



The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

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Dear Wednesday Dancers:

You may have noticed that fewer new round dances are available with records. Music may be all around us, but to hold it in tangible form in your hands is getting harder and harder.

On the internet, round dance discussion groups lament that so few round dances presented this summer at the National Square Convention came with easily obtainable music (i.e., no records).

This is all part of the "Napster" fallout about copyrights. "Copying" a song off a CD without permission means infringing on a copyright owner's right to sell that music. The record companies are aggressively tracking down unlicensed copying of music and bringing legal action.

This is becoming such a problem that Roundalab asked Sandi & Dan to present a seminar at this year's convention on Music Availability.

For a choreographer to make copies of music to pass out with his or her cue sheets, the law requires obtaining two licenses. The first is easy to obtain online for \$40. The second license requires negotiations directly with the record company. Hardly anyone is doing that because it is almost impossible to do.

Many new cuesheets will tell you what the music is, and you have to find it, at greater cost than the old \$5 records. Cuesheets may also begin telling you to download music from an internet source. If you are computer literate, you can get it cheap enough—79 to 99 cents a copy—but not all good dance music is available. You may also soon encounter dances written to "midi" (computer made) music.

Some choreographers may still risk making CDs or mini-disks, but the penalties are stiff for copyright infringement. Obviously, there will be more to come about this topic.



Days of Our Lives

Birthdays:

Margaret Shirley	8/1
Marie Marlow	8/3
Svea Larson	8/4
Jean Magro	8/5
Rick de la Torre	8/12
Carol Rhyne	8/15
Mickey Marshall	8/29
Audrey Pecor	9/5
Joe Myers	9/21
Patricia Michaud	9/24
Stella LaRose	9/25
MaryanneW.	9/29
Louise Pewsey	10/1
Dan Finch	10/3
Clara Marshall	10/13
Russ LaRose	10/27
Tom Tsai	10/28

Anniversaries:

Chuck & Fran	8/10
Malcolm & Audrey	8/14
Bob & Lorraine	8/17
Howard & Sally	9/19
Dan & Sandi	10/16

2nd Annual County Fair Bake-off & Other Recent Themes

Sally Davis' Coconut Concoction won our 2nd Annual County Fair Bake-off this year. Challenging in second place was Patricia Michaud with her Peaches and Cream Bars.

We don't have big purses for our winners. They got lots of appreciation from eaters when break time comes and a set of "star" cookie cutters for the winner and candy molds for second.

The judges were Wendell Ebling, Joe Myers and Bob DuFault.

We are never at a loss for a reason to party on Wednesday night!

Tonight is a Salute to Polyester! After all, where would we be if Dupont

had not started producing that stuff 50 years ago—in 1953? Forget the '70s men's leisure suits, pale blue or otherwise. Polyester fills our lives with

DON'T FORGET: LABOR DAY POTLUCK DANCE

Mark your calendar for Dan & Sandi's Labor Day Potluck Round Dance Party on Labor Day (Sept. 1) at the Imperial Ballroom, 114 E. Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton.

Bring whatever pleases your palate and come dance. Phase 4, 5 and 6, all cued. The hall is air-conditioned. Time: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

easy-care clothing, tires, balloons, x-ray film, pillow stuffing, sleeping bags, disposable water bottles, and more. It even made possible some new slang: "dress casual" and "wash and wear."

We celebrated Bob Hope's 100th birthday in May, without him, of course, and Tim Todd and Patricia Michaud demo-ed "Thanks for the Memories."

A special thanks to Alice Nackard for the stickers we cut up for the 4th of July party, which many wore through the night! And thank you, Russ and Stella LaRose, for conducting the patriotic sing-a-long.

