

Buzz of the Bees—Blue Bell Square Dance Club Newsletter

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

June 10th— Lewis & Martin

June 17th— Pickering & Raby

July 8th — Richie & Sallach

July 22nd — Sewell & Weiner

Aug 12th—West & Carroll

Aug 26th— Clements & Davis

Sept 9th — Donart & Edgington

Sept 23 — Gill & Groves

DANCE RESCHEDULED — The dance scheduled for June 24th has been moved to June 17th. The National Festival is in San Antonio this year and a significant number of club members are planning to attend.

CLUB ELECTIONS — Since the Second dance in June has been rescheduled the club elections have been moved up to the first dance in June. The Nominating committee reported a slate of officers: Susan Raby, President; Bob Carroll, Vice-president; Bob Gill, Secretary; Bob Raby, Board Member; Mary Carroll, Board Member; Previous officers Art Harvey and Jeanie Groves, Board members.

STATE FESTIVAL — Blue Bell Club received a letter from Jean & Jim Hinthorne, thanking the club for all their help with the State Festival. Blue Bell club led the state in early registrations and in T-shirt sales. For those of you who were unable to attend you missed one of the best festivals ever. The facility was almost ideal. The floor was wood and there was plenty of seating. It also had a great kitchen that allowed us to bring our own finger foods. If you missed it you should make plans to attend next year's festival, May 11-13, 2007 in Ruidoso.

CONGRATULATIONS! — My apologies to Susan & Bob Raby, I forgot to let everyone know that they have a new Grandchild.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS! — For those of you who were unable to make it to the State Festival that was held May 20th in Truth Or Consequences, you missed the New Mexico Square Dance Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony. Most everyone would say, Big Deal, we don't know anyone that they recognize. Well Guess Again...there were two couples from the Southwest District who were given this honor.....OVER

UPCOMING DANCES:

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL JUNE 21-24 — The 55th National Festival will be held in San Antonio. Blue Bell Club dance has been rescheduled because of the number of couples and callers that will be attending. If you have never been to one, you should plan to go. 2007, Charlotte, NC; 2008, Wichita, KS;

RED RIVER, NM Sept 21st-22nd — Aspencade at the Community House. Callers Art Tangen & Shane Greer with Bob and Sally Nolen cueing. Contact Bob & Sally at nolensally@hotmail.com or 505-662-7227.

1st & 3rd Sunday's — Circle 8's will host their regular dance 6:00pm at the Munson Center. Wilson Purcella is taking the summer off. Callers for the summer are: June 4, Art Harvey; June 18, Ted Clements; July 2, Art Harvey; July 16 Fred Beam; August 6, Ted Clements.

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. 7:00pm Senior Citizen Center 800 Granite St. Callers Wilson Purcella and Rust Wright (alternate) for info call Lu Chestnut @ 505-546-6133



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY ANN & JIM MARTIN

2006 NEWMEXICO SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME RECIEPENTS



Photos Courtesy of Mary Lou & Pat Pendergrass

As most of you know Mary Ann & Jim Martin have been members of Blue Bell Square Dance Club from the early 1970's. Mary Ann had always been a singer and so she began to learn the art of Calling a year or two after they began dancing. And now after calling for 30 years she has become an overnight success.

All kidding aside, Mary Ann & Jim have done a great deal for Square Dancing in Las Cruces / El Paso area. She went against the flow to become a caller. We all know that most callers are men, and some of them don't take it to kindly when a woman tries to invade their territory. They promoted Square Dancing by giving lessons, putting on demonstrations, and calling for several of the clubs in El Paso. Mary Ann called for several National Square Dance Festivals and the SWASDA festivals. She gave lots of lessons for Blue Bell and the Whirlaways; Basic, Mainstream, and Plus.

We at Blue Bell Square Dance Club take our callers for granted. This club may be the only club in the United States that has member callers. Because we have been so fortunate over the years to have a lot of great callers, we forget what sacrifices these individuals make just to be calling members. This does not happen overnight. They put a lot of time, effort, and money into learning and perfecting their craft. We invest a small amount of time in learning to dance, but they put thousands of times more effort into becoming Callers. They have to practice, buy their own records, their own equipment, and some of them even make refreshments for the dance.

I personally would like to express my gratitude to Mary Ann & Jim. They extended the hand of friendship to Jeanie and I and made us feel welcome to Square Dancing. She encouraged Jeanie to try her hand at calling. She personally asked the Callers Association to help send her to Callers College. We really enjoy Square Dancing and all of the friends and acquaintances that we have made a Blue Bell and all of the other clubs in the district.

THANK YOU MARY ANN & JIM for all you have done for Square Dancing and for BLUE BELL SQUARE DANCE CLUB.

Jim Groves and

All the members of Blue Bell Square Dance Club

Ted & Lois Clements

Ted is best known in the Southeast District, calling in Alamogordo, Ruidoso, and Roswell. Ted and Lois now reside in Vado, and calls in El Paso, Alamogordo, and Las Cruces.

Congratulations to our
2006 NEW MEXICO SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME recipients.



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