

Cross Trail Squares

Cross Trail Squares started its 51st year of dancing in September; however, many of our club members prepared themselves by dancing in other locations starting in August. Prior to our first dance of the season, seven of our members attended the NNJSDA event at the Elmwood Park VFW and helped by providing refreshments. One week earlier, Judy Solomon joined Kittatinny Rangers for their special summer dance with Johnny Preston in Bridgewater, and told us how much fun she had had.

We have enjoyed a variety of local and out-of-state callers at our dances. On two separate occasions, last-minute cancellations by the scheduled caller led to some frantic phone calls by our president to find replacements. Thank you to both Mark Franks and Jay Silva for filling in on short notice, providing fun evenings and excellent calling for our Mainstream and Plus dancers.

Cross Trail Squares has been supported by many other clubs that raided us during this dance season. Thank you to Circle Eights, RocklandRockytops, Belles & Beaux, Y Squares, Reelers, and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix – along with all the other dancers who have joined us on the dance floor. We enjoyed having you visit and entertain us with your raid marches.

Away from the dance floor, Liz Zazzi starred in the off-Broadway play *Wolf at the Door* at the New Jersey Repertory Company in Long Branch. Betsy Knudsen welcomed her eighth grandchild (Simon James) on September 10. Longtime members Russ and Laura Safar have had their hands full tending to their adult son, Robert, who has been struggling with medical issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and pray for a full recovery.

It was very sad to lose dance friends Carol (Rusty) Ball, Barbara Berger, and Anthony Casale. They were all very special people whom we enjoyed seeing at our club's dances and NNJSDA events. They are missed.

We welcome Lacey and John Hill as our newest members. We look forward to the rest of our scheduled dances and hope to see you in a square.