



SANTA ROSA, CA

# Circle 'n Squares

December, 2017 – January, 2018

## Club Officers

President: Steve Ruesel  
Secretary: David Glass

Vice President: Margie Weaver  
Treasurer: Ron Plasse

Club Caller: Steve Minkin  
Calling Review & Styling: Doug Saunders



### Dancing on Thursday Nights at Monroe Hall

Plus Level Workshop: 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Round Dancing: 9:15 to 10:00 p.m.

### January Committee Duties

#### Hoedown – Jet Roberts

January 4 Elaine & Michael Von der Porten  
January 11 Patty & Evan Griffiths  
January 18 Barbara & Larry Wofford  
January 25 *Committee / Pie Night*

### February Committee Duties

#### No Hoedown

February 1 Mary Ann & Dick Harkey  
February 8 Jackie Bowden / Steve Ruesel  
February 15 Doris Nelson / Gary Greenough  
February 22 *Committee / Pie Night*

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 28

**Pie Night** ... 9:00 p.m., Dining Room at Monroe Hall

Saturday, January 13

### **Circle 'n Squares Hoedown**

Caller: **Jet Roberts**; Cuers: **Dan & Allison Drumheller**

Monroe Hall, 1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa

**6:30 p.m.-** Pre-rounds; **7:30 p.m. -** Advanced Dancing;

**8:00 p.m.-** Plus-level Square Dancing; **10:30 p.m.-** Advanced Tip

**Single Rounds between tips** and an Advanced Tip at break (snack)

January 19, 20, 21

### **Winterfest Square Dance Festival, King City**

(Friday, January 19, 7:00 pm thru Sunday, January 21, 12:00 pm)

Salina County Fairgrounds, 625 Division Street, King City, CA

See attached flyer ...

Thursday, January 25

**Pie Night** ... 9:00 p.m., Dining Room at Monroe Hall

## President's Message

*Happy New Year!*



It's a new year ... an open door through which our club will move and define itself in yet unknown ways. Each week in this New Year brings us a chance to be more ... more fun, more creative, more skilled, and more connected in friendship.

So let's make it the "**year of more**", 'cause more is good ... and our club is great and will be even greater as we all help define the 2018 version of Circle 'n Squares. Together let's make 2018 the best year we've had ... a "year of more" of all the wonderful things we enjoy carrying away each week as we gather together.

Happy New Year everyone ..!!

*Steve Ruesel*

## Caller's Corner ...



Hope you all have a great holiday season!

Doug's Monday round dancers have progressed so far they are doing movements I've never danced or cued, so part of my vacation will be spent learning them. I practice all the rounds and lines I use by dancing them by myself in my little workshop. Fortunately the 'new' steps are mostly cha-chas, so I already know the dance steps and just need to put names to them. (When I was twelve years old I took first place in the cha-cha contest at my Community Center. I won a 78 of Carl Perkins doing Blue Suede Shoes -- wish I had that record today!)

One of our kids is working Christmas Eve and the other Christmas Day (they get double-time) so we'll be hosting Christmas on the 29th, with our son and daughter, our daughter's husband, my brother, my sister and her husband, all animatedly talking loudly over each other and having a great time. We'll do a small Christmas Day brunch at our daughter's house.

If you're looking for a great movie for the holidays, let me recommend my favorite music movie, Searching For Sugarman, which won the Academy Award for best documentary four years ago. A mind-blowing, heart-warming story, and great music.

Steve

## Club Dues and Insurance

If you still have not paid your Annual Dues and Insurance, now is the time!! **Dues are \$11.00 per person -- \$5.00 for Club Dues and \$6.00 for our Club insurance (covering dancers at Monroe Hall).** We send our check in to the insurance company in December, so we ask that Club members pay their dues now. Make checks payable to **Circle 'n Squares**. *Thank You!*

## 2017 Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party was held on December 10 at the Wedgewood Banquet Hall at the Foxtail Golf Course. Great evening!! We had more people at this year's party than we have ever had before, and it certainly looked like folks were having a good time.

We had the Maria Carrillo Jazz Choir sing for us again this year and they were great!! They are working to raise money for a trip to South Korea to sing in a competition there, so monies donated by our party-goers was much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who donated to the "kids".

Special thanks to Doug Saunders for acting as our Music Man again this year – it is always nice to have good Christmas music in the background during dinner. And, it looked like the group round dancing enjoyed that change of style for the evening

– we will just have to keep working to get a mix of round and traditional dancers on the floor to include even more people in the dancing.

If you have any feedback you would like to share with the Christmas Committee, please pass along those comments, thoughts, and suggestions, so we can continue to improve our party and be sure everyone is enjoying himself / herself.

Thanks once again to the Committee: Patty & Dave Green, Mary Ann & Dick Harkey, Doug Saunders, Carroll Turek, Margie & Bruce Weaver, and Jan & Tom Woodard. **Great job everyone!!**

## News from Around the World

I think because I said this was going to be an "abbreviated" newsletter, I didn't get inputs for News from Around the World. But, I know that if you ask Mike and Elaine Von der Porten about the trip they took to Disney World with the Greens; they will have stories to share. The new Avatar Flight of Passage ride was the BIG attraction and puts a smile on Elaine's face each time she talks about it, so be sure to ask – just to see that smile!! Ask Michael too about his uncle's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party and the stories his uncle shared with his family and friends.



I am sure there are many great stories from Christmas shared with family and friends, so if you have anything you would like to send over, I will work to get it in the next newsletter. There will also be New Year's Eve tales to tell (only send embarrassing pictures ... ha ha ha) – or are we getting too old for that Tom Foolery?

At any rate, keep sending in your news items and your vacation / adventure reviews – we love to hear about all of them!!

## Circle 'n Squares January Hoedown

Be sure you have our January Hoedown on your calendar – **Saturday, January 13** – for a fantastic night of dancing to the calling of **Jet Roberts**. Jet always calls a great hoedown and has a singing voice that is terrific, so don't miss this one! Round dances will be cued by **Dan and Alison Drumheller** and start our evening with the Pre-Rounds at 6:30 p.m.

All club members ... please remember to bring something for our evening "snack". If you are not going to be able to make this dance, please be sure to arrange for someone else to bring your "treat" for you in your absence. This is usually a big hoedown, so we want to be sure to have plenty of food for our guests.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## January Birthdays



January 27 Elaine Von der Porten

## January Anniversaries



January 16 Steve & Rita Minkin

January 17 Sue & Loren Cooper

## On the Mend – keep ‘em in your prayers



### **Dawn & Dale Reitz**

We have been reporting on Dawn & Dale’s son-in-law who was critically ill in November and December and our prayers must have worked, because Matthew was home for Christmas and able to spend that time with his family. Yeah!!

We thought things were going to settle in and get back to normal, only to learn that Dawn had her gall bladder removed in December, and Dale had a trigger thumb repaired. OMG! Can all the crazy stuff that has been happening to this family stop – NOW! We need these folks healthy and back out on the dance floor.

As you can see from this picture at Christmas, they are both still smiling and enjoyed a great Christmas with their children and grandchildren. Now ... back to dancing!!



### **Barbara Wofford**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara Wofford for the loss of her brother just before Christmas. He had been battling cancer, and as is so often the case, the cancer won. Our sincere sympathy and love go out to Barbara.

## “Sunshine”



If you, or someone else you know in the Club, are “under the weather”, have suffered the loss of a loved one, are having surgery, or “whatever”, please let our Sunshine Chair – **Patty Griffiths** -- know so we can get a card to that person and/or their family.

**Patty’s Number is: (707) 595-1025**

**email: [pattyg821@gmail.com](mailto:pattyg821@gmail.com)**



# JANUARY-18



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Workshop Hosts Mike & Elaine Von der Porten	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Running Bear Hoedown 7:30pm pre-rounds; 8:00pm Plus; 10:30pm Advanced tip Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Workshop Hosts Patty & Evan Griffiths	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Hoedown Jet Roberts caller cuer Dan & Allison Drumheller
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Anniversary Steve & Rita Minkin & Loen & sue Cooper	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Workshop Hosts Barbara & Larry Wofford	<b>19</b> Winter Fest King City Jerry Story, Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine Michael Kellogg, Eric Henerlau & Milo & Cinda Molitoris	<b>20</b> Winter Fest King City Jerry Story, Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine Michael Kellogg, Eric Henerlau & Milo & Cinda Molitoris
<b>21</b> Winter Fest King City Jerry Story, Bob Baier, Tony Oxendine Michael Kellogg, Eric Henerlau & Milo & Cinda Molitoris	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pie Night (Committee)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Birthday Elaine Von der Porten
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

Thanks to all those who serve on our committees  
and help keep our Club running smoothly!

Calendar – Mary Desideri  
Caller Committee – Louie & Nancy Azevedo  
Charitable Activity – Tom Woodard  
Entertainment Committee – Mary Ann Harkey and Evan Griffith  
Facebook Page – Dale Reitz  
Flyers for Promotion – Patty Green  
Historian – Nancy Azevedo  
Publicity – Nancy Azevedo & Patty Green  
Membership – Dale Reitz  
Newsletter – Patty Green  
Review Classes – Doug Saunders  
Round Dance Review / Techniques – Doug Saunders & Carol Turek  
Sunshine Committee – Patty Griffiths  
Web Page – Louie & Nancy Azevedo

Newsletter: [greenhouse2001@sonic.net](mailto:greenhouse2001@sonic.net)

Web Page: <http://www.circlensquares.com/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/circlensquares>





# The Circle 'N Squares

invite you to join us for an evening of  
dancing fun in Santa Rosa, CA

Join us ... we'll be taking flight with



Our Pilot (Caller):

## Jet Roberts

& Co-Pilots (Cuers):

## Dan & Allison Drumheller



**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

**JET ROBERTS Airline**

**Flight # 01132018**

Operated by: **Circle 'N Squares**

Depart: 6:30 p.m. Pre-rounds  
7:30 p.m. Advanced Dancing  
8:00 p.m. Plus-level Square Dancing  
10:30 p.m. Advanced Tip

Single Rounds between tips and an  
Advanced Tip at break (snack) time.

Your ticket  
to a great evening  
of dancing and fun !!

We'll be taking off ...

## Saturday, January 13



### Monroe Hall

1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

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38<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Winter Festival

January 19-21, 2018

Salinas Valley Fairgrounds  
625 Division St., King City, CA

*Jerry Story    Bob Baier    Tony Oxendine  
Sharon & Casey Parker*

## SPECIAL GUESTS

*Michael Kellogg    Eric Henerlau    Milo & Cinda Molitoris*

*The Original Country Western After Party – Semi Live*

*Featuring Gary Carnes & Staff*

### Accommodations

Keefers Inn 831.385.4843  
Quality Inn 831.385.6733  
Motel 6 831.385.5000  
Super 8 831.385.4646  
Day's Inn 831.385.5921  
Harvest Inn 831.678.3833  
(Soledad)  
Fireside Inn 831.386.1010  
On-Site RV Parking (first  
come first serve)

3 Halls Squares and Rounds  
Plus and Advanced Dancing  
with C-1 Sessions  
Friday 8 pm through Sunday 11:30  
am

\$50 per person, \$100 per couple  
Complete Packages only

### 2018 Winter Festival Order Form

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ ribbons (\$50 pp/\$100 cpl) for the 2018 Winter Festival. We will RV park \_\_\_\_\_ nights at \$30.00 per night. Enclosed is a check or money order in the total amount for ribbons and parking of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Ribbons to:

Name (His): \_\_\_\_\_ (Hers) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

We require RV Space: Yes  No  We will RV camp with the \_\_\_\_\_ Group.

Make checks payable to Bob Baier. Reach Bob at 281.933.0088

Mail to Judi Willey – Winter Festival, 12350 Eidel Road, Pine Grove, CA 95665 209.296.8524