Wishing you a year that brings good Square Dancing, good health, good luck, and more than your fair share of fond memories from doing all of your favorite things !!!
Upcoming 2012 Trailblazer Dances
Saturday—1st Session C1, 2nd Session A2
Sunday—1st Session C2, 2nd Session C3A
See last page for dance locations

Feb 4-5 .... Bill Haynes ....................... Gilbert, AZ
Mar 3-4 .... Todd Fellegy .................... Meriden, CT
Apr 7-8 ...... Etta McAtee ..................... Severn, MD
                          C3B, Friday Evening, Apr 6
                          Please see comment below
May 5-6 .... Anne Uebelacker ... Burnaby, Canada
Jun 2-3 .... Ross Howell ..................... Zephyrhills, FL
Jul 7-8 ...... Tim Ploh ........................ Houston, TX
Aug 4-5 .... John Marshall .................... Sterling, VA

April 7 Dance Location Change
Trailblazers A2 and C1 dances will be held at Mel's Place, Westminster. Dance times will remain the same.

Saundra "Sandie" Bryant
Trailblazers December 2011 Caller

"And I'm the one with the low voice." Whenever introductions take place, this is the statement she makes. Saundra's deep voice is only one of her many assets of her chosen career. Saundra (or affectionately called Sandie) began square dancing in 1960 and has been behind the microphone since 1979.

Swersie Dumetz Norris, Saundra's Girl Scout leader, close family friend, and first caller to whom Saundra square danced, provided calling tutelage as well as a Plus group for Saundra first calling endeavors.

To further her calling knowledge, Saundra attended her first Callerlab in Kansas City, Missouri in 1980. There, she became familiar with calling's finer points and also developed close friendships with many of her peers.

Sandie called at various local conventions before calling at her first National in Detroit, Michigan in 1982.

Her pursuit of calling did not diminish her desire to dance. She joined Bill Heimann's tape workshop group and to this day still sets aside one night a week to dance with that group allowing her to continually improve her dancing ability by dancing to other callers as well as occasionally dancing to herself which she considers one of her greatest challenges.

Sandie's accomplishments are ongoing. She is on the calling staff for AACE (Academy for Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts) and various festivals. Sandie lives in the Chicago area and calls dance programs from Mainstream through C-4. Sandie is a Callerlab member, and has called at numerous conventions and in many states as well as Canada, Denmark, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and Sweden.
Introducing Swing Along The Trail — a column about special events and happenings of our Trailblazers members and friends.

Ben Teller had full knee replacement on Monday, January 30. Sending him wishes for a speedy recovery.

Have you noticed Carol Esser with her Grandma’s brag book. Congratulations to Nick and Carol, the proud grandparents of grandson Erick Anvin. Erick was born December 30.

Karl Springer, our Trailblazers’ Webmaster, reports in an email: “Back home after my heart valve replacement surgery and a month stay in a rehab facility. Sure is nice sleeping in my own bed and eating real food.”

Saundra Bryant, Traillblazers’ caller for December 2011, was interviewed by a local Chicago newspaper. Check out the interview in the Chicago Reader. The URL at the bottom of the page can be input into your browser. OR, go to chicagoreader.com. Once, at the Chicago Reader home page, look for their “Search the Reader” search box. Enter Saundra Bryant in the box. From the search results, look for the article entitled: “This week’s Chicagoan, Saundra Bryant, square-dance caller.” Article published December 1, 2011.

If neither connection method works, send a note to TommyEditor@yahoo.com, and a URL will be returned to you in an email reply.

Congratulations to Magic Squares upon celebrating their Seventh Anniversary with a Square Dance this past Saturday, January 28, caller: Bill Haynes.

If you have had or will be having some special news you would like to share with the Trailblazers, please drop a note to: TommyEditor@yahoo.com.

Saundra Bryant URL: http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/saundra-bryant-square-dance-caller/Content?oid=5105941&mid=5459
Invite a Square Dance friend to Trailblazers.

Ray & Jan from Palo Alto
!! Take a look at the shirts !!

Photos pages 2, 3, 4, 5
by David Moorhouse
A CUT ABOVE WITH LOTS OF FRIENDLY HELP!

A-2 & C-1 SCHEDULE

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, Vic Ceder, 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

Information: John & Carolyn Melstrom (714) 968-3888
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Paramount Community Center
105 Fwy
Paramount, CA

Mel’s Place
5946 Westminster Ave
Westminster, CA
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C-2 & C-3A SCHEDULE

Jan 8, 2012 ...... Bronc Wise
Feb 5, 2012 ...... Bill Haynes
Mar 4, 2012 ...... Todd Fellegy
Apr 8, 2012 ...... Ett McAtee
May 6, 2012 ...... Anne Uebelacker
Jun 3, 2012 ...... Ross Howell

Jul 8, 2012 ...... Tim Ploch
Aug 5, 2012 ...... John Marshall
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Nov 4, 2012 ...... Vic Ceder
Dec 2, 2012 ...... Saundra Bryant

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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Singles Welcome!
Singles Rotation Available

Square Dance Attire is Optional.

MEL’S PLACE
5946 Westminster Avenue
Westminster, California
Saturday Schedule
C-1: 11:15 AM — 1:45 PM
A-2: 3:15 PM — 5:45 PM

Sunday Schedule
C-2: 11:15 AM — 1:45 PM
C-3A: 3:15 PM — 5:45 PM

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Phantoms enjoying lunch

Photo by David Moorhouse