

Old Farmers Ball
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FIND YOUR JAN/FEB 2008 DANCE FLYER ON THE BACK COVER.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Membership Renewal:** THIS IS YOUR LAST OFB NEWSLETTER AND SCHEDULE FOR YOUR 2007 MEMBERSHIP. If you wish to continue receiving this newsletter by mail, you must renew your membership for 2008 — see page 2.
- **Annual Meeting:** The OFB Annual Meeting and Board elections will take place on SUNDAY, JAN. 27. — see page 2.
- **Board Candidates for 2008:** New Board members will be elected at the upcoming Annual Meeting. — See pages 2-3 for the voting procedures.
- **Directory Deadline:** The deadline to be included in the 2008 membership directory is January 31. Complete your 2008 membership renewal to be included in the directory.

IT'S TIME FOR... MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership in the Old Farmer's Ball.

Benefits of Membership:

- \$1 off regular \$6.00 admission to Thursday OFB dances.
- Voting privileges
- Eligible to serve on the Board
- Supports the OFB dance community
- Inclusion in the membership directory — supports our sense of community: contact your dance friends for other fun activities, carpooling and business networking — find local folks who can help you out, and list your occupation so others can direct their business to you.
- Receive the membership directory
- Receive the newsletter

How to join the OFB or renew your membership for 2008:

- 1) Fill out a new form, pay your \$5.00 fee, and receive your 2008 keytag at a Thursday night dance.
- 2) Download the membership form from the OFB website at www.oldfarmersball.com, send it in with your fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope, and receive your keytag by mail.

IMPORANT NOTICE: The Old Farmer's Ball is changing the membership year to September 1 - August 31, to coincide with the academic year. 2008 will be the transition year. **2008 Membership will be good through August 31, 2008.** You will need to renew again in September for '08-'09. Although this is a short "year," the Board hopes you will agree that it is still a great benefit to join. Because it is a short year, the membership fee will remain \$5.00.

New members who joined September 1, 2007, or later will receive free renewal for 2008 — visit the membership table to receive your new keytag.

New members who join during the summer months, starting July 1, will receive membership for the coming membership

ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 27

The Old Farmer's Ball Annual meeting will take place on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, at 4:00 p.m.**, at Bryson Gym, our regular dance location.

As required in our by-laws, a meeting of the full membership of the OFB is held at least once a year, at which time new Board members are elected and other business is conducted.

This year's meeting will include Board elections, a report on the "State of the OFB," and a financial report for 2007. It will also include community discussion regarding possible revision/expansion of the OFB mission, and is an opportunity for general input from members regarding the OFB — quality of the weekly dance, ideas for the future, etc.

As a "thanks" to the community as a whole, a free dance is held following the meeting. The dance is open to all, members and non-members, but only current **2008** OFB members may vote at the annual meeting.

Schedule for the day:

3:00-4:00	Set-up — consider coming early to help
4:00-6:00	Annual meeting
6:00-7:30	Potluck supper — please bring something yummy to share
7:30-10:00	FREE dance, with open band and open mic — bring your instrument to play in the band, or consider calling a dance.
10:00	Clean up — please plan to stay and help.

year — they will get both the 2008 keytag for the remaining time it is good, and the '08-'09 keytag.

The OFB fiscal year and terms of service on the Board of Directors will continue to be the Jan-Dec. calendar year.

2008 BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2008 Board of Directors will be held at the OFB Annual meeting on Sunday, January 27. According to the OFB by-laws the election process works as follows:

- In the months preceding the election, the President appoints a nominating committee, made up of both board-members and non-board members. The nominating committee receives nominations from the community, including self-nominations from anyone interested in serving, and also identifies and contacts individuals who they think would be good candidates. From this list of possible candidates, the nominating committee recommends a slate of new Board members to the Board as a whole. The Board as a whole then considers the committee's recommendation and votes on a final slate of candidates to be recommended to the membership.
- At the annual meeting, the recommended slate of candidates is presented to the membership. At this time, additional

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<p>2007 Board of Directors</p> <p><u>Officers</u></p> <p>President.....Diane Silver Vice-President.....Suzanne Hosch Secretary.....Linda Mitchell TreasurerJonathan Gilbert</p> <p><u>Members-at-Large</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Able Allen</td> <td>Emily Mitchell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Combs</td> <td>Beth Molaro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laurie Fisher</td> <td>Hank Morris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Hayes</td> <td>Sara Slaughter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill Hufnagle</td> <td>David Stalnaker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joe Karpen</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Able Allen	Emily Mitchell	John Combs	Beth Molaro	Laurie Fisher	Hank Morris	David Hayes	Sara Slaughter	Bill Hufnagle	David Stalnaker	Joe Karpen		<p>OFB Contact Information:</p> <p>Telephone Info Line 828 258-4809</p> <p>Website www.olderfarmersball.com</p> <p>ListServe groups.yahoo.com/group/ofb/</p> <p>CarPool Wiki: http://ofb-events.pbwiki.com/carpooling</p> <p>Comments, concerns, compliments, <u>constructive</u> complaints } president@olderfarmersball.com</p> <p>Membership Info Updates: Deedy Jolley -- dietra@bellsouth.net</p> <p>Snail Mail: Old Farmers Ball, PO Box 9000, WWC Box 6278 Asheville, NC 28815</p>
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BookingBeth Molaro	Community OutreachDavid Hayes
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the Old Farmers Ball News is published bi-monthly by the Old Farmer's Ball, and includes the Asheville Area Dance Flyer, project reports, contact info, announcements, and more.

The OFB needs a new newsletter editor. If you'd be willing to help put this little publication together, contact Diane at president@olderfarmersball.com.

Deadline for the next *Old Farmer's Ball News* is Feb. 8.

2008 BOARD ELECTIONS — CONTINUED

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nominations may be made from the floor. If there are no additional nominations, the slate is voted on as a whole, with an up-or-down vote. If there are additional nominations from the floor, then paper ballots are used, on which voting members may vote for the total number of available board positions from among the nominees. For example, if there are five board positions open, the recommended slate will include five individuals. If an additional nomination is made from the floor, there will then be six candidates for the five available slots. Members will vote for five of the six candidates. The top five vote winners would become Board members.

- According to the OFB by-laws, Board positions are for a three-year term, and are staggered so that approximately one-third of the positions are up for election in any given year. If a Board member resigns in the middle of his/her term, or is unable to fulfill his/her commitment as a Board member, the President appoints a replacement to serve the remainder of that term.
- The membership votes for Board members at large. The Board members themselves elect which individuals will serve in the offices of President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. These offices are re-elected annually by the current Board members for that year.

2008 is our transition year for moving to the three-year staggered term structure.

The recommended slate of nominees will be posted on the OFB website and mailed to 2007 members two weeks before the annual meeting.

Asheville Area Dances Jan – Feb 2008

Grey Eagle

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

- 1-7 **Mock Turtle Soup**..... w/ Barbara Groh
Pearl Mueller, Chris Holleman, Willy Repoley
- 1-14 **Larry Unger & Eden McAdam Somer**
w/ Margaret Mathews
- 1-21 **Night Watch**..... w/ Shawn Brenneman
Naomi Morse, Elvie Miller & Owen Morrison
- 1-28 **Wild Goose Chase**..... w/ Beth Molaro
Bob Kogut, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Skip Metheny
- 2-4 **The Goose Bone Prophets** w/ Jennie Wakefield
Laura Lengnick, Roger Gold, Paul Moore
- 2-11 **Cailen Campbell & Friends**w/ Adina Gordon
- 2-18 **Steamshovel**w/ Ken Gordon
David White & Roger Gold
- 2-25 **Elixir**.....w/ Nils Fredland
Ethan & Jesse Hazzard-Watkins, Ann Patton, Owen Morrison

OFB BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Mondays – Grey Eagle - 6:30pm

- 1-14, 2-11 Before the Monday dance - Everyone Welcome

Old Farmer's Ball

Thursdays - 8pm (lesson 7:30pm) (828) 258-4809
Warren Wilson College - Bryson Gym - Swannanoa NC

- 1-3 **Avant Gardeners**..... w/ Beth Molaro
Laura Light, George Paul
- 1-10 **Blue Ridge Rounders**..... w/ Charley Harvey
Bob & Amy Buckingham, Josh Johnson, Dan Wood
- 1-17 **The Reel Thing**..... w/ Adina Gordon
Roger Gold, David GiGiuseppe, Jubal Creech
- 1-24 **Night Watch**..... w/ Shawn Brenneman
Naomi Morse, Elvie Miller & Owen Morrison
- 1-31 **New Southern Ramblers**.....w/ Phil Jamison
Gordy Hines, Phil Jamison, Andy Deaver, John Lilly
- 2-7 **Fiddlewhich**.....w/ Ann Marie Walter
Laurie Fisher, Karen Gaughan, Art Shuster, Skip Metheny
- 2-14 **Reel Magnolias**..... w/ Hank Morris
June Advincula, Jane Weaver, Suzanne Hosch
- 2-21 **Community Open Band** Led by Friends of Melinda
Come join the band or call a dance
- 2-28 **Elixir**.....w/ Nils Fredland
Ethan & Jesse Hazzard-Watkins, Ann Patton, Owen Morrison

Music Jam - Before The Dance, Every Thursday
Beginning & Intermediate – all players welcome
WWC Kettredge Hall – Rm 25 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Other Regional Dances & Instruction

Asheville Community Dance Scene

Second Saturday - 8:15pm - Venue Varies
Info: 828.582.9222 828.216.5115

Family Dance

Saturday - 5pm Potluck – 6pm to 7:30 Dancing
www.diane-silver.com/FamilyDance.html

w/ **Diane Silver**

info: (828) 298-7084

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www.bethmolaro.com/

w/ **Beth Molaro**

Info: (828) 277-4068

English Country Dance

Karen – (828) 230-8449

We are looking for a new venue – watch here for new developments

Swing Dance Information..... www.swingasheville.com

River Falls Dance – Greenville SC..... www.harvestmoonfolk.org

Dates: 1-5, 1-18, 1-19, 1-26, 2-2, 2-8, 2-16, 2-23

Hendersonville Dance

5th Saturday (four times per year) at the VFW Hall - 900 N.Main St,
Hendersonville, NC

Info: www.folkhorizons.org

Celo Dance – Friday 8pm rlevin@trccomputing.com

"Green Cay" at Arthur Morgan School \$3

(828) 675-4331

Music by **Bruce Greene & Friends**

Almond Dance (formerly the Webster Dance) 4th Saturdays

At the SCC Almond Center in Bryson City NC

call Kathy (828) 497-4709 or Ron (828) 586-5478

OFB Thursday Dance Hot-Line (828) 258-4809

Find current information and other dance links at:

oldfarmersball.com