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NNJSDA CALLERS FESTIVAL

A BIG DATE ON YOUR SQUARE DANCE CALENDAR

If you haven't marked your calendar yet, do it now for Friday, November 30th, the night of the NNJSDA Club Callers Festival. This is one of the few occasions that our Association dancers have an opportunity to get together. The turnout is expected to be bigger than any previous affair to dance to our club callers.

This Club Callers Festival will be reminiscent of the fine festivals which were run several years back by the N. J. Callers and Teachers Association and which were so successful in Elizabeth and Newark. Club delegates were about unanimous in their favorable reaction, at the last Annual Delegates Meeting in April, to the idea for the return of a club callers festival, so preparations were started immediately and have been taking shape since. Festival Chairmen are Ed & Elsie Rice and are assisted by Charlie and Audrey Weigmann assisted in turn by many willing workers.

You may never have another opportunity to enjoy this combination of callers on the same night! The line-up at this printing includes Vin Caruso, Marty Winter, Beulah Samec, Jim Flammer, John Carroll, Slim Sterling and Lloyd Siewers. Also on the program are Bob & Edith Thompson who will arrange the round dance program.

It's at the Thomas Alva Edison Junior High School on Grove St. and Rahway Ave., in Westfield. You could be sorry that you couldn't attend --- but don't be; be there!!!

• • • NOVEMBER 30, 1962 • • •

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Your Club Delegate represents you, and reports back after the three regular meetings of the Association each year the announcements, discussions, decisions and plans. But he does much more than that. He votes for you on matters requiring a vote. He brings up for discussion your thoughts and ideas, so that all will be informed, and that the collective "will" of the dancers may prevail.

It is only by effective communication with you through your delegates that your Executive Committee can effectively operate. It is you that establish the direction and manner in which Association purposes are carried out. So make known your ideas, your projects, your beliefs, and yes, your gripes so that your representative - your delegate - will know what you want and can better discuss, decide and vote at the meetings. If you like something, say so. If you don't, say so - constructively.

Your delegates have a most responsible and active job, and they can only perform it well if you help them do it well - for the benefit and growth of Square Dancing and genuine friendship. ---

(Bob Kellogg)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DELEGATES MEETING

All Association delegates met on Sunday afternoon, September 16th, in the Plainfield Trust State National Bank in Fanwood. A fine turnout of 75% of the clubs and an active participation made the meeting interesting and productive. It is felt very important that all dancers keep up to date on Association activities: therefore, GRAND SQUARE has made it a policy to print highlights of the September meeting and the Annual Meeting in April. The following business took place:

1. Vice President, Frank Preston, reported on beginners class plans to be conducted in four locations. (See special article)
2. A constitution amendment was unanimously passed which states that newly elected NNJSDA officers will officially take office on June 1st rather than on September 1st.
3. A report on Summer dancing revealed that the average attendance at the seven dances was 13 squares! -- a terrific success! It appears also that the idea to split summer dancing between two locations (north and south) was a good one.
4. The Association is instituting an addressograph service available to all clubs at essentially the service cost of printing. This will be a big advantage to clubs wanting to advertise their functions throughout the Association.
5. Details of the NNJSDA Club Callers Festival were reported (see front page).
6. A questionnaire will be sent to all Association graduates of last spring to determine "mortality rate". Results to be reported later.

DEMONSTRATION CONTACTS MANY SPECTATORS

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 2nd and 3rd, seven Association clubs took part in a square dance demonstration held in the mall of Menlo Park Shopping Center. The affair was made possible as a result of Fred Schreiber's efforts and his interview with the Shopping Center's Public Relation and Publicity Administrator, Miss Barbara Conrad. In addition to the many spectators, the story was carried to the public by way of over 120,000 advertising flyers sent out by the center. Clubs participating were Merry Eights, Richmond Dancers, Westfield Squares, Plainfield Promenaders, Metuchen Square Dance Club, Country Promenaders, and Rahway Squares.

GRAND SQUARE

Your official newsletter, GRAND SQUARE, is published three times a year --- Fall Issue (Oct. 15th), Winter Issue (Feb. 1st), and Spring Issue (May 15th). All material to be included must be in the Editor's hands 30 days before the issue date. Advertising rates and circulation on request.

Bob Keck, Editor

Club News and Editorials (need help)
Advertising and Boosters (need help)

BEGINNERS CLASSES



Probably one of the most important functions of your Association is the development of new dancers through beginner classes and this is the fifth consecutive year that NNJSDA has carried out this function. There will be four Association sponsored and directed courses this season well distributed so as to benefit the greatest number of clubs.

For the fifth year, classes will be conducted in Plainfield in cooperation with the Plainfield Adult Evening School. Classes started on Oct. 1st. Callers will be Al Aderente and John Carroll and the course chairmen are Jim and Vi Cameron.

Tenafly goes into its fourth year and a usual good turnout is expected. Callers are Jim Flammer and Marty Winter and course chairmen are Frank and Belle Appleton. Tenafly Recreational Board is the sponsor and classes started on Oct. 3rd.

Morristown will have its second course at and under the sponsorship of Allied Chemical Co. Lloyd Siewers will call and Parker and Dawn Johnson are chairmen. Classes started on Sept. 26th.

A new class will be directed in Somerset Hills and callers will be Vin Caruso and Ernie Lens. Chairmen for the course are Jack and Carol DeCoste. Classes started on Sept. 26th.

This year, the classes are to be taught under a revised program. This program was designed by a committee of eight callers, John Carroll, Ernie Lens, Dick Lighthipe, Dick Pasvolksy, Beulah Samec, Slim Sterling, Marty Winters and Lloyd Siewers, Chairman. The classes will be broken up as before in two groups of 10 lessons or 20 weeks in all. The fee has been increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 as the fee paid the callers has also been increased. Again this year free "Get Together" Dances were held on the week preceding the Classes. It was decided at the meeting held by the callers, instructors, and the NNJSDA Executive Committee that only two couples will attend each class session, and would fill in when necessary. Clubs will no longer be asked to send dancers to help. It was also recommended that the clubs would not invite the beginners until 20 lessons have been completed.

In addition to the Association classes, many clubs in the Association area are holding organized instruction classes including Staten Island, East Brunswick, Bloomfield, Madison, Hanover, Cresskill, Rutherford, Wayne, and Roselle. So when next Spring arrives, we should see a good crop of new dancers.

WELCOME WAGON PROMOTES SQUARE DANCING

Through the efforts of Carol Davison, almost a thousand folders of the Associations on Beginners Classes will be distributed throughout the central part of New Jersey at no cost to the Association. The Welcome Wagon has hostesses in each area and the names of these hostesses were made available to us by Mrs. Thelin. NNJSDA will then send out the folders to these hostesses which they will distribute on their calls. We do not hold too much hope of getting many people for this years classes from this effort but plan to send out another batch in about six months and hope that it will swell our beginner classes next year.

SQUARE DANCE MANNERS

It is considered very bad manners to walk thru the middle of one square to get to another. It is equally as bad to bypass a square in need of a couple. Even worse as a breach of etiquette is to leave a square once you have established your position in that square. If, for any reason, you find it necessary to leave a square, just make a quick word of explanation before you take your hasty departure.

If time permits, introduce yourself and others within the square. You'll not only acquire a reputation for being friendly but you'll acquire many new and interesting friends.

Listen quietly during any and all instructions from the caller. If you are an average, good-hearted soul and you know the call being explained, resist the temptation to explain it to others in your square. Let the caller do the teaching at that time. When the square is set up and ready to go, the well-informed dancer will let his fellow-dancers hear all of the professional instruction they have come to enjoy. However, after that tip your friends may appreciate some help from you and it is perfectly in order to offer it.

There is no acceptable excuse for rough handling of fellow dancers! Roughness is the mark of ignorance – whether by chance or by choice – and you will do well not to imitate even a more experienced dancer who has chosen to ignore this elementary rule of proper square dance conduct.

(Sets-in-Order)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Keck;

May I use your Grand Square to call attention to a remarkable community service carried out by a number of members of the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association.

On May 5, 1962 over two thousand Girl Scouts, Explorer and Sea Scouts, and troop leaders took part in an American Dance Festival in observance of the 50th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the U. S. A.

In red, white and blue Square Dance skirts, performing dances that have been popular over the past half century, they gave a spectacular performance.

The Senior Girl Scouts and Explorers received their instructions directly from members of the Association. They had a wonderful time practising. In fact, plans are under way to start a teen-age square dance club.

Because of the large number of children involved, the planning had to be done carefully and in great detail. It is noteworthy that no rehearsal was held for the entire cast, yet all dancing was done in perfect unison.

We gratefully acknowledge the help of everyone who cooperated in making the Festival the tremendous success it was. We feel it was an excellent example of cooperation between two organizations.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William V. Cariste, President
Metuchen Area Girl Scout Council

RENEW YOUR BOOSTER FOR 1962-63

Last year about 20% of our circulation boosted GRAND SQUARE and the money paid for about 30% of the annual cost of your newsletter. Another 30% was covered by paid ads and the remainder was deficit. The Executive Committee is planning Booster Membership cards for your wallets and clubs will display the names of their boosters on special scrolls. Send your booster now or make your contribution during your club's Booster Night. The following square dancers are boosters for this new season:

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CLUB NEWS

The receipt of club news was especially good for this issue. We hope that those clubs that didn't report in will be heard from for the next issue. Deadlines are Sept. 15th (Fall Issue), Dec. 10th (Winter Issue), and April 15th (Spring Issue).

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HILL CITY SQUARES - The Executive Committee met in July and planned to continue dancing on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at Wilson School, Beekman Ter., Summit. Beulah Samec calling. Dancing started on Sept. 20th. Only one dance is planned for December which will be the Christmas Party dance on the 6th. Only one dance also in Feb. --- a special dance with caller and place to be announced. The club will dance a medium with occasional new calls introduced. Planned special features will add to the variety, fun, and friendliness of the club. Hill City invites anyone to enjoy a pleasant evening with them.

TENAFLY SQUARES - meet at the Presbyterian Church in Tenafly on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:30 P.M. Jim Flammer calling. New officers elected for the year are Hans & Elaine Schmid, President; Louis & Barbara Shotliff, Vice Pres.; Len & Anna Pierse, Secretary; Don & Martha Sewell, Treasurer.

MERRY SQUARES - enjoyed an afternoon and evening dance on Sunday, Sept. 2nd at the home of Ed & Mildred Schweizer. On Sunday, Oct. 14th will sponsor a special open dance at V. F. W. Hall in Hasbrouck Heights with Dick Leger & Marty Winter calling. Regular club dances on 1st and 3rd Fridays at Hilltop Barn started on Sept. 21st. New Officers are Ed & Mildred Schweizer, Pres.; Marc & Vi Roehner, Vice Pres.; Charles & Evelyn Novak, Secretary; Charles & Marcia Harrington, Treasurer.

RAHWAY SQUARE SET - will meet this year in Roosevelt School (a new location) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and will dance from 8:00 to 10:30 (a half hour longer than last year). Special dances are planned for fifth Tuesdays. John Carroll will again call and John Adams will instruct the rounds. New officers are Dick & Cookie Lighthipe, President; George & Sue Petrusky, Vice Pres.; Marv Miller, Secretary; Henry & Martha Engel, Treasurer. Rahway invites all to enjoy their comfortable dancing level.

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS - have begun another season of fine dancing for fun at Cook School. A full program, including a Christmas party in December and a Birthday party in April, is planned. The Hospitality Couple in charge is Thelma and George Ruble. Dancing time was moved up to 8 P. M. to provide for round dance instruction in the middle of the evening.

BACHELORS 'N' BACHELORETTEs - Our local Mid-Jersey Chapter was happy to play hosts to Dale Marshall and Marilyn Page of the Pasadena Chapter, from California, while visiting East this Summer. Upon return to California in August, they greeted one of our members, George Ryerson of New Providence, at a Huntington Park Chapter dance out there. The club hopes to grow and develop more cross-country friendships. Their thanks to Marty Winter at Hilltop Barn for help in hosting their California friends.

TENAKILL TWIRLERS - will dance every 3rd Friday 8:30 to 11:00 P. M. at Bryan School, Brookside Ave., Cresskill. Folk Dance group begins classes every 2nd Wednesday evening at the Bromberg's. Round dancing will continue every 3rd (and 5th) Monday at the Reformed Church. Beginners classes on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Brombergs. The Brombergs led a group of club dancers to Square Acres (Mass.) for a week-end in August and a good time was had. The Tirrells took in a S. D. jamboree in Massachusetts on their way to New Hampshire. Sick call -- Charlie Widmer and Fred Mollison -- get well quickly.


CLUB NEWS (continued)

MERRI-EIGHTS - are dancing on 1st and 3rd Fridays at the Irwin School, Race Track Road, East Brunswick, starting at 8:30 P. M. Beulah Samec calling and Bob & Edith Thompson teaching rounds. Dinner dances are scheduled for mid winter and at close of season in June. Hospitality and refreshment committees will provide friendly and relaxed background "synonymous with Merri-Eights" and all are welcome.

COUNTRY PROMENADERS - report that members have been to the Worlds Fair, the National Convention in Miami, and various square dance summer camps during the summer. This year, the club's all-women slate of new officers are presenting a new program having a different guest caller at each dance. John Carroll started on Sept. 22nd and the balance of the schedule includes Vin Caruso, Manny Amor, Bob Felman, Jim Flammer, and Al Aderente in that order. Rounds from 7:30 to 8:30 with the Thompsons. An interesting season of dancing is expected and all are invited on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Reformed Church, Metuchen.

HANOVER SQUARES - have started what looks like a very successful season of dancing in Whippany on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. New officers are Bill & Pat Schoen, Pres.; Max & Louise Breuche, Vice Pres.; Ed & Edith Van Seggern, Secretary; Harve & Marion Mollenhauer, Treasurer. A half hour workshop precedes each dance to "polish up the old and practice the new". Their caller is Lloyd Siewers. Hope to see many old and even more new friends.

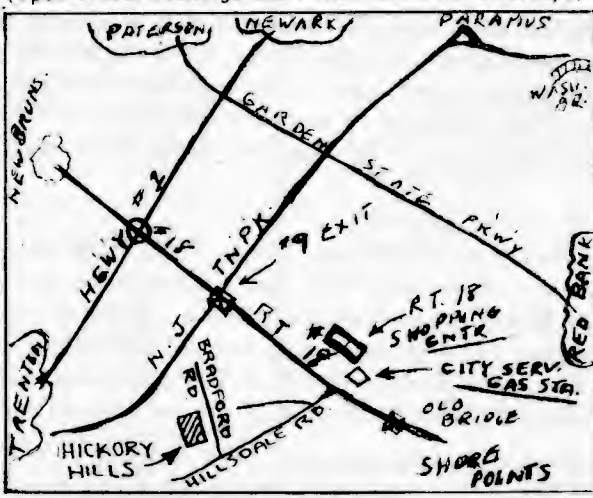
CIRCLE EIGHTS - new Executive Committee of Paul & Dot Pullman, Pres.; Nick & Alice Mosier, Vice Pres.; Jim & Alma Mitchell, Treasurer; Bob & Mildred Lee, Secretary; have undertaken the operation of the club for 1962-63. A very successful open air dance was held at Tenafly Junior High Tennis Court in July and repeated in August with club caller, Marty Winter calling. Club is looking forward to fun and square dancing in Mackay School, Jefferson Ave., Tenafly from 8 to 10:30 P. M. on 2nd and 4th Mondays starting Sept. 24th. Special dances are planned for Dec. 10th with Chip Hendrickson and on April 29 with Dick Jones.

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OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	D	C	OFQ	HP
7	E	K(S)	D	(B)	MJR	GALW
(O)	15	16	D	C	ONFQ	HP
21	E	K(S)	D	(B)	RJ(A)	GLW
28	29	30	D			

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				C	OFQ	HP
4	5	6	D	(B)	MR	GALW
11	E	K(S)	D	C	OJN FQ	HP
18	19	20	D	(B)	R(A)	GLW
25	E	K(S)	D	29	X	

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						HP
2	3	4	D	C	OFQ	GALW
9	(E)	K(S)	D	(B)	MJR	HP
16	17	18	D	20	ONFQ	GLW
23	24	25	26	(B)	R(A)	29
30	31					

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	D	C	OFQ	HP
6	7	K(S)	D	(B)	MJR	GALW
13	E	15	D	C	ONFQ	HP
20	21	K(S)	D	(B)	JR(A)	GLW
27	E	29	D	31		

SQUARE DANCE CALENDAR KEY

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|--|---|
| A - Belles & Beaux (Open-Hilltop Barn) | L - Richmond Dancers |
| (A) - Belles & Beaux (Tenafly-closed)
(Private Club - by Invitation Only) | M - Tenafly Square Dance Club |
| (B) - Bell Labs Pioneers
(Private Club - by Invitation Only) | N - Tenakill Twirlers |
| C - Hill City Square (Summit) | O - Merri Squares (Bloomfield) |
| D - Westfield Squares | (O) - Merri Squares Special - Dick Leger & Marty |
| E - Circle 8's (Tenafly) | W - Wayne Square Dance Club |
| (E) - Circle 8's Special - Chip Hendrickson | (S) - Hilltop Squares (Bloomfield)
(Private Club - by Invitation Only) |
| F - Merri Eights (East Brunswick) | P - Grand Prowlers (Whippany) |
| G - Metuchen Country Promenaders | Q - Bachelors & Bachelorettes (N. Plainfield) |
| H - Metuchen Square Dance Club | R - Hanover Squares |
| J - Plainfield Promenaders | X - NNJSDA CALLERS FESTIVAL
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| K - Rahway Square Sets | |



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