



The Dusty Trails

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From the Presidents' Desk

We had an incredible Board Installation! Maureen and Shelly Fried, as usual, were incredible hosts. It's always such a treat to be in their home. Everyone brought delicious food, and it was such a warm, festive evening. And a big thank you to Patti and Marshall for running the meeting so smoothly and officially passing the gavel to us. See picture on page 6.

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! It's time to dust off your dancing shoes and get ready for an exciting new season with Trail Dusters. We will be starting classes on Wednesday, September 10, from 7:00–9:00 PM at Bay Laurel Elementary School.

We're also encouraging everyone to bring a friend to the first three Wednesday nights, September 10, 17, and 24 so they can jump in from the beginning and become part of our wonderful community. See flyer on page 9.

Be sure to invite your friends to join in on the fun. Square dancing is a great way to laugh, learn, mingle, and make new friends, and there's no better place to do that than with the largest and best square-dancing club around. And don't forget we are kicking things off early at our Summer Party on Saturday,

September 7. This is a perfect opportunity to reconnect, celebrate, and introduce new people to the Trail Dusters family. See flyer on pages 10 which is your invitation while the flyer on page 11 is for you to give to friends.

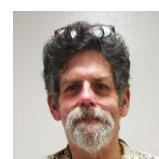
This year, we're thrilled to welcome our new caller, Mike Kellogg, who brings amazing energy, skill, and enthusiasm to every class. If you don't know him, we can't wait for you to meet him and experience how much fun dancing can be!

We've got a full year ahead with workshops, the Summer Party, our famous New Year's Eve celebration, and an incredible weekend event. We can't wait to share it all with you.

Our goal is to grow our club, build community, and to make square dancing fun and welcoming so please join us!

Let's dance, laugh, and make this our best season yet!

Warmly,



Jill Sanders & Avi Nudell
Presidents, Trail Dusters





August Birthdays

Jill Sanders	3
Sandra Sobel	16
Laura Burstein	18
Royce Walker	18
Winnie Davis	21
Paula Nudell	21
Ruth Ann Hapner	27

August Anniversaries

Carol & Richard Lewis	1
Jaci & John Feldman	3
Grace & Ron Mitnick	4
Marilyn & Len Bloom	5
Laura & Oswald Burstein	14
Maxine & Irwin Tuckman	16
Maureen & Shelly Fried	18
Judie & Art Hirsh	25
Sandy & Jeff Cohen	26
Patti & Marshall Goldberg	26
Ilene & Mark Abramson	28

TRAIL DUSTERS, IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

RECENT GRADUATES ITS TIME FOR YOU TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Trail Duster members are the best ever because they pay their dues on time and participate in our fun activities. Currently we have 172 members eager to square up.

As Membership chairs, our job includes receiving all dues, keeping track of who had paid, creating the roster, and sending birthday and anniversary reminders each month in the Dusty Trails.

Dues are being collected in August and September. Your dues help pay the rent and caller fees for weekly classes and for our dances. Members receive the "Dusty Trails" monthly newsletter that will keep you informed of all of our activities, and you will get a roster so that you can keep in touch with your square dance friends.

The best way to renew or join is:

1. **Print the renewal form on page 8 and fill out the required information. Please print legibly!**
2. **Make out a check to *Trail Dusters Square Dance Club* for \$40 for single membership, \$80 for couple. Please note that checks should use our club's full name – Trail Dusters Square Dance Club**
3. **Mail the form and check to:**

**Ilene and Mark Abramson
4425 Estrondo Drive
Encino, CA 91436**

Mark will be available at classes during the month of September with blank forms.

Please note that the form asks for birthday and anniversary month and date. This is used only to send best wishes in the Dusty Trails.

If you have any further questions, please call or email Mark Abramson.

Thank you for your support and cooperation, and don't forget to tell your friends to join our fantastic Trail Dusters Club.

**Ilene and Mark
Abramson
Membership &
Statistics**

markabe@aol.com
818-501-3109



We had a Great July Workshop

The July Workshop was a fabulous success! Sixty-six Trail Dusters came out to Wilkinson to review all of the calls taught during the year. The caller, Rod Shuping, could not have made it more fun. People also said that they really found his explanations helped end their confusion with some calls.

One important thing he explained to the group was the difference between a "patter call" and a "singing call." The biggest difference is that in a patter call, the girls stay with the original partner, whereas during a singing call, the women move around the square as the song progresses and dance with each male until they return to their original partner.

As usual, many helped to create this great experience. Thanks, as always, to Bob and Sandra Sobel who come first and leave last! So many brought cookies and cakes (even those who weren't asked) that we had an array of cookies and cakes about 12 feet long!

Since I don't even know all who brought goodies, I don't dare mention thanks to those who I knew. So as not to leave any names out, just know that everyone loved the treats and thanks to everyone. We also had refreshing fruits provided by Jane Lief, Diane Light and Farryl Dickter.

Where do all those supplies (like cups, plates, napkins and all) come from, you may have wondered? Thanks to Avi Nudell for storing and schlepping so many crates of needed supplies to Debbie and Eddie Borden's house.

Since it was such a blast, I know we will see many of you at our next workshop, August 13th, same place. Our new class caller, Mike Kellogg

will be the caller for this one, so it's a great chance to meet him – see flyer Page 13.

See you in a square,

Farryl Dickter
Caller Coordinator



Hello Fellow Trail Dusters



Are you dismayed because there have been no classes for

almost 6 weeks - and do not start up again until September 10? Do you worry that your dance skills will get rusty? Wait, do not despair, there is a remedy – in fact there are two you can choose from!

First – **Trail Dusters** second workshop of the summer will be held on August 13th with our new Club Caller, Michael Kellogg. What a great opportunity to welcome Michael to our Club. Then, just a few miles down the 101, **Buckles & Bows** is hosting workshops every week till the end of August. And a few miles north, **Boots & Slippers** is hosting a workshop every Monday evening. They will have dancers request the calls they want to review so the evening will cover calls from SSD thru Plus. All of this is great news, particularly for the more experienced dancers who learned Plus level a few years back and want to brush up their skills. If you have graduated any year since 2021 then the Tuesday evenings would be a great confidence booster.

Trail Dusters

SSD – Wednesday, Aug 13
7:00 pm– 9:00 pm
Caller – Michael Kellogg
Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden,
Northridge
Flyer on page 13.

Boots and Slippers

SSD thru Plus - Monday evenings –
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Simi Valley Senior Centre
3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley
Flyer on page 14.

Buckles & Bows

SSD- Tuesday evenings
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Goebel Adult Center
1385 East Janss Road, Thousand
Oaks, CA, 91362

August 5th is Family & Friends Night

Dark August 26

Plus - Thursday, evenings
7:00 pm 9:00 pm
Conejo Community Center
1175 Hendrix Avenue, Thousand
Oaks

Dark August 28

Buckles & Bows- Summer Sunset

August 23 - 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Mike Seastrom - SSD & Plus levels
Goebel Adult Center
1385 East Janss Road, Thousand
Oaks
Flyer on page 15.

So, consider attending a couple of them in the next 4 weeks. It will be time well spent. You will have fun, and you may make new friends.

Organize a group of fellow Trail Dusters and meet for dinner before going to the workshop. Make it an evening out.

Shirley Brown

Publicity



AT OUR SUMMER PARTY

Borrowing from Peter, Paul and Mary, "Where Have All the Trail Dusters Gone?" Since Bay Laurel closes for the summer, we have all scattered to different workshops in different places on different days or just put our dancing on hold.

Well, our Western Summer Party, on September 7th at Debbie and Edie Borden's home at 7:00 pm. The flyer on 10 is your invitation. The flyer on page 11 is for you to give to friends. It is your chance to catch up with friends and introduce new people into our club. Join us and encourage your friends to do the same.

You need to bring a plated snack and prepare to have a fun evening socializing. If you bring a potential rail duster, they do not need to bring anything.

Please be sure to RSVP to Caren1224@hotmail so that the guard at the gate will let you in.

So get on the phone and recruit another fabulous class for 2026. And while you are at it, have them join us for dinner before the party.

Caren Blumfield



Sunshine & Showers

What a pleasure it is to have all SUNSHINE to report to you this month!

First, a warm welcome to our upcoming teacher/caller MICHAEL KELLOGG! Many of us enjoyed learning and dancing to Michael's calls in years past, and it is very special to welcome him into our Trail Dusters "family!"

Judith and Stuart Gabriel are celebrating the birth of their 5th grandchild and their first granddaughter! Born on June 18th to their son and daughter-in-law, baby Mila Liri will have 4 big brothers to take care of her. And with the family residing in Encino, Judith and Stuart will no doubt be spending lots of time with their five "blessings!" Here's wishing all of you years of joy and happiness!

What began as a frightening experience for **Dean and Renee Kibbler** on the 4th of July turned out better than anyone could have hoped for. While cleaning his pool in preparation for a party, **Dean** suddenly realized that the right side of his body wasn't working properly. He went inside the house and told Renee, who immediately suspected that he was having a stroke. Seeing that their home is located very close to the Northridge Hospital – which has a Stroke Center therein, they headed straight for the hospital which, in turn, went right into action. After a CT scan and an MRI were done, Dean was transferred to Kaiser where further care was administered. **Dean** spent 3 days in the hospital before returning home with new meds where he is now doing very well and says he is "back to normal." It is clear that quick thinking led to a rapid recovery, and we're so happy to report such a positive outcome! May you, **Dean**, continue to enjoy

many healthy & happy years with Renee at your side as you go forward!

I am thrilled to share with you that on July 7th, I finally became a mother-in-law! My son Jerry Kaman, who first met the love of his life while attending Chatsworth High School when he was a 15-year-old Yell Leader, finally married the Cheerleader he set his sights on so long ago! He and Bethany reside in the state of Washington, although Jerry spends a great deal of time here in LA where he works as the Chief Engineer on "The Voice." Now, at age 57, they eloped on July 7th and were married at the Santa Barbara Courthouse. I couldn't be happier!

Please keep your news coming – especially the "sunshine!" Just email me at Rusty_k@verizon.net and I will contact you for further information and permission to print.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Rusty Kaman



Sunshine & Showers Chair

INSTALLATION. **Hosted by the Frieds**

Our Presidents are the head of Trail Dusters...but our outstanding members are the heart of our club!

On the evening of July 8, 2025, more than 40 new and seasoned Trail Dusters came together to honor and express gratitude to our 2024/2025 out-going Board of Directors and extend a heartfelt and warm welcome to our newly elected 2025/2026 board members.

And what an evening it was.

Pot luck fare is the tradition for our annual Installation event and Trail Dusters generosity, creativity, and care was on full display everywhere.

Our home was bedecked with July Americana decorations that served as a backdrop to all the amazing and delicious dishes that were brought for the occasion. From appetizers, dinner, to desserts, absolutely every platter of food was incredible and scrumptious.

As the last board meeting of Patti & Marshall Goldberg's tenure ended, Joni and Mark Simon presented them with a beautiful presidential plaque in appreciation of their hard work as our square dance club leaders. And, as is our custom, their presidential gavel was duly passed on to Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell who will continue to enrich the Trail Dusters Square Dance Club as our new Presidents. We look forward to their years as our leaders and will support them with all good faith and fervor. See pictures on page 6.

Patti and Marshall did a stellar job as our presidents these past two years and their final jobs as our leaders. Their expressions of gratitude to our board and to our members, and their brilliant custom written song, was spectacular. Their last efforts and presentations as our presidents topped the evening.

While our new board endeavors to build our club with new and innovative ideas, it will be our new members and leaders who will be the cement that holds us together. Our Installation night was surely an exciting glimpse of how much the heart of our club will grow. It's going to be a great year ahead.

Maureen & Shelly Fried



Special Services – Bay Laurel

We are the unsung heroes who keep us from Square Dancing in the street!

You might think square dancing just magically happens every Wednesday night, but oh no! Behind every successful “ALLEMANDE LEFT” is our Special Services team, working harder than a caller with laryngitis.

These dedicated folks are like wedding planners, insurance agents, and negotiators all rolled into one fabulous package. We sweet-talk the Las Virgenes School District into letting us use Bay Laurel Elementary School (apparently “pretty please with a cherry on top” works wonders). We also wrestle with insurance paperwork that’s more complicated than a GRAND SQUARE, making sure we’re covered if someone gets too enthusiastic during a SWING YOUR PARTNER.

Then comes the grand finale—writing checks to the school district faster than you can say “PROMENADE HOME.” By the time we’re done shuffling papers, we’re ready to shuffle our feet! So next time you’re ZOOMING around or dancing another tricky move, remember to tip your hat to Special Services. We’re the reason we’re dancing indoors instead of in the Walmart parking lot.

Please see the class schedule on page 9 to check the Wednesday dates we will be dancing. We have negotiated the dates for Sept – February. Later in the year we will secure the March – June dates.

**Joni & Mark
Simon**
Special Services
Bay Laurel



August 13 SSD Workshop

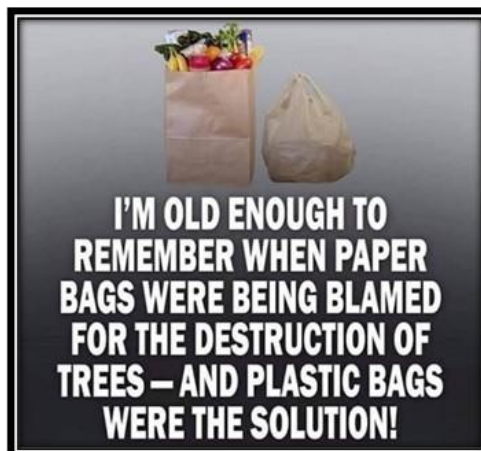
Sept 7 SUMMER PARTY

Sept 10 FIRST CLASS OF 2025-26

On The Lighter Side

**My kids and grandkids
keep laughing about
me losing my memory.**

**They won't be laughing at
Christmas when there's no
eggs under the tree!**



Clever Sayings

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

"Seven days without laughter makes one weak."

You can't blame anyone else if you fall in your driveway. It's your own asphalt.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinz sight.

Did you know muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing. They are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" The leader replied, "That's not a lizard. He's a stand-up chameleon.

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

TRAIL DUSTERS BRING THE DUSTY TRAILS TO



Adriane & Michael Kreisberg at Charming Mackinac Island, Michigan



Steve Rosentsweig, Mark Simon, Renny Traub at Rubel Castle in Glendora

INSTALLATION



Joni & Mark Simon presents a plaque to the outgoing presidents, Patti & Marshall Goldberg



Patti & Marshall Goldberg happily pass the gavel to Jill Sanders and Avi Nudell



THE 2025 – 2026 BOARD



Seated: Marshall & Patti Goldberg, Avi Nudell, Jill Sanders, Rusty Kaman, Marilyn & Leonard Bloom
 Back row: Victor Wolf, Linda Cole, Denise Kurtzer, Shelly Fried, Ilene Abramson, Mark Simon, Mark Abramson, Joni Simon
 Gayle Cantrock, Eddie & Debbie Borden, Jane Lief, Jeri Sobel, Shirley Brown, Maureen Fried, Peter & Rene Meyer, Sandy & Bob Sobel, Farryl & Bill Dickter
 Not pictured – Jerianne Keaney

Look how many Trail Dusters Attended the July Workshop





TRAIL DUSTERS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

DUES: \$80 COUPLES / \$40 SINGLES

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "TRAIL DUSTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB"

RETURN COMPLETED FORM WITH DUES BY SEPTEMBER 30 (EARLIER PREFERRED!)

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME(S) _____

☐ Information in the roster is correct – no changes

☐ PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING ☐ CORRECTION ☐ ADDITION ☐ DELETION

Enter Only The Information To Be Changed, Added or Deleted (Since Last Published Roster)

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone (hers) _____

Cell Phone (his) _____

E-Mail Address (hers) _____

(his) _____

☐ Everybody please fill out the info below

Birthday (Month & Day)

Hers _____ His _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (MONTH & DAY) _____

PLEASE MAIL FORM AND DUES TO:

ILENE AND MARK ABRAMSON
4425 ESTRONDO DRIVE
ENCINO CA 91436

make check payable to "Trail Dusters Square Dance Club"

CLASS SCHEDULE 2025

SEPTEMBER 10 - *FIRST CLASS - Bring your friends as new Rail Dusters!

SEPTEMBER - 17, 24. – Introductory classes continue-

OCTOBER 1 - NO CLASS - YOM KIPPUR

OCTOBER - 8, 15, 22, 29

NOVEMBER - 5, 12, 19

**NOVEMBER 26 – NO CLASS -
THANKSGIVING - SCHOOL CLOSED**

DECEMBER – 3, 10

**DECEMBER 17- CHANGE IN CLASS
LOCATION – To Be Determined**

**DECEMBER 22 - JAN 5 - NO CLASS -
WINTER BREAK- SCHOOL CLOSED**

2026

JANUARY – 7, 14, 21, 28

FEBUARY - 4, 11, 18, 25



TRAIL DUSTERS'
WESTERN SUMMER PARTY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:00 PM

Hosted by: Debbie & Eddie Borden
25625 Queenscliff Court, Calabasas

Their home is located in a guard gated community and a list of attendees will be provided to the security gate.
It is important to RSVP for you and your guests.

Please bring potential Trail Duster couples **AS** Guests so they experience the fun and friendship and so we can convince them how much fun square dancing can be

Price of Admission for Summer Party:

Bring munchies to share such as: vegetables & hummus, cheese and crackers, (no chips). fruit platter, cookies, soda or wine. Water and coffee will be available. Food must be plated and ready to serve.



Start the evening by meeting for dinner at 5:30 pm for good food and socializing

The Stand, 23683 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas, CA

IMPORTANT - RSVP by September 1st via email to
Caren Blumfield at caren1224@hotmail.com

WESTERN SUMMER PARTY INVITATION



Our Club, Trail Dusters, is hosting a Summer Party for members and guests and we want to invite you to join us! This is an opportunity to meet our members, introduce you to our activity, and experience the welcoming & friendly atmosphere of our Club. Hors d'oeuvres & desserts will be served.

WHEN: September 7, 2025

WHERE: Debbie & Eddie Borden

25625 Queenscliff Court, Calabasas

TIME: 7:00 PM

DRESS: Casual

Join us AS GUESTS and experience the fun we have being together.

MUNCH, MINGLE AND SCHEMOOZ



Our party is in a guard gated community and we need to provide a list of attendees to the security gate.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO RSVP by September 1st via email to Caren Blumfield at caren1224@hotmail.com OR just let your Trail Duster friends know and they will let us know



TRAIL DUSTERS

Modern Square Dancing Classes

NEW MOVES * NEW MUSIC *** NEW FRIENDS**



If you can walk, you can square dance.
Dancing uses all 3 dimensions of a
healthy life style – physical, mental and
social - all while having **FUN!**

Weekly Wednesdays starting Sept. 10, 2025
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

3 Introductory classes Sept 10, 17, & 24

Your first evening is FREE. Thereafter \$7.00 weekly

Bay Laurel Elementary School
24740 Paseo Primario, Calabasas 91302

Come for one evening and see who we are
and what we do– it's free – what do you
have to lose?? And you have a lot to gain!

For More Information email Jill Harmatz Sanders
jillharmatz@gmail.com



****Fun, Friendship & Fitness****

Website: www.traildusters.com



Trail Dusters

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

S S D Workshop

What a great time to dance once again to our new Club Caller, Michael Kellogg. His clear and relaxed style of teaching combined with his many years of national and international calling provides an interesting and fun experience. A great bridge to classes starting again in September!



MICHAEL KELLOGG

7:00 – 9:00 PM

\$10.00 PER PERSON

Wilkinson Center, 8956 Vanalden, Northridge

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

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



Plan to join us for dinner at 5:30PM

Sharky's

18426 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA

If you are planning on joining us for dinner, please RSVP via email to Linda Cole - wdycole@aol.com

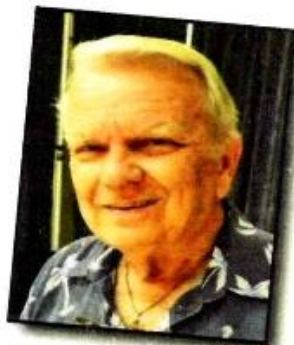
For More Information Contact:
Farryl Dickter - farryl.ateam@gmail.com



Dance All Summer

with

Dick Hodnefield



Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00p.m.

June 16th thru August 25th

*New Graduates - Reinforce your dance skills,
Returning Dancers - Refresh Old Skills, DBD.*

Lots of fun!

Ask for your requests or help on anything!

\$7.00 per person



**Simi Valley Senior Center,
3900 Avenida Simi,
Simi Valley, CA**



Info: Lynn Welborn 805-551-5802
Glenda Hamburg 818-388-7015

Look for us at: www.bootsandslippers.com &

 Follow us on Facebook @ Boots and Slippers Square Dance Simi Valley

BUCKLES & BOWS

Summer's Sunset



Saturday, August 23, 2025

Caller: Mike Seastrom

Cuer: Cindy Mower

Rounds 7:00 to 7:30 & between tips

SSD & Plus Level 7:30 to 10:00

Bonus Advanced Tip at 10:00

Casual Dress

**Donation
\$12.00 per person**

Goebel Adult Community Center

½ block east of 23 Freeway

1385 E. Janss Road

Thousand Oaks

Coming Dances:

Sept 27 Eric Henerlau

Oct 25 Phil Farmer

Information:

Juli and Kevin (805) 796-6517



Visit us @:

***Web Page:* <http://www.bucklesandbows.org/>**

***Facebook:* [Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club Thousand Oaks CA](#)**



August 2025 Trail Dusters Calendar

Sun			Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Membership payments are being collected Aug & Sept See pages 2 & 8	2
36	4	5	6	7	8	9
03	14 1	12 Board Meeting  7:00 pm	13 SSD Workshop 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm See page 13	14	18 5	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						