

BOWS AND BEAUS SINGLES & COUPLES SQUARE DANCE CLUB
P. O. Box 1107
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INFORMATION SHEET

HISTORY:

The Bows and Beaus Singles & Couples Square Dance Club began in 1963 with a group dancing in the carport at an apartment house to the calling of Jerry denBroeder. With the assistance of the Mountain View Recreation Department (which co-sponsored the Club for a number of years), we soon moved to Whisman Elementary School on Easy Street in Mountain View. Except for brief excursions to Monta Loma and Theuerkauf Schools, Whisman remained the primary dance location until the end of 2000 when the school was acquired by a private teaching institution. The school district then provided Crittenden Middle School in Mountain View until January 2005, when we moved to Covenant Presbyterian in Palo Alto until December 2006. At that time we moved to our present location - Loyola Elementary School, Los Altos, CA. Honey Wolfson became the Club caller in July 1979, followed by Doug Saunders from February 1983 to August 1984 and Don Lewis from October 1984 through September 1987. Keith Ferguson began calling in October 1987 and remained for 28 years until his resignation in December 2015. Keith was named Caller Emeritus of the Club, and he and Meg, his wife, were made Honorary Members. Tork Clark became our new caller in January 2016. For more information check our website at bowsandbeaus.org
E-mail address: contact@bowsandbeaus.org

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is open, by application, to adult square dancers who dance the Plus program.

DANCE NIGHT & LOCATION:

The Club dances on Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A Plus workshop is scheduled during the second and third tips on most Club nights. This can include Dancing by Definition (DBD), All Position Dancing (APD), reviews, practice, new calls, etc. All members are encouraged to participate in the workshop tips.

The current dance location is Loyola Elementary School, 770 Berry Avenue, Los Altos.

CLASS:

The Club sponsors a beginner class starting in mid-January each year and ending in late September or early October. The class meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Club members are encouraged to participate in the class as Angels, to become acquainted with prospective new members and continue to improve their own dancing skills.

CALLER:

Tork Clark is our Club and Class caller. He and his wife, Dory, were welcomed to Bows and Beaus on January 13, 2016.

DUES:

Club dues are payable on the first Club night of each month. The gray metal dues box will be brought on most (but not all) club dancing nights, and placed at the sign-in desk area. The box contains envelopes for all members to pay their dues and each envelope is stamped with the months for which dues have already been paid. When paying dues, place your dues in your envelope and then put the envelope in the back tab of the box. The Treasurer will stamp your envelope for designated months that were paid and return the envelope to the front of the box the next week.

If the dues are not paid by the end of the month, dues are delinquent. If dues remain unpaid at the end of a second month, the member may be dropped from the Club.

Advance payment does not protect against a dues increase or guarantee continuation of membership.

CLUB WEBSITE: <http://www.bowsandbeaus.org>

Club Bylaws, Membership forms and Club News are available on the website.

BADGES:

The Club badge is black with white lettering. The dancer's name is on a separate hanger. An optional hanger may specify a Club office, etc.

HOEDOWNS:

The "Ice Cream Fling Thing" is the Club's anniversary hoedown and is held the first Saturday evening in June. We sponsor at least one "Newer Dancer" hoedown during the year, usually in March or April.

CLUB OUTFIT:

Men: White or black shirt, raspberry* tie and black pants.

Women: White blouse with raspberry* ribbons and black skirt with white, black or raspberry petticoat.

*In the current commercial unavailability of raspberry, dark fuchsia is the acceptable substitute.

The Club outfit may be worn at any time. It is especially appropriate at hoedowns sponsored by the Club, Club party nights, and dances attended by the Club as a group (visitations, County Fair, Jubilee).

ACTIVITIES:

Party night is the second Wednesday of each month. Club members provide refreshments.

Special events (holiday potluck, summer picnic, hikes, outings, etc.) are scheduled during the year.

Amateur Caller Night may be scheduled once a year.

5th Wednesday Dance - The Santa Clara Valley clubs that dance on Wednesday evenings host this event on a rotating basis. Host club provides venue and beverages; visiting clubs provide snacks.

ASSOCIATIONS:

The Club is a member of the Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association (SCVSDA). Fees for annual dues and liability insurance for the SCVSDA are included in our monthly dues payment. The Association arranges such activities as the Jubilee (weekend festival) and square dancing at the Santa Clara County Fair. The liability insurance assists clubs in using school facilities while they are involved in square dancing and related activities. Fifth Saturday "Whing Ding" dances are co-sponsored with the Callers' Association. A General Dance, which is not full Plus, is scheduled about once a month. See the SCVSDA website for details.

OBLIGATIONS:

Club members commit themselves to:

1. Attend Club dance nights regularly and to arrive on time. This is necessary to maintain Plus Program dancing skills, learn new movements, and support Club activities. Callers plan an evening's dance program around the assumption of on-time, regular attendance. A Leave of Absence for a minimum of two months and a maximum of six months may be arranged with the Membership Chair.
2. Assist with dance night arrangements on a rotating basis. Square head duty consists of setting up the hall before dancing begins and cleaning up afterwards.
3. Pay Club dues in a timely manner. See page 2 under "DUES."
4. Support Club and Class hoedowns and other activities by attendance and service with committees and work crews as needed.
5. Conduct themselves properly. A member appearing at the Club or other square dance functions under the influence of alcohol or drugs, engaging in violent or disruptive behavior, or not conforming to normal standards of square dance etiquette shall be considered for dismissal. Note: Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the dance hall.
6. Wear the Club badge to Club dances.
7. Abide by the Club dress code. Men are encouraged to wear long sleeve, western style shirts. Women are encouraged to wear square dance attire. Long skirts are acceptable. Bows and Beaus does not require square dance attire to dance with the Club on Wednesday evenings.
8. Refrain from talking during announcements.
9. Abide by other rules as announced by the Club President.

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