

## *Norman Silver Spur History*

In the late 1940's Lois Dougherty, a Norman resident who worked at the Rexall Drug Store, became interested in starting a square dance club. She asked "everyone that came in the store" and they in turn asked their friends. They practiced in homes, with the ones who already knew how to square dance teaching the others, and sometimes Claude "Corney" Cornelison instructed. At times there were as many as eight squares practicing to records in the basement of the homes of Roy and Carmen Adkins or Charles and Raye Hollingsworth.

The Norman Silver Spur Square Dance Club began in September of 1948 with 49 couples as charter members. They met the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and also on Saturday nights to practice or to visit other clubs. At their regular dances they danced 12 sets consisting of three singing calls each. In the early 50's this was changed to 8 sets. Dances were held at "Teen Town", a dance hall then existing in the downtown Norman. Other locations over the years included a dance hall on Campus Corner; a barn on Bob Barbour's farm; an upper hall in the tower on North Base; the Locket Hotel around 1956; the IOOF hall 1965 to 1972; and the Canadian Shores mobile home park recreation hall until late 1980 when they began dancing at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Corney & Gladys Cornelison were the first club callers and the music was live, with Ernie Schader on the fiddle and the Allard Boys on the bass and guitar.

Bill & Charline Pappan were hired around 1951 and called for the club until 1977.

Andy Green called for a year until illness force him to quit.



The club then hired Don & Annie Bratcher who called from November 1978 to May of 1980 when they moved to Eufala.



There were guest callers for about 6 months then Oliver & Carol Copeland were hired.



Orbie & Mary Griffin became the club caller in March of 1983. He called for the club for 15 years.



Danny & Carolyn Smith became the club's caller after Orbie's sudden death just days before the club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Danny called for the club until May of 2005 when his health forced him to retire from calling.



Bob Thomas was chosen as the club caller in June of 2005 and along with his partner Melissa Harrison currently serves as the club's caller.

### *Charter Members*

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Mr. & Mrs. James R. Adair  
Mr. & Mrs. Ozro O. Allman  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Barbour  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Boeskin  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Burton  
Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Claunch  
Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Dees  
Mr. & Mrs. L.A. Dougherty  
Mr. & Mrs. Key Durkee  
Mr. & Mrs. George Fitch  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Gois  
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Goodno  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hemphill  
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Holland  
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Jameson  
Mr. & Mrs. Al Loffelholz  
Mr. & Mrs. V.F. Merek  
Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Murrell  
Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Nelson  
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Rhea  
Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Schiermeyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Starzer  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Stowe  
Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Wathen  
Mr. & Mrs. Chet Whittlesey

Mr. & Mrs. Robert C Adair  
Mr & Mrs. Roy L Atkins  
Mr. & Mrs. George Boeskin  
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Burch  
Mr. & Mrs. Claude B. McCaleb  
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Cordell  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Dickenson  
Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Durkee  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Estes  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Friedlander  
Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Grimwood  
Mr. & Mrs. Decker Hawk  
Mr. & Mrs. D.V. Hester  
Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Hollingsworth  
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Lebow  
Mr. & Mrs. G.D. Maddox  
Mr. & Mrs. F.K. Mosely  
Mr. & Mrs. W.P. Murrell  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles O'Brien  
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Sassor  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth C. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Starzer  
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace (Tate) Taylor  
Mr. & Mrs. Jess Waters

## *Past Presidents*

1948 Organizing Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Wathen

### **January to June**

1949 Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Wathen  
1950 W.T. Jameson  
1951 Jerre Anderson  
1952 Vernon Sasser  
1953 Cecil Lanier  
1954 Vincent & Pauline Marek  
1955 Ben & Lea Clark  
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1957 Dick & Joyce Goldsby  
1958 Weldon & Billie Scroggins  
1959 John & Alice McHughes  
1960 Sam & Mavis Setzer  
1961 J.D. & Alma Davis  
1962 Bill & Elsie Marler  
1963 John & Alice McHughes  
1964 Ray & Flo Milam  
1965 Leroy & Wanda Haskins  
1966 Jim & Geneva Clark  
1967 Billie D. & Jean Long  
1968 Ed & Mary Garling  
1969 Vernon L. & Lillie Evans  
1970 Cecil O. & Eadie Morrison  
1971 George B. & Mabel Samples  
1972 Ed & Doris Williams  
1973 Jack & Wanda McHughes  
1974 Gary R. & Reba Swinney  
1975 Bobby Cummings & Kitty Agnew  
1976 Jerry & Vivian Arnold  
1977 Jim & Shirley Gonoude  
1978 Jerry & Vivian Arnold  
1979 Jerry & Vivian Arnold  
1980 Hood & Lucille Donaldson  
1981 Tom & Cindy Harmon  
1982 Don & Pearla Allison  
1983 Tom & Cindy Harmon  
1984 Guy & Pat Basham  
1985 Bill & Betty Tankersley  
1986 Elroy & Esther Rice  
1987 Tony & Kathy Estes  
1988 Ray & Jaunita Stewart  
1989 Vernon & Teresa Robertson

### **July to December**

Mr. & Mrs W.T. Jameson  
Earl Hensched  
Vernon Sasser  
Walt Bennett  
Burrell Lewis  
Bill & Charlene Pappan  
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Dick & Joyce Goldsby  
Glen & Helen Todd  
Leo & Mildred Slayer  
Bob & Maxine Sawyer  
Les & Jonice Webb  
Hop & Doris Kleim  
Bill & Elsie Marler  
Floyd & Willie Leveridge  
Jack & Wanda McHughes  
Bob & Charlotte Graham  
Charles E. & Ann Hughes  
Pat & Linda Walls  
John & Alice McHughes  
C.W. & Margaret Crossley  
George B. & Mabel Samples  
Bill & Reta Henderson  
Joe B. Ellis  
Joe B. Ellis & Vivian Jones  
Zander & Bea Willcox  
Jerry & Vivian Arnold  
Jack & Wanda McHughes  
Don & Pearla Allison  
Ed & Mary Garling  
Jack & Wanda McHughes  
Perry & Katherina Harmon  
Jerry & Yvonne Arnold  
Perry & Katherina Harmon  
George & Terry Snodgrass  
Perry & Katherina Harmon  
Hood & Lucille Donaldson  
Perry & Katherina Harmon  
Danny & Carolyn Smith  
Don & Ann Stagner  
Ed & Mary Garling

1990	Danny & Carolyn Smith	Allen & Gayle Butler
1991	Ron & Linda Knickerbocker	Don & Sally Polk
1992	Allen & Gayle Butler	Lloyd & Eloise Adams
1993	Danny & Carolyn Smith	Ed & Mary Garling
1994	Lloyd & Eloise Adams	Gene & Dana Miller
1995	Ed & Mary Garling	Danny & Carolyn Smith
1996	Lucille Donaldson	Perry & Katherina Harmon
1997	Stephen & Mary Walsh	Danny & Carolyn Smith
1998	Allen & Gayle Butler	Allen & Gayle Butler
1999	Lucille Donaldson	Ed & Mary Garling
2000	Eliose Adams	Lucille Donaldson
2001	Ed & Mary Garling	Bill & Reatha Schlegel
2002	Eliose Adams	Morris & Janice Walker
2003	Ed & Mary Garling	Eliose Adams
2004	Ed & Mary Garling	Eliose Adams
2005	Morris & Janice Walker	Morris & Janice Walker
2006	Bill & Reatha Schlegel	Bill & Reatha Schlegel
	<i>*Term of President changed to 1 Year with By-Law Change</i>	
2007*	Eliose Adams	
2008	Morris & Janice Walker	
2009	Bill & Reatha Schlegel	