



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC)

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COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2009

Called to order at: 7:30PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Veleta Mullen (Pres.); Judy Schnase (Vice. Pres.); Donna Byars (Treas.); Carole Petranek (Co-Sec.); Mary T. Withers (Co-Sec.); Mike Duyck (State Delegate); Gary Clark (Alt. State Delegate & Finance Chair); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); Tom Sminia (Parliamentarian and Website Chairman); Ferrous Steinka (OFN Area Editor); Tony Haskins (PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Nell Killebrew (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Cynthia Ekberg (Eager Beavers); Ferrous Steinka (Eager Beavers); Tanya Hoffmann (Fireballs); Karen Steinka (Hoedowners); Tom Dymowski (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Amanda Roberts (Toe Draggers); Mike Tindall (Valley Squares)

Visitors:

Caroline Ginocchio (President, Valley Squares); Kay and Jim Rogers (Oregon Fed Insurance Chair); Bill Siebert (Valley Squares); Janice Sminia (Sunset Promenaders)

Action Items		
Who Is Responsible?	Announcements, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action	Date
All	Minutes Corrections and New Reports. Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the Oct 26th meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before Oct 26
Delegates	Graveyard Stomp Halloween Dance. Post/distribute/email flyer to your members. (See attached flyer #2.)	ASAP
Delegates	Marketing with Life Balance and CHP Active and Health Organizations: Discuss marketing opportunity with club members. For more information, read the section under "New Business – Section III. (See attached document #3 – <i>Life Balance Application 2009</i> , if you plan on applying to Life Balance.)	Before Lessons Begin
Delegates Gary Clark	Classes Reimbursement. Remind the person responsible for club lessons, to attach expense receipts to the completed <i>TVC Reimbursement Request Form</i> and to send this form/receipts to Gary Clark (22411 NW Dairy Creek Road, North Plains, OR 97133.) TVC will reimburse, up to \$100.00. (See attached #4 document.)	ASAP
Delegates	H.O.R.S.E.S. Please consider making a donation to this organization. (For more information, see the attached #5 document.)	
Delegates Veleta Mullen	Learn To Square Dance Signs. Contact Veleta Mullen veletam@aol.com regarding the number of signs each club has. Include a little comment indicating the success of these signs on recruiting students.	Before Oct 26
Delegates Veleta	New Dancer Jamboree. Email Veleta veletam@aol.com the information regarding your New Dancer Jamboree.	ASAP
Delegates Donna Byars	TVC New Year's Eve Dance. If you have not done so, contact Donna Byars donnaby@verizon.net to indicate the number of tickets you want your club to sell.	ASAP

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Delegates	OFN Subscription. Encourage your club members to subscribe to the OFN. The OFN is available for subscription at \$15 per year. The application form can be found at < http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ > . Mail the application form to O.F.N. - P.O. Box 566 - Layfayette, OR 97127-0566. Call 503-939-1998 or go the OFN website for subscription information.	ASAP
Delegates	Oregon Mid-Winter Festival – “50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee” Encourage club members to purchase their tickets/ribbon now. If more individuals do not pre-register, there is a possibility that the festival will be canceled. Mike Duyck has forms and ribbons. (For more information, see the “New Business – Future Events” section in these Minutes.)	ASAP
Delegates	Insurance Packet. Fill out the “NOTIFICATION OF AN EVENT” form on the Oregon Federation website http://www.squaredance.gen.or.us/ in order to complete your Insurance Packet information. This can be submitted on-line. This form is to be filed when a Federation club is going to have any kind of dance or dance event at a location other than their normal hall.	ASAP
All Judy Schnase Carole Petranek	Decorations Committee: Contact Judy Schnase judy.schnase@verizon.net if you are interested in serving on the Halloween Dance Decoration Committee. Judy will hold a committee meeting in the evening of October 9 th . Carole Petranek will let members know of the meeting location and time.	Before 10/09
All	Contact List. Add Floyd Bard, OR Federation 1 st VP, to your contact list. (jfbard@earthlink.net) (541) 688-4172.	
TVC Board	Online National Square Dance Directory. Determine if TVC wants to subscribe to this online registry. (For more information, see Mike Duyck’s report under the TVC State Delegate section of these Minutes.)	Before Oct 26

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The August 24, 2009 minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President’s Report: Veleta Mullen

State Meeting. Thank you, Coast Swingers, for serving as hosts for this weekend’s State Meeting Dinner and Dance at Garibaldi. It was a huge success.

Hahn Barn Dance. Congratulations to the Sunset Promenaders, who won the “Most In Attendance” award at the Hahn Barn Dance.

New Dancer Jamborees. In the past we have been given a list of New Dancer Jamborees so that clubs did not schedule them on the same day and callers could make plans to take his/her class to other Jamborees. So far the only club that has contacted me is the Sunset Promenaders. Their Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday December 13th from 2 - 4:30 pm at the IOOF Hall. If everyone else would let me or the secretaries know we can put a schedule out to give great opportunities for the students to dance with other new dancers. If they get this opportunity before Mid-Winter, they will be able to experience dancing with other than their own club Angels.

Appeal from H.O.R.S.E.S. Every March TVC sends \$200.00 to H.O.R.S.E.S. This organization recently sent us a letter asking us if our clubs might consider making a tax deductible donation. If you wish to discuss this option, see the attached #5 document for more information.

Parliamentarian. Thank you to Tom Sminia for volunteering to serve as Parliamentarian.

Secretary Report: Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers
No report.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Byars
Treasurer's Report September 28, 2009
Account Balances: Checking \$ 1,022.94; Cash Box \$30.00; Youth Fund \$200.00;
Chase CD \$10,413.43. CD will expire October 29, 2009. Total Assets: \$11,666.37.

Vice-President Report: Judy Schnase
The Hahn Barn Dance is behind us. It was a wonderful dance with wonderful weather. We made a little profit. The State Meeting, held in Garibaldi, is also behind us. Over 100 people attended, so the turnout was great and we made a nice profit.

The next dance is our Halloween dance. Those who want to help decorate, contact Judy Schnase. I plan on holding a decorations meeting on Oct 9th in the evening. Carole Petranek will contact TVC members to tell them location and time. We also will start planning for the New Year's Eve Dance.

For more information regarding future events, see "New Business – Future Events" in this document.

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck
Notes from State meeting on September 27, 2009
Minutes of council meetings should be transmitted to Lee Ashwill <leebarbiashwill@comcast.net> and Floyd Bard (jfbard@earthlink.net). The minutes format used by TVC was mentioned as a pattern to follow.

A grant was passed to assist the Hayshakers with their class expenses.

Mid-Winter has about 150 registrations to date. They need a minimum of 1,000 to meet their prepayment expenses. Mike has forms and ribbons tonight. There is a tour set up for this festival to Thompson Hill State Park. (See the flyer.)

2011 summer festival will be in Portland. (See Tony Haskins.)

We do need to push OFN subscriptions as there are still not enough to break even. The reporters, editors and club/council officers should all be subscribers. It's just a little more than a dollar a month to see what is going on throughout the state.

Randall Award ballots are out and need to be voted on.

Forms for new state elected officers are out and need to be completed and transmitted to the nominating committee. Winter festival is cut off I think.

There is a National Square Dance directory on line (www.NSDDirectory.com). Subscription is \$25 for a one-time fee for individuals and \$40 for clubs and a one-time entry of dances. This registry is used by travelers to locate dances to attend. It was suggested that the councils and clubs register. OFS&RD has approved their registration.

Tony Haskins (River City) requested the OFS&RD consider helping the RCD Horse Exhibitions fund their travels throughout the area to assist square dancing.

Jerome Fulton (Happy Hoppers) reported on the Life Balance and Active and Healthy marketing tool. There is another source for advertising that was found at the Providence Bridge Peddle. Life Balance (Providence) and Active and Healthy (Kaiser) both allow sign ups for square dance classes as exercise,

which they sponsor. It was suggested that the state develop a separate web site, much easier to navigate, for member clubs to promote classes and recruitment.

Barbara Schaumburg noted that Genevieve Churchill will turn 98 on November 22nd. She would like to have this date noted in case members would like to send cards, letters and e-mails to Genevieve.

Kathy Roberts mentioned that the Youth Dance on October 18th is at the Kinton Grange. New dancers dance from 1:30 to 2:30 and all out high energy dancing the rest of the afternoon.

Alt State Delegate: Gary Clark

No report.

Parliamentarian: Tom Sminia

No report.

TVC Past President: Bonnie Deneke

No report.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

The deadline for submitting a club report for the OFN is the first day of the month preceding the publication month, in this case, October 1st for the November issue. The word limit for the report is 135 words and events over 2 months old for the publication month is considered "stale" information. Events or comments about August or before are not to be in the November report.

The report that I submit to Vivian Fairburn needs to be a Microsoft Word document, single spaced and in Arial 12 font. You need not submit your report in Word format to me but it is OK if you do. An e-mail with the text of your report is also OK. If there is a very special upcoming event that just cannot be described in 135 words, I will work with Vivian to see if we can get an exception to the word limit. This should not be done on a regular basis. Vivian has to juggle and balance the entire state reports along with articles and ads to fit within the space she has. It is NOT an easy task and she does a wonderful job for all of us.

Monthly, I send two reminder e-mails to the club reporters, one two weeks and another one week before the deadline. If no report is received by the deadline, your club will not have a report in the TVC section of the Club Reports section of the OFN.

Caller Advisor: Harold Kleve

No report.

Cuer Advisor: George Clark

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark

Gary reported that he has not seen any requests for reimbursement for club classes. He requested that clubs send in their receipts and the appropriate form ASAP. Mary T. Withers asked if it were possible for clubs to receive more than the \$100.00 allocation, if they had to spend more on classes and other clubs did not spend their allotment.

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following person received Sunshine notes:

- Martha Fishback because she had a pacemaker insertion. (Sunset Promenaders)
- Bill Young is doing better. He is back on chemo. We all wish him well.

Website Chair: Tom Sminia www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

No report.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Tony Haskins

PAC/TVC Delegates Report

Ann Skoe, Gail Domine, and Judy Bos will meet Monday and will be ready for a report on the new PAC Directory's at the next meeting. They should be ready shortly.

Ann Skoe will contact the NW Callers Association in regards to a Caller Advisor for the PAC

Mark Wheeler from the Country Capers asked for list of Jamborees to be held this season. His e-mail is wheeler4mj@gmail.com. Jim Schire, Publicity, would also like this list so he can get it to the OFN.

Jerome Fulton, from the Happy Hoppers, has made a great effort in connecting Square Dancing and a couple of Providence Medical Centers Programs such as: LifeBalance and Active and Healthy. Contact people there are Nicole Birch at 503-234-1274 or call Erin Michaelis at 503-473-8339 for more information. A discount of \$1.00 off lessons is the deduction at a %20 rate the program is looking for. Call these people and increase your dance lesson attendance....

The PAC Trailer has been worked over with new nuts and bolts making it a lot easier to assemble. I put 6 hours of hard work into it before the Teddy Bear Parade in Gresham on the 26th of September. The Trailer has been wrapped up and winterized for the season.

The Checkerboard Squares and the Country Capers both did the Teddy Bear Parade on the 26th of this month. We all had a great time. Travelin' Teddy rode in the back of the truck with Mark Wheeler who was calling. Mark waved the bears arms at everyone and called "Be my Teddy Bear" by Elvis. The crown was great. If you would like to view some pictures of this you can go on line to www.easthill.org/teddybear to view, print or send pictures to a friend...

Cynthia Eckberg has those entertainment books out and hitting everyone up for money. Duck for cover, hide and stay out of her way because she not taking no for an answer this year. Way to go Cynthia.

Summer Festival 2011 has confirmed Reynolds High School for the event. Seed monies are now being sought and Bill Rooper said checks from individuals and clubs were coming in and the down payment has been achieved. The High School Booster Club is interested in providing food during the festival. The PAC has hired a USO show for the Friday Evening Entertainment before square dancing starts. This will be open to the Public and \$5.00 per person will be charged to dancers and non-dancers alike. The River City Riders will also perform during this event.

Janet and Roy Bellcoff, Assistant General Chairman, for the 61st National Square Dance Convention to be held in Spokance in 2012, announced the Pre-Convention will be March 6th, 2011. Callers will be Willie Sewell and Don Cockran and cuers will be Barbara Snyder and Neva Reid. Theme for the convention is "Circulate in Washington State"

The State Meeting in Garibaldi went very well with the installation of new officers and appointed personnel. Good luck to Lee Ashwill, the new State President for the Federation. The weather was very nice this weekend and I enjoyed it very much, Now that I know where the Coast Swingers Dance and how easy it is to get to, I can go and have a good time. Thank you, TVC for doing a great job. I couldn't make Sat. Night Dance and Dinner but from what I heard it was up and above the call of duty. Especially the food. Who is Janet Shannons Mother anyway? She's a great dishwasher I heard. Ha ha ha!

The PAC is presenting a request next state meeting for a grant from the State Federation to help pay for the expenses in moving the Horses (River City Riders) to and from the National Conventions and

other Festivals out of the Portland Area. Their performances increase Oregon's Square Dancing throughout the Country and at Convention (The World). The cost of moving is hurting the club financially and a little extra from the State Federation would be a big help. This will be presented in Nov. at the meeting.

Sandy Eddings said pre-registration was down and we need to start sending them in. She doesn't want to cancel Mid-Winter this year...Come on people, lets get them in before we lose all of our festivals. What the heck is wrong with everybody?

Square Dancing At The Oregon State Fair - State Report

The Oregon State Federation and its clubs created fun and excitement at the Oregon State Fair this year. The River City Dancers and friends started the festival off on August 28th dancing on Center Stage. Les Seeley did a great job calling and getting the crowd involved. Al Wolf handed out flyers and class lessons to everyone. Their second venue was at 5 – 6pm in the Americraft Building. Everyone danced up a storm and had a lot of fun. Thank you River City Dancers!

On August 29th the Checkerboard Squares and the Oaky Doaks got together with other friends and were dancing on Center Stage from 11-1:30pm. George Hermann was the caller along with his Grandson Mike Kious. Patty Hermann cued the Rounds. There was a 21-gun salute for the Veterans of America along with a Veterans Parade and a Fly Over. George put his hat on backwards and did a Rap Song. Now that's a sight to see with those twirling skirts and cowboy boots squaring 'em up on stage....Good job –Folks!

September 4th found clubs such as the Independence Wagon Wheelers, Willamette Squares, Corvallis Squares, Lebanon Square Circlers, and the Salem Swingin' Stars (5 ½ squares) dancing in the Americraft Building. They had a lot of fun mingling and mixing with the crowd as folks made their way to the other exhibits around the building. A lot of folks stopped and even sat down to enjoy the demos and tapping their toes to the music. Sandy Harris and Bruce Lowther did an excellent job mixing it up with the dancers and crowd. Thank you both very much! Marilyn Schmit made several contacts and gave out information to those interested. Good job Mid-Willamette Dancers!

On September 5th, out on the new Spirit of Oregon Stage, those bad boys, K.C. Curtis, Mike Halley and Terry Halley (The Wild Cards) were singing their hearts out for the BnB's, Oaky Doaks and other dancers who were visiting the Bachelor & Bachelorettes. What a great time everyone had kicking up their heels and enjoying life in a square. The Oaky Doaks did a second weekend at the fair to make sure there were plenty of dancers to do the job. Special thanks to all the Oaky Doaks for stepping up and covering this venue.

I would like to thank Mr. Al Wolf for his help in putting the venue together this year. It took a lot of hard work and follow-up with the State Fair Personnel. A special thank you goes out to Sara Hamler-Duprea, the State Fair Public Relations and Entertainment Coordinator. Sara did an excellent job for having this event up and running for us. Some dancers didn't have their names down on the entry sheet but they were let in anyway. Thank you Sara. Thank you Vivian Fairburn for the supply of OFN's (about 100) so we could hand them out to potential square dancers.

I would like to take this time to thank all the Clubs, The Dancers, The Cues, and the Callers for making this event successful – entertaining and a lot of fun. I am very proud of all the square dancing and the folks involved in it. "Hat's Off" to all of you.

OLD BUSINESS

Square Dance Signs: (Veleta Mullen)

All of the **Learn to Square Dance** signs have been distributed. Each club should have someone keeping track of those signs. I have an incomplete list and would like to know how many each club has in their possession. These were an expense to have them made and we want to be sure they are being used to their best advantage, year after year.

TVC – Coast Swingers Liaison’s Report on State Meeting: (Michael W. McMullen)

The State Dinner/Dance/Meeting was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event successful, I’m not going to name names, because invariably when one does this, someone gets overlooked, just know that everyone who helped is appreciated for their contribution. 100 dancers from around the state were in attendance. Janet Shannon and Connie Clark, our Caller and Cuer MCs did a fantastic job with their calling and cueing and scheduling of the callers and cuers from the floor. The Coast Swingers provided door prizes and ran the “Split the Pot”. The Guest Callers and Cuers were:

Guest Callers:

Terry Halley	Member – Wild Bunch
Michael McMullen	Caller – C-Dogs: (Challenge Club) and Associate Caller and Instructor: Coast Swingers
Mark Wheeler	Co-Caller – Country Capers
K.C. Curtis	Caller – Toe Draggers, Mentor to Johnny Roberts
Johnny Roberts	Youth Caller – Toe Draggers
Less Seeley	Caller – River City Dancers

Guest Cuers:

Janet Shannon	Caller/Cuer
Sarge Glidewell	Cuer – Klamath Country Squares
Steve Murphy	Cuer – Lantzs Dantzers

NEW BUSINESS

I. Motion:

A motion was made by Ferrous Steinka to amend the TVC Practices and Procedures document so that the OFN Area Editor has the responsibility of providing the OFN Editor with information necessary to create the OFN advertisement for the five scheduled TVC sponsored dances held each year. Judy Schnase seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

II. Randall Award Nominations for 2010 (Mike Duyck, State Delegate)

Mike reported the following people had been nominated for a 2010 Randall Award and asked what recommendation TVC had for his one vote. It was recommended that Mike Duyck select someone from our TVC Council: Floyd and Jill Bard, Joyce and Gary Clark, Hal and Rosie Dean, Harriet Livingston, Dennis Marsh, Pat and Ted Young, and Al Wolf.

III. Marketing with Life Balance and CHP Active and Health Organizations: (Mary T. Withers)
Background

The information I’m going to share with you is a result of Jerome Fulton’s (Happy Hopper) efforts during his involvement with the Providence Bridge Pedal. Since that time, he has contacted the 2 organizations I’m going to profile, has presented at Evergreen and PAC council meetings and Sunday’s State Meeting. I have spoken with Jerome Fulton, with Veleta, and presented this information at a Hoedowner meeting, in order to get their feedback.

Life Balance (Providence) and CHP Active and Healthy (Kaiser)

Currently, there are two marketing organizations the Hoedowners have agreed to join and I think other TVC clubs should consider joining as well. The organizations are (1) LifeBalance with Providence

Health and (2) CHP Active and Healthy with Kaiser. These organizations can offer square dance clubs an avenue to expand their marketing efforts by listing our club’s activities on their websites and in their printed/emailed brochures. **Life Balance and CHP Active and Healthy do this for free.** (They undoubtedly do this because Kaiser and Providence are in competition with each other to gain more members as well as to offer healthy opportunities to their members.) On the other hand, clubs that participate must agree to discount some activity, so that when a LifeBalance member from Providence or a CHP Active and Healthy member from Kaiser present their card, they will receive a discount on that activity (example: dance lessons, or cost of dance).

Discounts

Although Jerome had originally suggested everyone in a given council give the same discount – for example \$1.00 off each lesson - both Jerome and I found that idea wouldn’t work. Clubs are different. For example, the Hoedowners give 10 free lessons rather than \$1.00 off each lesson. The Hoedowners discussed changing – but they want to continue their practice. **Both Life Balance and CHP Active and Healthy have agreed that individual square dance clubs can submit their information individually.**

Marketing Benefit

As Jerome Fulton stated, “Potentially square and round dance opportunities would reach thousands of potential dancers who might never find out about dancing as a healthful and enjoyable activity.” How does this happen?

Following one of Life Balance’s category searches, this is what you will see. Under one of their categories “Fitness” – I then went to “24 Hour Fitness – Beaverton” and it read:

*“FREE 30 day membership for members and up to three additional people
Offer good with this ad only. Maximum 30 days free per person, up to 4 persons. First time guests and local residents only. Must use same club for entire term. Days must be used consecutively, and between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. only.”*

Club Recommendations

1. Each interested club should go to the websites listed below to see how the Life Balance and CHP Active and Healthy organizations advertise.
2. Determine your club’s discount.
3. If you are interested in becoming a “Provider”, prepare a link on your club website that indicates you are interested in healthy choices and list the two organizations and the benefits they provide.
4. Sign up immediately in order to support your lessons. For Life Balance, contact Nicole Birch (503-234-1274) and use the attached form (See Attachment #3); to sign up for the CHP Active and Healthy organization, contact Erin Michaelis (503-473-8339) provide the information Erin wants. Erin will need the following information: Club Name, Club Address, Main Club Contact, and Discount Offered.

Contacts

<p>Life Balance (Providence) Contact: Nicole Birch (503-234-1274) http://lifebalanceprogram.com/index.php www.LifeBalanceProgram.com/providers See Attachment #3</p>	<p>CHP Active and Healthy (Kaiser) Contact: Erin Michaelis CHP Active and Healthy 503-473-8339 or 888-473-8339 inquiries@CHPActiveandHealthy.com www.CHPActiveandHealthy.com</p>
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IV. Future Events

10/23-24 (Friday/Saturday): Seaside Sashay

Sponsored by the Hayshaker Square Dance Club. Callers: Jim Hattrick and Craig Abercrombie. Cuer: Debbie Taylor. **Friday Night:** 7:00 PM - Intermediate Rounds, 7:30 PM - Pre-Rounds, 8:00 PM - Mainstream and Plus. **Saturday:** 10:00 AM – 10:30 PM – Various Activities. Ticket Prices, if purchased before Oct 5: Friday/Saturday - \$18.00, Friday only - \$6.00, Saturday only - \$12.00, Saturday night only - \$8.00.

10/31/09 (Saturday): TVC's Graveyard Stomp Halloween Dance

Sponsored by the Eager Beavers. George Clark is calling; Ruth Canby is cueing. Pre-Rounds at 7:30 and Mainstream at 8:00. Held at Hillsboro's IOOF Hall. Prizes for Best and/or Most Original Costume (First: \$75; Second \$50; Third \$25). Pie will be served at the dance.

11/6-8/09 (Friday – Sunday): Royal Romp.

A PLUS Weekend. Featuring Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story and Tami Helms. Held at the Clark County Square Dance Center (10713 NE 117th Avenue, Vancouver, WA). \$80.00/couple. Make checks available to Royal Romp, 12042 SE Niklas Lane, Happy Valley, OR 97086.

11/22/09 (Sunday): State Meeting. Port Orford, Oregon.

12/15/09 (Tuesday): Tri-Council Christmas Dinner.

Hosted by TVC. 6:30 PM at the Home Town Buffet in Tigard (13500 SW Pacific Highway. Look for the Bi-Mart sign on the east side of the street, several blocks north of the Tigard Grange.). Dinner: \$11.99 (Senior Price \$11.29). Joyce Clark has volunteered to do the entertainment.

12/31/09 (Thursday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance

Held at the IOOF Hall in Hillsboro. The Caller is Bob Ewing and Cuer is Connie Clark. The cost is \$12.00 ticket, which includes dinner and dancing.

1/29-31/10 (Friday – Sunday): Oregon Mid-Winter Festival – “50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee”

Purchase your tickets/ribbon now. **Cost, if purchased before Jan. 15th:** Adult - 3-day festival (\$35.00); Adult – Saturday only (\$25.00); Youth – 3-day (\$15.00); Youth – Saturday only (\$12.00). National Caller: Gary Shoemake; National Cuer: Kristine & Bruce Nelson; Clogging Cuer: Scotty Bilz. Make checks payable to: 2010 Mid-Winter Festival, PO Box 70254, Eugene OR 97401.

July 15 – 18, 2010 (Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday): Oregon Summer Festival in Pendleton Oregon, entitled *Back In The Saddle Again*” will be held at The Pendleton Convention Center (1601 Westgate, Pendleton, OR).

A free dance will take place on July 15th (Thursday); the community will be invited to dance, in hopes to interest people to begin square dancing lessons. Marshal Flippo of Texas and Daryl Clendenin are the featured callers. Ron and Georgine Woolcock, along with Susan Healea, will be the featured cuers.

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Nell Killebrew and Michael McMullen, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturday in Garibaldi. Pre rounds at 7:00 pm; Mainstream 7:30-9:30. Dress is "Coast Casual". Feel free to come in your travel clothes (coast casual). www.coastswingers.com/

We had Adam Cummings calling and Connie Clark cueing for a fun dance the 12th of Sept. The club meeting was held before the dance and discussed our plans for the State meeting on the 26th (which way to go for what). We also set up the date for the next garage sale (fall) on the 2nd and 3rd of Oct (survival money for us). The Sale will be held in the Senior Center across the street from Safeway in Tillamook. If you are in the area, check it out to find that item you CANNOT live without.

Whee, its done, even though my feet, and back haven't said so yet. The brain is still out to lunch as usual. Coast Swingers were pleased and very happy to see so many smiling faces in our dance hall and the chance to see old friends plus meet new ones. The Comfort Inn really treated us nice with rates. After the meeting on Sunday, I learned of an interesting story, about one of the dancers pulling into the Old Mill RV Park, but lost the transmission of their truck at this time. Our past State President came to their rescue by pulling the trailer to the parking spot and helping get it set up. The tow truck came and got the broke down pick-up. The Old Mill RV Park is allowing the trailer to be left in its spot for a week at \$5.00 a day storage fee (Very Reasonable). This really makes you realize that you are a part of a big family with Square Dancers.

Leo Susbauer, 81 years-of-age, died on Aug 25, 2009 - so he is now dancing in Heaven.

Our dance schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: *Oct. 10,'09 - Costume Party, Michael McMullen, Caller*; Oct. 24,'09 - Dark – gone to Seaside Sashay; *Nov. 14,'09 - Harvest Festival, David Trout, Caller*; Nov. 28,'09 *Mystery Trip????*; Dec. 12 '09 - *Christmas Dance; Janet Shannon, Caller/Cuer. (*Squares workshops at 7:00 instead of pre-rounds.)*

Eager Beavers: (Ferrous Steinka and Cynthia Ekberg, Delegates)

Dance easy plus in the Elsie Stuhr Center (which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor) every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM. On holidays they dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). George Clark is the caller/cuer; Jim Hatrick is the caller/cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info/>

We're BAAAAack! Back at the Stuhr Center, that is, for our dances every Monday afternoon. Join us for some fun Plus dancing!

The Oregon beaches survived our club's visit earlier in September, with all attendees having a great time in the wonderful weather. The Beavers' Beach Bum Chorus made a much-appreciated call to our member, Bill Young, to say "We Miss You-- Wish You Were Here!" Guess it worked, 'cause it was good to see Bill & Claire at our dance last week!

Now for some unfortunate news. We are canceling our Plus lessons for this fall session, since no students came out. We are considering trying again in the spring, but we will need to save the details for the future.

Plans are well in place for our hosting of the "Graveyard Stomp" dance on Sat., Oct. 31st. There will be lots of yummy pies to feast on after the Stomp. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costumes: 1st=\$75, 2nd=\$50 and 3rd=\$25, so use your imagination! Our Harvest Dance will be held on Sunday, October 18th, 1 to 4 PM, with a delicious Potluck at 3:30, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro. This is one of two Mainstream dances we hold on a weekend during the year so dancers can dance with us to not only have a good time, but to qualify for the Ambassador Bar, as well.

Fireballs: (Tanya Hoffmann, Delegate)

The Fireballs dance on the 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday. Craig Abercrombie is the club caller. Rounds begin at 7:30 with Mainstream at 8:00. They dance at the Scappoose Senior Center.

www.freewebs.com/fireballsclub/

We have 4 dances left before we close. Our October dance will be October 9th with Craig Abercrombie calling and cueing. We are dark October 24th for the Seaside Sashay. Our November dances will be on November 13th (Silent Auction) Ed Craig calling and Sammy Kious cueing. The 28th (Toy Drive) Harvey Hunsucker will be calling and cueing. Our final dance will be our Christmas Farewell Dance on December 11, 2009 with Craig Abercrombie & Daryl Clendenin calling and Lonnie Sycks cueing. Come help us celebrate our last dance. Remember, all of our dances are FREE! For more information on club activities please contact Barbara Baer at 503-556-0068.

Hoedowners: (Karen Steinka and Debra Welch, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Our Caller is Daryl Clendenin. The cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. On the 2nd Saturday we have plus from 7:30-8:00. The 4th Saturday is pre-rounds from 7:30-8:00. Mainstream is from 8-10. Plus tip from 10-10:15 then break. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info/>

Come celebrate Autumn at our Leaf Peeper Dance on Oct 10th; this will be a regular dance with a break at 10 p.m.

Please note on our 4th Saturday dances, we are having dinners at 6:30 before these dances with a light dessert at 10 p.m. October 24th will be our Spooky Boogie black light dance with dinner at 6:30. We will have white gloves for everyone to wear. Join us November 14th for our 2nd Annual Turkey Toss dance. Come win a free turkey.

Mix 'N Mingle: (Tom Dymowski, Delegate)

Dance, Plus at the Winona Grange 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Pre-rounds Level 4&5 at 7:30 PM, Level 2&3 at 8:00 PM and squares at 8:30-11:00 PM. \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. <http://www.mixandminglesquares.org/>

Our club was dark on Sept 5th. However, on Sept. 19, we had another great fun dance with Darrell Kalmbach doing the calling and Jeanie Norden doing the cueing. What a fun time everyone had. The club did a visitation to the Recycles PLUS Club on Sept 11th, to help celebrate their 14th Anniversary Dance. A great time was had by all. Darrell Kalmbach did the calling and Jeanie Norden was the cuer.

Oct Oct 3rd, Randy Dibble will do the calling and Ken Pratt will do the cueing. A special 25th Birthday Dance will take place on Oct. 17th, with Darrell Kalmbach doing the calling and Jeanie Norden doing the cueing. Come and enjoy Plus dancing with us. Dick Click and Jeanie Norton will help us to celebrate this Birthday Dance.

A visitation is planned to the Valley River Dancers in Newberg.

Our new President is Dan Knierim, Vice President is Tom Dymowski, Secretary is Dick Naven and Treasurer is Lindie Noonan.

R Square D: (Lonnie Sycks and Linda Sycks, Delegates)

Dance 1st Saturday and 3rd Friday at the Longview Square Dance Center. Pre rounds start at 7:30 PM with mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 PM and refreshments after the dance. We have quest callers and Lonnie Sycks is our cuer. Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

We are all ready for Octoberfest, which is October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Les Seeley will be calling and Tami Helms will be cueing. There is a German dinner on Saturday at 6:00 PM which is always wonderful, and lots of dancing in the afternoon and breakfast Sunday morning. Our annual camp-out became a picnic this year and since we also included a liver feed we invited all the clubs. It was a warm day, had a big turn out and lots of good fellowship. This month we will visit the LASDA dance on Oct 30th and also the Halloween dance, either in Hillsboro or Olympia. Then lessons will start Wednesday October 7th with a spaghetti dinner at 6:00 and lessons at 7:00. Busy month! Hope to see you in a square!

Sunset Promenaders: (Joyce Clark and Ray Sullivan, Delegates)

Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. First Saturday every month at 7:30 until 8:00 is a Square Dance Workshop. The 3rd Saturday every month is Pre-rounds from 7:30 until 8:00. Our Caller is Harold Kleve and our Cuer is Ruth Canby. We dance in Hillsboro at the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops. www.sunsetpromenaders.com/

We had a great time dancing with the Tri-Squares in September; we love displaying other club's banners at our hall! We will continue to plan visitations and adding to our collection of club banners. Many of our members were taking advantage of the good weather on camping trips and had to miss the state dance, but those of us who could attend were there to support the TVC and Coast Swingers. It was a great dance!

Coming up this Saturday, October 3rd is our 24th Anniversary Dance. We will begin the evening with a genuine Italian spaghetti dinner at 6:30 pm; we will dance beginning at 7:30 and then close the evening with dessert and club announcements. This fantastic evening can all be yours for only \$6.00 per person. On October 17th we will award prizes to dancers in Halloween costumes. The Sunset Promenaders Halloween dance will be your first chance to try out your costume and see if it is "prize worthy".

In November we will be honoring all Veterans at our dance on November 7th then enjoying pumpkin pies and cranberry recipes at our Thanksgiving dance on the 21st.

We hope you will come and dance with us; parking can be a challenge in downtown Hillsboro so remember there is parking available across Main street behind the West Coast Bank or you can ride the Max line and be just a little over a block from our hall.

Toe Draggers: (Amanda Roberts, Delegate)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. Their Caller is K.C. Curtis; Cuer is Bev Flint. First Friday dances will have pre-rounds at 7:30. Third Friday dances start at 7:30 with a Plus learning experience. Last Tip Plus. www.toedraggers.org/

Over \$ 500 was raised for the "Are you Man Enough to Wear Pink?" Dance for the Cure. We had 7 callers and 4 cuers. At the *Black Berry Festival and our 34th Anniversary Dance*, Jonny Roberts was invited on stage to perform with the Wild Cards.

We have had one of our members volunteer to organize monthly visitations. So see you guys soon! Our first was on September 25th to Valley River Dancers and the Toes had a great time.

Our October 2nd dance is at the IOOF Hall. On October 16th is our Halloween dance with prizes for the costumes. Sunday, October 18th is the Youth Dance (Young at Heart) @ the Kinton Grange: 1:30- 2:30 Introduction to Square Dance; 2:30- 4:30 Youth Dance. The Caller is K.C. Curtis, the Youth Caller is Jonny Roberts and the Cuer is Debbie Combs.

Peggy Hults is our new OFN Article Person. The Toes donated our annual \$150 to H.O.R.S.E.S from the Sheriff Funds. The Toes are also now on Facebook. Our lessons will soon be listed there too!

Tri Squares: (Rex Williams, Delegate)

Dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month, except July and August at the Tigard Grange in Tigard. The first Saturday we use guest callers and cuers. The third Friday Jim Hattrick is our caller and cuer. We dance Plus from 7:30 to 8:00pm and mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., with one plus tip at 10:00. A social break starts at 10:00. www.trisquares.com/

We are glad to be back dancing after having July and August dark. We made up for it by going to lots of TVC clubs doing visitations. Our October dances are Saturday 10/3: Fall Festival. Come join us at Davidson's for dinner at 6 before the dance. Craig Abercrombie is calling and cueing that night. On Friday 10/16 the theme is World Series. We'll serve ballpark foods and snacks. If you have a uniform,

please wear it. Terry Halley is calling and Jackie Gale is cueing. During the month of November Jim Hattrick is calling both dances. We'd love to have you visit us then.

We continue to sell entertainment books for only \$20. It's a great way to save money by using the coupons.

Valley Squares: (Dorothy Reed and Mike Tindall, Delegates)

Dance mainstream the 1st & 3rd Saturday, at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th at TV Hwy. Dances are 7:30-10 pm. Pre-rounds begin at 7:00. Hearing enhancement devices are available. Ed Craig is the caller and Connie Clark is the cuer. www.valleysquares.com/

We had our Annual Picnic on Sunday, Sept 13 with a great potluck, games and visiting. Because the picnic was scheduled already, we passed the hat for donations to Toe Draggers "Dare To Wear Pink" dance and collected \$30, which we sent to Toe Draggers to add to their funds. Our Sept 19 dance was exciting and energetic with Terry Halley co-calling with our club caller Ed Craig. If you didn't come, you missed some great dancing.

October 17, Mike Halley will be co-calling with Ed for our "Pumpkin Bash" dance. Come and have a smashing good time. November 6, 7 & 8 will be our "Learn to Square Dance in a Weekend" New Dancers Classes. This will be an interesting experiment, lots of work, but that make lots of fun too.

We will have a New Dancers Jamboree for all clubs classes and of course Angels on November 7, at our regularly scheduled Saturday dance. The usual fee will be \$5 for Adult and \$2 for Youth. Our usual pot luck to follow the dance. Join us for dancing, fun and food.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers) will give a report at the next TVC meeting, discussing ideas on how to keep your club members active and your club alive.

Mike Duyck (Hoedowners) reported that Focus from Portland State sponsored a bar-b-que and square dance class for the international students from Portland State on September 22nd at the Aloha Grange. (This was the third annual event. Terry Hailey called the first demo and Norm Yoder called last years dance. Both of these demos had 60 to 75 students in attendance and over 100 for dinner and dancing.) This year's event had nearly 200 students in attendance and assistance from the Eager Beavers, Toe Draggers, Tri-Squares, Hoedowners and Valley Squares. David Trout called for this event.

Kay Rogers (OR Fed Insurance Chair) reminded TVC that it is critical to support our federation by attending activities, such as the 2010 festival.

Cynthia Ekberg (Bachelor 'N' Bachelorettes) reported that the B 'N' B's are offering an "NBIA Benefit Dance", in memory of Donna Craig. Neurodegeneration with Brain Iron Accumulation is a rare inherited neurological disorder. The dance will be held November 15th, 2009 from 2:30 – 4:30 PM at the Milwaukie Community Center (SE 42nd & Jackson Street, Milwaukie, OR). Les Seeley is calling and Tami Helms is cueing.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Carole Petranek and Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The October meeting will be held on October 26th at the Pizza Caboose (3276 NW 185th) next to the 7-Eleven. Dinner and socialization begins at 6:30 PM. The meeting begins at 7:30.