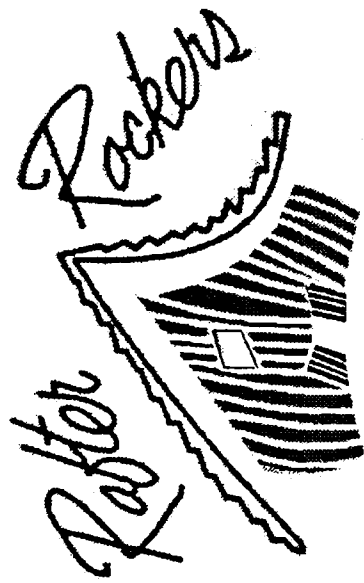


Fall 2000

The Hayloff

Newsletter of the



Los Gatos

Square Dance Club



Edition 1, August-September 2000



SQUARE DANCE

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Club Caller
Gary Carnes
Caller's Tav
Diane Carnes

(They tell me that Tav means "favorite one", but I think it really means "boss")

Rafter Rockers Square Heads

Square 1	Bob Eggers Marie Fowler	408-252-7544 408-379-1124
Square 2	Frank Smith & Betty Watson	408-245-3822
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Square 4	Robert & Ester Burton	408-225-3115
Square 5	Bob & Susan Cavallaro	408-265-9780
Square 6	Jim & Lisa Palmer	408-265-4234
Square 7	Jack & Marion Stewart	408-243-1279
Square 8	Norman & Betty Storms	408-243-2202

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From The President ...

Don & Donna

Rafter Rocker Roundup

Here we are back at Union again. We enjoyed the luxury of St. Francis Cabrini during the summer, but it's nice to be back home at Union again - sticky floor and all. We hope that everyone had a nice vacation. Rafter Rockers are always on the go - we're known for traveling. Hope the change was satisfying and renewing.



It was so nice to see, visit, and dance with our friends in the **Gadabouts** again this summer. What a friendly and helpful group they are! They willingly pitched in on all the square duties - oftentimes showing up at the hall before the key.

We are looking forward to the success of our **Beginner Class**. It is so important to us Rafter Rockers - and square dancing as a whole - to bring more dancers into the fold. Let's all put forth our best energies and effort to keep a class. September is the time to make a class work; we know that January is not ideal for recruitment or retention of new dancers. Here's to our **September success**. And **S-m-t-h-e** !!

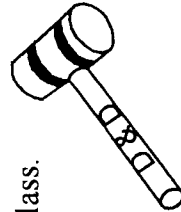
They are GOLDEN ! Marion and Jack Stewart celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. **Congratulations!** That is a biggie. Congratulations again.

The times, they are a changing -- As you know, we will be losing some of our core, long-time members before Christmas. **Jean Jones** is already gone, the **Barnes** and the **Berrys** are headed out, the **Henrys** and **Den Brooders** departed before summer. These familiar, friendly, founding fathers, who have contributed so much to our club, will be sorely missed. However, we wish them all good luck and happiness in their new neighborhood. Who knows, maybe we'll have a **Mystery Trip** and come visit - or truckin' in on them. It is an understatement to say that the club thanks them for their leadership and dependable, long-time support.

When you get your 2001 calendar, mark **APRIL 21st**. This is the date for **CIRCUS CIRCUS 2001 !!**

Here's to a g-r-e-a-t 2000 - 2001 beginner class.

Don and Donna



The Secretary Sez

The Rafter Rocker board met on July 26 with 17 members attending. Reminders were made for the Pot Luck and Slab Dance on August 26 and the Leukemia Benefit Dance on Sept 9. If you weren't able to attend the Bemeffit Dance but would like to make a contribution, Jane will be putting a decorated container out each week before the dance for your donation.

Don't forget to turn your proposed club activity sheet in. If you haven't received yours yet, ask **Jane or Tom** for one.

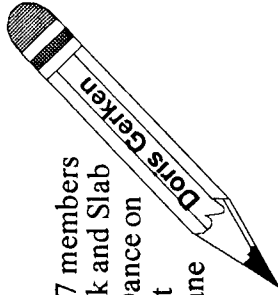
Circus Circus is scheduled for April 21. Thanks to **Chuck DePalmo** for making arrangements for the school. **Gary** will be calling, along with **Joe Saltel** if he is available. **Jim Chico** will cue the rounds.

Please remember to give **Anna Hoegel** the names of club members who should be receiving a card from us.

We have a web page! **Donna's** son **Bob Ranche** has set it up with the help of **Ann Sandler**. The website address is included in this issue of the Hayloft on the Editor's page.

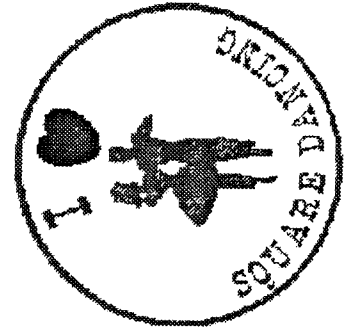
From your secretary,

Doris Gerken

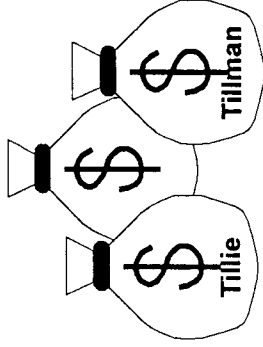


Welcome Class!

Welcome to our new class members. We hope you find as much pleasure in square dancing as we do. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any Rafter Rocker member. The class coordinators are **Mary and Ina Turner**, but any Rafter Rocker will be glad to help in any way they can



The Treasurer Reports:



FINANCIAL STATEMENT, RAFTER ROCKERS, August, 2000

Starting Balance, Aug. 1, 2000 \$6489.32

INCOME

Items include club dues and guest fees

Total income \$931.00

EXPENDITURES

Items include club caller, hall rental, and class ad in the Prompter

Total Expenditures \$1213.37

Ending Balance, Aug. 31, 2000 \$6206.95

PETTY CASH

Aug. 1, 2000 Starting balance \$22.81

Office supplies 1.61

Ending Balance, Aug. 31, 2000 \$21.20



From the Editor's Desk

Dick Gaskill

Howdy all !

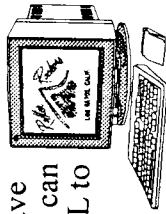
Well, as you know, the Hayloft is now "under new management" and it's taken a bit to get things going, but we're on a roll now and you should see this on a regular basis from now on. Hope you like the new format.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE !

Please don't forget -- if you have volunteered a contribution for the Hayloft, I needed it by the 10th of the month. If I don't get it by the 15th, it'll have to wait until the next month. Send it by regular mail, carrier pigeon or even a phone call. Email is best, though. send info to dgcallee@earthlink.net. If you don't have email or carrier pigeons, give it to me on club night. Hey, some of the best stuff gets written on napkins or the back of envelopes. Note that I might make a few edits to what you send me. Thanks, -dg

Web Site Info

If you have a computer, you're in for a treat. We now have our own web site, where people from **all over the world** can find out about us and what a good time we have. The URL to the Rafter Rocker's web site is <http://www.rafterrockers.com> I've been there. It's great! Just one page now, but it'll grow! You will probably find your picture on it soon. You'll be world famous!



Win a pair of FREE Hoedown Tickets !!

That's right, folks, you CAN win a pair of tickets to a local hoedown of your choice.

There's nothing to buy, no entry forms to fill out, no box tops to send in, and no coupons to cut out either. Sounds a little suspicious, doesn't it? Well, maybe a little.

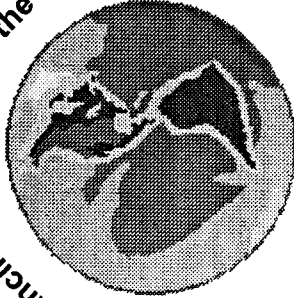
All you have to do is tell me how many listed square dance clubs there are in the **WORLD**. I know you all travel a bit and many of you have danced your way around the country and even in other countries. So this should be easy, right? Well, put on your Sherlock Holmes hats and magnifying glass and do a little sleuthing. The answer IS available.



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Square Dancing Around the World



As you might know, the issue of square dance dress codes has been high on the list of many people in the SD community around the world. It is especially of concern to the hundreds of square dance callers around the world who are trying very hard to recruit new dancers and find that our "traditional" dress code often stops people from joining in, partly because of the expense and partly because they just don't want to wear "those clothes". So, the issue of dress codes has reached the highest organizations in square dancing and they are trying to come up with an equitable recommendation that will satisfy as many people as possible. CALLERLAB, the international association of square dance callers, has come up with the following **suggested** levels of appropriate dress, depending on the type of dance activity. The level can be set by the sponsor. **Dance sponsors are encouraged to advertise their choice of dress.**

"Traditional" square dance attire - the standard square dance attire we are all used to seeing.

"Proper" square dance attire - dress slacks and/or dress jeans for both men and women, short sleeved dress shirts for men. Even when "Proper" square dance attire is specified, "Traditional" square dance attire is appropriate and acceptable.

"Casual" square dance attire - not specifically described, but dress according to weather, travel, and other conditions that would otherwise discourage a dancer from attending if "Traditional" or "Proper" dress code were required. Even when "Casual" square dance attire is specified, both "Traditional" and "Proper" square dance attire is appropriate and acceptable.

Again, these are not rules, just suggestions. There is quite a bit more to the position paper from CALLERLAB. See me if you want a copy.

-dg

Behind the Mike

Gary Carnes

Club Caller

Mike

It's been five months now since I hired on with the RR's. As of now, it feels as though we haven't had much "quality time" together. While dancing with the Gadabouts was fun and we got a chance to get better acquainted with them, I don't feel that I have really had a chance to "feel the pulse" of the RR's. Our class will start this week and I am hopeful of a good turnout. With so many of our long time members moving away, it's going to be of utmost importance to the club to get a good class going. So if you weren't able to get somebody there, this week, tie them to you bumper next week and get them here!

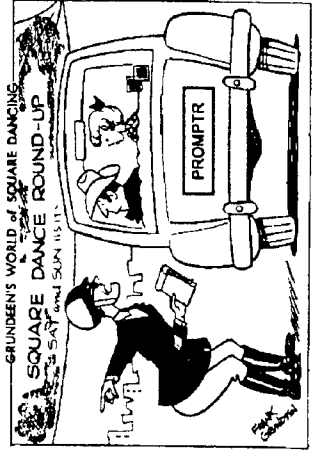


The pot luck dinner & slab dance was a wonderful event. Thanks to 50 dancers showing up for the dinner, we had in excess of 18 squares at the slab. Thanks to Tom & Jane for all their hard work.

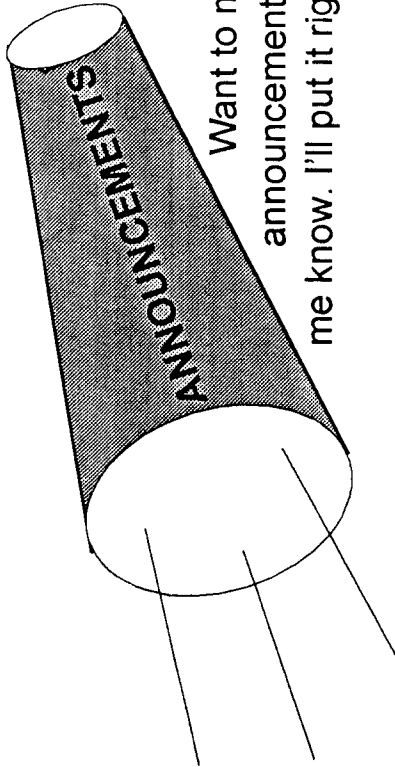
We're back home (Union) for the winter and we'll settle in and have some fun. If there is anything you would like to see happen (with regard to the squares) please feel free to let me know. I'm always looking for "more input."

Happy squares!

Dany & Diane



What's up Mac? You guys all signal a right turn & then go left!



Want to make an announcement? Let me know. I'll put it right here!

Ken & Chris Kenmille's New Address

Well, Ken and Chris have settled in in their new home in Montana, and I'm sure they'd love to hear from you. You can write, email, or call them at the following address and phone number. Tell 'em I said HI!

Ken and Chris Kenmille
11930 East Lake Shore
Polson, Montana 59860
(406) 887-2027
kenmille@aol.com

Hospitality

Do you know someone in the club who is sick? Needs a ride to a dance? Needs help at home? Give either **Tom or Anna Hoegel** a call at 408-996-0870 and they'll set the wheels in motion to provide some help.

Lose Something?

Well, if you did, you can advertise here for free. We have some sharp-eyed dancers here, folks and might just have found that earring or collar tab you lost at the last dance or hoedown. Sorry folks, money you lost at the gambling tables in Reno doesn't count.

If you found something that you think one of our club members might have lost, let me know and I'll describe it partially here. The seeker has to come up with the rest of the description to claim the item.

And here's our first announcement!

If you are missing casserole parts or utensils after the last Circus Circus, ask Don or Donna. They just might have exactly what you've been looking for.

Club Activities

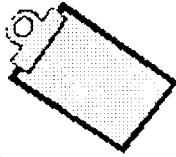
Tom Robertson and Jane Bishop

Well, gang, as you will see from the next few pages, the Rafter Rockers has been really busy the last three months. What a bunch of go-getters we are!



Activity Survey

Before we get started, I want to remind you about



the activity survey. Activity survey forms are available for club members to provide some input as to what activities might be considered for the coming months. Please give this some thought and give your completed form to Jane Bishop or any RR board member.

Coming Up - Holiday Nursing Home Dancing

Due to a variety of scheduling conflicts, Rafter Rockers' annual holiday visit to Our Lady of Fatima and Emmanuel nursing homes will occur a bit early - on November 18. We will dance at Our Lady of Fatima in the morning, at 10:30 A.M., have brunch at Live Oak Kitchen at 11:45, and dance at Emmanuel at 2:00 P.M. A sign up sheet will be on the stag. This is always a rewarding effort and is a good way to get the season started. Please make time on your calendars.

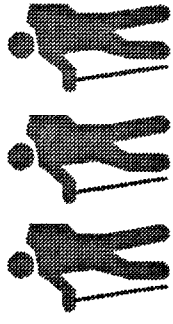
Silent Auction

Attendees at the Silent Auction this year were once again very generous with their bidding, and the Rafter Rockers raised \$690 for our charities. Among the most popular items were all the special homemade treats and the hand made crafts. Again this year, **Joe Carboni** donated one of his famous and coveted wheelbarrow planters, and **Joe Zankich** created a fantastic birdhouse. Super job, guys, and many thanks!

And thank YOU, Rafter Rockers. Your generous bids and donations mean that we will be able to make significant gifts to the nursing homes this Holiday Season. Many thanks to all who contributed items, made cash donations, and bid on the items. And congratulations to those who won their bids.

Rafter Rocker Hike

On August 5 several Rafter Rockers gathered in Aptos for a hike in the Forest of Nisene Marks. To fortify themselves for this ordeal, they descended on the local doughnut shoppe and fueled up for the task at hand. Don and Jean Arndt then lead this hearty band along the creek and through the redwoods for 5 or 6 miles. Following their strenuous workout, they went to the beach to have - what? Lunch, of course. Look for future events of a similar nature and don't miss the next one!



Dinner and Theater

On June 2, Rafter Rockers sat down at Casa Valencia for a wonderful Mexican dinner prior to attending a performance of 'The Music Man' at the Saratoga Civic Center. The presentation by the Saratoga Drama Group was excellent; many said it was the best yet. Following the theater experience, most went on to the dessert party at **Joe and Judy Ventimiglia's** home in Los Gatos. In a lovely outdoor garden setting, we enjoyed a variety of delicious dishes. Special thanks to Joe and Judy for opening their home to us and to all the RR's who brought the sweets, treats, and drinks.



Cabrini Farewell

Our penultimate night in St. Francis Cabrini found us providing the space for the Bows and Beaus to host a 5th Wednesday hoedown. Callers Elling, Ferguson, Carnes, Osborne, and Lewis ran us though the tips in fine fashion a delicious array of goodies provided the energy we needed to keep up the pace. Our last night at St. Francis Cabrini came with a surprise - guest caller Ed Kremers, who graciously filled in for Gary who was under the weather. For many RR's this was the first time they had danced to Ed. The evening featured a treat in the form of an anniversary cake to honor the 50th anniversary of **Jack and Marion Stewart**. We all sang Happy Anniversary for Marion and Jack and for **Ann and Wilkes Joy**, who also recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. RR's collected a modest contribution for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in support of the benefit dance on September 9. Thanks to all who contributed.



Promotional Square Dances

In the interest of promoting square dancing, a demonstration dance was held on September 9 at Vallco Mall. More than eight squares of dancers turned out to aid in the effort. The result was a fine exhibition of our activity and hopefully some of the observers will join our September classes.

On Sunday, Sept 16, a group of Rafter Rockers attended yet another promotional square dance, this time at the Center for Spiritual Living in Willow Glen. Several clubs participated, and Kenny Carroll called a great dance, which included line dancing, demo square dancing, audience participation square dancing, and even clogging! The church provided lunch and plenty of drinks, and several of their members expressed interest in classes. Keep up the great work, gang, and we'll see this activity thrive again.



A Very Special Dance

On September 9, a very large part of the square dance community (about sixty squares) rallied at Thomas Russell Middle School in Milpitas to support Joann Osborne and her family in their effort to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Joann is undergoing bone marrow transplant therapy for Leukemia, and 4 of her sisters are participating in a walkathon fund raising event in which each is pledged to raise at least \$2,400. At the beginning of the dance some \$16,000 had been raised and the dance and raffle resulted in an additional \$4,100 being contributed. Jim's Gadabouts club presented a check for \$1000. All in attendance were invited to sign a get well card for Joann and to wish her the best. Kip Garvey, Jim Osborne, and Sue Harris called for the event, and the Gadabouts and Curly Q's provided refreshments. This exemplifies the support that our community can muster for a good cause. Square dancers can be proud of their participation in this event.

Gourmet Dinner



On August 11, three RR couples enjoyed their reward for being the high bidders on the gourmet dinner offered at the RR's silent auction. **Doris and Truman Gerken, Margot and Rudy Malstrom, and Doris Plymire and Joe Zankich** enjoyed a lovely alfresco evening on the deck at **Tom and Jane's**. The menu

included baked brie and sourdough baguette slices, sausage and artichoke stuffed Portobello mushrooms, squash and chili cream soup, spinach salad with pine nuts and bacon, salmon in puff pastry, orange slices with Grand Marnier, Chicken Kiev served with roasted red potatoes, green beans, and carrots. All courses were served with suitable wines and other beverages. Chocolate Supreme cake and hazelnut decaf topped off the dinner. If this makes *your* mouth water, look for the silent auction next spring and bid for the dinner.



Upcoming Events

See bulletin board for complete details.

Sept. 23 Mixed level dance 7:30-10 p.m.

Gilroy Gliders and Barnyard Bumpers

Alternating plus and advanced tips

Gilroy Grange Hall, Gilroy

Sept 30 5th Saturday Wing-Ding

John Muir Middle School

Larry Davenport, Andy Shore,

John Sybalsky, Donn Thompson

Ione & Wally Wade

October 7 8:00 p.m. Square Hoppers 41st

Apple Pie Harvest Hoedown

John Muir Middle School

October 13-14 44th Annual Jubilee

Santa Clara Square Dance Assn.

Watsonville (Gary is calling on Friday)

October 21 Ray's Amigos callers dance

Ralston Middle School, Belmont

Come hear some of the newest callers

in the area.

October 27-29 Harvest Hoedown weekend festival

Yuba City, CA Newer Dancer, Plus, MS, Advanced, Country,

& Rounds. Tom Miller, Boy Poyner, & Bronc Wise

October 28 Keeway Swingers 34th

Gary Carnes, John Flora (rounds)

Walters Jr. High, Fremont

November 3-5 Autumn Affair weekend festival

King City, CA

Gary Carnes, Larry Letson. Plus and A2.

November 21 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and

Salvation Army Toy Roundup

John Muir Middle School

November 18. Holiday nursing home visitation on

November 24-25, Turkeyfest weekend festival

Hollister, CA. Plus, A1-A2

Harold Fleeman, Larry Davenport, Keith Ferguson

44th Annual Jubilee

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

Watsonville, California

Pro-registration

Jane Bishop

6172 Boillinger Road

PMB 316

San Jose, CA 95129

(408) 356-7796

After September 25:

Sue Lletz-Davis

(408) 481-9436

Dear Rafter Rockers,

October is just around the corner, and it's time to pre-register for the Santa Clara Valley Square Dance Association's 44th Annual Jubilee at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville, California.

This year we have fantastic featured square dance callers and round dance callers in Dan Nordbye, Joe Saltel, and Erin and Scot Byars. They will be joined by local round dance callers and some of the top ten callers as selected by the Santa Clara Valley Square Dance Association Members. Dancing begins on Friday, October 13, 2000, at 7:00 p. m. and continues through 11:00 p. m. on Saturday, October 14.

If you have an RV, bring it along. The Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville, California has RV accommodations for over 300 RV's. The Jubilee Wagon Master and Utility Committee members make every effort to provide electricity and a spot to fill up your water tank. The dump station will be available for your Sunday departure.

We hope you are planning to attend the Jubilee again this year. If you've already registered, please pass this information on to a friend.

If you have any questions, please call us. We look forward to seeing you "across the square" in October.

Sincerely,

Jane Bishop

