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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY
John & Barbara Marshall



**John and Barbara
Marshall**

The times and seasons they are a-changing. Remember when square dancing was so heavily populated that sometimes you had to be put on a waiting list if you wanted to dance to a weekend session or festival, well that isn't true no more. Our upper level activity is becoming less populated each year. There are not many classes that will bring new

blood in, not only at the beginning square dance levels, but at the advanced and challenge community. A lot of older dancers are fading away because of physical disabilities and the aging process.

Due to the drop in our current A2 sessions, we, as a club, must decide how to improve our attendance. We might want to consider changing our weekend schedule to Saturday and Sunday only. One possibility is to have the 1st Saturday session be A2 in the afternoon and C1 in the evening. A lot of A2 dancers support their Plus clubs that dance in the evening of 1st Saturdays. The mix for the day and evening sessions vary quite a lot. A2 is currently the only level that has two sessions. In addition, we might want to consider changing the Sunday sessions for the morning to be C2 and the 2nd session to be C3A. Each session would also include star tips for the 4th and last tip. We mentioned at the last Trailblazer dance that we might want to change the Sunday schedule to have the same start time as PACE. Not only is it confusing to have different starting and ending times for Trailblazers and PACE, but ending the Sunday session earlier allows
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Welcome Trailblazer's Newest member: Dave Dooley



Coming Trailblazer Dances

Friday C-3A—Saturday A-2
Sunday—1st Session C-1, 2nd Session C-2
See the last Page for Locations

2008

Feb 1, 2, 3	Sue Curtis
Feb 29-Mar 1, 2	Sandra Bryant
Apr 4, 5, 6	Bill Haynes
May 2, 3, 4	Vic Ceder
Jun 6, 7, 8	Ross Howell
July	DARK
Aug 1, 2, 3	Darryl Lipscomb

SPECIAL EVENTS!!

Feb 9, 2008	PHANTOM SQUARES C-3A WORK-SHOP Manhattan Beach, CA Featuring: John Sybalsky Info: Sharon & Ralph Simon (818) 769-3222 Gail & Nick Boone (818) 991-2706
Feb 23- 24, 2008	MARTIN HALL SOUTH Santa Ana, CA Featuring: Del Powell C-3A w * tips Info: Sue Davis (714) 227-8414 Denise Martin (714) 731-6520
Mar 14- 16, 2008	BAKERSFIELD FIESTA Bakersfield, CA Featuring: Vic Ceder, Steve Kopman, Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Charlie Robertson MS thru Challenge E-Mail: ELGlines@aol.com
April 12, 2008	PHANTOM SQUARES C-3A WORK-SHOP Manhattan Beach, CA Featuring: Rob French and CJ Smith Info: Sharon & Ralph Simon (818) 769-3222 Gail & Nick Boone (818) 991-2706
Oct 24- 26, 2008	HELEN'S BARN Bakersfield, CA C-2 w C-3A * tip Featuring: Ben Rubright Info: Mickey klingersrmk@earthlink.net Helen (661) 589-3537
May 24- 25, 2008	MARTIN HALL SOUTH Santa Ana, CA Featuring: John Marshall C-2 w C-3A* tips Info: Sue Davis (714) 227-8414 E-mail: hbsuedavis@yahoo.com denise@martin-and-sons.net

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 the callers to schedule earlier flights to return to their home destinations. Presently, the east coast callers usually have to take the red eye back and that makes it very difficult and tiring for them. We want to encourage a relaxed and non-stressful schedule for all of the callers who call for Trailblazers. This would require the callers to call only 4 sessions rather than the current 5 that is demanded of them. The Friday night sessions are a very tiring start to the weekend. Remember these are only suggestions and we would like to hear your thoughts on the above. Please send your comments and/or suggestions to board@trailblazers-socal.org. If you do not have access to the internet, you can contact any board member.

Magic Squares of San Diego celebrated their 3rd anniversary on January 26, 2008. In addition PACE celebrated 30 years last October 2007. Phantom Squares celebrated 21 years last December 2007. Trailblazers will be celebrating 28 years this coming May of 2008. We want to continue supporting these Southern California advance and challenge clubs if we want our activity to survive.

When Barbara and I started square dancing back in 1987, we were told that when you joined a club that was part of an association, all dancers were automatically covered by a secondary insurance. We were under the impression that if an injury happened, you were automatically covered. We found out the hard way that there are two different points of view on this subject. There was a Trailblazer member that was dancing at the California State convention a few years ago, who fell and broke a wrist. Because Trailblazers is part of the A square D association, who by the way *is not* part of the State council, the dancer was *not* covered for the California State convention. The only way a dancer would be covered, under their policy, was to be a member of a club that was a part of the State council. Trailblazers is part of the Associated Square Dancers (A Square D) who insures each and everyone who signs in at each dance, regardless of which club that they may or may not belong too. According to the A Square D insurance representative, if a member club of the association would make an official visitation to *any* sanctioned
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Caller Quotes Todd Fellegy

Don't hurt 'em!
 Belles Trade. I didn't know there were that many Belles.
 I've never seen it done that way.
 Load the Boat ... Get loaded.
 Take your time on the next call (Motivate from Two-Faced Lines, turn the Star a Quarter).
 At the A2 dance – Zip-Code. When everybody gasped, Todd said, "I wondered why there were so many people dancing"
 Girls, be gentle with the guys ... (pause) ... OK, don't.
 Everyone is looking at people.
 This could take some time (after calling Left Fan the Top)
 Isn't that special!
 (Whispering) "Trade on the outside". I don't want to tell you again.
 Don't think too much about it.
 Don't look at me.
 Let me show you what you missed.
 Mostly "people" in the middle.
 From the floor – "We got one". Todd's reply – "I can fix that".
 I'm trying to be subtle.
 Girls, you're looking at the gentlemen ... I mean guys.
 Left Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears, and this time follow the guy that looks confused.
 If you're on the outside, you're on the outside.
 Connie, you call everybody "honey".
 Girls, you're not guys.
 Determine your sex.

Todd Fellegy December 2007



Caller Quotes**Ben Rubright**

Scoot and Grumble

We did this just to see if John could do it

(Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears)

Of course the girls are Stars

I wouldn't trust the Boys with that.

Gary, and the rest of the heads, Square

Thru 4

You need a half in the back. You need a
halfback. So do the Steelers.

Oh my goodness, it's Gary!

Put that camera down.

I can't talk left-handed.

There are two John M's here. We're
talking about the second one in the
phone book.**Caller Quotes****Ett McAtee**

(John), I'm your counterpart (Ett)

(John) – For once you didn't do it!

Don't let it go to your head.

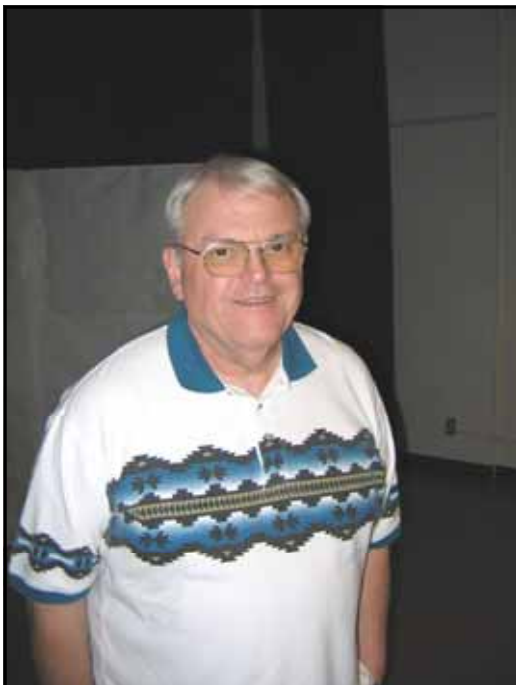
Stay, John!

Crashing is a good thing.

I saw what you were thinking.

Please don't screw it up now!

"Left" is the operative word.

Would Up to the Middle and Back be a
Clue?Get opposite your opposite. What a
concept!I (Ett while dancing) gotta be a corner
so I can play with John.**Ben Rubright****Ett McAtee**

**CALLERS FOR
TRAILBLAZERS DANCE
January 2008**

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 dance; they would be covered under the A Square D insurance policy. For your information, Phantom Squares and Trailblazers belong to A Square D and PACE belongs to The Western Square Dance association *that is* part of the State council. So to cover yourself, you might want to consider also joining PACE to be covered for all possibilities. For your information the A Square D insurance covered the individual who had broken a wrist after several complaints were made. We just want to be sure that everyone understands the insurance policies as they now stand.

Also, be sure to support the Bakersfield Fiesta this coming March to show that we really want to keep Challenge dancing active at that Fiesta. Vic Ceder will be calling for the 2008, and for 2009 they have scheduled Rob French and CJ Smith. Barbara and I are starting to make plans to go to the AACE convention that will be held in Milwaukee in June of this year.

Hope to see you in a square soon.



Workshop Highlights

Todd Fellegy

To Start, to Skip or to Reverse Order, that was the question for Todd Fellegy's weekend at Trailblazers in December. The dancers found it is much easier to do the whole call than to skip part of the call. However, Todd did notice that dancers were skipping whole calls even when he didn't tell them to. Calls like Pass the Ocean, Pass and Roll, Spin the Top, Relay the Deucey, Load the Boat are more difficult and feel very different when you skip the first or last part of the call. It seems easy on paper, but it does create a bit of a challenge. Also, try doing calls in Reverse Order like, Swing Thru, Spin the Top, Remake, Spin Chain Thru, Pass the Ocean, 1/4 Thru, Diamond Chain Thru and if you really stretch the definition, Coordinate. Todd said he would get letters on that one. He also said he would deny that he actually called it. Dancers seemed to enjoy the workshop even though some of the seasoned dancers had to think a little bit extra on some of the calls. Todd got some good ideas from watching the floor make up their own rules on some calls.



Workshop Highlights

Ett McAtee and Ben Rubright

All 4 Couples Concept

Pass Thru
 Pass the Ocean, Sea
 Spin the Top
 Recycle
 Turn Thru
 Touch ¼
 Turn and Deal
 Dixie Style
 Flutter Wheel
 Reverse Flutterwheel
 Slide Thru

All 8 Concept

Chase Right
 Scoot Back
 Follow Your Neighbor
 Scoot and Weave
 Scoot and Dodge
 ¾ Thru, ¼ Thru
 Walk and Dodge
 Linear Cycle
 Explode the Wave
 Tag the Line
 Recycle
 Mix
 Switch the Wave
 Diamond Circulate
 Cut / Flip the Diamond
 Switch to a Diamond
 Spin the Top
 Swing Thru
 Remake





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Friday Schedule
C-3A 8:00 - 11:00 pm
 C-3 Tips at 10:30

ROSEMEAD BLVD
 TEMPLE CITY BLVD
 KAUFFMAN AVE.
 BALDWIN AVE.
 LONGDEN AVE
 WOODRUFF AVE
 LAS TUNAS DR
 WOMEN'S CLUB
 TO 710 FWY ← 10 FWY → TO 805 FWY →

TEMPLE CITY WOMEN'S CLUB
 9704 Woodruff Ave., Temple City

Saturday Schedule
A-2 WORKSHOP: 2:15 - 5:00 pm
 DANCE: 7:30 - 10:00 pm
 Two C-1 *Tips each session
 Two C-2 *Tips 7:00 - 7:30 pm

COMMUNITY CENTER
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 PARAMOUNT BLVD.
 DOWNEY AVE.
 605 FWY.
 91 FWY.

PARAMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER
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Sunday Schedule
C-1 11:15 am - 1:45 pm
 One C-2 *Tip
C-3B 2:45 - 3:10 pm
C-2 3:15 - 5:30 pm
 Two C-3A *Tips

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