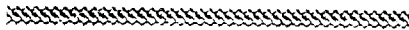




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### Paw & Taw's Chatter



When RR get together, it's anything but quiet. Our rowdy bunch had a great time in King City at the 10th annual Winter Festival. Festivities started with a party in the Matthews' trailer Friday night. Saturday evening found us at Kiefer's for dinner. (Todd, eat your veggies!) The Saturday after-party found RR stacking beer cans 19 high, thanks to the leadership of Forrest Hatch and his stackers (Jim Henry and Tom Robertson). That effort was good enough to win the \$20.00 prize! It was a great weekend of dancing and merriment.

Those of you who were unable to attend Winter Festival have another chance to enjoy the King City Experience at Royal Rendezvous in April. We'll be there!

*Deane & John*

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### Caller's Corner

Dear RR,

It's been a while since the last article and a lot has happened. First of all, we'd like to thank you all for the "Cold Hard Cash" we received at the Christmas Party. That was a cool idea to freeze those assets.

We'd also like to thank all the RR for attending the New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the Square Hoppers. It's great to spend that evening with friends you really enjoy. We hope you all had a good time.

Party night found everyone in a jovial mood, and the Black and White Ball was very successful thanks to all the good planning and inventive black and white goodies. (Especially Susan Cavalleros' blackberry pie!)

We sure had a good time with the RR at Winter Festival - RR won the \$20.00 prize for the highest

successfully stacked beer and soda cans. Our star stacker, Forrest, got us up to 19 cans! Way to go, Forrest! Another highlight of the weekend was our Friday night after-party in the Matthews' AirStream. (Did we really get 20 people in there?) Now every rig will want to be well-equipped with Saran Wrap. (Right, Harvey?)

Until next time,

*Ken & Chris*

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*Chris' Corner*

CALLING ALL DANCERS! CALLING ALL DANCERS!

On Saturday, February 10th, Ken will be calling a Newer Dancers' Hoedown with Mike Degmetich. We're hoping to see a lot of our Shingle Shakers there. Anyone interested in joining us please sign up with Chris.

ALASKA UPDATE

The early booking discount deadline for our cruise to Alaska with Chuck and Honey Wolfson in July, 1990, has been extended to the end of February. But don't wait if you're interested - we already have several RR couples signed up. Come and join us!!

*Chris*

## Christmas Cheering

On December 2nd, in the spirit of Christmas, 3 squares of Rafter Rockers entertained the patients at Bethesda Convalescent Hospital in Los Gatos and at the Lady of Fatima Convalescent Hospital in Saratoga. With our faithful caller and taw, Ken and Chris, we danced at Bethesda in the morning, presenting them with gifts of home-baked cookies and \$125.00. Then we were off to a lovely brunch at the Live Oak Kitchen. At 1:30 we gathered at the Fatima Villa Convalescent Home and entertained them with dancing and visiting. We also took gifts of homemade cookies.

Thanks to all of the generous Rafter Rockers who gave of their time, talents and efforts to make Christmas just a little bit brighter for the shut-ins in our community. All that we did for them was very much appreciated.

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## Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party was held at Dartmouth School instead of Union, but we had just as great a time. As usual, there was lots of wonderful food to eat. Rafter Rockers are sure good cooks!

The highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus. He presented Ken with a block of ice from

the North Pole. In the block of ice were lots of silver dollars. Ken said it was cold, hard cash.

We topped off the evening with our usual gift exchange and we sent a whole load of toys to the Salvation Army. We all had a Merry Christmas.

Jean Jones



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 3rd was more than just the first night of dancing for the Rafter Rockers in 1990. It was also Chuck DePalmo's birthday. Phyllis managed to surprise him with a chocolate birthday cake and a Happy Birthday song from all of the club and the Shingle Shakers. Somehow, Chuck seems to have fewer candles on his cake each year - aren't they supposed to increase in number? Happy Birthday, Chuck - the cake was yummy!

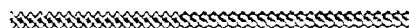


## The **Black** and **White** Ball!

The annual January Black and White Ball, hosted by the Barnes and Burketts, was a **B**eautiful and **W**onderous sight to behold. Black and White filled the dance floor. On

the table, black candles flickered over a vast array of black and white goodies. Eleven squares found their "bunny in the top hat" matches to dance to Ken's superb calling. The class was introduced to a typical Rafter Rocker party night.... lots of love, laughter and fun. A great time was had by all.

Beth, Tasha, Bill, Lee



## Q u i t S q u a r e s

Don't forget that Jean Kibler has again volunteered to make patchwork skirts for Circus, Circus.

All of you great seamstresses save your 3" X 8" fabric squares for her. You can see some of her beautiful skirts on some of the lucky winners like MaryAnne McKinney, Sally McCalla and Donna Mathews. Give your squares to Tom and Jane, and they will find their way to Jean.

Even if you don't sew, you can contribute. One yard of material will yield 20 squares and 1/4 yard will provide 4 or 5.

## J a n e a n d T o m



## New and Newer Members:

Ron and Glenda Joined the Rafter Rockers in March of 1989 (They write slowly! - Ed.) and have been dancing for 7 years. Both were born and raised in the Midwest - Ron in North Dakota (near the Canadian border) and Glenda in Oklahoma (which accounts for her Indian heritage). They have lived in California for over 30 years.

When they are not dancing, they are involved in the 4-H youth program. This year they are on the Santa Clara County Executive Board. They are also members of the San Jose Historical Museum Association. Glenda can be seen wearing her 1890's period costume, conducting guided tours at the Museum. They enjoy the outdoors and love to camp and fish, but can't seem to get enough time away to haul their fifth-wheel to "God's Country" in the eastern Sierra.

RR welcomes Don and Carol van Straaten. They have been square dancing since 1971 when they started in Columbia State Park, Ca. In May of 1978 they joined the Spinning Wheels in Los Altos. If they look familiar, it is because they have been very active in square dancing. Don is presently serving his 5th term as President of Spinning Wheels, and Carol has been Treasurer for 2 terms. They have been Delegates to the SCVSDA for 5 years, Directors in 1987-88, and

Jubilee Chairman for the 33rd Annual last year. Don was Jubilee Wagonmaster for 5 years and they have just completed their 8th year on the Winter Festival Committee.

Their occupations leave them plenty of time for dancing. Don is a Funeral Director, and Carol is a Tax and Bookkeeping Office Manager.

They have been married for 14 years and have 6 children, ages 24, 19, 17, 14, 8, & 4. (They say, "We should have danced more than we did!") They also dance with Top 8's and Blossom Hill Cloggers.

They admitted, "We are very excited about joining the Rafter Rockers and look forward to a lot of noisy dancing with this hyper club!"

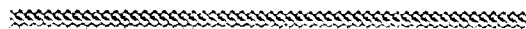


## Alternate Club Dress

An alternate version of the club (Barn) dress has been designed and was recently modeled by Glenda McClelland at club.



This version offers a fuller sleeve for those who would like a little more comfort. See Glenda for information.



## Rafter Rocker Yacht Club



The excursion of the RR Yacht Club scheduled last fall fell victim to an early winter storm. The intrepid captains will reschedule the adventure for a date to be announced.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

### RRYC

#### ACTIVITIES

RR party nights always stand out from the ordinary! Wasn't our Black and White Ball a nice way to start off the new year? Our thanks to Beth and Tasha for their decorating talents (Bill and Lee too), and to you dancers who brought the unique and tasty black and white munchies.

February 21st will be February Holidays Night, combining all the great February celebrations; so come as Abe or George or as sweet-hearts. We always look so colorful in our red/white/pink/blue outfits. The DePalmas and Fudallys are our chairpersons. Yet to come are Circus Circus, Easter Spring Fling and Amateur Caller's night. Soon after will be our class graduation! The annual picnic will find us gathering in Vasona to commune with nature

and, as usual, eat goodies -- mark August 11th on your calendars!

Lots of fun ahead, so be sure to join us!

## CIRCUS CIRCUS

-Kathleen Howard

March 24 is my birthday, so I've decided to throw myself a party! Let's call it Circus Circus, and I expect all Rafter Rockers to attend with smiles, clown suits (if you wish) and, of course, food! Plan to come early to help decorate (4:00 PM) and return again at 7:30 for the party. Please bring two finger foods and one dessert to share. Make your platters ample, as our guests eat a lot, and the Rafter Rockers eat even more!

Our door prizes and becoming as noteworthy as our food. We always have a beautifully filled table of gifts. Remember, these are to be new and interesting to a wide array of tastes. In the past we have had items such as gift certificates, tickets, wine, glass sets, candy, handmade crafts, picture frames, Easter decorations, decorative accents, stuffed animals, and gift baskets.

Please sign up for a door prize on the sign up sheet, and bring your gift unwrapped to Beth or Jeanne any Wednesday

For our raffle, Jean Kibler is making another patchwork Squaredance skirt. Such dedication to the RR!

Circus Circus chairpersons are listed below. They will be coming around looking for help, so sign up early and often!

- Raffle DePalmos
- Tickets Plummers
- Badges Barfields
- Kitchen McClellands and Henrys
- Door prizes Barnes' and Wilsons
- Publicity Joys
- Decorations Joys and Gerkins

Thank you all for your great support!

Kathleen

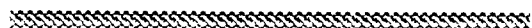


### Rafter Rocker Events

- February 10 Kenmille/Degmetich Newer Dancers
- February 14 Gadabouts Party - Reed School
- February 21 February Holidays Party
- March 24 Circus Circus
- March - April Election and installation
- TBA Class graduation

### Ken's Schedule

February 10 Newer dancers W/Degmetich



If you have any ideas for the Hayloft, let me know ....Ed.

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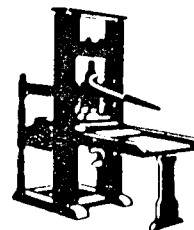
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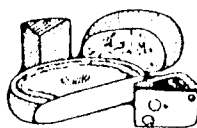
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