

Cowtown Singles Square Dance Club

For Singles and Couples

February 2025



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President

Linda Wicker

Happy February!

January was a good, busy month for Cowtown Singles. The dances were good, and it was great to have our members at our Membership Meeting. We made some Club decisions and hopefully a few more of you can attend February's.

Steve Woodard gave us some wonderful news. He is not going to be having surgery at this time so he and Sheri will be continuing our Wednesday Nights. For various reasons our class no longer has students so we're taking this opportunity to turn our "Class" into a Plus Workshop. This is your chance to let Steve know the moves you would like to work on to help you and your fellow dancers to improve. Wednesday nights have long been reserved for Cowtown Singles, and we don't want to give that night up. Come and support our Club and friends to improve everyone's skills, get some midweek exercise and enjoy a little social time with our square dance friends. We want to thank the Twirlers for the support they have given us. Their dancers and enthusiasm are helping Cowtown Singles become a Plus Workshop.

Kathi will tell you about our Sunday class dance, but Mike Haworth and Sheri made it a great dance and clothing sale. Let's see if we can match it at February's 4th Sunday Afternoon Class Dance (without the clothing sale of course). Unfortunately, Brent Lively won't be calling for us in February, but we're fortunate enough to have Frank Lesclinier taking his place. It will be a class level dance with the classes from surrounding Clubs. We need to support their Class members while they are supporting our Sunday Dances. Many of our members can benefit from some extra practice and fun too.

The caller for February's 1st Friday Dance is John Marus from the San Diego area. Every time I mention his name; I'm told what a great caller he is. Come and find out for yourself. Heather Haworth is cueing rounds. I know of at least 2 Clubs that are visiting so come and help show our hospitality.

I could use some help from our photographer members. I was so involved with greeting everyone, doing "dance stuff," and surrounded by clothes at the Class Dance that suddenly the crowd was thinning, and I realized I didn't have any pictures of our seven dancing squares. If you notice something special happening, please help and take a picture or two and text or email them to me. We can stick them in the newsletter, on Facebook, on our website and/or share with each other.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Linda



Class Coordinator

Kathi Wood

Hi everyone,

Our class, as I mentioned before, had dwindled to only one student. As of the first of the year, we have now lost that last student. As a result of that, at our January meeting, it was decided that Wednesday nights would now be a Plus Workshop. It is great to see Cowtown dancing with at least 3 squares each night, although we only had 2 last week. In order for us to break even, after paying building rent, Steve and Sheri, we need 4 squares. We all need a bit of help improving our dancing skills. Please come out and support our club. If you would like to bring any special treats to class that would be appreciated.

Our first 4th Sunday Class Dance was a great success. We had 7 squares dancing at the beginning of the dance, and 7 squares still dancing the last tip. We even danced the Hokey Pokey in a huge circle as our last dance, and I have never seen so many different versions of that dance before.

We had visitors from Calico Quails, Single Swingers, Grapestompers and Twirlers and Thunderbirds. Several individuals approached Linda and me and said what a wonderful time they had and how welcomed they felt. Our clothing sale was a huge success. Thanks to all who purchased items, and we hope you enjoy dancing in your new digs, even if you have to do a few alterations.

Thanks to Shirley Stevens, Linda Chappell, Gary Timbs, Linda and Phil Wicker and myself for coming in early helping to set up as well as taking down and putting everything away. It is not an easy job.

I will say though, I was quite disappointed at the number of our Cowtown Squares membership that did not attend. 18 members were in attendance. I understand rain was predicted, there was none before or after the dance, and sickness is in the air, and some important football games were being played, but how do you expect the club to thrive if you do not support the dances?

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Even though we have no students, other clubs bring their students to dance and get experience dancing to other callers as well as meeting other dancers. Our next Sunday dance is February 23rd with Frank Lescrier calling, and he is fabulous. Sheri will be doing lines in between. Please come and show your support.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO EVERYONE!!

In friendship,

Kathi



Membership

Gene Stauffer

Nothing new to report this month. The club is holding at 64 members for 2025. Thank you to all that have renewed.

For those needing to do so, your \$20.00 annual dues may be paid to any club officer or mailed to:

Gene Stauffer
22720 Highview Ln
Pigeon Pass, CA 92557

Please make checks payable to Cowtown Singles.

I can also accept payment through Zelle using my 909-241-0183 phone number.

Gene



Hi Everyone,

Sherry Stanke is recovering from her knee surgery, still in pain, but doing great getting around. Hopefully, she'll be back to writing her positive articles next month.

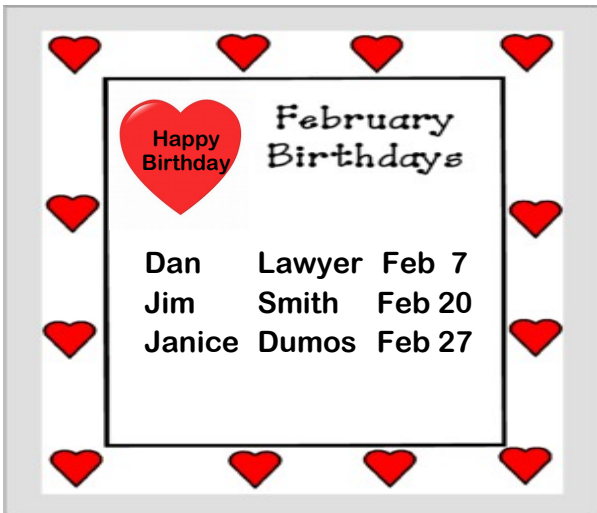
Several members of Cowtown Singles have needed some support this month. A card was sent to Brent and Terry Lively, letting them know we're thinking about them as Brent goes through treatments. Dave Sanchez is recovering from surgery last week and is doing well. His doctors suggest he take a few months to recover, but we'll see what Dave thinks of that. Keep him in your thoughts. Betty Lawyer had surprise gall bladder surgery and seems to be recovering pretty well. Priscilla Hampton's son called last week to tell me that she can't dance at this point and is moving into a smaller apartment. All of her wonderful Square Dance outfits were donated to the Club. We're thinking of you Priscilla. Phil Vinokur has had a few visits to the Dr. in the last couple of weeks. Hoping he's on his way to feeling better and will be back dancing soon. Please keep all these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Linda Wicker for Sherry

Happy Valentine's Day



Cowtown Singles at January's 4th Sunday Class



Members' Meeting
Thurs
Feb 13, 7:00 pm
At Cowtown
See you there!

COWTOWN SINGLES

(A Singles and Couples
Square Dance Club)



Feb 7

Hearts and Flowers



John Marus

Rounds Heather Haworth

Adv. Rounds 6:30-7:00

Rounds 7:00-10:00

Squares 7:30 -10:00

\$10.00

Plus

Feb 23

Frank Lescrinier

4th Sunday Afternoon Class Dance

Line Dancing
w Sheri Woodard

Class Level
Everyone Welcome

2:00-4:30

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