

First Thirty years 1954 - 1984

1954 - Early in 1954 a group of Callers from the new Callers Association (1952) met with Presidents of about 11 Clubs in the area, to start an Association for Square Dancers ONLY. On May 30, such an organization was started, called the "Northern California Square Dance Association" but was soon changed to prevent confusion, to (ASDSC) Associated Square Dancers of Superior California.

Kermit Paul was elected President but had to resign and Harry Bennett was appointed to fill the spot and became the First ASDSC President.

July 31 – 1st ASDSC Fifth Saturday Dance at Governor's Hall, State Fairgrounds, Sacramento. September 2 -12 the 1st State Fair Dancing and the 1st ASDSC dues was \$5.00 per Club.

1955 - May 30 – 1st Anniversary – Square Dancing was not doing well and most Clubs were not dancing. Francis Moore became the 2nd ASDSC President.

January 29 – 2nd ASDSC Fifth Saturday Dance.

1956 - 2nd Anniversary had Ira Samuels as the 3rd ASDSC President with 4 officers, 5 district Directors, 19 Clubs and Caller. Square Dancing began to improve.

February 1 – The First ASDSC Roster was completed listing Clubs and their President, Secretary and Caller.

February 19 – A State Council Dance was proposed. March 1 – 1st ASDSC Membership Card issued, 1st ASDSC Banner approved, 1st ASDSC Newsletter for Clubs issued.

1957 - Bill Stapp became the 4th ASDSC President with 4 officers, 6 directors and 28 member Clubs.

January 13 – New ASDSC Badges were issued to all officers (State shape) and the 1st Insurance Director was appointed.

1958 - Burt Lancaster was elected 5th ASDSC President with 5 officers, 6 Directors and 30 member Clubs

Continued Fifth Saturday Dances and State Fair Dancing.

1959 – Darrell & Bess Beaver were installed as the 6th ASDSC Presidents, this was the first time a couple was permitted to be president. There were 4 officers, 6 Directors for 30 member Clubs.

March 20 – 1st State Square Dance Convention in Sacramento (6th).

1960 - Melvin & Wanda Hull became the 7th ASDSC President with 7 Officers, 6 Directors and 40 member Clubs.

October 29 – 1st Sacramento Valley Harvest Hoedown, Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento, a one-day event sponsored by ASDSC.

1961 - Presidents were Floyd & Jeanne Johnson, the 8th for ASDSC with 8 Officers, 7 Directors for 44 Member Clubs

1st ASDSC magazine was issued in March, “The Squarecaster” produced by Square Dancers. 1st All Nite “Hoot Owl” Dance, April 8, sponsored by Starlite Shufflers. October 8 was the 2nd ASDSC Harvest Hoedown, a one-day event sponsored by Rockets & Locketts and ASDSC at Aerojet.

Fifth Saturday Dances and State Fair Dancing continues.

1962 - Ray & India Smith became the 9th ASDSC President, 9 Officers 7 District Directors with 40 Member Clubs.

February 1 – 1st Day & Night Dance at Governor’s Hall, State Fairgrounds.
March – 1st Anniversary of the “Squarecaster Magazine” doing fine.
June 30 – 1st Squaw Valley Weekend, October 10 – ASDSC increased to 10 Districts, October 27-28 – ASDSC Harvest Hoedown became a two-day event at Memorial Auditorium, Sacramento.

1963 - The 10th ASDSC President was Bud & Marilyn Rae, 8 Officers, 10 District Directors with 63 Member Clubs.

April 1 – There are 16 Associations in the California Square Dance Council.
September 17 – The ASDSC Scrambling Squares Activity is started.

1964 - Ben & Betty Lewis were elected the 11th ASDSC President with 8 Officers, 10 District Directors for 47 Member Clubs.

February 29 – 1st Scrambling Square Badges presented at the Fifth Saturday Dance. May 30 – ASDSC celebrates its’ 10th Anniversary.

1965 - The 12th ASDSC President was Ray & Barbara Johnston, 8 Officers, 10 District Directors for 40 Member Clubs.

May 1 – ASDSC Host California Square Dance Council in Sacramento.
May 31 – Free Dance at State Fairgrounds, sponsored by ASDSC and the Caller Association to promote Square Dancing.
June 1 – ASDSC Blood Bank started. December 8 – Squarecaster incorporated.

1966 - The 13th ASDSC President was Jerry & Viola Doud with 8 Officers, now 11 District Directors and 50 Member Clubs.

May 30 – 1st ASDSC Badge Board completed for display

July 30-31 – Last Squaw Valley Weekend

September 8 – 2nd free ASDSC Dance at State Fairgrounds

1967 - Kirby & Jolene Humble elected 14th ASDSC President, 7 Officers, and 11 District Directors for 65 Member Clubs.

The ASDSC Scrap Book was started; local Callers became the Square Dance Callers Association of Sacramento Valley.

July 15-16 – 1st ASDSC Fun Weekend, Grass Valley Fairgrounds.

September 30 – New ASDSC Banner (2nd) presented at 5th Saturday Dance.

1968 - 1st Inaugural Ball, February 4 for the 15th ASDSC President Kirby & Jolene Humble (2nd) term at Winston Churchill School, Carmichael.

Installed were 8 Officers, 11 District Directors for 60 Member Clubs. New ASDSC Officer Badges (2nd badge) were pinned on all.

June 1 – The ASDSC 1870 Dancers performs for a movie in Amador.

July-August – ASDSC Dancers from all clubs dance at various fairs.

November 14 – An Appreciation Dance was held for San Juan School District.

1969 - Del & Dessie Weatherford became the 16th ASDSC President, January 1 at the 2nd ASDSC Inaugural Ball held in Royer Park, Roseville, California (February 2)

There were 9 Officers, 11 Districts Directors and 58 Member Clubs.

February 15 – ASDSC hosts California Square Dance Council in Sacramento

1970 - Del & Dessie Weatherford re-elected for 2nd term as the 17th ASDSC President with 9 Officers, 11 districts for 60 Member Clubs.

ASDSC Member Clubs continue dancing at Shopping Centers, Fairs and during Square Dance Week to promote Square Dancing.

1971 - The 18th ASDSC President, Ernie & Mary Hovey with 9 Officers, 11 District Directors for 58 Member Clubs.

June 12 – 1st Square Dance with live music in this Association with the “Ghost Town Echoes” sponsored by Starlite Shufflers.

1972 - Sam & Faye Mabry became the 19th ASDSC President with 9 Officers, 8 Committees, 11 District Directors and 61 Member Clubs.

July 21-23 – 1st Tahoe Jamboree, South Lake Tahoe sponsored by the Tahoe Twirlers.

1973 - Sam & Faye Mabry elected for 2nd term as 20th ASDSC President with 9 Officers, 9 Committees, and 11 District Directors for 62 Member Clubs.

September 2 – Another Free ASDSC Dance at Cal-Expo to promote Square Dancing.

1974 - A new year brought Doy & Dot Dickinson as ASDSC 21st President, 9 Officers, 8 Committees, and 11 District Directors for 57 Member Clubs

May 30 – 20th Anniversary of ASDSC – 1954 – 1974, to continue All ASDSC programs, Inaugural Ball, 5th Saturday dances, Scrambling Squares, Fun Weekend and Harvest Hoedown.

November 17 – 1st Local Callers Association “Caller Jamboree”

1975 - Everett & Margaret Adams became the 22nd ASDSC President with 10 Officers, 9 Committees, and 11 District Directors for 57 Member Clubs.

January 5 – 8th Inaugural Ball

September 9 – ASDSC dances in Old Sacramento on Admission Day

1976 - Everett & Margaret Adams elected for a 2nd term as 23rd ASDSC President. 10 Officers, 10 Committees, 11 District Directors for 65 Member Clubs.

July-August – Street dancing in Nevada City and Old Sacramento and continue to dance at Fairs.

October 29-31 – Starlite Stumblers perform at 17th Harvest Hoedown.

1977 - On January 2nd Doy & Dot Dickinson return for a 2nd term as 24th ASDSC President. We now have 19 Districts & Directors, 12 Officers, and 13 Committees for 62 Member Clubs.

April 15-17 – The 6th California State Square Dance Convention is held in Sacramento. The Silhouettes, a teenage group, from Sacramento perform at Convention

September 6-10 – ASDSC Members work at Cal-Expo taking up black-top to make way for a Square Dance Slab.

1978 - George & Aileen Walthers were elected 25th ASDSC President; there was no Inaugural Ball this year, just an installation at the meeting and a dance.

May 13 – ASDSC hosts the California Square Dance Council
September 21-25 – ASDSC Members dance on New Slab at Cal-Expo

1979 - 25th Anniversary of ASDSC and George & Aileen Walthers return for a 2nd term as 26th President.

January 6 – Inaugural Ball returns to install 22 Officers & committees in 10 Districts with 16 Directors and 58 Member Clubs.

April 22-24 – The 9th California State Square Dance Convention held at Convention Center, Starlite Stumblers perform.

1980 - Wesley & Carol Lundquist became the 27th ASDSC President.

January 6 – Inaugural Ball, Dance and Spaghetti Dinner to install 12 Officers, 11 Committees, 13 District Directors for 19 districts and 58 Member Clubs.

July 27 – ASDSC Members dance at Pear Fair in Courtland, California
August 18-22 – Dancing at State Fair, Cal- Expo Sacramento, California
October 23-25 – 22nd Harvest Hoedown moves to Fairgrounds, Roseville.

1981 - Wesley & Carol Lundquist re-elected for 2nd term as 28th ASDSC President.

January 4 – The 13th Inaugural Ball, Dinner and Dance was held at Royer Park, Roseville, California to install 16 Officers & committees, now 20 Districts and Directors for 56 Member Clubs.

March 4 – ASDSC votes to return to State Council as a Member Association
April 3-4 1st Western Slope Square Dance Weekend, Plymouth, sponsored by District 20 Member Clubs.

May 30 – 1st Hoot Owl Dance sponsored by the local Callers Association.
August 20-27 – Last Square Dancing at the State Fair, Cal-Expo.

1982 - Everett & Margaret Adams return for a 3rd term as 29th ASDSC President.

January 3 – Inaugural Ball at Royer Park to install 20 Officers & committees, 14 District Directors for 20 Districts and 56 Member Clubs

March 7-28 – 1st ASDSC Styling Clinic held in Sacramento.
June 2 – Square Dancing becomes the National Folk Dance of America.
1st Lake Tahoe Square Dance Fall Jubilee, Tahoe City, District 19.

1983 - The 30th ASDSC President was Cal & Nancy Challand

January 2 – Inaugural Ball, Dance and Spaghetti Dinner to install 21 Officers and committees, 15 District Directors in 20 Districts for 62 Member Clubs.

March 13 – New (the 3rd) ASDSC Badges approved (Oval in gold & black)

April 17 – 1st Hall Raisin Test Dance for possible Square Dance Building/

September 11 – New ASDSC Jackets approved & New ASDSC Bumper Stickers approved for All Square Dancers.

September 17 – The “Scrambling Squares” program completes 20 years.

1984 - Cal & Nancy Challand take 2nd term as ASDSC 31st President with 21 Officers and committees in 20 districts with 16 District Directors and 58 Member Clubs.

ASDSC is 30 years old on May 30

March 31 – Marks 30 years of 5th Saturday dances sponsored by ASDSC.

April 1 – Easter Seal Benefit at Country Club Center backed by ASDSC.

May 8 – Danced at State Capitol to promote Square Dancing as State Dance

May 12 - ASDSC host California Square Dance Council meeting.

There are now 23 Associations in the California Square Dance Council

July-August – Continue dancing at Fairs around ASDSC Area.

October 26-28 – 25th Annual Harvest Hoedown, Fairgrounds, Roseville

1985 – This begins the ASDSC 31st year to promote Square Dancing in the Sacramento and surrounding areas.

January 6 – Fred & Sharon Harmon were installed 32nd ASDSC President at an Inaugural Ball, Dance and Dinner at Royer Park, Roseville. They were joined by 18 Officers & committees in 20 districts with 12 Districts Directors for 58 Member Clubs.

The Member Club Association dues is now \$2.75 per person per year.

Our thanks to George and Connie Williams for their contribution in keeping our history.