

OUR READERS WRITE

Asino Astuto, writing all the way from Venice, asked, "here in Italy the calendar has 12 months: does the American calendar have only 11 months, or does the Editor have some other explanation for **no newsletter in July?**"

Editor: Mea culpa. I'm sorry that I was not able to publish the July newsletter.

Narcissus Riflessione wrote to ask, "Who is the rude man who keeps taking **my picture at the dances?** Can't anyone stop him?"

Editor: The NACDS staff photographer, sometimes accompanied by guest photographers, frequently photographs our semi-monthly dances, and we're often asked what he does with the pictures. Until now, he has simply filed the images not used in the newsletter in a dusty folder. However, frequent requests for public access to these images has led us to create a Facebook account where the images can be seen by all. Visit www.facebook.com and search there for "Kevin Riggs" to find this public account. Kevin tries to post all of his pictures from each dance there soon after the dances.

You can commune with fellow dancers online by creating your own facebook account and joining the "North Alabama Country Dance Society" group.

If you **do not want your picture published** in the newsletter or on the web site, *please* contact Kevin and let him know! He will not publish anything that you do not want him to.

NACDS OFFICER ELECTION

One important item that was not published in July was the annual election of officers. An election was held at the break in the second dance in July (July 19th) for officers. The nominating committee (Bryan Walls, Laura Blumer, and Mark Mohon) put together the list of nominees, though others were welcome to nominate (willing) nominees at the elections from

the floor. The nominations were:

PRESIDENT:

Carol Mebane

PRESIDENT ELECT:

Erin Maguire

TREASURER:

Jane Ewing

SECRETARY

Claire Davies

PRODUCER:

Doug Roth

EQUIPMENT:

Steve Nix

MEMBERSHIP:

Mark Mohon

NEWSLETTER:

Kevin Riggs

Carol Mebane conducted the election. The nominees were introduced, and the floor was opened to additional nominations. With none forthcoming, a proposal to accept the nominees was seconded and approved. By unanimous acclaim, the nominees were elected by a quorum of the NACDS membership.



HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

• Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM, then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

• Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under.

Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

• For more info Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: bwalls@pobox.com or visit <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html>

AUGUST 2 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JEF HODGE

BAND — JIM AND INGE WOOD

AUGUST 16 : HUNTSVILLE BLUE MOON 11

CALLERS — HARRY DELUGACH

BANDS — KALEIDOSCOPE

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

AUGUST 1 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — MELISSA & ED WILKINSON

BAND — THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

AUGUST 9 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — THE HERB TROTMAN BAND

AUGUST 12 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

AUGUST 15 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — KENDAL BROADIE

BAND — CALLIOPE

AUGUST 15-17 : MENTONE, ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM OLD-TIME MUSIC & DANCE WEEKEND

CALLERS — SUSAN MICHAELS AND SUSAN DAVIS

BANDS — NEW SOUTHERN RAMBLERS, RED MOUNTAIN

WHITE TRASH, FOOTSCAPE, AND THE GYPSY HICKS

AUGUST 20 : BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

REUNION DANCE WEEKEND

MUSIC AND CALLING BY THOSE WHO COME

AUGUST 22 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — RACHEL EDDY AND THE ROCK FARMERS

AUGUST 23 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — NEW BINKLEY BROTHERS

AUGUST 26 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

AUGUST 29: NASHVILLE

CALLER — FRED PARK

BAND — DAVID COE AND OWEN MORRISON

AUGUST 28 : SEWANEE

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays and 4th Sundays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM.
<http://www.bamalong.com/bcnds.htm>.

CTDS (Chattanooga) dances 2nd & 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://contranooga.org>

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN, 8:00 PM. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont – on the corner of Graybar.

Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email: DanceFools@aol.com or <http://dancenashville.org/>

Flat Creek dances – 2 & 4th Tues, Flat Creek Community Center – seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN.
http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra_dances.htm

JULY 20 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: *Jane Ewing, Kevin & Kathy Riggs, Carol Mebane, Doug Roth, Erin Maquire, Claire Davies.* The meeting was held at the home of Kevin and Kathy Riggs.

Meeting was called to order by Carol Mebane.

The minutes of the last meeting in April were read and accepted.

Carol reported that the nominating committee had presented a slate of officers for next year to the membership at the July 5th dance. The proposed officers were: Carol Mebane – President, Erin Maguire – President Elect, Jane Ewing – Treasurer, Claire Davies – Secretary, Doug Roth – Producer, Steve Nix – Equipment, Mark Mohon – Membership, and Kevin Riggs – Newsletter. At the July 19th dance, there were no alternate nominations from the floor. The membership voted to accept the officers as presented.

Carol also mentioned the recent acquisition by the group of 2 additional speakers and stands before the Blue Moon dance. It was felt that the increased crowds the bi-weekly dances would benefit from the better sound system.

Treasurer's Report - Jane presented a spreadsheet showing a breakdown of attendance for the dances since the start of the year, along with an expense breakdown. While the Blue Moon weekend was in general a success, figures show a loss of a little over \$500. Attendance was off from last year by a dozen or so people. It was noted that with six or seven more weekend registrations we would have broken even. The high gas price was cited as a possible cause for the low attendance. We will need to aggressively advertize next year's dance with Wild Asparagus. We have been making a small profit on the last 6 dances. The July 5th dance was particularly good due to students being home and gas prices being high.

In regards to the tax status of NACDS, Jane report that she filed the tax forms April 4th.

OLD BUSINESS:

George Mitchell has responded that Wild Asparagus has the Blue Moon dance on their schedule. For our dance it was requested that we ascertain that a fiddle player be among the band members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol mentioned that Jerry offered to be our contact with UAH again this year. He will pursue reserving the dates for next

year's Blue Moon. Several board members raised concerns about the size of the hall and questioned how many dancers it can comfortable hold. Do we need to consider limiting the registration and/or gender balancing? Some discussion followed on these topics but they were tabled for now.

Production – Doug reported that the production schedule has been worked out for most of the remaining dances. Doug asked for input on which weekend in December should be the Christmas dance. After some discussion of dates and possible conflicts, the general consensus was to have the dance on December 20th. Door Prizes should be recruited and handled as they were last year, hopefully by Mark. We need to advertize this as a special dance. It was decided that there will not be an after dance party due to the closeness to Christmas.

No other business was raised.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Davies,
Secretary



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Visit the NACDS web site:

<http://secontra.com/NACDS.html>

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/>



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each regular dance!*