
Guide to the

CIRCLE I SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUB SCRAPBOOKS

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Historical Sketch

The Circle I Square and Round Dance Club was organized in 1947 under the name Wagon Wheels. During its early years, the club met and conducted dances in the Community House, which is located at Jefferson and Second Streets in downtown Irving, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Rufus McClung served as the club's first caller. The purpose of the club is two-fold: "to promote square and round dancing as a recreational activity and maintain this according to high standards" and "to promote fellowship and friendship among those interested in square and round dancing."

In 1952, the club changed names to the Circle I Square and Round Dance Club, and Bob Wilson became the caller. During this time, the club began meeting in one of the local school buildings. In 1963, the club became part of the Irving Parks and Recreation Department. Also, during 1963, the club employed a new caller, Harper Smith, and began meeting on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. For most of the ensuing years, the club held its dances in the Lee Park Recreation Center in Irving. In May of 1994, the meeting site was changed to Senter Park East. After 44 years of calling, Harper Smith retired in June 1994. Ray Savell has been the caller since 1994.

For many years, Circle I has sponsored annual square dance lessons. In order to promote the lessons, the club puts on a dance demonstration in the Irving Mall. In addition to its twice-monthly meetings, the club travels to dances held by other square dance clubs and holds an annual Halloween costume party square dance. Members of the group also organize trips around the country, which are both square-dance and non-square-dance related.

The average club membership is approximately thirty couples. The club is open to all over 18 years of age, with the approval of the board and the completion of fifteen square-dance lessons or equivalent experience.

The club has established an internet web site which can be found at:
<http://www.members.aol.com/dblstep98/index.html>

Source:

The Circle I Square and Round Dance Club Scrapbooks, 1947-2002.

Mr. Burts Kennedy, club president

Scope and Content Note

The collection presently consists of ten scrapbooks encompassing the years 1947-2004 and is contained in nine flat boxes. The Circle I Square and Round Dance Club is still active and will continue to produce scrapbooks, which will be added to the collection as they are donated. The scrapbooks are made up, primarily, of photographs, member rosters, dance student rosters, and newspaper clippings. Throughout the collection, but not necessarily found in all volumes, are activity announcements, clippings from newsletters, obituaries, and brief summaries of the year's events. The volumes are in excellent condition and have been left intact, so the club may use them as needed.

Volume 1 spans the greatest length of time from 1947-1990. The records from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s are sparse. Primarily, these early records consist of photocopies of membership rosters from the late 1950s and late 1960s. Subjects in most of the photos in the scrapbook are identified.

The remaining volumes cover the years 1990-1993; 1993-1995; 1995-1997; 1998-1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2002-03; and 2003-04. The club year runs from July through June, and this is reflected in volumes 1, 2, and 3. Volume 4, however, ends with December 1997, and volume 5 begins with January 1998 and ends with December 1999. Volume six covers the year 2000. Volumes seven and eight cover the years 2001 and 2002, respectively. Volumes nine and ten cover the club year of 2002-03 and 2003-04. The later volumes contain brief summaries of the year's events. Clippings from Promenade, a newsletter, detailing the club's monthly activities, are found in volumes 3 and 4. Clippings from Circle I, a newsletter, appear in volume 5. Also found in volume 5 are the club's constitution and by-laws. The subjects in the photos in these albums are also identified. Volumes 6-10 consist of photos of Circle I dances and events such as trips and holiday parties. Also included are event announcements and membership rosters and officer rosters. Most of the photos are identified. Volume 7 also includes photos from the clubs' 50th anniversary celebration.

Provenance Statement

The Circle I Square and Round Dance Club Scrapbooks were donated to the Irving Archives in five accessions. Accession number 9798-47, consisting of Volumes 1, 2 and 3, was donated to the Archives in January 1998. Club historian Chris Adams, handled the

donation. Accession number 9900-75, consisting of Volumes 4 and 5, was donated to the Archives in March 2000. Accession number 0001-151, consisting of volume 6, was donated to the Archives in July 2001. Accession number 0203-265, consisting of Volumes 7 and 8, was donated to the Archives in July 2003. Mary Evans, club historian, handled these three accessions. Accession number 0506-100 was donated to the Archives in February 2006 by club historian Paula Martin. Prior to their donation to the Irving Archives, the scrapbooks were in the possession of the club's historians.

Literary Rights Statement

Permission to publish from the Circle I Square and Round Dance Club Scrapbooks must be obtained from the Irving Archives, Irving Public Library.

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