



TRAILBLAZER



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *John & Carolyn Melstrom*



John & Carolyn Melstrom

As I look over past articles I have written, there has always seemed to be some sort of theme. Nothing profound, mind you, but a general reference based on some observation at a dance, a comment overheard from a dancer, or a thought on how square dancing has parallels in daily life. This article would probably have "THANKS" as its theme. Even though some of the following is redundant and has been touched on in previous articles, I think it cannot be stated enough. Everyone of us have things to be thankful for when it comes to square dancing. Carolyn and I are thankful that the Trailblazer Board is so unselfish and willing to fill in for one another. While on our current travels, John and Barbara Marshall took over and handled things without missing a beat. Bruce and Nancy Rosenblum even got into the act when the Marshalls were out of town. The other Board members also kept everything running smoothly.

While Karl Springer was recovering, Tom Roberts filled in as webmaster, getting email reminders and the newsletter out on time. Hal Anker graciously took over the preparation of the newsletter when Steve and Mickey Klinger recently took a vacation to Canada. David Moorhouse helped by taking pictures at the dances. There is never a worry about the financial being of the club thanks to the tireless work of Robert and Vickie Morris. Halls, callers, and insurance are paid promptly and the club is in good financial condition. Thanks to Barbara Shimomura and Sherry Ginsberg our refreshment table is always stocked, as can be seen by the crowd of people around it during dance breaks.

Those who come to the Trailblazer dances

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Welcome New Trailblazers



Wendy Winters



Joe Weigel



Robert Ameeti



We look forward to continuing to Square Dance with you and thank you for providing us the opportunity to get to know you.

Coming Trailblazer Dances

Saturday—1st Session C-1, 2nd Session A-2

Sunday—1st Session C-2, 2nd Session C-3A

See last page for dance locations

Dec 3-4, 2011 *Sandra Bryant*

Jan 7-8, 2012 *Bronc Wise*

Feb 4-5, 2012 *Bill Haynes*

Mar 3-4, 2012 *Todd Fellegly*

Apr 7-8, 2012 *Ett McAtee*

May 5-6, 2012 *Anne Uebelacker*

Jun 2-3, 2012 *Ross Howell*

(Continued from page 1) [PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE] certainly have much to be thankful for. As I have mentioned in an earlier article, the Trailblazers are indeed fortunate to have the finest callers visit us each month. Due to their creative calling expertise and unique choreography, advance and challenge dancers are treated to something that is not readily available elsewhere. Despite the general decline in square dancing, one can always look forward to a fun time at a Trailblazers dance. We thank all dancers for helping to support the club.

Darryl Lipscomb called a great dance for the Trailblazers in October. We haven't seen him for a while, so many newer visitors were in for a treat. Dave Wilson entertained dancers in November with his great calling. Hopefully some of the dancers will visit him if they are in the Mesa, Arizona, area this winter.

The election of members of the Trailblazer Board will be coming up shortly. Many of us have served multiple terms. The tasks of the officers may seem daunting, but they are really fairly simple and routine. I encourage everyone to consider giving back some of your time by serving the club. There is ample help available from the current Board members. They would gladly be willing to help anybody new to the job, or they would appreciate someone who would be willing to help out or share the office. Please let us know if you are willing to help.

A big "Thanks" goes out to Steve and Mickey Klinger. Mickey Klinger is stepping aside from the job of newsletter publisher. She has handled the job since 2000 when I first became President. Mickey has brought about enormous change in how Trailblazer news gets published. She has moved from publishing and printing every newsletter (which involved bringing them to dances and mailing out the remainder) to preparing the newsletter for posting on the Trailblazer website. She has refined the process to a point where, if everyone involved got articles in on time, publishing became a snap. Her biggest problem was getting her contributors to adhere to her timeline. We all thank Mickey for the fabulous job she has done for over a decade.

Our new newsletter editors, Hal Anker and Rod Anderson, are eager to continue in the path she has forged. I thank them for so willingly stepping forward and taking on this task.

And so, there certainly is a lot to be thankful for within the Trailblazers. I hope you agree that a lot of great things happen, thanks to all the people who contribute, participate, attend, and support Trailblazer square dancing.

Be sure to put the December and January dances on your calendars. Sandra Bryant brings her wonderful voice and interesting choreography in December. It is always a treat when she comes to call for the Trailblazers. In January, we get a return visit from Bronc Wise. If you enjoyed his last dance, this one promises to be even better.

See you on the dance floor.

THIS IS MY GOODBYE AS YOUR EDITOR



I have turned the job of Trailblazer Editor over to Hal Anker.

After having filled the job of Editor for over 11 years I figured it was time to give someone else the opportunity of this wonderful job. I twisted Hal's arm a bit for this to happen.

I feel this is a good move. Hal did the newsletter for the months of October/November. Anyone who read that newsletter saw that he gave it a fresh look and added pizzazz. He also has new software that allows for this to happen.

So please support our new editor. Get your articles in on time.

I'll still be around to act as back-up for Hal when he and Rod travel. I will miss interfacing with the Club officers and guest callers. But not that much to want the job back.

Mickey, former Editor

**CALLER FOR OCTOBER 2011
TRAILBLAZER DANCE**

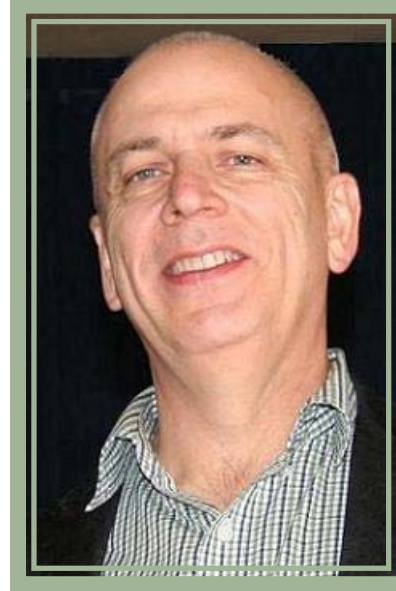


Darryl Lipscomb

Darryl's Caller Quotes

- Chain reaction: Starting position outside two in a mini-wave. "Girl facing out don't move or your pants will fall down — and don't expect any help from the boys. So — See what I mean boys were no help".
- All right! Good dancing, let's go cool down.
- Caller saw nothing!
- Four boys in the center:
 Oh my see those chests puff up.
- Son of a gun you oughta be home.
- Boys pick up the girls. That will be the easiest pick up you'll make today
- Motivate: Center facing star only circulate 1/4. Wonder why only 1/4 — because I said so!
- My wife spends 3 times more than what I make. I got her on sale and she's worth every penny.
- Bend your line if you need too.
- That's what I like, a square that moves right up front and dares me to call what they are dancing!
- Flip your neighbor. [Dancers: That's not nice]. Depends on what you flip them!

**CALLER FOR NOVEMBER 2011
TRAILBLAZER DANCE**



Dave Wilson

Dave's Caller Quotes

- ◆ Don't suppose you want to see that again. Here is something similar. A little too early eh?
- ◆ Should have given the hard part to the girls first
- ◆ We may have a diamond when the dust clears.
- ◆ Work tandem: slip...slip.
- ◆ This may be a bad time to say "I am on your side".
- ◆ Promenade, boys your choice — should probably all agree to go in the same direction. Yea, yea!
- ◆ Looking for diamonds; strangely enough.
- ◆ Are you good? Mostly good... Hmm
- ◆ Keep smiling! This works.
- ◆ Is everybody with me? You're getting closer.
- ◆ Square 1 will remake the thar...Say yes!
- ◆ Are you ready? [NO] Are you close to ready? [NO]
- ◆ Boys, I hope you are watching the girls. Mostly girls in the middle . . . Not ALL girls, 3 girls and 1 boy is mostly girls.
- ◆ If it was always the same, it would be boring! Weirder, really? Ouch!
- ◆ All 4 couples: Heavy load law:
If you are backing up — you must beep, beep, beep!
- ◆ That's just a wild guess.
- ◆ The curser was over the critical word.
Do you believe that?
- ◆ Boys had no problem — Girls did it first.
- ◆ Take a deep breath.
- ◆ Don't blow it now.
- ◆ When you're ready — there goes the pilot square.
- ◆ Yeah, that one.
- ◆ REMEMBER, I am on your side.

**Calls & Concepts,
October 1-2, 2011**
by *Darryl Lipscomb*

A2

- Coordinates from 3x1 lines to end in Diamonds
- Chase Right, but Trailers <anything>, as they meet
- Chase Right , but Follow Your Neighbor
- Two-faced line Motivate
- Chain Reaction, from left-hand 1/4 tag

C1

- Chain Reaction variations
- Verticals & Vertical <anything>
- Tally Ho variations

C2

- Perk Up variations
 - ◆ Left-hand Perk Up
 - ◆ Inverted line Perk Up
- Once removed Step and Fold (columns)
- Right- (left-) hand Jay Boxes
 - ◆ Vertical 1/2 Tag
 - ◆ Wheel the Ocean (Sea)

C3A

- Tandem-base trailing Triangles,
- ◆ Scoot Back
 - ◆ Walk and Dodge
 - ◆ Verticals
 - ◆ Follow Thru



2011 -- 2012
**TRAILBLAZER
BOARD MEMBERS**



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 1st Vice President John & Barbara Marshall
 2nd Vice President Bruce & Nancy Rosenblum
 3rd Vice President Barbara Shimomura & Sherry Ginsberg
 Secretary Bruce Crabtree
 Treasurer Robert & Vickie Morris
 A Square D Rep Sam Mehlman

C1 CLASS – ROD SHUPING



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John Marshall*

Phantom Squares

25th Anniversary Dance

December 11, 2011



Come and celebrate with us!

Phantom Squares will be celebrating its 25th anniversary with a special dance called by Vic Ceder. We'd love to have you join us on December 11 at the Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park. In order to include more dancers and increase the fun, Vic will be calling A2 and C1 from 1:00 to 3:30, and C2 and C3A from 4:00 to 6:30 (alternating tips, with consideration at the door for those dancing only one level per session).

Vic Ceder
calling
A2, C1, C2,
C3A & C3B

Special Format – Something for Everyone

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM: A2 and C1 (Alternating Tips)

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM: C2 and C3A (Alternating Tips)

C3B Star Tip

With consideration at the door for those dancing only one level per session



A look back at Phantoms
by square dancing levels
offered by the club in its past



Information
Ralph & Sharon Simon
(818-769-3222)
www.phantom-squares.com

Canoga Park Women's Club, 7401 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park

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A CUT ABOVE WITH LOTS OF FRIENDLY HELP!

A-2 & C-1 SCHEDULE

2012 2012 2012

Jan 7, 2012, **Bronc Wise**, Paramount
 Feb 4, 2012, **Bill Haynes**, Paramount
 Mar 3, 2012, **Todd Fellegy**, Paramount
 Apr 7, 2012, **Ett McAtee**, → Mel's Place
 May 5, 2012, **Anne Uebelacker**, Paramount
 Jun 2, 2012, **Ross Howell**, Paramount

Jul 7, 2012, **Tim Ploch**, Paramount
 Aug 4, 2012, **John Marshall**, → Mel's Place
 Sep 1, 2012, **Barry Clasper**, Paramount
 Oct 6, 2012, **Darryl Lipscomb**, Paramount
 Nov 3, 2012, **Dave Wilson**, Paramount
 Dec 1, 2012, **Saundra Bryant**, Paramount

1st Saturday of the Month

C-1: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM
 Last tip increased difficulty at C-1

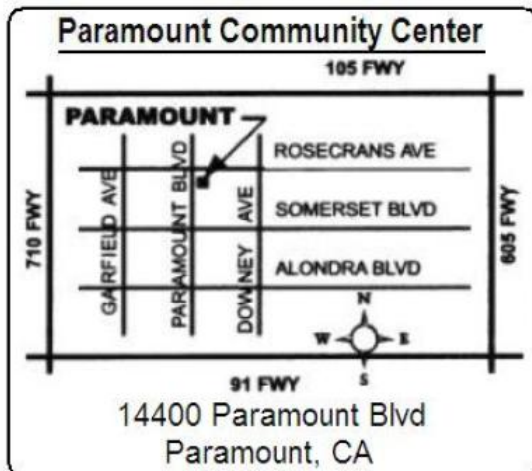
A-2: 3:15 to 5:45 PM
 Last tip increased difficulty at A-2

Singles Welcome!
 Singles Rotation Available

 Square Dance
 Attire is Optional.



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C-2 & C-3A SCHEDULE

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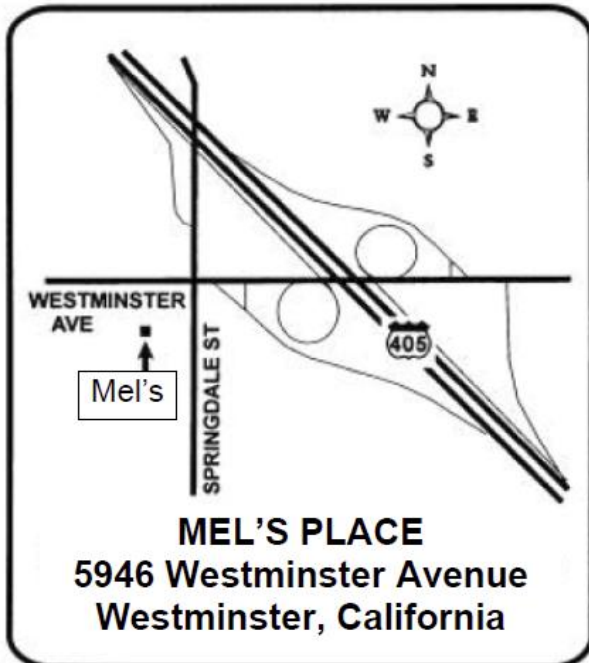
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 Nov 4, 2012Dave Wilson
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Sunday following the 1st Saturday of the Month

C-2: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM
 Last tip **increased** difficulty at C-2

C-3A: 3:15 to 5:45 PM
 Last tip is C-3B

Dances are at Mel's Place.



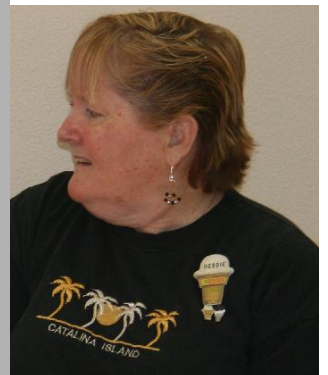
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Trailblazers Sunshine

Know or heard about a Trailblazers member who needs an extended hand of friendship in a time of happiness or sadness. Please inform *Barbara Lane*, our Trailblazers' Sunshine Representative, so a big "Yellow Rock" can be sent through a written note. Barbara can be contacted in person, by phone (949-290-5590) or email at sunshine@trailblazers-socal.org.

Saturday Schedule

C-1: 11:15 AM — 1:45 PM

A-2: 3:15 PM — 5:45 PM



Paramount Community Center

14400 Paramount Blvd
Paramount, CA

Sunday Schedule

C-2: 11:15 AM — 1:45 PM

C-3A: 3:15 PM — 5:45 PM

Mel's Place
5946 Westminster Ave
Westminster, CA

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