

# The Dusty Trails

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## From the Presidents' Desk

“Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.” For those of you who remember, these were the opening lyrics of a hit song for Nat King Cole in 1963. Well here we are again and it’s “Summertime and the living is easy.” You’re right, that’s from Porgy and Bess. And of course at this time of year, “Sunshine on my shoulder makes me happy.” Yep, John Denver. One more, maybe harder to guess: “Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Makes you wanna move your feet.” Can you guess who? Bob Marley.

Enough of the trivia. However, it is summer. We’ve celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we’re going to the beach and the mountains, and we’re traveling to far away and exotic places. At least I hope that’s what we’re doing. One thing I know, if you’re a Trail Duster, you are certainly keeping busy.

We have a lot to look forward to. Our Sizzling Summer Sunday party on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> (see flier page 13) will be at Judy Comroe’s beautiful home this year. A special thank you to Judy for hosting the party at her house.

This will be followed by our Hoedown/Fundraiser for Ronald

McDonald House Charities LA on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at Bay Laurel Elementary School. We are doing very well with our fund raising and we still have several weeks left to solicit donations. Keep up the good work, and we might even surpass our goal. Many of the Trail Dusters are finding that if they ask for a donation, they almost always get one. Make sure you read Paul Waters’ article on page 4 and see flier on page 14. Also see pages 9 & 10 for more information.

Then, exactly one week after our Hoedown we will have our first introductory class for new students at Bay Laurel Elementary School on Wednesday, September 11. One week later we will have our second introductory class on September 18 – see flier page 15. We are looking forward to a wonderful new class of happy and excited new square dancers.

Have a wonderful and fun summer. Stay cool. Put on your sun block. Enjoy your travel and vacations. Be safe. We’ll see you at the Sizzling Summer Sunday party, and what is shaping up to be, a spectacular Hoedown for the Trail Dusters and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Happy Summer,

Best Wishes,  
**Joni & Mark  
Simon**



**Presidents**

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## POOL PARTY Our August 10th Dance

Pat Carnathan is coming to town Saturday, August 10, at our club's monthly dance. Pat is a high energy and fun caller. He is a favorite, not only in Southern California but nationwide. Even if you do not want to dance, you should plan to attend not only for the food and the friendship, but for the entertainment and comfort. Remember Wilkinson is air-conditioned.



Pat's first professional dance came in September of 1981 and he

started calling regularly in January of 1982. He now calls worldwide from Mainstream through A2. Pat calls over 200 dances a year including National conventions and festivals and currently teaches classes for a number of clubs in Southern California. He loves calling and singing to modern music. His goals include increasing the number of younger dancers by erasing old stereotypes and showing people that square dancing has modernized and is an entertaining pastime.

Our round dancers will welcome Milo Molitoris back as he returns from his vacation and ready to cue them through every genre of dance – from basic Two Step to the Tango, Cha, Cha, Cha and more.

**Sandra and Robert Sobel** have arranged another good selection of

snacks for you and our guests to nibble on. Be sure and drop by the kitchen, poke your head in the door and say thank you to them and all their "chefs." Remember, calories do not count at a Square Dance!

Joni & Mark, on behalf of the Board, invite you to come out and support the club, not only financially but to assist in greeting our guests and improve our dancing. The more dancers that attend the more fun the evening will be. So join us, dress for the poolside (no speedos or thongs please! LOL) and dive into some great dancing!!! See flier page 12.

Your roving reporters from Canada,

**Shirley &  
Collin Brown**



Publicity  
Chairs

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## Watermelon Crawl

### Last Month's Dance

Whoever didn't have a great time dancing to Ken Bower must have had heat stroke because the room was bubbling with excitement and



laughter. His calls were creative and exciting. The room was filled with lots of visitors who love to hear him call. Jim Elder filled in for

Milo Miliotis and cued a great round dance.



A big thank you to **Anita and Gary Higer** who cut lots of watermelon triangles for our Watermelon Crawl theme and also provided sandwiches, veggies, and our now expected ice cream bowls and home made coconut, chocolate squares.

Our treasurers, **Jeri and Ron**



**Sobel**, were joined, at the front desk by **Robert Sobel**. He was collecting money for our upcoming Hoedown.

Your Dance  
Reporter

**Caren Blumfield**



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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**AUGUST 13, 2019**

**7:30 P.M.**

**FARRYL & BILL**

**DICKTER'S HOUSE**



## August Birthdays



## Sunshine & Showers

Judith Altman	6
Sandra Sobel	16
Royce Walker	16
Barbara Solomon	19
Winnie Davis	21
Paula Nudell	21
Ronald Cohn	25
Ruth Ann Hapner	27
Lori Hazan	28
Michele Minsky	28

## Aug. Anniversaries



Carol & Richard Lewis	1
Marilyn & Leonard Bloom	5
Rusty & Norm Kaman	5
Iris & Thom Smotrich	15
Tova & Doug Sobel	16
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman	16
Maureen & Shelly Fried	18
Gayle & Dick Hodnefield	20
Judie & Art Hirsh	25
Sandy & Jeff Cohen	26
Arlene Zoren	26
Ilene & Mark Abramson	28
Jane Lief	29

## Membership

By now you should have all received a copy of the July 2019 roster. This includes all our new graduates. If you did not receive it, let us know and we will get you a copy

**Ilene & Mark Abramson**  
Membership  
Chairs



[markabe@aol.com](mailto:markabe@aol.com)

Let's begin this month with sunshine. **Flo** and **Bill Tapp's** youngest grandson, Yehuda, recently graduated 8th grade from Yeshiva Bais Yaakov in Southfield, Michigan. He will be attending high school at Telshe in Cleveland, Ohio, starting in mid August. Here's wishing a successful future to Yehuda, and best wishes to **Flo** and **Bill** and family on Yehuda's accomplishments to date!

On the not-so-sunny side, **Marilyn Ross** is now recovering at home following a serious auto accident on June 25th in which she sustained multiple injuries that included numerous broken bones and head-to-toe bruises. Thankfully, she is slowly on the mend but would, in the meanwhile, enjoy notes or calls during her recovery period.

At the same time, Marilyn's husband, **Myron Ross**, has been suffering with complications from radiation that have led to colitis. **Myron**, we wish you rapid healing and hope that you will soon be feeling much better!

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Doug** and **Tova Sobel** on the July 28th passing of **Doug's** mother, Harriet Sobel, at the age of 87. May the happy memories that you've made together through the years bring you a measure of comfort now and in the days to come.

Hopefully, next month will bring reports of much more sunshine. Please remember to let me know - with an e-mail to my address shown below, any news, be it sunshine or showers, so that I can pass it on to the rest of our Trail

Duster family. I look forward to hearing from you.

With warm wishes for your well being,

Sunshine & Showers  
Chair

**Rusty Kaman**  
[rusty\\_k@verizon.net](mailto:rusty_k@verizon.net)



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## Summer Party August 25, 2019



The end of summer is coming quickly and let's get together for a **Trail Duster "Kick Off Party"!**  
Come

Schmooze and Munch with fellow Trail Dusters and introduce **potential new members** before classes begin again on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual "**Get Acquainted Summer Party**" will be held at the home of **Judy Comroe** on **Sunday, August 25th** This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to mingle.

**Please bring your friends who may be interested in dancing in September to meet every one. Also bring any checks you may still have for the Hoedown to give to Robert Sobel.**

Now is the time to start reminding them, and yourselves, that September 4th is just around the corner where we will then celebrate



the Hoedown Fundraiser Recruitment.

We will eat at The Stand at **6:00 pm** (they always give our club a donation). The Stand is located at 23686 Calabasas Road in Calabasas.

Then we will travel to **Judy Comroe's house** - 22520 Calvert Street – Woodland Hills, 91367 where the party will start at **7:30 p.m.** for dessert and socializing. This is one of our most attended and eagerly anticipated club events of the summer.

If you can't join us for dinner, join us afterwards at 7:30 P.M. at Judy Comroe's home- see flier page 13 for more details.

**Entrance Fee - Bring an item to share – plated and ready to serve - cheese, crackers, appetizers, cut up fruit, dessert (finger foods that do not need cutting), soft drinks, wine.**

For more information, call Caren Blumfield – 818-216-6019 or Email - [caren1224@hotmail.com](mailto:caren1224@hotmail.com)  
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**Our HOEDOWN RECRUITMENT**



**FUNDRAISER** will take place on our first day of class, Sept. 4, 2019.

Read what **Paul**

**Waters** has to say about this event:

Hi All,

I miss everyone . . . last year was such fun . . . let's do it again!

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of sitting in on the July meeting of the Hoedown Fundraiser committee. Wow,

this is going to be quite the memorable event. Plans are well underway to figure out ways to configure Bay Laurel to handle what is expected to be a hall-busting crowd. Who knows, we might even have so many on site that night that we'll have to dance everyone in shifts.

There are anecdotes galore of how well the Hoedown Fundraiser is being received.

When Trail Dusters members bring up the subject of the Hoedown Fundraiser to their friends and social groups to whom they belong. Len Bloom told me that he mentioned this in passing at his ROMEO group, and minutes later, he sold five tickets. On another occasion one of our Trail Dusters couples were socializing with one of their friendship groups (Not Trail Duster related) and mentioned the Hoedown. One of their friends in the group bought a ticket immediately. Then the friendship group decided that the Ronald McDonald House was a terrific charity, and the friendship group, as a whole, voted to donate another \$100.00.

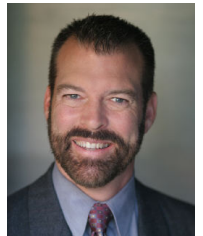
We are half way to our goal so keep the contributions coming. We have every reason to believe that we're well on the path of exceeding the 2018 donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities. So continue to sell these tickets to your friends and family, even if they cannot attend our hoedown. If the only ticket sold is one for yourself, that is fine. The tickets are a minimum of \$20 and remember

your name will be put into a drawing to win the grand prize. We hope everyone will donate at least the same amount they donated last year. Thank you for your support of Trail Dusters and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Every dollar counts.

**And . . . if you can get tickets into the hands of potential 2019-2020 Rail Dusters --- and follow up to assure their attendance at the hoedown --- this is the very best of all.**

See everyone in September!

Your caller,  
**Paul Waters**



Learn more about our Hoedown Recruitment by going to pages 9 & 10.

There are two more introductory classes after our Hoedown. If your potential new class member missed the class on September 4, please invite them to our next two introductory classes on Sept 11 and 18 - see flier on page 15.



## Graduation – June 12



What an absolutely amazing year we just finished. We welcome with open arms the class of 2019 Rail Dusters, with **11 graduates all joining our club**. Our June 12<sup>th</sup> graduation evening was pretty close to perfect in every way. A great big thank you to **Anita and Gary Higer** who again took care of all of the food arrangements and worked endlessly with a group of volunteers in the kitchen all night.

Our delicious dinner of chicken, pasta, steamed vegetables, salad and rolls was served, promptly at 6:00 pm. Dinner also included cut up watermelon, cakes, and assorted drinks.

Then at 7:00 pm we were seated inside and the processional ceremony began. This was followed by the biography introductions of our graduates and presentation of diplomas.

The class then presented their super creative show, which we all thoroughly enjoyed !!! We have yet another group of very talented new Trail Dusters.

After the play, **Paul Waters**, asked our guests join in a square dance routine forming circles and squares

It was difficult to leave such an enjoyable evening. People had to be chased out of the room.

We are all looking forward to our summer party followed by our hoedown recruitment fundraiser.

Pictures of graduation follow.

## WE EAT



**WE GRADUATE**





**FUTURE TRAIL DUSTERS**



**WE ENTERTAIN**



## MEET OUR NEWEST TRAIL DUSTERS



Front row: Marshall & Patti Goldberg, Michele Minsky, Barbara Solomon, Diane Townsend  
Back row: Alan Shotsky, Avi & Paula Nudell, Cher Bodner

## TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Steve Katz & Wendy Goldzband read Dusty Trails while vacationing in Vermont Paula & Jerry Seliga read Dusty Trails in Vinius, Lithuania



## OUR HOEDOWN FUNDRAISER/RECRUITMENT ALL ROLLED UP IN ONE

### What is a Hoedown?

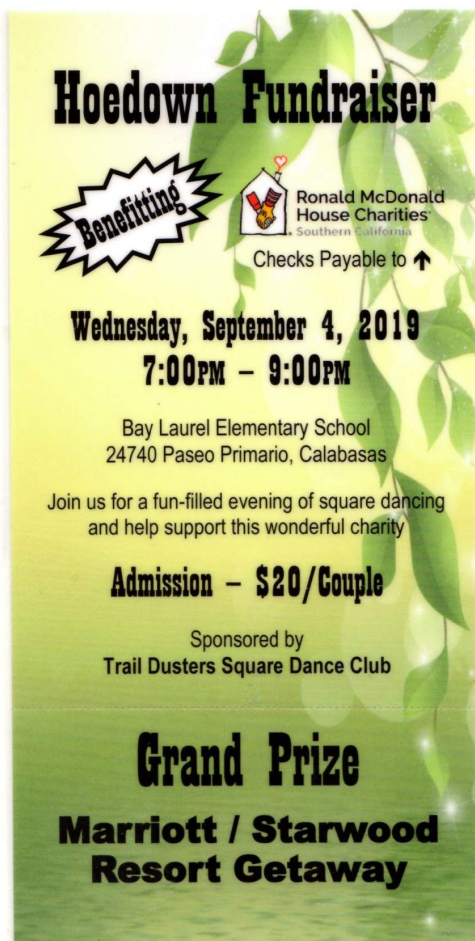
A combination of old and new friends coming together to eat, drink, dance (if desired) and have an old fashioned good time.

- On Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, we are having a “Hoedown Fundraiser” to benefit “Ronald McDonald House Charities”. This will be our only charity drive this year.
- Every dollar goes to the charity and none at all to the club.
- A \$20 per couple donation will entitle you to join us in a fun evening of camaraderie, snacks and square dancing which will be geared to encourage new dancers.
- There will be a Grand Prize Drawing: “Marriott / Starwood Resort Getaway” is shorthand for the actual grand prize of 20,000 Starwood points. These can be used at any Starwood property worldwide.
- The ticket purchaser need not be present to win. If you choose not to attend the Hoedown, that’s OK, but your donation will be appreciated.
- If you have not received your envelope with the tickets & information sheets or need additional tickets, please contact Robert Sobel.
- Your tax deductible checks are to be made out to “Ronald McDonald House Charities”, and sent to Robert Sobel along with the ticket stubs to be included in the Grand Prize Drawing.
- Thank you to the many members who have already submitted stubs and checks and requested additional tickets. **Trail Dusters, make sure you buy a ticket for yourself. We want you with us at the Hoedown.**
- *The deadline for receiving donations is August 20<sup>th</sup>.*

Contact: Robert Sobel - P O Box #9004 - Canoga Park, CA 91309  
(818) 925-4773      [sanobel2@gmail.com](mailto:sanobel2@gmail.com)


This is what the tickets look like (front and back). Remember that the cost of a ticket is \$20 for a couple. We are asking our Trail Dusters members to take a book (or books) of five tickets, purchase tickets for yourselves and sell the others. If the only ticket sold is one for yourself, that is fine. We hope everyone will donate at least the same amount they donated last year. Thank you for your support of Trail Dusters and the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Every dollar counts.

Give the ticket to the purchaser and send the filled out stub to Robert Sobel. Drawing for the grand prize will take place at class on September 4. Winner need not be present.



**Hoedown Fundraiser**

**Benefitting**

 Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Southern California

Checks Payable to ↑

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**  
**7:00PM - 9:00PM**

Bay Laurel Elementary School  
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas

Join us for a fun-filled evening of square dancing  
and help support this wonderful charity

**Admission - \$20/Couple**

Sponsored by  
Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

**Grand Prize**  
**Marriott / Starwood**  
**Resort Getaway**

**Continue Learning to Square Dance!**

Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

**September 11 & 18**  
7:00PM — 9:00PM  
2019 Introductory Classes

**Every Wednesday**  
7:00PM — 9:00PM

**\$7 / Person / Class**

Bay Laurel Elementary School  
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas

**For More Information**  
Mark Simon — (323) 333-4947  
[www.TrailDusters.com](http://www.TrailDusters.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Trail Dusters Square Dance Club

## Dance Schedule - 2019 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of Month

Rounds @ 7:00 PM – First Tip @ 8:00 PM  
Alternating Rounds & Tips with 1 A-1 Tip

Wilkinson Senior Center – 8956 Vanalden – Northridge

DATE	CALLER	THEME
April 13, 2019	<i>Mike Seastrom</i>	Cupcake Night
May 11, 2019	<i>Vic Ceder</i>	Strawberry Fair
June 8, 2019	<i>Paul Waters</i>	*Crazy Hat Dance
July 13, 2019	<i>Ken Bower</i>	* Watermelon Crawl
<b>August 10, 2019</b>	<b><i>Pat Carnathan</i></b>	<b>* Pool Party</b>
September 14, 2019	<i>Buddy Weaver &amp; Mike Kellogg</i>	Pearls & Black Tie Parade
October 12, 2019	<i>Tim Pepper</i>	Scarecrow Ball
November 9, 2019	<i>Rod Shuping</i>	Great American Barn Dance
December	<i>Dark</i>	

**\* Summer Casual Attire\***

**ROUND DANCE CUERS Milo & Cinda Molitoris**

For additional information call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947



# *TRAIL DUSTERS*

*Saturday, August 10, 2019*

## *POOL PARTY*

*DRESS FOR POOLSIDE AND DIVE INTO SOME GREAT DANCING!!*

### *PAT CARNATHAN*

*MILO & CINDA*



*MODERATORIS*



*Rounds 7:00 - 8:00 pm & between tips*  
*Squares 8:00 - 10:00pm - Plus Level Dance, A-1 Tip*  
*Wilkinson Senior Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge,*

#### **UPCOMING DANCES**

September 14	Buddy Weaver & Mike Kellogg	Pearls & Black Tie Parade
October 12	Tim Pepper	Scarecrow Ball
November 9	Rod Shuping	The Great American Barn Dance

For More Information Call: Joni & Mark Simon 323-333-4947  
Website: [www.traildusters.com](http://www.traildusters.com) - Singles and Couples Welcome

# The Trail Dusters Present

## *Sizzling Summer Sunday*

**AUGUST 25, 2019**

Join our club members for some great food and great socializing all with the added benefit of raising \$\$\$ for our Club at one of our favorite eating places!



23683 Calabasas Road  
Calabasas, 91302  
6:00 - 7:30 PM for dinner

Then travel to Judy Comroe's  
House  
22520 Calvert Street  
Woodland Hills, 91367  
Where the party will start at  
**7:30 PM**



Bring an item to share – plated and ready to serve - cheese, crackers, appetizers, cut up fruit, dessert (finger foods that do not need cutting) soft drinks, wine

### **MUNCH, MINGLE AND SCHMOOZ**

Bring potential Rail Dusters so they can see how nice we all are and how much fun we have being together.

For More Information Call  
Caren Blumfield 818-216-2990 – [caren1224@hotmail.com](mailto:caren1224@hotmail.com)



WE ARE HAVING AN OLD FASHIONED HOEDOWN!

# Hoedown

THE TRAIL DUSTERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP, MUSIC, & SNACKS - ALL WHILE SUPPORTING **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES LA!**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

**7:00PM - 9:00PM**

**BAY LAUREL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
24740 PASEO PRIMARIO, CALABASAS**

**Donation - \$20 Per Couple**

**ALL MONEY** raised goes to the **RMH CHARITIES** Checks are to be payable **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES LA.**

- ★ **Grand Prize:** One lucky winner – drawn from tickets purchased- A Marriott/Starwood Resort Getaway! (Attendance not required to win)
- ★ **Silent Auction:** many great items to bid on – bring your check books.

## **COWBOY DRESS OPTIONAL**

Come support **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES LA**

- \* Reconnect with Old Friends
- \* Meet New Friends
- \* Enjoy Snacks and Dessert
- \* See how much fun you can have square dancing



To arrange purchase of tickets, please contact **Joni & Mark Simon - 323 333-4947**





# *TRAIL DUSTERS*

**LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE IN  
CALABASAS -AND JOIN THE FUN!!**



## *Modern Square Dancing*

NEW MUSIC \* NEW FRIENDS

NO SPECIAL DANCE ATTIRE

IF YOU CAN WALK, YOU CAN SQUARE DANCE.

**2 Introductory Classes**

Sept. 11 & 18 2019 - 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Square dance classes \$7.00 a week.

Bay Laurel Elementary School  
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas 91302

**So, do you think that you can't dance??  
We think you are mistaken and can prove it!  
Join Us For The Fun and Friendship.**

For More Information Call: Mark Simon 323-333-4947

Website: [www.traildusters.com](http://www.traildusters.com)

## August Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Dance at Wilkinson - caller: Paul Carnathan cuer: Milo Molitoris see pages 2 & 12
11	12	13 Board Meeting August 13, 2019 7:30 pm Farryl & Bill Dickter's House	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Summer Party 	26	27	28	29	30	31

**TRAIL DUSTERS**  
 Anita & Gary Higer  
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 Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

