



Orange Blossom Squares News

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The summer doldrums are past. The Holiday Season, "Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years" have come and gone but they have brought revelry, excitement and Holiday Spirit to us and our club. Our Seasonal Residents are here filling our squares and we are embracing them with big name callers that create fun for us all. Our Presidents Elect, Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler hosted our Toys for Tots Night. Thank you Jack & Mary-Ann. Our Past Presidents Ron & Sharon Paul emceed our 50+ Anniversary Dance. Thank you Ron & Sharon. We were approached by guest couples that gave us raves for celebrating marriage. We also thank Sam & Doris Mason, our Historians, for recording the event. It's a wonderful time of the year.

Orange Blossom Squares is fortunate to be able to draw from so many different and diversified local callers that bring fresh music and different styles to entertain us. Our seasonal guests offer us the income to attract and draw "Big Names" to call special dances. This agenda, set up by our Founders and Past Presidents has made OBS a very successful club and enables us to have as many guests as members during the winter season. We have been asked is the history of our club really so important to our members. We as presidents certainly think it is. Our founders have established this agenda and all the rules that Orange Blossom Squares INC. has been running by for over twenty years. Events such as our 50+ Anniversary and our celebration of our Club's Anniversary are recorded. These people that we see in these old pictures and history accounts have honored OBS through their efforts and work. We honor them.

Going forward we have our Sweethearts Ball on February 15th, which will be called by Tony Oxendine. Sunday February 22 Bob Stern is our caller. On Sunday, March 8th Jack Lewis will be calling for us at the SAVANNAH CENTER, AT REGULAR TICKET PRICES. Sunday March 15th we have our annual Libby/Preston Dance which will be our St. Patrick's Day celebration at LA HACIENDA CENTER. Sunday March 22nd Ken Ritucci, a Caller Lab instructor will be calling and Bob Stern will call on Sunday March 29th to finish out the month. Orange Blossom Squares will also be hosting The Shamrock Swing for the Central Florida Association on Friday & Saturday March 20 & 21. March is an action packed month.

Keep your Sundays open! Enjoy the excitement of the season. Summers slower pace will be here soon enough.

Happy Dancing,
Larry & Barbara Harding

CALLERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

- 1 SUPER BOWL -- NO DANCE
- 8 SCOTTY SHARRER
- 15 TONY OXENDINE Sweethearts Ball
- 22 BOB STERN

MARCH

- 1 RED BATES
- 8 JACK LEWIS Savannah Center
- 15 LIBBY/PRESTON St. Patty's Dance
- 22 KEN RITUCCI
- 29 BOB STERN

APRIL

- 5 DUANE RODGERS
- 12 EASTER -- NO DANCE
- 19 R.J. HOGAN
- 26 WHIT BROWN

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JOANNE & KEN HELTON

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Happy 50th Anniversary



Chris & John Van Selous, Val & Fred Moldovan, Judy & Allen Orazio, Phyllis & Gene Allison

Happy 50 + Years Anniversary



**John & Jean Smith, Barbara & Larry Harding,
Marian & Rolle Williams, Shirley & Eldon Genschorck**



**Elaine & Wes Meyer, Charlotte & Jerry Strunk, Phyllis & Bill
Varec, Patt & Norb Metzger, Alice & Charles Bradshaw, Brenda &
Willie Amerson**



**Ralph & Domenica Cousins, Bob & Liz Wilson, Bob & Jennie
Courter, Gary & Margie Pearce, David & Sandra Smith,
Gene & Phyllis Allison**



**Millie & Steve Connolly, Helen & Jim Dunlop,
Lee & Frank Bardsley, Roberta & Bruce Troop**

TRAINING DIRECTORS' REPORT – BOB & JENNIE COURTER

Monday Class – RJ Hogan Caller - Attendance has been averaging between 6 and 8 couples. The students seem to be having a good time dancing & Learning. Angel support has been great with at least 8 couples every week.

Bill & Phyllis Varec, Directors

Tuesday Class – Bob Wilson Caller - Despite the many holiday activities and obligations an average of 12 couples and one single attended Bob Wilson's Tuesday night classes in December. One new couple with previous dancing experience joined on December 23.

Eleven couples and one single were in attendance for the Tuesday, January 6 lessons. Two more couples who want to 'brush up' on their skills joined this evening. We were able to have six squares for a fun and active way to start off the new year.

Respectfully submitted, Allen & Judy Orazio, Directors

Thursday DBD program - Duane Rodgers Caller - We are having between 5 & 8 couples each week. We are having a great time learning and dancing. Duane is doing a great job.

Bill & Phyllis Varec, Directors

Training Directors Notes

2009 started off with a big rush of new people interested in coming to the classes on Monday and Tuesday. Many of these people will only be here for a short period (as they anxiously wanted to depart from the cold snowy north.) At least they got away from the snow, not so sure about the cold. Directors and Callers have received an update as to programs ending and graduation dates. The Monday night class will be graduating on Monday April 6.

The Thursday night DBD program should also see a few more couples rejoining the program after their traveling and family obligations through the Holiday Season.

MEDIA REPORT – BOB & LIZ WILSON

The February Bow & Swing - Floridas Square Dance magazine - should be on the flyer table on Sunday evening dances soon. Orange Blossom Sqs. will have an article in it and at least one photo. A reminder about the Bow & Swing is it has articles and dance listings for all of the clubs in Florida. Information at your finger tips if you subscribe to this magazine.

We also have Information on Orange Blossom Sqs. in Keepin' Posted along with all of the Central Area Clubs. You receive Keepin' Posted when you join Central Florida Square and Round Dancers Association. See Ron & Sharon Paul, our Area Reps. for details and benefits of joining this association.

Bob & Liz Wilson

Central Florida Callers Association, Inc.
"In Service to the Callers & Dancers of Central Florida"

Our Square Dance to benefit the "The Domestic Abuse Council" on January 17th was very successful. We want to give a Big Thank You to everyone who purchased a Ribbon and took the time to attend the dance, those of you who donated money and/or articles of needed items for the Abuse Center. All of your efforts helped make this benefit a success. The proceeds from purchase of Ribbons and money donations brought the total to \$1,003.00.

The winner of the 50/50 amounting to \$105.00 donated this amount into the proceeds. There were three tables and some floor space loaded down with articles needed at the center such as: household items, toiletries, food, clothing and other items. One of the dancers who is a Mary Kay saleslady donated \$1,000.00 worth of Cosmetics. The representative arriving to receive all of this for the center was so grateful. All of the Central Florida Callers were very pleased and send their Thanks.

Bob & Liz Wilson

BANNER RAID REPORT – NORB & PATT METZGER

February 11th we will be going to Friendly Squares at Dancing Shadows Hall to retrieve our banner.

February 22nd, we will have two clubs here together. Fountain Squares will be here to retrieve their banner. Sunshine Promenaders from Leesburg will be here to steal our banner.

March 13th, we will be going to Recreation Plantation to steal their banner.

April 3rd we will be going to Whirl and Twirl in Orlando to steal their banner.

Respectfully submitted, Norb and Patt Metzger



SHIRTS - CAPS - SOCKS

SHIRTS FOR SALE

Monday, March 2nd

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

O'Dell Center

and

Monday, March 9th

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

O'Dell Center

Sample shirts will be available to try on.

We also have golf caps.

Payment is due at the time of your order with cash or a check made out
to *Orange Blossom Squares*.

Call Kathy and Don Curtis 259-9546 if you have questions.



Recycle Your Square Dance Clothes

Square Dance Clothes Recycle Event

Saturday, March 14, 2009 9-12 AM

**David and Sandra Smith's garage
506 Valencia Place Village of Mira Mesa
(Rio Grand to right on Del Mar left to San Remo right to Valencia)**

To sell items

Set up Friday afternoon 4-6 PM or Saturday 8-9 AM

You set up your own display, mark your items, and sell your items

Put your name as well as the price on each item as we may need to share tables and racks

Bring any racks you might have for hanging your items, or tables to put things on

You will need some cash to start

You are responsible for your items

Donated items can be dropped off Friday at Sandra's or Val's 220 Del Rio marked OBS

Proceeds from donated items will go to OBS

Any questions call or E mail :

Sandra Smith 259-7774 sandrasmith10@aol.com

Valerie Moldovan 753-8766 FMOLDOVAN@aol.com

SQUARE DANCE SKIRT TOPPERS

**For Sale: Holiday SD Skirt Toppers with Matching Ties
Assortment of Prints. Available on request for the Shamrock Swing.
\$30.00 for the set. Call Nancy Van Rooy at 259-6552**

For Sale: A pair of silver 7 1/2 medium dance shoes with a low heel. Call Linda Buch at 753-8418

**For Sale: Sq. dance dresses, skirts, blouses, soft crinolines, belts, petti pants.
Most like new. Includes orange club colors. Sizes: Small & Medium.**

Men's shirts Size Med. 15 1/2. Ties, belts, includes orange club colors.

Call Lynn Brooke for more information. 352-233-8889. Best Offer on Everything

**For Sale: 1 Orange & White dress- Med, Tie, Men's Shirts-Size- Medium, Whites and various colors.
Call Valerie Moldovan @ 352-753-8766**

**For Sale: Ladies Square Dance clothes, size 10, holiday outfits included.
Some matching men's shirts, size large, slender. Call Julie Grant 259-9894**

Recycle Your Square Dance Clothes- Cont'd

For Sale: Several Ladies Square Dancing outfits, size medium.
We also have some men's slacks, size 42, and shirts, extra large.
Call Jan Eppers at 352-750-1340 and I live in the Villages in the Poinciana Village.

For Sale: Sq. Dance Skirts \$5.00 ea, Blouses \$2.00 ea. Sizes: Small & Medium.
Men's Shirts Size 16 & 16 1/2. \$5.00 ea.
Call Dorothy Herman for more information. 352-753-8088.

CFA PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Shamrock Swing

I know we have been talking about the 2009 Shamrock Swing for several months, but time is now growing near for this great event to take place. The committee has done its best to ensure that all will be in place with the dance program and we are confident that a good time will be had by all.

However, in order to make it a really successful event we need all of you wonderful dancers to support this event. Please join us on March 20 & 21 for the CFA 9th Annual Shamrock Swing that will be held at The LaHacienda Center in The Villages. Callers will be Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern and rounding out the program will be Joanne and Ken Helton cueing. There will be two halls available featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advance and Rounds throughout the event.

Advance Ribbons are \$17 per person and \$19 per person at the door for Friday Night and all day Saturday. Of course we will also have one day ribbons available at the door. For further information please contact us (352) 751-1009 or courj14720@thevillages.net. For hotel reservations please contact Carol & Randy Poole carpoole@earthlink.net. Remember this is the CFA's big money maker for the year, and it helps to defray the cost of the 5th Saturday dances as well as to help the CFA continue to promote square dancing and provide programs supporting our great activity.

Following this event the CFA will be moving forward to continue to promote the 55th Florida State Convention being chaired by Randy & Carol Poole. They and their committee are planning a wonderful fun filled weekend. Please be sure to mark your calendar for May 22 through May 24 for a "Rock & Roll" good time in 2009. Sharon & Ron Paul have ribbons available for this event.

Thank you, Bob & Jennie Courter

CFA DIRECTORS' REPORT

Just a reminder to those that have a membership in Central Florida Association. One of the benefits is the blood bank. An important advantage when needed! Our account number is 54. Also each time you donate blood to this account, you receive a free pass to a 5th Saturday Dance.

If you haven't joined CFA, it's not too late. See Ron or Sharon Paul.

State Convention

Time is passing fast. Before we know it, the Shamrock Swing will be behind us, and we will be looking forward to the Florida State Convention, May 22, 23, and 24. It's not too soon to get your ribbons. This is a chance to dance with Callers, and Cuers from other areas of Florida.

CFA DIRECTORS' REPORT CONT'D

To support the Convention, why not purchase a chance on a 17" Laptop Computer, and/or a lovely quilt of "Beautiful Oriental Plates". We also have left some 2009 calendars featuring Vintage Cars, Callers, and Curers. I know, you already have a calendar or two, and one month of 2009 has passed. However, this calendar would be a nice keepsake. They're on sale, originally \$12.00 now only \$8.00.

We have all of the above at Sunday night dances.

Ron and Sharon Paul
CFA area Directors

OBS NEW MEMBERS

Not in Directory

VAN SELOUS, *John, Chris	2539 Raintree Dr.	32162	NJ
09/22	07/10, 09/01	750-6776	Dec '08

*OBS Members at the Florida Winter Festival
in Lakeland, FL Jan 22 – 24, 2009*





Mentzer, Jim	02/05
Biddinger, Bob	02/10
Van Rooy, Nancy	02/11
Pearce, Margie	02/13
Smiley, Lenore	02/15
Troop, Roberta	02/24
Fortier, Don	02/27
Hubert, Art	03/01
Paul, Ron	03/01
Stone, Malcolm	03/01
Smith, David	03/02
Hostetler, Mary-Ann	03/04
Rouze, Robert	03/06
Young, Robert	03/07
Smith, Sandra	03/08
Labbe, Tom	03/11
Stead, Ethel	03/12
Barone, Glenda	03/13
Herr, Jim	03/13
Orndorff, Fran	03/16
Troop, Bruce	03/18
Strunk, Charlotte	03/19
Yakel, Sandy	03/20
Paul, Sharon	03/21
Horn, John	03/23
Heins, Dale	03/25
Veath, Byron	03/27
Connolly, Steve	03/29
Jacobs, George	03/29
Morris, Mal	03/29



Yaeger, Marlene & Tom	02/22
Ledwon, Nancy & Jim	03/11
Troop, Roberta & Bruce	03/11
Baumann, Hal & Van Rooy, Nancy	03/17
Stead, Ethel & Bob	03/17
Williams, Marian & Rolle	03/17
Sorensen, Linda & Elmer	03/30

HAPPY

