



Buzz of the Bees—Blue Bell Square Dance Club Newsletter

AUGUST 2007

Editor—Jim Groves

President — Jim Martin

Vice-President — Billie Edgington

Secretary — Mary Ann Martin

Treasurer — Pat Davis

Board Members — Jim Groves, Gary Donart, Bob Richie, Bob Raby

District Representatives: Jim & Jeanie Groves

VIPS— Please come at 7 pm to help the President set up-make coffee etc. (If U can't make it, switch with someone)

August 11th — Richie & Sewell

August 25th — Carroll & Groves

September 8th — Clements & Donarts

September 22nd — Edgington & Glover

October 13th — Gill & Kilmer

October 27th — Lewis & Pickering

CASUAL DRESS — Casual dress is the NORM through the first dance in September. Please dress for this HOT WEATHER SEASON

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUGUST 11TH, 2007 — Join us for our 56th Annual Ice Cream Social. Home Made Ice Cream will be served after the second tip, we need to work up an appetite first. Members: This is a great time to bring you friends to a dance so they can see how much fun they could be having, and to get them interested in taking lessons. This is a casual dress dance.

CLUB PICNIC — Jim Martin wants to reinstate our club picnic. For many years we had an annual picnic at Aquirre Springs. So everyone mark your calendar. **Sunday September 16th, 2007.** It will be from 8:00AM — 2:00 PM. This is a Pot Luck event so bring your favorite Picnic Grub to share. We will have a group of tables reserved. So be sure to bring your family and friends and your favorite dish to share. Contact Jim Martin at 524-3193 for more information.

HAMBURGER DANCE — Blue Bell Square Dance Club will be having a Hamburger dance on October 13th, 2007. Mark you calendars and be sure to join for burgers and dancing. Watch for flyers soon!

SICK LIST — The following is a list of Square Dancers that we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers.

Dora Stence is doing well with her chemotherapy. When I spoke with her she sounded very good. She will have to have at least one more chemotherapy prior to surgery. Her surgery will probably be in Albuquerque. Please keep her and Tom in your thoughts and prayers.

Roger Hallie has had surgery on his kidneys, but still has one more surgery to go. Please keep Roger and Cathy in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Richie is having some trouble with his feet again. He and Irene were at the last dance and they danced several tips. We are keeping our fingers crossed and hope that he continues to improve.

UPCOMING DANCES: **Blue Bell Square Dance Club—Casual Dress in effect for the Summer**

August 10th, 2007 — See Saw Squares Ice Cream Social Come and join in the fun. Out of Town Guests Dance FREE! 7:30-10:00 PM Grace Lutheran Church, 9301 Diana, El Paso, TX. Caller Ted Clements, Rounds Jonny Kopecky.

August 10th — 12th, 2007 Alamo Squares Campout @ the gym in Weed, NM. Jerry Gilbreath of Albuquerque will be calling and Don & Shirley Underwood will be doing rounds. Contact Reba Westfall for Info. (505) 4534-2618.

August 11th, 2007 — Blue Bell 56th Annual Ice Cream Social. Join us for some Home Made Ice Cream. 7:30-10:00 PM Belton Bridge Center 1214 East Madrid St., Las Cruces, NM

AREA DANCES:

1st & 3rd Sunday's — Circle 8's will host their regular dance 6:00pm at the Munson Center. Callers: TBA

1st Saturday Each Month — Art Harvey's Cross-fire's Plus Club dance at Belton Bridge Center, 7:00-9:30pm.

Every Tuesday — Good Time Squares, Deming. 7:00 pm Senior Citizen Center 800 Granite St. Caller Rusty Wright. For info call Lu Chestnut @ 505-546-6133

2nd & 4th Fridays — See Saws, El Paso Rounds @7:00 Squares 7:30 -10 Grace Lutheran Church, 9301 Diana, El Paso, TX. Caller Ted Clements, Rounds Jonny Kopecky. Out of town guests now dance for Free.

Buzz of the Bees—Blue Bell Square Dance Club Newsletter

AUGUST 2007

—CONTINUED—

Editor—Jim Groves

President — Jim Martin

Vice-President — Billie Edgington

Secretary — Mary Ann Martin

Treasurer — Pat Davis

Board Members — Jim Groves, Gary Donart, Bob Richie, Bob Raby

District Representatives: Jim & Jeanie Groves



— PASSINGS —

The Southern New Mexico Square Dance Community lost two of its beloved friends this summer, Wilson Purcella and Gerald Tibbs.

Wilson Purcella May 8, 1940 — June 3, 2007



Wilson will be greatly missed by our Square Dance Community. I am not sure when Wilson began dancing and learning to call, but I'm pretty sure it was some time after he was transferred from Roswell. I am certain that he was a member and learned to call at Blue Bell Square Dance Club. Most everyone who worked for "Ma Bell" in Las Cruces were members of Blue Bell Square Dance Club at one time or another, and a great many of them were callers. Wilson went on to call for almost every club in the Southwest District. He was an accomplished caller and instructor. He taught everything from Basic through Advanced. In May of 2004 he was inducted into the New Mexico Square Dance Hall of Fame. Before he became ill he was calling for clubs in Las Cruces, Silver City, Deming, and Alamogordo. Our hearts go out to his family for their loss. Thank you for sharing your father and grandfather with us.

Gerald Tibbs November 11th, 1943 — June 29th, 2007

Gerald had just recently begun to return to square dancing. Gerald was just beginning to recover from the loss of his wife Mary several years ago. He lost Mary after a long battle with breast cancer. He had also begun playing his fiddle with his long time friend from Hot Springs New Mexico, Pat Pendergrass. Gerald and Mary were members of Blue Bell Square Dance Club and this is where he began calling. He too was an employee of Mountain Bell who was introduced to Square Dancing and calling at Blue Bell Square Dance Club. I believe that Gerald started the "Traveling Twirlers" Plus club in the mid 1970's. Our hearts go out to his family for their loss. Thank you Gerald for sharing your life with all of us. Your bright shining smile and cheerful greetings will be greatly missed.

