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SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS DANCE March 16th



All of our classes are for the purpose of preparing you for the *real* fun - an actual DANCE! It's when we put our steps together and really have FUN.

To be prepared, we are holding extra workshop time before each class at 6:45 pm, and we have posted other classes in the valley that you could attend to just get more practice.

The dance will be at the **SSD Level**, which is what is being taught on Wednesday nights. There will also be **2 Plus Tips and Line Dancing**.

Mike Seastrom is the caller with high energy. He brings great music and singing calls for us to really enjoy! You will definitely have a pleasurable experience. – see flier page 9.

The dance is on:
March 16th
Wilkinson Senior Center,
Northridge
2:00 – 4:30 pm

Join us afterwards at **SHARKEY's, Northridge** to eat yet again!

Farryl Dickter
 Caller Coordinator



March Birthdays

Joel Ovadia	9
Steve Besem	11
Grace Mitnick	12
Richard Lewis	13
Ellen Sternfeld	15
Randee Samsky	18
Diane Jubelier -Light	20
Jon Feldman	21
Madeleine Johnson	25
Arline Simon	26
Paula Seliga	29
Shelly Fried	31

Feb. Anniversaries

Arline & Dave Simon	1
Lorraine & Sheldon Levin	21

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a special occasion.

Ilene and Mark Abramson
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**Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters
Love Was in the Air**

The February Valentine Snack-a-thon was, in a word, spectacular.

The table was set up beautifully with the widest array of delicious delights to tempt the most discerning diner. Paul's bread, decadent brownies, fresh cut fruit, a vast array of cookies and cakes, cheeses and crackers, and a selection of sugar free treats filled the tables. See pictures on pages 6 & 7.

Avi and Jill couldn't unwrap the serving platters fast enough. They were filled with glorious selections for the eager eaters that surrounded the festively decorated table. It was an exciting sight replete with a handful of enthusiastic photographers that snapped away, keen to capture yet another heartfelt holiday display by team Jill and Avi. Along with a room filled with an ocean of happy dancers dressed in all that is Valentine, it was truly, in a word, spectacular!

See next article to find out more about the March St. Patrick's Snack-a-thon.

Maureen & Shelly Fried



Event Reporters

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
SNACK-A-THON
March 12, 2025**



Dia duit ("howdy" in Irish) to all you Rail and Trail Dusters and everyone out there in Trail Duster Land! Let's get ready for St. Patrick's Day for our upcoming Snack Night Snack-A-Thon on March 12.

We all look forward, with anxious anticipation, to each and everyone of you dressing in GREEN, and/or something very much related to that simple concept. See flier page 8.

There will be lots of scrumptious snacks for everyone to snack on while smiling!

See you there, 😁
Don't come bare, 😬
Wear something green, ✅
Make sure it can be seen! 😎

Finally, for those not wearing a speck of GREEN, please anticipate being pinched by someone that is wearing green!

Hugs, kisses & snacks



Snack Queen Jillsy and



Snack King Avilicious



Coordinators Corner

Dear Rail Dusters,

We've had a great month! Our Rail Duster brunch was quite a success. The food was fabulous and everybody had a good time getting to know one another a little better. We played a fun game trying to guess who a personal detail was about. Thank you to Jeri for having it at her house and to all who brought food and helped clean up. – see pictures on page 5.

Our starting early on Wednesday night at 6:45 was very helpful for our Rail Dusters who attended. I was so pleased to see so many people come early for the review and to help the new people. Speaking of review, a special thank you to Mindy & Joe Dill for hosting a workshop to help our students.

Also on Sunday, April 6 there will be a workshop at Wilkinson Center from 2:00 -4:30 PM for everyone. It will be with a different caller than Paul, so you will have a different experience and perspective. See flier - page 10. All our Rail Dusters are doing a great job and really coming along well with their dancing!!!

Meet your Rail Dusters

Every month we will feature some of our new Rail Dusters. Be sure to welcome them into our Square Dancing Community.

This month, let's get to know **Judith Katzberg & Stuart Gabriel, Paul Leclair, Elizabeth Thorpe**



Judith Katzburg and Stuart Gabriel

Judith or Judy Katzburg was born in Oakland, CA. She and Stuart moved to Los Angeles in 1990 for Stuart's job. She went to U.C. Berkeley for her undergrad work and UCLA for her Masters in Public Health and her PHD in Health Services Research. She is a nurse, certified childbirth instructor, lactation educator and a health services researcher. She currently consults for the VA, helping to design and evaluate projects for their Veterans' Home-Based Primary Care program. She is active in the American Public Health Association, in part working on gun violence prevention. Judy loves to travel, read, make jewelry, hike, swim, go to

the theater, volunteer, and take care of her grandkids. Maybe she and Stuart could squeeze a few more things into their schedule!

Stuart was born in Brooklyn, New York. He moved to Los Angeles in 1990 for his 17 year job as a professor at USC. Then he was recruited to UCLA where he has worked for the last 18 years. He went to U.C. Berkeley for his undergrad and graduate education. Stuart is a professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. He teaches MBA students, and does research on many topics including the household economic effects of climate change, affordable housing, local government land use regulation, and housing finance. He is also the director of the UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate. In addition to all this, he has a visiting professor position at the Tel Aviv University in Israel. Stuart enjoys working out, hanging out with family and friends, traveling and playing with his grandkids.

Judy and Stuart have been married for 46 years. They met on their junior year abroad program in Israel. They have two sons, two lovely daughter-in-laws, and four grandsons, ages 9 to almost 2 years old. The kids are wild and crazy and Stuart and Judy adore them (sound familiar). Thank you Patti & Marshall Goldberg and Cheri & Fred Warner for inviting this amazing couple into our club.



Paul Leclair

Paul Leclair was born in Ayer, Massachusetts. He likes to use the nickname "Doctor Te" for tenacious. Paul attended Murdock High School in Winchendon, Mass. He moved to Los Angeles to be an actor in 1968 at the age of 22. He has had many

roles in the movie business. Paul has been an actor, a background actor, a stand-in, photo double, voice over, a hard model and a producer. He currently hires out as Santa for private home parties or events. Paul describes himself as "Happily Single" and has never married.

He loves coin collecting, casinos, model trains, and model planes. He met Susan Britton (our Trail Duster) at her nail/hairdresser studio and struck up a conversation and decided to join us. He called up his friend's widow, Liz Thorpe, and they decided to come and try dancing. Thank you Susan for recruiting him



Elizabeth Thorpe

Elizabeth Thorpe, Liz, was born in Edmond, Oklahoma. She has been square dancing since she was a young girl. She was always very close to her parents who also square danced.

Liz moved around a lot when she was younger. She went to school in many states but ended up finishing school in Oklahoma. She is a retired hairdresser and last worked at a home improvement store.

She had a couple marriages before moving to Los Angeles where her last husband lived. They were married when Liz was 78 years young but they had known each other from their past lives. Unfortunately, her husband passed away after 12 ½ years of marriage. He was an incredible square dancer and traveled across the country on his motorcycle square dancing. Paul LeClair, a close friend of her late husband, brought her into the club. She hasn't danced in years so is enjoying re-learning the calls.

**Caren Blumfield
Sherwin Silver**



Jeri Sobel



Gayle Cantrock



Alan Shotsky

Class Coordinators

Sunshine & Showers

It is with a very sad heart that I am letting you know that Francie Bordofsky just passed away. Francie with her husband Steve are long time square dancers. They are from the class of 1996. More information in the next issue of the Dusty Trails.

Rusty Kaman

**Sunshine & Showers
Chair**


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NEXT BOARD MEETING

MARCH 11, 2025

7:00 PM



ZOOM MEETING

**TRAIL DUSTERS SPRING WEEKEND
MAY 30 – JUNE 1 2025**

Our Spring Weekend, "The Battle of the Bands" is coming May 30-June 1 so save the date. See flier on page 11.



You can start sending in your forms ASAP. It is going to be a weekend full of fun, surprises, and new friendships. Don't miss out.

Rail Dusters, this is for you!

REMINDER: When sending a check for the weekend, it must now read - Trail Dusters Square Dance Club exactly

The Play

Calling all Trail and Rail Dusters.

The Spring Weekend is approaching, and a high point of that weekend is our very own original "Spring Musical THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC", which will make its debut on Saturday Night, May 31, 2025.

If you can sing and dance, are tone-deaf or have two left feet, we need YOU. If you move sets and/or design programs, we need your help. If you're a writer, an artist, a script supervisor, or ANYTHING, WE certainly NEED YOU!.

So, please call or text Rhonda Shapiro, and tell her that show business is your life, and you can't wait for it to begin.

Rhonda.

Landline: 818-994-0751
Text or cell phone: 818-383-0751
Email: Shap5718@aol.com



Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

We just saw the movie, *A Complete Unknown* about the life of Bob Dylan who sang "The Times They Are A Changin'." Yes, they are. On March 9th we change to daylight savings time. We gain an extra hour of daylight. That means you will be able to drive during the daylight to our pre-class dinners.

Each Wednesday at 5:30 before class we meet at a wonderful restaurant such as The Stand, The Habit, Sharky's and more to eat a nourishing meal before our classes. We burn a lot of calories in class and need to be well nourished. So, join our friendly group of regulars for some good food and some good socializing. The Trail Dusters are a very friendly group, especially when we are eating! You will benefit from the good food and the socializing. The restaurants benefit from our business. Our club also benefits because the pre-class dinners are fundraisers.

We look forward to seeing more new faces at the restaurants. Bring a Rail Duster.

The following is the calendar for our March 2025 restaurants:

March 5	The Stand
March 12	The Habit
March 19	Sharkey's
March 26	Baja Fresh

We look forward to seeing you at dinner. Dinner starts at 5:30 if you want extra practice come to class at 6:45 pm. Regular class starts at 7:00 pm

For our March 16, 2025 dance at the Wilkinson Senior Center, we will be meeting afterward at Sharky's Northridge for dinner around 5:00 PM. See flier -page 9.

Best regards,

**Joel and Lynn
Ovadia**
Ways and Means



Mark Your Calendar *Dates to Remember*

Mar 12 St Patrick's Day Snack-A-Thon

Mar 16 Club Dance - Shamrocks & Shznanigans

April 6 SSD Workshop

April 16 No Class - Spring Break

May 30 - Jun 1 SPRING WEEKEND

June 11 GRADUATION

On The Lighter Side

I have reached an age where my mind says, "I can do that," but my body says, "Try it and you'll be sorry".



BRUNCH FOR THE RAIL DUSTERS



Front row: Jonathon Bernhard, Susan Perry, Judith Katzburg, Gisele Don, Leslie Bergman, Elizabeth Thorpe, Laurie Bernhard, Barbara Shore
Back row: Don Greenlee, Stuart Gabriel, Robert Bergman, Greg Don, Steven Perry, Wesley Witherspoon, Bruce Reisenfeld, Paul Leclair

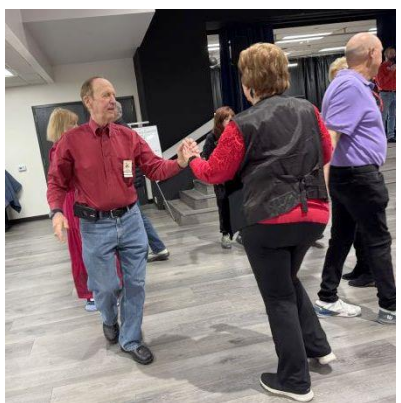


Valentine Celebration at Bay Laurel



Thank you Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell for chairing Valentine snacks





ST PATRICK'S SNACK-A-THON

MARCH 12TH



Dia duit (“howdy” in Irish) to all you Trail Dusteros and everyone out there in Trail Dusters Land! Let’s get ready for a snacking/dancing good Irish time!

This evening will be the tail-gate party for the next Club’s big event - our **SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS DANCE** on Sunday March 16th!



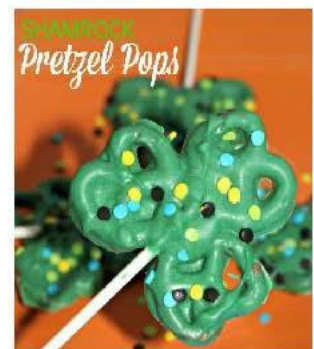
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WARNING: Finally, for those not wearing a speck of GREEN, please anticipate being pinched by someone that is!!

FULL DISCLOSURE: Undeniably, some of the snacks may appear and/ or will be GREEN. Please exercise caution when eating them.



Thank you kindly.
Hugs, kisses & snacks,
Jillys & Avidorable





Trail Dusters

SHAMROCKS AND SHENANIGANS

SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025

She·nan·i·gans: high-spirited behavior! Get ready for an unforgettable pre–St. Patrick's Day celebration dance where the music will be lively, the spirits will be high, and the luck of the Irish will be in the air!



CALLER - MIKE SEASTROM

SSD WITH 2 PLUS TIPS & LINE DANCING

2:00 – 4:30 PM – \$12.00 PER PERSON

Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

****PLEASE WEAR CLUB DRESS CODE – WHITE TOP AND BLACK PANTS/SKIRTS WITH THE CLUB TIE!****

***** DINNER AFTER THE DANCE *****



Plan to join us for dinner AFTER the dance at

Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91325

If you are planning on joining us for dinner,

Please RSVP via email to Joel Ovardia at Jovadia407@gmail.com

For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @ farryl.ateam@gmail.com.





Trail Dusters

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

SSD Workshop

Join us for an afternoon of good dancing. You will become a more confident dancer as you practice the calls you have already been taught by Paul and you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves and be encouraged to attend SSD Dances – or be a stronger dancer on Wednesday nights. But the most important reason – the afternoon will be fun! So, give it a try, do not be shy.



CALLER – ROD SHUPING

2:00 – 4:30 PM

\$10.00 PER PERSON

Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

***** LIGHT REFRESHMENTS *****

No special dress code- casual is the order of the day

For More Information Contact:

Farryl Dickter - farryl.ateam.com

Website: www.traildusters.com

TRAIL DUSTERS SPRING WEEKEND

May 30- June 1, 2025



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT,
600 EAST ESPLANADE DRIVE,
OXNARD, CA 93036

COST: Double: \$800.00 Single: \$600.00

\$400.00 Deposit due Apr 15 – Final Payment of \$400 or \$200 due May 1

Price includes: your room, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, Happy Hours in our Hospitality Suite, and entertainment Friday evening, no extra charge for the games, dancing, joke-off, shows, or the fabulous and fun time you will have! Tours for an extra cost will be announced soon.

Send payment and info below to:

Peter Maier, 6100 Fairhaven Ct. Agoura, CA 91301
peter.maier1@gmail.com

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **TRAIL DUSTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB** OR
PAY BY ZELLE: **PETER MAIER** 818 427-3329

Questions: Caren Blumfield, caren1224@hotmail.com – 818 216-2990 or
Paula Seliga, yobclad@sbcglobal.net – 818 371-5496

BED CHOICES: _____ *1 King* OR _____ *2 Queens*

MEAL CHOICES

FRIDAY NIGHT:

- _____ Chicken Marsala
_____ Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce
_____ Ancient Greek Bowl – Vegan
(Red Quinoa, squash, veggies, nuts, & olive oil)




SATURDAY NIGHT:

- _____ Chicken Piccata
_____ Tri Tip with Tomato Mushroom
Bordelaise Sauce
_____ Vegetable Lasagna

NAME: _____

Amt Enclosed: \$ _____

March 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	5	7	8
9 	10	11 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	12 The Habit 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	13	14	15
16 SSD Dance See pages 1 & 9	17 St Patrick's Day 	18	19 Sharkey's 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Baja Fresh 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	27	28	29
30	31					

