



Dudes & Dolls SQUARE DANCE CLUB

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Meet Our Dudes & Dolls Family ... Scott Coon



Square Dance Caller, Dancer and Singer—extraordinaire, Scott Coon is celebrated as a person of VIP status in the Dudes & Dolls world. Scott was asked how he became acquainted with square dancing. His answer was that square dancing was in his family for most of his childhood and became important when as an adult he found he could enjoy being able to participate by singing and calling dances. And sing he

does extremely well. He can sing most every type of music—be it country, rock 'n roll or pop—he has some of each in his repertoire.

For those of us that have seen his Elvis Presley act (in full costume) it is done amazingly well. Recently at the Council Dance in Woodinville while my back was turned away and he was singing a new Elvis number for dancing I felt it could have been Elvis singing. It was a tune I was familiar with from one of our Elvis CD's. I could not tell that The King of rock 'n roll was not singing that song.

In talking with Scott I learned that his mom and dad began dancing in the 1970's and that Scott himself became involved around 1979.

Scott grew up in the huge town of Maltby, Washington and attended Monroe High School where he was involved in basketball, but mostly enjoyed what he loved best; being in the band; jazz choir and also the local church choir.

A most memorable experience for Scott was in June, 1981 at the Seattle Center where a National Square Dance event was acclaimed to be the World's Largest Square Dance. It is in the Guinness Book of Records and reported as a total of 2,700 squares. That event was a vivid memory to young Scott, who at an impressionable age, was witnessing and enjoying the festivities. Scott told us he was able to do some dancing but being not ready to keep up with the other dancers was soon put on the sidelines to watch.

Scott works as a Network Analyst for the Mukilteo School District and his wife Darcy, who he met square dancing, is a Technology Information Consultant working for large organizations such as hospitals etc. Besides having two adorable little girls to keep the parents busy Scott enjoys being involved in Community Musical Theater.

He loves teaching and introducing new students to square dancing and helping older students keep up with new routines and singing calls which are ever-changing as the choreography becomes more intricate. Scott says, "Small groups are fine but larger groups are even better, more fun and challenging." He says, "The more the merrier, we always need more people coming into the system."

Teaching and calling requires a lot of dedication such as; preparing new songs; new routines; organizing materials; rehearsals; setting up and adjusting to attain the correct volume and clarity of the audio.

Our kudos to Scott Coon—you are our Square Dance Singer King.

-Flo Funnell

Shirts N Skirts dance across the border ...

The outfits were shiny and smiles bright at the 62nd annual Pacific Northwest Teen Festival last weekend in Langley, BC. The festivities started with the grand march at 7:00 AM and the kids were still going strong until the trophies were given out at 9:00 PM. The kids were super excited as were we parents even though we weren't allowed to bring our coffee into the main gym. The competition was tough this year and it was clear that some of the clubs hadn't made it through the year with enough kids to compete - I know that the Rockin' Teens folded and Fern Bluff pulled out enough dancers for one junior square.

The Shirts N Skirts had some busy kids this year and put up competitors in every activity. The junior square did not place out of eight clubs but they worked hard and had a lot of fun - they grew as a team and saw the possibilities for next year! The senior square took 3rd place after a brutally hard final mystery tape had all of the team fumbling. We were all holding our breath during that one!

Harley Annett did her first patter for square dance calling this year and wowed the judges into giving her 2nd out of eight when she didn't let a little thing like getting the dancers mixed around flap her composure! She just kept on going with a smile and enthusiasm - we were so proud!

Thanks to the fantastic skills of instructors Randy and Marie Preskitt, round dancing was where it was at for the Shirts N Skirts. Here are the final standings:

- 1st in Basic A compulsories - Harley Annett & Ryan Carlile
- 1st in Basic B compulsories - Tyler Carlile & Anika Smith
- 1st in Advanced compulsories - Joey Held & Kimi Mock
- 2nd in Novice compulsories - Steve Hinkle & Kayla Carlile
- 1st in Basic A all around - Harley Annett & Ryan Carlile
- 1st in Basic B all around - Tyler Carlile & Anika Smith
- 2nd in Advanced all around - Joey Held & Kimi Mock

And of course, once again, the group took first place for their exhibition! This is where the adults danced, too and D&D club members Fred Annett, Angie Carlile and Jeff Held joined the kids and burned up the floor with their skilled moves. Here's a link to the video on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/G-qYIB6zlo8>

The kids would like to invite you to come dance with them on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM at the Canyon Park Junior High cafeteria at 23723 - 23rd Ave SE, Bothell, WA 98021-9644. The Blazing Stars are caravanning over and the SNS will do their exhibition. The kids would like to thank the Dudes & Dolls for their on-going support -- dancing and this competition mean a lot to them and your donations help make it happen!

-Cathie Caldwell

It is refreshing when the young 'uns get out onto the floor, in squares, and kick up their heels and stomp on the floor. On kitchen duty a few weeks ago, I thought it was an earthquake when the floor took the brunt of all those dainty feet hitting the surface. I checked my portable Richter Scale device, but it showed a mere 3.6.

-WBF



Just in case you forgot, here's the Spokane Suit

Shown above is the way we will appear at Nationals. Be sure and arrange for the official D&D skirt and blouse, or shirt, depending on your gender, if you are going to attend the National Square Dance Meet in Spokane next year.

I am sure there is someone, somewhere, in the D&D hierarchy you can ask about it. Unfortunately, it is not me, as I know nothinggggg. I think we have a Committee for that. I think I will change the name of this publication to NoNews Newsletter.

Annual Campout, Auction; same time, place ...

The gathering of a gaggle of Happy Camping Square Dancers will be July 28 to 31 (Thursday to Sunday) at Howard Miller's Steelhead Park on the Stillaguamish River at Rockport WA.

It is the time to gather and have loads of fun, unless you are stuck with making the waffles on Sunday morning. If you have the inclination to join the group, and the festivities, but are not a happy camper, come up for the auction day, which is Saturday, and go home Saturday evening.

Bring a few items for the auction. We prefer to have "nice" stuff, that works, and is not broken. If you have something special. Bring them up, and donate them to D&D. They will go to a new home, and be taken care of.

Bring your checkbook, or some cash, because I know there will be something you want to take home by bidding the highest.

You being there supports the efforts of the many that put so much into the Campout, organizational-wise.

There are many activities, from the International RC Car Extravaganza, to the lawn games, and the silent and live auction. There is even a square dance caller and he is easily coerced into calling a few tips. The food is great. The friendships are exquisite. The time spent is precious.

Harold and Jeanie Hughes will give you all the information that you need. I know they are part of the committee. That I know. One thing.

Just where does all that money go?



This is a test. Remember when we had a square dance honoring the persons serving in the Military, in November, 2010. Remember that we said we would donate to a cause, relative to the service personnel? Remember the Alamo? Well, forget the Alamo for now.

Larry Heesacker, Erv Stitz and Harold Hughes delivered the donation from the Dudes & Dolls to the Puget Sound Fisher House in Seattle. Shown above with the Dudes are Cecile Bagrow, Manager; Loraine Thomas, Assistant Manager. The donation totaled \$300 from our club, and \$227.65 from member donations.

The Fisher House Foundation provides a place for the wounded warriors to live. The Foundation builds the Fisher (18 so far) Houses and turns them over to the Department of Defense. Many large corporations donate to this cause as it is a direct help to a group that really deserves as much as we can do for them.

The Foundation has provided nearly 2.5 million nights of lodging, accommodating around 110,000 families, saving them \$90 million in lodging and associated expenses.

Thank heaven there are groups such as the Fisher House doing a yeomen's task. I wonder how many lives would be affected if they were not doing their job so well?

How many smiles are there at a Council Dance?



If you're not smiling, you're not square dancing! This picture is worth 1,000 words, and most of the words would be "smile". This was before the dancing started, so you can only image the laughing and grinning going on later, in the squares. A great time was had by all.