

1. Hello Dancers,

This Sunday is a day that many of our new dancers are looking forward to. It's their chance to test their newly acquired dance skills with dancers from all over the region. The Green Mountain Callers Association is working hard again this year to provide a great experience for our newest dancers.

Few, if any, of the new dancers will see this email. Through this email, we are attempting to reach the dancers who we need for a successful event. If the experienced dancers turn out in large numbers, the new people will be more successful and will have a great time. This is the best possible way of demonstrating how much fun this activity can be. What better way could there be to help with retention of new dancers?

Courtesy Banners

Every club with dancers in attendance will receive a courtesy banner from the Green Mountain Callers Association. The club with the most dancers in attendance will receive a banner that is already mounted in a frame for display at the home club dances.

Purple Heart Awards

Again this year, Purple Heart Awards will be given to those dancers who dance a tip with three callers in their square. If you received one of these awards last year, you'll want to do it again this year. The Purple Heart dangle that you will receive with your certificate will include engraving to make it distinctive. If you support this dance every year you can collect a set of distinctive dangles, each showing the year that you received it.

When and Where?

The dance is this Sunday, January 16, and starts at 1:00PM at the St. Monica School, 79 Summer Street, Barre, VT. A flyer is attached as a .pdf file with more details. You can use Adobe Reader to open the file.

The Refreshment Table

Last year we had a really large spread of great food. The dancers brought most of the food and we're asking you to do the same this year. Please send us a note to let us know what you plan to bring. If you have new dancers in your club who will be attending, please let them know how to contribute and give them some guidance on what to consider bringing.

The Callers

All callers are members of the Green Mountain Callers Association: Bucky Tenney (GMCA President), Al Monty, Betty Williams, Darrell Sprague, Peter Tobin, Larry Williams, and Bob Grant.

The Cuers

Between each caller's set, one round dance will be cued. Some of the new dancers will be seeing

round dancing for the first time. The cuers are Bucky Tenney, Joyce Tenney and Bob Grant.

The Call List

In anticipation of this event, the callers running classes have been working to make sure every new dancer has learned the calls needed to succeed at this dance. We are encouraging everyone to consider either bringing a group to this dance, or just bring your self. The goal is to support our new dancers and try to make sure they have a great dancing experience. This will have an impact on their decision to continue in the activity, or not. If we can populate the dance floor with a strong turnout of experienced dancers, the new people will have more fun and a much better dancing experience.

Tell Us If You're Coming

If your club will have dancers in attendance, please let us know so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you!

... Green Mountain Callers Association (Visit our web site:

<http://www.greenmountaincallers.org/>)

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