



## RICK'S NEWSLETTER

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a Healthy and  
Happy New Year**

### DECEMBER 2018 SPECIAL DANCES

**SATURDAY- DEC 22-TUCSON TWIRLERS-  
GET AWAY FROM SHOPPING DANCE  
BRING A GIFT TO SHARE**

**7 pm pre-rounds 7:30-9:30 Anita Froehlich  
Club Dance w Rick and Juanita-**

**SUNDAY- DEC 23- SONORAN STABLES  
CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DANCE  
2-4 Rick and Tom Crip followed by a potluck,  
party and hayride. Dress Warm**

**SUNDAY- DECEMBER 30-  
RICK A SHAYS ADVANCED 3-5 p.m.**

**SUNDAY- DECEMBER 30 Pre-New Years Eve  
SUNDAYS WITH RICK 6 p.m. Plus WS 7-8:30  
All Dancers- MS/New announced Plus  
8:30 HOT HASH (see ad for new 2019 format)**

### TWO NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCES

**GREEN VALLEY SQUARES 7-10  
GARY SHOEMAKE-CALLING-VAN ATTA'S CUEING  
CONOA HILLS SOCIAL CENTER- GREEN VALLEY,AZ**

**SARDASA 9 P.M TILL 2019  
RICK GITTELMAN-CALLING-  
ANITA FROEHLICH-CUEING-  
KATIE POPEI**

**SARDASA MEMBERS ARE FREE- (JOIN FOR \$5)  
BRING 2 CANS FOR THE FOOD BANK PLEASE!!!!!!**

**KICK OFF 2019 WITH  
TOM AND RICK  
SPECIAL DANCE AT SONORAN  
STABLES  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th 7-9:30  
ALL DANCERS WELCOM**

## GREEN VALLEY SQUARES

**Year Round** (guest callers when Rick is on tour)

**Conoa Hills Social Center**

**EVERY Monday w RICK-**

**6:30-7:00 Pre-Rounds**

**MS-WS 7-9 MS/3rd and last tip Plus**

**Rounds between tips Lynn and Bob Van Atta**

**FREE INTRO TO SQUARE DANCE PARTY JAN. 7 6:30**

**Daytime Schedule begins Jan. 7- Las Campanas**

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

**11:00 a.m Plus DBD WS/CLASS**

**1:00 p.m. Mainstream WS/CLASS**

**2:30 Beginner Class- (start 1/7)**

### DANCING BY DEFINITION by Rick Gittelman

Dancing by definition, aka as DBD is a term that you hear quite a bit in the dance world. Before the term, DBD, Callerlab used the term APD, all position dancing. More recently the terms, standard and non-standard application have been used. All of these terms are implied to mean the same thing. Dancing calls from other than what is considered the "normal," position.

The fact is almost all calls in square dancing are defined by position such as: centers, ends, leaders, trailers, in facers, out facers etc. and not by gender. Star through and slide through are a couple of examples that specifically mention boy and girl rolls. Although calls are defined by position many dancers only know how to dance the calls from specific position that are often related to as girl or boy positions. When danced from a different position it usually causes difficulty.

Understanding definitions of calls, being aware of your position in a formation and accepting the idea that it doesn't matter whether you are dancing boy or girl positions will help you to become a better dancer.

Dancing the opposite position, boy dancing as a girl or girl dancing as a boy is not the same as DBD. It will of course open up your mind to learn the opposite roll. Dancing DBD, all position or whatever you want to call it is being able to dance calls from many different positions and formations.

There are so many calls that come to mind here are a couple of examples. Here are some examples. **Scot back**- many dancers are used to dancing this from where all the boys or girls are facing in, meaning the same sex does the turn through part while the others do the flip part. This call can certainly be danced with a boy and girl doing the turn through and the others flipping. Another call that come to mind is **Walk and Dodge**-The boys do not always have to be the walkers and the girls do not have to be the dodgers. **Spin the top**- first of all you do not have to do a swing through first. The boys do not always have to be the ones moving up and the girls do not always have to be the casters. I often call things with all the girls together, all the boys together, mixed waves, left handed formations etc.

Many callers teach calls from one or very standard positions. I try to teach dances multiple positions and expose dancers to many formations, arrangements and situations that are not standard. By learning calls from many positions it is not only more interesting it makes dancers more rounded and more open minded.

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If you are learning a brand new call for the first time you do not even know what the standard position is, so really it does not make any difference. Trying to learn calls that you know from a new position is difficult because it feels completely different. I advocate learning calls from standard and non-standard positions.

When teaching dancers, whether it be beginners, mainstream, plus, advanced or challenge I always make sure that dances learn calls from many different positions.

I will be teaching two Plus workshops starting in January and as always I will be teaching by definition and from various positions. Come out and join the fun!!!!

**Sundays 5:30-7 at the Dance Center  
Mondays and Wednesdays 11 a.m.  
at Conoa Hissing Green Valley**

### **SUNDAY Night 2019 FORMAT**

**Singles-Couples WELCOME  
PLUS DBD Workshop 5:30-7**

**7:00-8:30 MS announced Plus  
8:30 HOT HASH TIP**

**Rick Gittelman Club Caller  
Guest Callers when Rick is on tour  
CASUAL DRESS OK all year  
OPSD CENTER-Dark 1/20/19**

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### **TUCSON TWIRLERS**

*FEATURING FUNTASTIC- INTERESTING PLUS  
7 pm Pre-Rounds- 7:30-9:30 Plus Dance Center  
RICK GITTELMAN and Featuring Guest CALLERS  
ANITA FROEHLICH CLUB CUER*

*SPRING 2019 SCHEDULE  
DARK JANUARY FOR FESTIVALS*

*FEB 2 SUPER SATURDAY SPECIAL DANCE  
3-5 ADVANCED –  
7 P.M. SQUARE DANCE AND CONTRA  
SPECIAL LIVE BAND  
CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCING TIPS*

*FEBRUARY 23 RODEO DANCE  
MARCH 9 ST PADDY DANCE WITH  
( RICK'S IRISH COUSIN PATRICK O'GITTELMAN)*

*MARCH 30 5TH SATURDAY SPECIAL*

*APRIL 13 FAREWELL TO RICK DANCE  
7:30-9:30(no PRE-ROUNDS )  
LAST DANCE BEFORE HIS TOUR-*

**WE LOST THREE SQUARE DANCE CALLER ICONS  
THIS PAST FALL  
FRANK LANE- MARSHALL FLIPPO -LEE KOPMAN  
SQUARE DANCING IS BETTER BECAUSE OF  
THEM AND WILL NEVER BE THE SAME  
WITHOUT THEM**

### **RICK CALLING IN CALIFORNIA**

**JANUARY 26 SHORELINE SQUARES- LONG BEACH  
MARCH 15 ICABOD SQUAES, GARDEN GROVE  
MARCH 16 SAN DIEGO SD ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO**

### **BUSTLE and BOOTS- FRIDAYS 7-9 MS/Plus ST. PAUL'S CHURCH – GLOBE**

**Featuring Guest Callers  
RICK CALLING FEB 22 and MARCH 29**

### **Thunder Mountain Squares Fridays 7-9 MS-Plus at 9**

**Sierra Vista Lutheran Church-Sierra Vista, AZ  
Featuring Guest Callers  
Rick Calling January 4, March 1, April 12**

**DON'T FORGET THE HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY- JANUARY 26-27, 2019  
W JERRY STORY- VAN ATTA'S CUEING ROUNDS**

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Tucson welcomes **Jay Henderson** from CALIFORNIA who will be calling at Western Whirlers- Jan. 8 w Dean and Rincon Country West January 9 w Bob- Van Attas cueing at both dances, Jerry Story at Sonoran Stables-Sunday afternoon Jan 27

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### **Advanced and C1 Dances**

**RICK A SHAYS 4-6 PM- ADV.  
Sundays 3-5 Rick Gittelman- Dance Center  
C1nders-C1 dance/WS Tuesdays 10-12-Dance Center  
Advanced Dance WS 9:30-11:30 Bob Asp RCW  
Merry Mixers Thursdays ADV. 10-12- Dance Center  
RON KOEHLER**

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**SIGN UP FOR THE  
2019 TUCSON FESTIVAL JAN18-20  
FEATURED CALLERS**

**ANDY ALLAMEO- JEFF PALMER  
FEATURED CUER BARB HAINES**

**3 separate ROOMS (no alternating tips)  
MS/PLUS/ADV-C1/workshops/Round Dancing  
GRAB A FLIER-GO TO THE SACCA WEBSITE**

**http://www.happydancing.us/sacca  
SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ONLINE SHORTLY**

**PRICE GOES UP JAN. 1, 2019**

**WE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU  
TO TAKE OUT AN AD or BOOSTER  
SACCA (Callers Association)**

**http://www.happydancing.us/sacca  
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SIGNED UP AND  
TAKEN ADS AND BOOSTERS- WE NEED AND  
APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT**

**ALL DANCING at ST PAUL'S UMC-8051 E. BROADWAY-TUCSON,AZ  
FREE PIZZA PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT/FREE DONUT DANCE SUNDAY MORNING  
2019 SACCA OFFICERS: Southern AZ Callers-Cuers Assoc.  
RICK GITTELMAN-PRES. TOM CRISP V.P. ANITA FROEHLICH SECT. –  
JUANITA PORTZ- TREAS. HARUE SWIFT- MEMBER at LARGE**

**TRAIL-IN DANCES FOR TUCSON FESTIVAL-**

SUNDAY- JANUARY 13 DANCE CENTER  
4PM ADVANCED -5:30 PLUS WS 7PM MS/PLUS

MONDAY- JANUARY 14 GREEN VALLEY SQUARES  
6:30 PRE ROUNDS- MS/PLUS 7-9 GITTELMAN/VAN ATTA

THURSDAY- JANUARY 17- SONORAN STABLES/  
7-9 ASP/CRISP SWINGING SAGUAROS  
SWINGING SAGUAROS- TANQUE VERDE LuthChurch  
7-9 MS- HANEY

**TRAIL OUT DANCE**

SUNDAY- JANUARY 20 VOYAGER RV PARK  
MS/PLUS – HANEY

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**SADDLEBROOK SQUARES ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

THURSDAY- JANUARY 25 LARRY KRABER  
DINNER JANUARY 27  
FOR MORE INFO GO ON ANNIVERSARY AND ALL  
DANCING AT SADDLEBROOK GO TO:  
[saddlebrooksquares.com](http://saddlebrooksquares.com)

For more Info. On all area clubs

<http://SARDASA.COM/>

*SARDASA is planning a weekend workshop with a  
professional mediator tentatively set for Feb.*

*Please contact David Flatt for more info\_*  
[flatt8@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flatt8@sbcglobal.net).

Grand Canyon Association-for Phoenix and North  
<http://www.azsquaredance.com/>

**JANUARY Beginner CLASSES**

GREEN VALLEY- Mon. and Wed. starts 1/7 LasCampanas  
FREE INTRO/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL- JAN 7 CANOA HILLS

SADDLEBROOK STARTS JAN 13th-give it whirl then  
continues on Sundays (go to website)

RINCON COUNTRY- Mondays 6-7:30 starts 1/14

TUC.TWIRLERS- Wednesday's 7:30-9:30 starts 1/23

**MAINSTREAM CONDENSED WEEKEND**

JANUARY 11-13 GREEN VALLEY  
FOR CURRENT MAINSTREAM STUDENTS  
CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFO

**BLAST CLASS SONORAN STABLES**

JAN. 11-13 BEGINNERS- CONTACT TOM CRISP

Let's keep the following dancers in our thoughts and wish them a  
full and speedy recovery.

Bob Jackson---- Barbara Snyder-----Judy Stewart

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to inform you of Rick's news and area square dance schedules  
and news. Your comments information and event listings are  
welcome. If you want me to list your special dance or event  
please email me. PLEASE SEND ME FEEDBACK, I WANT TO  
HEAR YOUR OPINIONS

Deadline for next issue **JANUARY 21, 2018**

**HAPPY DANCING  
RICK GITTELMAN**



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