Upcoming 2015 & 2016 Trailblazers Dances and Session Schedules

Saturday — 1st Session — C1: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM; 2nd Session — A2: 3:15 to 5:45 PM
Sunday — 1st Session — C2: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM; 2nd Session — C3A: 3:15 to 5:45 PM

2015
Dec 5-6 ............ Sandie Bryant ............ Chicago, IL
► REVISED Time Schedule starts in January 2016

2016
Jan 3-4 ............ Bronc Wise ................. Denver, CO
Feb 6-7 ............ Vic Ceder ................. Los Olivos, CA

Dance Location Map shown on page 12
Membership Renewal Time
Dues = $12.00 per person per year
Please pay at November dance or mail your check (Payable to Trailblazers) to:
Sam Mehlman, 4045 Globe Ave, Culver City, CA 90230

Thanks for taking care of your renewal as soon as feasible.

A special thanks to all Trailblazers members and our friends for letting other Square Dancers know about the benefits of dancing with our club. It is really appreciated. You are encouraged to keep spreading the news!
Also, a tip of the Trailblazers’ hat to Jerry & Ruth Blackmar and Rod Anderson, our 2nd Vice Presidents, for their diligent, attentive efforts to ensure visitors are welcomed and then encouraged to join Trailblazers.
Anne Uebelacker – Of our present Trailblazers’ calling staff Anne hold the distinction for having the longest association with our club. Then, Anne Redden, her first Trailblazers engagements were on April 30 and May 1, 1984. Tuesday, April 30, she called an A1 Workshop & Dance followed on Wednesday, May 1, by a C2 Workshop & Dance.

We are so glad she has been returning – year after year. Because of Anne our Square Dance skills have indeed been augmented and strengthened.

Anne started calling in 1976 for a children's group and has progressed to call for all dancing levels from Basic to C-3B. A strong "home" program for Squares Across the Border on Monday through Thursday complements an equally busy traveling schedule on the weekends that may find her calling anywhere from Vancouver to Florida, Boston to San Francisco and across the miles to Japan and Europe. Some of her calling highlights she is really proud of are her calling assignments at the numerous IAGSDC Conventions in Canada and the United States, the Canadian Challenge Convention, the National Advanced and Challenge Convention (NACC), and the Academy of Advanced and Challenge Enthusiasts (AACE).

Anne's relaxed style and easy listening voice have won her many square dance friends at all the dancing levels and from all corners of the world.

Anne was born and grew up in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada of Scottish parents and as a child Anne knew nothing of square dancing. After she finished high school, her parents took square-dancing lessons. When a local Mainstream caller was having a weekend dancing campout that her parents were planning to attend, they invited Anne to come along to swim, enjoy the outdoors, or whatever since she had no specific plans for that weekend. It turned out that the dance was one dancer short of an additional square and Anne was drafted to fill in. After three days and a lot of push, pull, and shove, she was dancing (almost at Plus level) – and she was hooked! Anne then continued dancing at a local Mainstream club and enjoyed Square Dancing immensely. She soon realized that there’s a lot more to square dancing than she had ever dreamed and thought, "This is for me!"

Anne is a CALLERLAB and Gay Callers Association member. She resides with her partner, Mary Hutchinson, in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada.

Thanks, Anne, for all you have contributed to the Trailblazers.

We look forward to your return in 2017.
As we approach the end of this year we can look back and see lots of success. Membership and attendance is up. Everyone is enjoying coming to our dances. We thank our board and volunteers for all their hard work. Plans are in progress for our 35th Anniversary Dance in April 2016. In 2017, we will have a special reunion dance welcoming back all our square dance friends from the past.

At our October 3rd board meeting, John and Carolyn Melstrom were designated as Esteemed Members. They have served on the board for over 10 years. John has continued working behind the scenes for several years. John has worked as historian and has always pitched in to help in any capacity needed. He has been on many committees and has been a mentor who gives great advice. Thank you for your dedication to our club.

At this time we are looking into the possibility of having computer squares on Saturday. We would like to know what our Saturday dancers think about this. We will therefore ask dancers to fill out a survey at the December dance. We will base our decision on those results. Don’t forget to fill out the survey form. It will be at the registration table.

Our dance starting and ending time schedule will be changing beginning in January 2016. Each time will be 15 minutes earlier. The first session of each day will be from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The second session will be from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. See page 6, this TRAILBLAZER, for complete details.

It is time to pay your dues for the year. Thank you to those who have already paid. If you need to mail in your dues, please see page 2, this TRAILBLAZER, for address and instructions.

Do you like social media? We would like to have our club on Facebook and Twitter. Let us know if you are interested in getting involved and hosting a page for us.

We hope everyone has a great holiday season!

See you in a square.

Bruce & Nancy Rosenblum

And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.

Friedrich Nietzsche
Please share both the Trailblazers Square Dance Schedule and Cookie Exchange flyers with your friends. Dance Schedule copies are available from the last page of this newsletter, from our flyer table and online @ http://www.trailblazers-socal.org/flyers/DanceFlyer_Color.pdf. Cookie Exchange flyers are available from this newsletter or our flyer table.
Change in Trailblazers Time Schedule
Effective January 2016, our time schedule will be:

SATURDAY
C1: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
A2: 3:00 to 5:30 PM

SUNDAY
C2: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
C3A: 3:00 to 5:30 PM

Summary: Starting and ending times for ALL sessions move up 15 minutes both days, dance-level schedules on both Saturday and Sunday will remain the same.

Darlene Collier-Thomas, a long-time Trailblazers member is welcomed back to Square Dances. After an accidental fall and pelvis fracture May 22, 2015, Darlene has been temporarily absent. Glad you’re now well and back amongst us.

Diane Shuey – Trailblazer’s bionic woman. Diane fell on May 9, 2015, while on a walk and sustained multiple fractures in her elbow. Eight pins and a plate later and taking time off from her normal exercise routine and physical therapy, she has found some spare moments to happily return to Trailblazers Square Dances. Diane, it’s great to see you back dancing with the us, but better yet to know you are doing well.

Bill Garrett, on October 13, 2015, had some minor corrective knee surgery. He, is doing well and is in good spirits.
Bill, take care and continue to get better.

An 1985 moment . . . They all can be seen at Trailblazers at least once a year.
Joining the Caller Accommodations Circle and providing hosting for our October Caller
Darryl Lipscomb

Thanks to each for your help and hospitality.

Thanks, John Marshall for coordinating the effort.

Bruce Crabtree

Debby Stopp and Robert Ameeti

John & Barbara Marshall

Barbara Jones

Wishing all of our Square Dance friends a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks to YOU — It is possible.

May you find special blessings as you celebrate with those dear to you.
Joni Micals and Chris Clarke had to abruptly end their United States mobile-home traveling tour on August 13 and return to Newhall, California, due to Joni’s medical complication. Upon returning to Southern California and going through several medical screenings. It was determined Joni had renal cell carcinoma cancer in her left kidney.

On October 29, 2015, Chris made this Facebook progress posting:

“Look at the improvement. First picture (to the right) shortly after surgery.

“Now, the snapshot to the left. (October 29)

“Even with all of the minor setbacks there is great progress being made towards recovery. Trips to the ER are not demerits, just precautions. I want the healing and improvement to continue.” Chris

November 1, Joni was spotted at the salon modeling her new hairstyle.

Joni, it is so nice to see your happy smile back. The Trailblazers and their friends are delighted that you are doing so well and continuing to recover and heal in a remarkable manner. Our thoughts and good wishes are always with you. And Chris we add a measure of extra energies for you as you help Joni back on her feet and return to Square Dancing.

Joni would prefer get-well wishes be sent via email: c3bdancer@gmail.com. You can also check out her updates and chat with her on Facebook. Additionally, if you desire, even send a SIGNED Yellow Rock for her Yellow Rock Garden collection. She would love to hear from you.
**Trailblazers and Friends November and December Birthdays**

### November 2015
- Bob Bednar
- Bob Casebolt
- Barry Clasper
- Darlene Collier-Thomas
- Jim Francis
- Bob Guss
- Fred Jackson
- Larry Joyner
- Lorraine Leitz
- Carl McCullough
- Sue Pratt
- Michele Sirks
- Patricia Wahle
- Larry Wayne

### December 2015
- Jerry Blackmar
- Jill Borris
- Chris Clarke
- Bill Garrett
- Bob Guthrie
- Carol Heins
- Nick Leary
- Raymond Lee
- John Marshall
- Peggy Martin
- John Melstrom
- Curtis Raymond
- Blanche Rever
- Bruce Rosenblum
- Craig Shucker
- Steve Snow
- Jim Wampler
- Wendy Winters
- Fia Wise

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**Trailblazers and Friends November and December Anniversaries**

(The number in parenthesis = anniversary years)

- Joe & Michele Sirks — November 7 (34)
- Jim & Pat Hill — November 11 (55)
- Bob & Peggy Bednar — November 19 (49)
- Albert & Sandie Bryant — November 21 (28)
- John & Carolyn Melstrom — November 23
- Jim & Cindy (Farley) Wampler — Nov 25 (1)
- Carl & Donna McCullough — November 30 (38)
- Kent & Rose Pauslen — December 8 (25)
- John & Peggy Martin — December 18 (45)
- Fred & Patti Jackson — December 19 (55)
- Gary & Blanche Rever — December 21 (48)
- Ron & Grace Hinders — December 23 (53)

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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 turnaroundblane1@yahoo.com
**Magic Squares Dances**

Schedule: Please check website

*Eric Henerlau* ....... January 22

C2 Dance, Location and Schedule: to be announced

**Anniversary Dance**

*Eric Henerlau* .................... January 23

Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road West, San Diego 92101

*Bronc Wise* ......................... April 30

La Mesa First United Methodist Church
4690 Palm Ave, La Mesa 91941

www.magicsquares.sdsda.org

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**Phantom Squares Dances**

**Friday Schedule:** Pre-Rounds: 7:15p-7:45p  
A2 with Rounds: 7:45p-10:00p

**Saturday C3A Work Shop Schedule**

Session 1: 11:00a-1:30p; Session 2: 2:30p-5:00p

**Sunday Schedule**

C1: 12:30p-3:00p; C2: 3:30p-5:45p; C3A: 5:45p-6:00p

Canoga Park Women's Club
7401 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park 91303

A2 DARK ........................................ November 13

*Carl McCullough* ...................... November 15

*Vic Ceder* .............................. December 11 & 13

**2016**

To Be Announced .................... January 8 & 10

*Johnny Preston* ...................... February 12 & 14

www.phantom-squares.com

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**Southern California PACE**

**Extravaganza 2015**

November 27-29, Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Rob French, Linda Kendall

www.pacesocal.org

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**Trailblazers Volunteer Staff**

**Celebration Committee:** Hal Anker, Barbara Jones, Shirley McNiel and John Melstrom

**Equipment:** Jerry & Ruth Blackmar (Saturday), Rod Anderson (Sunday)

**Historians:** John Melstrom and Hal Anker

**Photographers:** Rod Anderson, John Melstrom, and David Moorhouse

**Sunshine Representative:** Barbara Lane

**TRAILBLAZER Editors:** Hal Anker & Rod Anderson

**Webmaster:** Karl Springer

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**Trailblazers Board Members**

2015-2016

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**1st Vice President** ............... John Marshall

**2nd Vice Presidents** .............. Rod Anderson and Jerry & Ruth Blackmar

**3rd Vice Presidents** .............. Barbara Marshall and Shirley McNiel

**Secretary** ............................ Bruce Crabtree

**Treasurers** .......................... Sam Mehlman and Barbara Jones

**A Square D Rep** .................... Joe Fortenberry

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Square Dance Events — Once Removed

PACE (Pacific Association Challenge Enthusiasts) Extravaganza, C1 thru C4, November 27-29, 2015, Residence Inn by Marriott at River Ridge, Oxnard, CA 93030 (Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Rob French, Linda Kendall) www.pacesocal.org

Fun In The Sun: IX, November 29-December 7, 2015, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Ben Rubright) Info: Blanche Rever (805-405-1342)


Maple Leafs Regroup (33rd Annual IAGSDC Convention), Advance thru C3B, July 1-4, 2016, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4E 1G3 (Sandie Bryant, Vic Ceder, Barry Clasper, Tim Crawford, Dayle Hodge, Mike Kellogg, Osamu Miyabe, Don Moger, Anne Uebelacker) www.toronto2016.com/

Challenge in the Wine Country 2016, Latch on C3A, July 31-August 4, 2016 (Vic Ceder) and Catch C2, August 9-12, 2016 (Sandie Bryant), Sebastopol, CA 95472 (Limited Space requires early registration) www.challengewinecountry.com
Callers Schedule

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(Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada)

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June 4 & 5, 2016
Ett McAtee
(Severn, Maryland)

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Happy Birthday, U.S.A.

August 6 & 7, 2016
Rob French
(Walnut Creek, California)

September 3 & 4, 2016
Barry Clasper
(Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Information: www.trailblazers-socal.org

Bruce & Nancy Rosenblum
(951) 242-3883

John & Barbara Marshall
(626) 448-1061

Dance Schedule

1st SATURDAY of the Month
C1: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM
Last tip increased difficulty at C1
A2: 3:15 to 5:45 PM
Last tip increased difficulty at A2

SUNDAY following
1st Saturday of the Month
C2: 11:15 AM to 1:45 PM
Last tip increased difficulty at C2
C3A: 3:15 to 5:45 PM, Last tip is C3B

Location Map
Mel's Dance Center
5946 Westminster Blvd, Westminster, CA 92683
(Freeway Signs read Westminster Ave)

Singles Welcome
Singles Rotation Available
Square Dance Attire is Optional

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