

Old Farmers Ball
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FIND YOUR SEP/OCT 2010 DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK COVER.

OVERDUE THANKS

There is a group of OFB dancers that do a great service to the dance community that have not been recognized lately.

I am speaking about those experienced dancers that come, almost every week, before 7:30 in order to take part in the beginner's lessons each week. They give one-on-one help to the beginners during the lessons, greatly enhancing the learning experience. Better trained beginners lighten the caller's load and increase the enjoyment of everyone when the dance begins.

I have asked a few of them why they put this time in. The answer is almost universal. They get a lot of satisfaction in getting these new comers off on the right foot. They know that if they can get them started out with the right attitude that they are much more likely to continue dancing and eventually get the enjoyment that we all experience.

These dancers are one reason that the Asheville dance scene is constantly growing and so vibrant. Thanks!

David Stalnaker
President OFB

SPLASH DANCE

Splash Dance was a wonderful mix of meals, relaxation, swimming, and, oh yes dance.

The musicians all donate their time for this special dance weekend. Special thanks to Karen, Lew, Pearl, Ben, Laura, Susaan, Roger, and everyone else I forgot including all the community players.



A Splash

These musicians come from some of our best local bands, such as Hot Sonata, Land of Sky and Red Hot Sky.

Thanks to Diane for organizing our up-and-coming calling talent.

Six full meals in the dining room! Thanks to Harriet for all the, again, purely volunteer work, in pulling off the kitchen miracles, and Judith for Saturday's gourmet lunch.

It wouldn't have happened without the pre-planning and setup work of Catherine, Mark, Gari, Owen, Steve, and everyone else who pitched in and helped.

And a special thanks to John Combs who has masterminded the dance for all these years.

Thanks John!



Dancing on the Pier

YMCA/OFB DANCES

For those of you that are not aware, These two organizations have teamed up to put on 2 dances at the downtown YMCA. The plan is to put on a dance on the 4th Saturday of the month for now and maybe twice per month in the future.

The floor is wonderful. The air conditioner, which turned off due to a timer during the first dance, was rocking the second one. I believe the caller was wearing a scarf to keep warm.

The biggest problem that we face is the sound attenuation. While the music came through pretty well, it was hard to understand the callers during the walk-throughs if you were in the back $\frac{1}{4}$ of the line. When everyone cooperated and kept quiet, it was much better.

We look forward to seeing lots of dancers in the coming months so that we can have a regular Saturday night dance in Asheville again.

The next one is Saturday August 28th.
For details see: www.oudfarmersball.com

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 Contact president@oudfarmersball.com

the Old Farmers Ball News

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REGIONAL CONTRA DANCE CARPOOLING WEBSITE

<http://oufb-events.pbwiki.com/carpooling>

OFB Board Meetings — Everyone welcome
 Second Mondays — 6:30 — Grey Eagle
 See www.oudfarmersball.com for all the other Local and Regional Dance links!

Asheville Contra — Sep/Oct 2010

The Monday Night Dance at the Grey Eagle

8pm Beginners Always Welcome
185 Clingman Avenue - Asheville NC (828) 232-5800

9/6—**The Avant Gardeners** (Laura Light, George Pal, Larry Enlow and Dave Marcus) with Diane Silver

9/13—**Contraversial** (Cailen Campbell and David Brown) with Charley Harvey

9/20 —**Footloose** (David DiGiuseppe, Pete Campbell, David Coe) with Robert Cromartie

9/27—**The Carolina Dingos** (Jamie Lavall and Roger Gold) with Barbara Groh

10/4—**The Red Wellies** (Beanie Odell, Duncan Wickel and Vincent Fogarty) with AnneMarie Walter

10/11—**Land of Sky** (Laura Lengnick, Paul Moore and Roger Gold) with Adina Gordon

10/18—**The Spring Chickens** (Rob & Beth Mangum, Art Schuster, Ben Harvey, McClain Bissell) with Tom and Myra

10/25—**The Dancing Bears** (Lew Gelfond, John Culp, Mark Langner, Skip Metheny) with Margret Mathews

Thursdays! Old Farmer's Ball

8pm (lesson 7:30pm)
Warren Wilson College, Bryson Gym

9/2—**Avant Gardeners** (Laura Light, George Paul, Jubal Creech, and Dave Marcus) with Robbin Marcus

9/9—**Blue Eyed Girl** (Pearl Mueller-Shirley, Annie Fain Liden, Ellie Grace, Laurel Willoughby) with Anne Marie Walter

9/16—**Footloose** (David DiGiuseppe, Pete Campbell, David Coe) with Robert Cromartie

9/23—**Ed Baggot and Elsie Peterson** with Adina Gordon

9/30—**Big Cranky** (David Lynch, Neil Carroll, Vollie McKenzie, McLean Bissell) with Beth Molaro

10/7—**Wild Cat** (Laurie Fisher, Karen Gaughan, Nic Coker) with Hank Morris

10/14—**Tidal Wave** (Sabin Jacques, Rachel Aucoin, Stuart Kenney, Eric Favreau) with Diane Silver

10/21—**Community Open Band** led by Robby Robertson, Trevor and Travis Stuart with Open Mic for callers led by Terry Doyle

10/28—**Fly By Night** (Laura Lengnick, Julia Weatherford, Beth Magill, Karen Gaughan) with Tom and Myra