



# The Dusty Trails

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## SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS DANCE



### Trail Dusters Break A Record at March 16 Dance

Our March 16th dance at Wilkinson was so successful that we broke all of our records! We had 105 attendees, which included 60, yes 60, Trail and Rail Dusters! Best of all, everyone had a fabulous time! Some said they just came for a short while to support the club, but then, they all decided to stay since it was so much fun! The president of A Square D, Fredi Leavitt, was at our dance and congratulated us on our great success. See pictures on pages 8 & 9.

As usual Mike Seastrom made it a great time for all with mostly SSD and class level tips, mixed in with 2 plus tips and line dancing.

Did I mention the food? OMG, we had so many wonderful contributions that they too, set a record. We had a gourmet charcuterie board created by Renee Kibbler, beautifully arranged fruits by Kathy Dorfman and Jerianne Keaney, abundant vegies by Maxine Tuchman and Linda Cole, and chips and salsa by Paula Seliga. Of course, there were also yummy cookies by Lynn Ovadia,

Merry Mulein, Sandra Sabatino, and Geraldine Rothenberg. Paula Brooks' mandelbread won the prize for the most requested recipe!

We are always grateful to Bob and Sandra Sobel who come early, help with set-up, and manage the crowded check-in table. In spite of lines out the door, they managed to get everyone through in record time.

We needed a crew to set-up. so many thanks to Caren and Sherwin for bringing all the supplies and decor. Also, many thanks to those who came early enough to help including Paula and Jerry Seliga along with us, Farryl and Bill Dickter. We are also so grateful to all those who stayed to help with clean-up.

We can't wait for the next dance to enjoy ourselves again with so many wonderful friends!

**Our next event, April 6th will be a workshop.** It is a great opportunity to fine tune your dance skills so you can continue to enjoy our future dances. We hope to see you there. The flier is on page 11.

**Farryl Dickter**  
Caller Coordinator



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## April Birthdays

Jennifer Mantell	1
Ken Burkenheim	2
Oswald Burstein	4
Marshall Goldberg	11
Judie Hirsh	12
Collin Brown	13
Robert Grossman	13
Ronda Kalan	13
David Britton	14
Paula Brooks	16
Stewart Brooks	17
Jerianne Keaney	17
Francie Bordofsky	21
Eileen Burkenheim	26
Dale Kaufman	27

## April Anniversaries

Mimi Steinberger & Hal Rothberg	4
Judy & Steve Levy	15

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

**Ilene and Mark Abramson Membership & Statistics**



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



The dance was so much fun. A great big thank you goes to the Rail Dusters for supplying all the snacks. The costumes worn by

the attendees were outstanding. Everyone had such a good time - see pictures on page 7 & 8.

Our next Snack-a-thon on April 9<sup>th</sup> will celebrate our Spring fling - see flier page 10.

A SPRING FLING IS A THING,  
THAT YOU DO IN THE SPRING...  
FOR FUN, SNACKS, & DANCE,  
AND TO DO YOUR OWN THING!

SHOW OFF YOUR FANCY DUDS,  
IN THE SPRING COLORS  
GALORE...  
AND YES, THERE WILL BE  
SNACKS,  
LIKE NEVER EVER BEFORE!

Spring Fling is a time wherein lots of folks celebrate Easter and Passover. You can dress as an Easter Bunny, Easter Egg, Moses, OR, just wear spring colors.

Hugs, kisses & snacks



Snack Queen Jillsy and



Snack King Avilicious

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## Coordinators Corner

Dear Rail Dusters,

This past month has shown lots of progress in the dancing skills of our Rail Dusters. They have unanimously elected a fearless leader for planning a production for their graduation. The Rail Dusters provided a wonderful display of foods for our St. Patrick's Day snack-a-thon. Thank

you to all of them for their contributions.

Many of the Rail Dusters attended our March 16th dance. We were so glad to see them come out and support the club. Some were very leery as to what it would be like. That fear was soon dissipated, and they enjoyed themselves.

Glad so many are coming for our 6:45 start time to review and further practice the newer calls. We hope all our Rail Dusters are having fun and gaining confidence in 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 **Laura & Jonathon Bernhard**



**Laura & Jonathon Bernhard**

Laurie Bernhard was born in Los Angeles and Jonathan was born in New York. Laurie is a School Psychologist and did her undergraduate work at UC Berkeley. Jonathon went to Haverford College in Pennsylvania. They moved back to Los Angeles in the 60's when Jonathan became the Rabbi at Adat Avi El. He is now very involved in The Center for Jewish Food Ethics. It envisions a Jewish community that shifts towards plant based food practices to create a just and sustainable food system that honors Jewish ethics.

Laurie and Jonathan have been married for 34 years and have 3

children. Nathaniel is 31, Micah is 27, and Elijah is 24. Laurie enjoys playing mahjong. Together they have fostered dogs and puppies. Thank you Meryl and Mike Russo for encouraging them to come dancing with us.

**Your Class Coordinators**

**Caren Blumfield  
Sherwin Silver**



**Jeri Sobel**



**Gayle Cantrock  
Alan Shotsky**



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**Sunshine & Showers**

This month's news includes events of both happiness and sadness.

We begin with the passing of a longtime Trail Duster member, Francie Bordofsky who ultimately lost her battle with cancer on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Beloved wife of Steve Bordofsky, the couple were graduates of the Class of '96. Francie and Steve were married for over 55 years. Francie worked as an administrative assistant where she was involved with data bookkeeping and processing. Steve says he will remember her as being a kind, quiet and shy person. While he misses her, he says he is comforted knowing she is finally at peace. In addition to Steve, Francie leaves two daughters and two grandsons, ages 16 and 18.

To you, Steve, and to your family, our hearts are with you at this difficult time. We hope that quiet moments bring you happy memories of the love and life you shared together for so many years.

On the brighter side, recent graduates Grace and Ron Mitnick have shared that their son, Benjamin Mitnick, who has done musical theatre since he was 5 years old, but not since he was 18, recently got a leading role in "Anastasia" with the Conejo Players in Thousand Oaks at the Conejo Valley Theatre! This is Benjamin's first gig in 20 years! (He is now 38 years old). The show runs from March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 13. I am looking forward to seeing "Anastasia" on March 29 & maybe will see some of you there. CONGRATULATIONS to the proud parents and to your son! It is never too late to follow your dreams!

The Tuesday Evening Sr. Softball League started last September, but many games were postponed due to weather conditions including rainstorms and high winds. However, several Trail Dusters persisted, and in the end, Sherwin Silver's team won the Championship with 10 wins, one loss and two ties! CONGRATULATIONS to all the Trail Dusters who participated. They include Sherwin Silver, Irwin Tuckman, Caren Blumfield, and Rail Duster Marty Hecht.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS are in order, this time extended to Joel Ovadia. In November 2024, Joel and his wife Lynn visited Paris, France. Their tour included Musee Carnavalet, Pantheon, the French Pantheon, Montmartre, the Eiffel Tower, and much more. From their travels, Joel created a 57-minute travel log that also covers the history of Paris from the French Revolution to World War 1. Now Joel has loaded his travel log, "Highlights of

Paris, November 2024," on YouTube for his friends and the general public to watch. It can also be found under "Joel Ovadia on YouTube.com." What an accomplishment, Joel! Here's wishing you much success with your latest endeavor. We can look forward to enjoying a trip to Paris right from the comfort of our own homes!

Thank you to all who took time to share their news this month. Hopefully, many more will do the same in the upcoming months. Just email your happenings to me and I will contact those involved for the details so that we can all enjoy reading about them in the upcoming issues of the Dusty Trails. Send your information to "[Rusty\\_k@verizon.net](mailto:Rusty_k@verizon.net)."

Until next month, whether you are celebrating Easter or Passover, may you and your loved ones enjoy a wonderful holiday. Stay well and safe!

Fondly,

**Rusty Kaman**

**Sunshine & Showers  
Chair**


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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 8, 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 12. So send in your payment ASAP as the reservations are beginning to fill up. It is going to be a weekend full of fun, surprises, and new friendships. Don't miss out.

Rail Dusters, this is for you!

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  
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## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented the 2025-2026 Slate of Officers to the board. A motion to accept the Slate of Officers was unanimously approved. Ballots were recently mailed to the membership. If you have not received your ballot, e-mail Shirley Brown.

[Colshirl35@gmail.com](mailto:Colshirl35@gmail.com)

### Slate of Officers for 2025 – 2026 is as follows:

**Presidents**

Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell

**Treasurers**

Sandra & Robert Sobel

**Financial Treasurer**

Victor Wolfe

**Secretary**

Jerianne Keaney

**Publicity/Webmaster**

Shirley Brown

**Membership/Statistics**

Ilene & Mark Abramson

**Sunshine & Showers**

Rusty Kaman

**Newsletter Editors**

Marilyn & Len Bloom

**Class Coordinators**

Maureen & Shelly Fried

Jeri Sobel and Gayle Cantrock

**Mentor Coordinators**

Patti & Marshall Goldberg

**Refreshments**

Debbie Borden

**Ways & Means**

Linda Cole

**ASquareD Delegate**

Bill Dickter

**Caller Coordinator**

Farryl Dickter

**Special Services- Bay Laurel**

Joni & Mark Simon

**Special Services - Wilkinson**

Jane Lief

**Fundraiser**

Denise Kurtzer

**Parliamentarian**

Rene & Peter Maier

## Ways & Means

Hi Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters,

What a great turnout we had at Sharky's Northridge after our club dance on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Wilkinson Center with 27 Trail Dusters and Rail Dusters. The food was great, but the socialization was outstanding. What is better than talking and laughing over a good meal with your friends? Everyone enjoyed dancing to the excellent calling by Mike Seastrom at our dance. The dinner and socialization at Sharky's was the icing on the cake.

We hope the large attendance at our dances will carry over into our weekly Wednesday night pre-class dinners. The attendance has been up and down. To improve this, we have been exploring new restaurant options. Many regular attendees have requested The Stand which consistently has the best turnout. Nonetheless, all the restaurants we schedule have nourishing, healthy food choices on their menus at reasonable prices.

Watch your emails every week for an email informing you which restaurant we have scheduled for our pre-class dinner. Make plans with a Trail Duster friend or couple to meet at our pre-class restaurant for dinner. Invite a Rail Duster to join us for dinner. After all the Trail Dusters are very friendly, especially when we are eating.

The agreements we have arranged with the restaurants benefit you with healthy food and socialization, the restaurants, and the club since these meals are fundraisers. This is a "win-win-win" arrangement!

Remember whenever you attend one of our pre-class dinners, always inform the person taking your order that you are a Trail Duster.

The following is the calendar for our April 2025 restaurants:

April	2	The Stand
April	9	California Pita
April	16	NO CLASS
April	23	The Stand
April	30	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

Our post workshop dinner on April 6th will be held at The Stand in Northridge at 19600 Plummer St. - approximately one mile from The Wilkinson Center. See flier on page 11.

Best regards,

Joel and Lynn  
Ovadia  
Ways and Means



April 6 SSD Workshop

April 9 Spring Fling Snack-A-Thon

April 16 No Class - Spring Break

May 30 - Jun 1 -Spring Weekend

June 11 Graduation

## TRAVELING WITH THE TRAIL DUSTERS



Nikki & Steve Rosentsweig said that the animals at San Diego Wild Animal Park loved the Dusty Trails



Steve Rosentsweig & Renny Traub bring the Dusty Trails to the Heritage Museum, Santa Barbara

## On The Lighter Side

You Know You Are Living In 2025

You accidentally enter your password on the microwave

You haven't played Solitaire with real cards in ages

You email the person who works at the desk next you

You wake up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee

**OLD AGE COMES AT A BAD TIME!  
WHEN YOU FINALLY KNOW EVERYTHING,  
YOU START TO FORGET EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.**



### Middle Age In A Nutshell

1. "Wait...what did I come in here for?"
2. "I could've SWORN that was my password!"
3. "Sorry, I forgot what I was going to say."
4. "Why is the print on these instructions so tiny?"
5. "Who cares if it looks good? I'm comfortable."
6. "Has anyone seen my phone?"
7. "Stupid scale...that *cannot* be right!"
8. "Huh, I wonder how I got this bruise..."
9. "Shoot, did I already take my vitamin?"
10. "\$5.00 for a box of cereal? They raised the price *AND* shrunk the box...such a racket!"
11. "Software update *again*? I don't like updates."
12. "Who in the world is calling me at 9:30pm?"

### Coffee Filters Are Not Just For Making Coffee

Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.

Cleans windows and mirrors. Coffee filters are lint free so they leave windows sparkling.

Protect China. Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between each dish.

Protect a cast iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Jon Feldman, Michael Raber, Shelly Fried, Paula Seliga, Grace Mitnick, Steve Besem, Richard Lewis, Robert Bergman  
Diane Jubelier-Light, Joel Ovadia

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Stewart & Paula Brooks, Judie Hirsh, Tamar Raff, David Britton, Oz Burnstein, Jerianne Keaney, Marshall Goldberg, Judith Gabriel

• THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SNACK-A-THON COMES TO BAY LAUREL



Thank you Jill & Avi for chairing the snack-a-thon



Thank you Rail Dusters for supplying all the snacks





**NOW LET'S GO TO THE SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS DANCE**



**60 Trail & Rail Dusters attended the March 16<sup>th</sup> dance!**



**THE SHAMROCKS & SHENANIGANS DANCE CONTINUES**





# SPRING FLING

## SNACK-A-THON APRIL 9, 2025



**SPRING FLING IS A THING,  
THAT YOU DO IN THE SPRING!! ...  
FOR FUN, SNACKS, DANCE, AND TO DO  
YOUR OWN THING!**

**TIME TO SHOW OFF YOUR FANCY DUDS, IN  
THE COLORS OF SPRING  
AND YES,**

**THERE WILL BE SNACKS, LIKE NEVER  
EVER BEFORE!**

**SPRING IS A TIME WHEREIN LOTS OF  
FOLKS CELEBRATE-**

**EASTER AND PASSOVER:**

**YOU CAN DRESS AS AN EASTER BUNNY,  
EASTER EGG, MOSES, OR,**

**JUST WEAR SPRING COLORS**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**SNACK QUEEN JILL & SNACK KING AVIDORABLE**



# 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**

### ◆ ◆ ◆ DINNER AFTER THE DANCE ◆ ◆ ◆



Plan to join us for dinner AFTER the dance at

**The Stand**

**19600 Plummer St. Northridge**

**If you are planning on joining us for dinner**

**Please RSVP via email to Joel Ovadia at [Jovadia407@gmail.com](mailto:Jovadia407@gmail.com)**

**For More Information Contact: Farryl Dickter @ [farryl.ateam@gmail.com](mailto:farryl.ateam@gmail.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  
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **TRAIL DUSTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB** OR

PAY BY ZELLE: **PETER MAIER 818 427-3329**

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**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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## April 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6 SSD Workshop[ See page 11	7	8 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	9 California Pita 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	10	11	12 1 <sup>st</sup> Night of 
13 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of 	14	15	16 NO CLASS	17	18	19
20 Happy Easter! 	21	22 	23 The Stand 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	24	25 	26
23 7	28	29	30 Baja Fresh 5:30 pm Bay Laurel 7:00 pm	27	28	29

