CLASS

George & Jeannine Springer will start a new Round Dance Class beginning Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Christ Lutheran Church, 7908 Woodman Rd, Richmond, VA.

The class will be from 7:30 - 9:30 pm and will start with Rumba and Cha Cha.

Information: George & Jeannine Springer 804-730-6581.

Pris Collins is teaching Phase 4-6 rounds at Holladay Elementary on Monday nights 7:00-9:00PM.

Connie Cox is teaching Phase 2-4 rounds on Wednesday evenings at Dumbarton Elementary school 7:30-9:30PM.

Colonial Squares

"Happy Fall Dancing Days Ahead" from our club to all you other area clubs! The summer days sure brought LOTS of dancing fun, and our club took advantage of that!!

Saturday, June 20th brought the annual "Men's Bake-Off Dance" sponsored by RSARDA (Richmond Square And Round Dance Association) at the Elizabeth Holladay School. Not many dancers supported this dance, but our club had several dancers who also participated in the baked/prepared goodies to be judged!

This is the ONE dance a year that the GUYS supply the goodies for the table, which are then judged by all the dancers present. This year ALL the prizes were won by the TUCKAHOE CLUB guys!! Wait until NEXT year, and perhaps OUR guys will win some of the prizes!!!!

The National Square Dance Convention was held in Long Beach, California this year during the week of June 24th through the 27th!



It was a much smaller convention this year with only 5,000 dancers (due to the Swine Flu and the economy?), but those of us who went from our club sure had a GREAT TIME!



There was over a square of us there! Beautiful weather and a beautiful area of the state to site-see in, combined with all the dancing fun we had, will forever hold fond memories in our hearts and minds!!

The highlight though, of MY trip was the fact that Paul & I were "housed" by the Housing Committee on the now permanently docked ship THE QUEEN MARY! It is a very well-known and busy tourist attraction due to its LONG AND RICH history, not to mention that IT IS HAUNTED!! REALLY!! Strange noises, sightings, and happenings DID occur during OUR 4-night stay on board!! This is ONE dance convention that I'll never forget!!

On Saturday, July 11th RSARDA sponsored its annual McGeorge Fund Dance. This dance was not well-attended by the area clubs, but those of us who attended from our club sure had a FUN time dancing! And, believe it or not, LOTS & LOTS of money was donated by the dancers, the cuer, and especially the caller!! You non-attendees sure missed a good chance to give to this worthy cause.

Saturday evenings, July 25th and August 8th brought us 2 more dances at the Holladay School sponsored by RSARDA. Small attendances (due to vacations perhaps?), but those from our club who DID go, really had a wonderful time!

You missed Jeremy Butler and Pris Collins in July, and Gene Chamberlain and Gordon Adamski at the "Watermelon Dance" in August. LOTS of watermelon was enjoyed THAT night in our casual summer attire!!

GOOD OLD SWEET SUMMERTIME!!



Approximately 20 dancers from our club attended the Nottowa Swingers' (of Blackstone) dance at the Officers' Club at Fort Pickett on Saturday, August 22nd! What a GREAT time we all had dancing to the FAST calling of Jimmy Roberson, the cueing of Connie Cox, AND sharing in the FEAST which was provided by the small (5 couples) club!! The wooden floors there made it all the more enjoyable for us. This is an annual dance with Jimmy Roberson calling, so NEXT A! make plans to attend! You WILL be glad you did!!

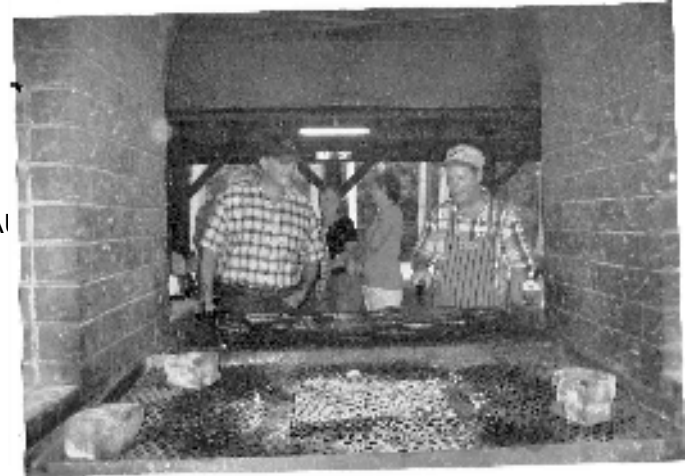
On Saturday evening, September 5th one of our club couples went to dance with The Fluvanna Flutterwheels Club! What a night of dancing fun we had with 5 squares, including nearly TWO squares from Tuckahoe, to caller David Staples out of Durham, North Carolina! Traveling to & dancing with other Va. clubs is just ONE way to encourage visits from THEIR club!! After all, we enjoy the same thing!!

Labor Day, September 7th brought our club's annual club picnic at White Bank Park in Colonial Heights. Several area clubs joined us for the "YUMMY" food, complete with on-site cooking of hamburgers and hotdogs!



After we all ate too much, Gene made us get up to dance – which was what we wanted to get rid of all the calories gained!! C Cox cued rounds, too, so NO ONE had any excuses to sit it out!

Gene also called a tip for any interested "first timers", which we had, so no one was left out. It really WAS a Labor Day picnic to remember; especially with all the visiting dancers we had attending!



Our club will have its' first new dancers night on Monday evening, September 21st. We are looking forward to this in great anticipation in hopes of getting LOTS of "first timers" to join in on all the fun of learning to square dance!! Let's ALL go all out and support RSARDA's "FORGET-ME -NOT" BALL on October 15th, 16th, & 17th at the Holiday Inn Patriot in Williamsburg! Callers will be Dee Dee, Jimmy Roberson, Jeremy Butler, Gene Chamberlain, Ken Jordan, and Jim Durham, with rounds by Jim & Priscilla Adcock and Dom & Joan Filardo, plus lines by Dave & Betsy Trimble! It's a GREAT weekend dance to share with all your dancing friends from the area and out-of-state ones, too!! The committee for this dance weekend has really worked HARD to make SURE you WILL enjoy every minute of your time there, so COME ON OUT!!



On Saturday night, November 14th our club is sponsoring a dance at Holladay School starting at 8:00 P.M. with Jimmy Roberson calling and Gordon Adamski cueing. A guaranteed good time is promised, so come and enjoy an evening of dancing with us!!

November 21st brings our club's BIGGEST annual fund raiser of the year – our Barbeque Dinner and Square Dance at the New Bohemia Hall! Our club caller is doing the honor of calling Chamberlain, with Pris Collins cueing the rounds for us. Come early (5:00 to 7:00 P.M.) to eat the BBQ cooked on site by our chef Sonny Thompson, the rest of the meal provided by our club members, all the desserts you can hold, plus dance until 10:30 on the wooden floors provided free for your enjoyment! See the fliers for details and directions. If more information needed, please call our club President, Paul Dubovsky at (804) 732-5654.

Colonial Squares meets every Monday evening at the Colonial Heights High School. Our caller is the well-known Gene Chamberlain, the rounds cuer Connie Cox, and the lines led by Diane Hollins, with the latter two ladies alternating weeks. Do come and enjoy dancing with us each week! Banner stealers are ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Keep those smiles and Yellow-rocks ready for exchanging! We hope to see you in a square soon!!

Club Historian – Betty Stewart Dubovsky

Tuckahoe Squares

The Tuckahoes have had a busy summer with lots of “different” callers and lots of crazy dancers. This past August, Tuckahoe was well represented at the North Carolina State Festival in Raleigh and we are looking forward to another great festival in mid-October, the Forget-Me-Not Ball.

Our “MEN” took all of the prizes at the RSARDA Men's Bake Off in June; they just outbaked the competition.



Jimmy Roberson called out “Fifty's” dance in July and it was nifty. Many dressed up and brought in pictures of themselves in their teens.

Tuckahoe retrieved its Banner from the Fluvanna Flutterwheels on September 5th with 15 dancers, we had a great night dancing to Dave Staples from North Carolina.



Tuckahoe will be sponsoring a Halloween Costume Ball on Saturday, October 31st at Holladay School. Early rounds begin at 7PM with Jim & Priscilla Adcock and 8PM Mainstream/Plus calling with Skip Cleland. Costumes are not required; but welcomed.

New Square Dance Classes are starting on Tuesday, September 29th, 7:15PM-9:15PM at Byrd Middle School. Gene Chamberlain will be teaching. Bring a friend or come and have fun.



A beautiful cake decorated for the RED/WHITE and BLUE Dance held on July 3rd.

Upcoming dance specials are:

- 9/25 Joe Dungan **Squares & Rounds**
- 10/2 Gene Chamberlain
- 10/9 Rich Steadman
- 10/16 DARK (no dance)
- 10/23 Jim Durham
- 10/30 DARK (no dance)
- 10/31 Holladay Dance Skip Cleland & Jim/Pris Adcock
- 11/6 Gene Chamberlain
- 11/13 George Jordan
- 11/20 Doug Mills “COOKIE MONSTER Dance”
- 11/27 Jeremy Butler
- 12/4 Larry Wimegard
- 12/11 Ken Jordan

TIDBITS

DBD WORKSHOPS

MS in Ashland Sundays 2-5PM with Butch Adams 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, and 11/29.

Byrd Middle School Sundays 2-5PM

E10/11 Jeremy Butler; 11/1 Skip Cleland; 12/13 Butch Adams



A nice group of DBD dancers enjoying a break with Mike Sikorsky at a DBD workshop.

BAD NIGHT AT HOLLADAY SCHOOL

The dancers were excited
As they gathered at the school.
No one had an inkling
That chaos soon would rule.
The caller had his laptop.
The cuer had her notes.
They heard some say "Let's waltz away,
Or maybe "Load the Boats."

They started kind of easy
And then they let it rip.
All were dancing smoothly
Until the second tip.
It wasn't just the patter.
It wasn't just the song
But after a grand left allemande
Things started going wrong.

First was Sideman Charlie
Who had an awful night.
He collided with his corner
And went out like a light.
His troubles really started
With a simple do-sa-do.
But Charles preferred what he thought he heard,
That tricky do-paso.

Then there was Headgal Hannah.
She really ran her square.
If anyone found their proper place
It's 'cause she put them there.
But down she went in the singing call
And on the floor she lay.
The square was tight, she sashayed all right
But forgot to rollaway.

The round dancers abounded.
They moved in graceful curves,
With waltzes and, occasionally,
Phase IV to test their nerves.
There was one lovely couple,
The smoothest on the floor,
'Till they missed their try at a butterfly
And fishtailed out the door.

(This verse dedicated to the Capitol Squares)

The square was in confusion
It seemed no one could save.
The Heads had formed a line of four,
The Sides an ocean wave.
Jeremy was challenged
But he knew just what to do.
He saved the night when he put things right
With a good old Half Breed Thru.

But things then went from bad to worse
As all the squares broke down.
Curses, threats and fighting words
Were heard all over town.
There was no need for argument
Much less for an assault.
Remember the foolproof golden rule:
"It's all the callers fault!"

Jim Mathers

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please submit any photos or club information to Rob Green
email address bgreen44@verizon.net Club presidents please
submit email addresses for those dancers who use them.

Internet Links

RSARDA

<http://www.richmondsquaredance.com/>

VASARDA

<http://www.vasquaredance.com/>

2010 National Convention in Louisville, KY

<http://www.59thnsdc.com/>

RICHMOND SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2009

The Richmond Square and Round Dance Association Board Meeting was called to order by the President, John Brooks, on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:39 pm in the Holladay Elementary School Library.

In attendance were John Brooks (President), Cindy Wilson (Vice President), Pat Shellenberg (Secretary-Treasurer), Bev Cook (Recording Secretary), Bill Wilson (Circle Eight), Cornelia Clipp (Colonial Squares), the Bakers were Reps for Mary Ann Gries (Capitol Squares) and Rob Green (Newsletter). Tuckahoe Squares and Rhythm Rounders were not represented.

The Agenda was adopted.

The Minutes from the March 24, 2009, were approved; Motion by Cornelia Clipp; Seconded by Bill Wilson.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved; Motion by Bill Wilson; Seconded by Cornelia Clipp.

Cindy Wilson asked the Board to participate on a Committee for the Forget-Me-Not Ball.

A reminder to the Board that the Dance Fee increases from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per person in 2010 was noted.

FORGET-ME-NOT BALL UPDATE by JOHN BROOKS:

Received \$1,296 in Pre-Registration thus far.

The 2 Booster Dances income were as follows:

\$161 2/7/2009 Dance
\$168 2/21/2009 Dance

\$1,500 Less: Deposit on Hotel
64 Add'l Registration
139 Recd for Ads

The next Booster Dances will be held on July 25th with Ken Jordan and September 9th with Mike Sikorsky.

The Reps were asked to go back to their Club Members to get Ads for the Booklet.

John Brooks asked not to talk down festival being in Williamsburg as this would affect our Fall Festival attendance.

YARD SALE UPDATE:

Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2009, from 7 am to 2 pm.

Need to set up the night before.

Need Volunteers to set up and work the yard sale.

Donations must be there on Friday night.

Cost to rent the Center is \$250.00/\$100.00 Refundable Deposit

Cindy to ask Scout to coordinate the pick up of unsold items

Cindy asked if we wanted to have the Bake Sale - all agreed to continue having the Bake Sale.

UPCOMING DANCES: Noted on the Agenda.

NEWSLETTER:

Rob asked that articles, pictures, etc. for the Newsletter be sent to him by May 30, 2009. Newsletter will be sent out by June 1, 2009. He will be using Wilson's Graphics in Chester.

NEXT MEETING:

The next RSARDA Meeting will be September 8, 2009, at 7:30 pm at Holladay Library.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Bill Wilson; Seconded by Cornelia Clipp.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Beverly Cook

Recording Secretary