

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



BRIAN COGBURN



JIMMY BIVENS

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SUNDAY, November 2, 2025



**Let The Horses
Run
1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Followed by the
"The Hall of
Famers"**

**DON'T MISS THIS! GONNA BE
A GREAT SHOW!**

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**FREE DANCE
LESSONS
With Admission @
12:00 pm**



Letter from The Editor



What can I say, our Hall of Fame was a great success once again. Even though we shortened the weekend up due to lack of interest on Friday night. It seemed like it was a long enough for all of our folks to get their dancing in. Our inductee's sure felt honored and were generous enough to play for all the dancers through the weekend. I'm sure everyone was tired after all the dancing and playing.

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WESTERN SWING SOCIETY
PRESENTS

\$10 at the Door

Let the Horses Run

Sunday, November 2, 2025 12pm-5pm

Dance Lessons*Live Music*Jam Room*50/50Raffle

12pm-1pm Dance Lesson with Dave
1pm-3pm Let the Horses Run
3pm-5pm Hall of Famers Band

Food and Drink available for purchase

Machinist Hall
2749 Sunrise Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA

**TIME CHANGE THIS
DANCE! PLEASE SET
YOUR CLOCKS BACK!**

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Hall of Fame ; Carol Spiker

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One of the highlights of the weekend came on Sunday when Alicia Fox came up with the idea



of ordering pizza after the food court closed. What a hit! Ralph Chase made the order and even though Scrappy was so worn out he opened the bar so folks could order drinks. Of course the dance went on.

Another highlight of the weekend was our silent auction. We had lots of contributors but Carol Spicker was not only in-charge but also contributed so much stuff to WSS. Thank you Carol. More on Page 6.

Hopefully the Board of Directors and I can make plans for our Hall of Fame a little earlier next year.. Please get your ideas in to me about the dance and any ideas for future inductees.

Please pay close attention to the flyers the next edition. We have a chance to participate in a food drive and toy drive this year. What a great cause and it is my understanding that checks will be accepted.



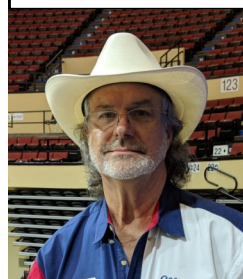
This month we have "Let The Horses Run" playing for us. The "Hall of Famers" will follow. We are so fortunate to have all these musicians donate their time



and talent to us. We have such great volunteers at WSS and I'll always thank our folks for coming in to support our Society.



JAM ROOM JAMMERS



We'd like to have you write to us about your experience if you play in the jam room or go in to listen.

We'll share your comments here in this column. Just send your thoughts to ronnie.elkan@gmail.com or send us a letter via snail mail. In the meantime we'll list the players who joined us last month.

Come in and join in, you can listen or sign up to play and/or sing. Are "Hall of Fame" hosts, Brad Barnett and Dave Rietz will be there to welcome you!

COME IN AND JAM



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Deadline for Submittals:

All items, photographs, articles, and ad's are due to the Editor no later than the 10th of the month.

BRIAN COGBURN

Inducted October 4, 2025



Brian was born and raised in Modesto California where he showed an interest in music at a very young age of 7. He started taking private drum lessons at the age of 8 from a local accomplished jazz drummer until he was about 10 years old. Brian wanted to join the school band at that time but because of a school rule, Brian had to learn a

stringed instrument the first year of school band.

Brian chose the violin and within a few months was in private lessons recommended by his school band teacher. For 2 years Brian was classically trained but turned his love of violin music into the fiddle style. Brian grew up playing in Church where he learned his skill and got interested in other styles of music. Brian loved country music and started learning the fiddle parts from

albums like George Strait, Merle Haggard, and Ray Price. It wasn't long before Brian was entering fiddle contests all over California. By the age of 21, Brian had won 3 Northern Regional Championships, 3 State Championships and was named Fanciest Fiddler in Weiser Idaho at the National Fiddle Championships.

At the age of 17, Brian joined a local band who was opening up shows all over California for artists such

as Merle Haggard, George Jones, Vince Gill and other numerous country artists. At the age of 22, Brian got a call to audition with Curb Recording Artist David Kersh. After his audition, Brian got the call to tour with Kersh and his band for the Fall of 1997

Brian has worked with Johnny Rodriguez, Hank Thompson, The Sons of the San Joaquin and Ty Herndon

Brian is now married with two daughters in college where he runs his own coffee distributing business while living in Oakdale. Brian enjoys playing music locally while spending time with his family.

**JIMMY "WAYLAND" BIVENS**Died September 5, 2012,
Inducted October 6, 2002

Wayland's music career started at the age of four. His mother Audie placed a fiddle in his hands and he never looked back. He took fiddle and guitar lessons from her.

As a Bandleader he played Clubs, Fairs, Dances and many other venues. He

traveled the world during the Korean War, playing Western Swing and entertaining the troops with the U.S.O. Shows.

After that service, Wayland was a Bandleader and played a few of the "Danceland Clubs" in Odessa and Amarillo, Texas for four years. He also played a stint with the Legendary Bob Wills. Leaving Texas, he moved his family to the Northwest where he played in Lewiston and Clarkston, Idaho for five years at "The Paradise Club" and "The Stables". He then traveled south to the San Diego area where for five years he led and played in "The Westerner", a ten-piece western swing band.

Wayland's next stop found him playing for Billy Mize at the "Foothill Club" in Long Beach. That show lasted nine years.

His last Club job was at Lloyd Hickey's El Rancho in West Sacramento where he played for three years, opening for Tammy Wynette, Buck Owens, Jerry Lee Lewis, Faron Young, Hank Thompson, Hank Snow, Ricky Nelson, and other famous stars. During his career, Wayland ap-

peared at The GRAND OL' OPRY, on the "Traveling HEE HAW Show", and had performances with Little Jimmy Dickens, Webb Pierce, Charley Pride and many, many others.

He finally lived in Kalispell, Montana, where he played for the local church. When western swing bands came through town, Wayland was invited to sit in with the bands for a set or two. Jimmy Bivens passed away on September 5th, 2012, in Kalispell.





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<http://westernswingsociety.net/>. OR on [Google Photos](#)

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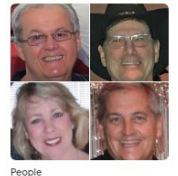
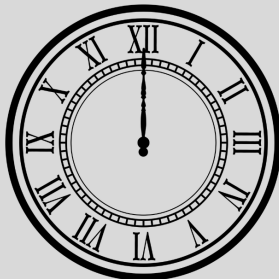


PHOTO LINKS

Monthly Dance Photos April Dance

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Yt38CVL4QoTGJdk9>

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025



DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!
SEE YOU ALL AT NOON!

2025 UPCOMING BANDS

November 2	Rob Shotwell & Let the Horses Run
December 7	
January 4	The Baughmans

Let's Eat!

PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE BACK COUNTER



Cobb Salad



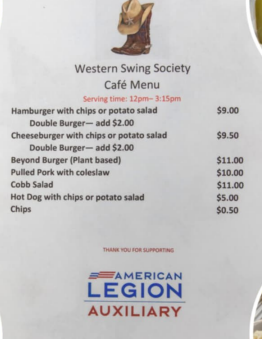
Pulled Pork



Cheeseburger



Hot Dog



Western Swing Society
Café Menu
Serving times: 12pm - 3:15pm

Hamburger with chips or potato salad	\$9.00
Double Burger— add \$2.00	
Cheeseburger with chips or potato salad	\$9.50
Double Burger— add \$2.00	
Beyond Burger (Plant based)	\$11.00
Pulled Pork with coleslaw	\$10.00
Cobb Salad	\$11.00
Hot Dog with chips or potato salad	\$5.00
Chips	\$0.50

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**AMERICAN LEGION
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Food provided by The Auxiliary
ALA Unit 233 Elk Grove

WSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 14, 2025

Meeting called to Order by President Ronnie Elkan at 6pm via Zoom

Members Present: President Ronnie Elkan, Secretary Sandy Robinson, Ralph Chase, Chuck Webb, Arron Smith and Dave Rietz

Guest: Nick Dennis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Ronnie Elkan reported we had an incredible 2-Day Hall of Fame. We had an outstanding line-up of Bands and a great Dancing crowd for all bands.

Alicia Fox West and Dave West kept the days flowing with Dance Lessons and fun Line Dancing between bands. Alicia Fox West Photography once again took amazing, professional pictures of our guests during both full days – and Alicia has been posting the amazing pictures on Facebook. Alicia Fox West has also been honing her graphic arts talent on Facebook by posting bulletins and posters for all our Western Swing Upcoming Events. Stop by the Jam Room – it is always full of up-and-coming talent!!

Ronnie Elkan gave an Incredible “Shout-Out” to our newer Member, Carol Spiker – who “single-handedly” -- on short notice – organized, got donations, made signs and artfully put together baskets of wines, coffees, gift certificates and much, much more! Thank You, Carol Spiker! Through your time and talent – we netted \$1,150 to benefit our Western Swing Society and bring great fun to our two-day event!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Linda Bentley reported via email, “Hall of Fame Weekend was a financial success! Saturday's income was \$1,857 and Sunday's Income was \$2,504. Attendance on Saturday was 109 and Sunday was 146.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be working with the American Legion for our Annual Food and Toy Drive for November and December Dances. Reminder to our Members to bring “unexpired” canned food to our November and December Dances. Also – December is our Annual Toy Drive. Members please bring a new, unwrapped, toy to be given to our local families in need during the Christmas Holiday Season.

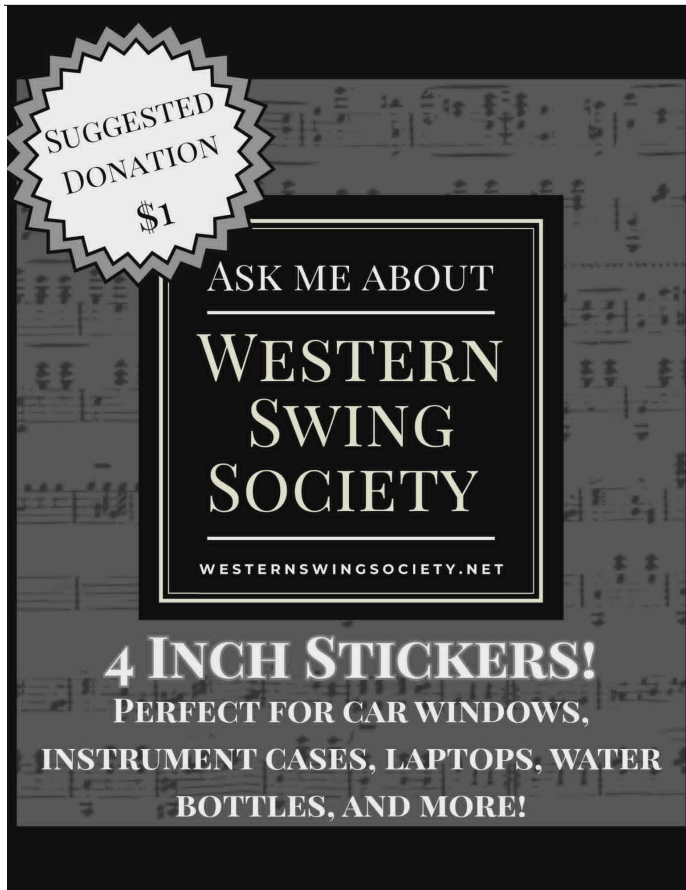
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT: We are happy to announce our WSS Member, Rose Fontes, has volunteered to help Caroline Kennedy at the Popcorn Machine. Drop by the Popcorn Machine area and say, “Hi” and “Thank You” to Caroline and Rose for their help and make your Donation for our delicious Popcorn!

ADJOURNMENT: Chuck Webb moved to Adjourn, Arron Smith seconded, Approved 6-0.

Sandy Robinson, Secretary

RAFFLE WINNERS (Photo's By Alicia Fox)





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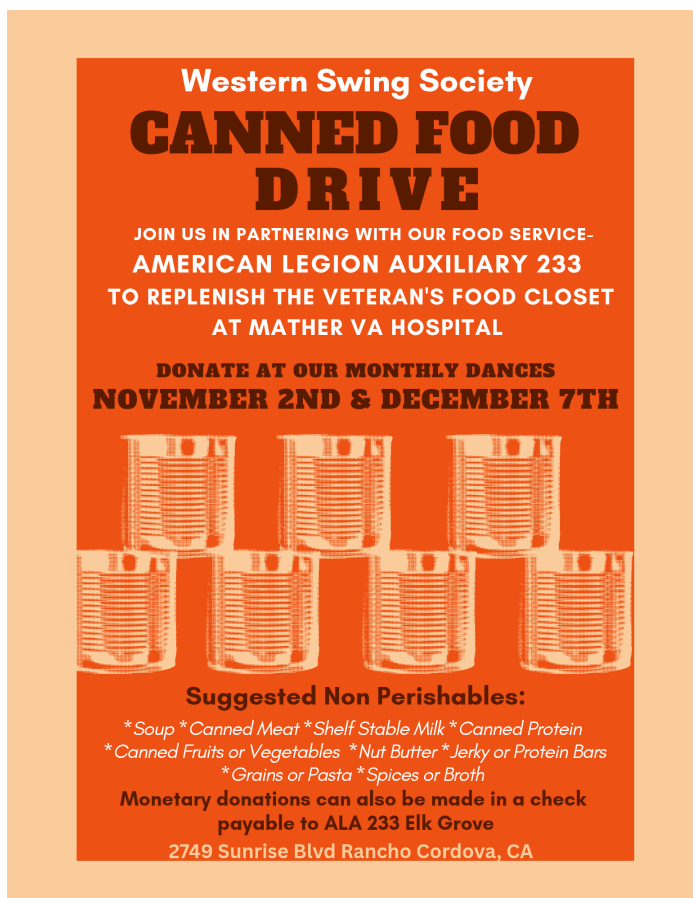
Western Swing Society
Jam Room

Want to try out singing a song or two or playing an instrument with a group?
Join us in a comfortable environment!

1st Sunday Of The Month beginning at 12pm

2749 Sunrise Blvd Rancho Cordova, CA

THE SILENT AUCTION
by Carol Spiker & Jack Sales



Western Swing Society
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JOIN US IN PARTNERING WITH OUR FOOD SERVICE-
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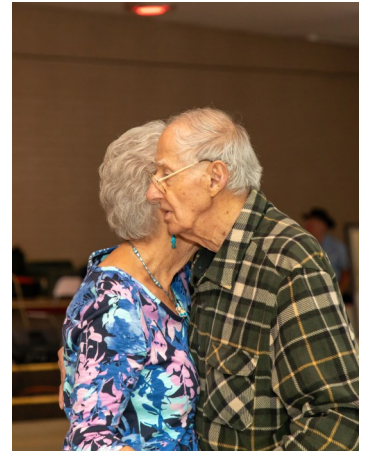
DONATE AT OUR MONTHLY DANCES
NOVEMBER 2ND & DECEMBER 7TH

Suggested Non Perishables:
*Soup *Canned Meat *Shelf Stable Milk *Canned Protein
*Canned Fruits or Vegetables *Nut Butter *Jerky or Protein Bars
*Grains or Pasta *Spices or Broth

Monetary donations can also be made in a check
payable to ALA 233 Elk Grove
2749 Sunrise Blvd Rancho Cordova, CA



AT THE DANCE!!! (Photo's By Alicia Fox) See all The Photos Page 4



DANCING AND VISITING AT WSS !!!!!(PHOTOS BY ALICIA FOX)



THANK YOU MUSICIANS!!!!!! (PHOTOS BY ALICIA FOX)

A beautiful ceremony and tribute to our flag by Terry Crouson (Middle) and the Honor Guard. Thank You so much from everyone there to witness it.

OTHER WESTERN SWING MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS/MUSIC HAPPENINGS

Buck Ford & Pure Country Band: Check Website for schedule, <https://buckford.com/events/>

Carolyn Sills Combo: <https://www.carolynsills.com/>

Cowtown Society of Western Music, Contact: Joe Baker, Membership Director, 940-452-6300, 4361 F.M. 1195, Mineral Springs, TX 76067

Grace Clark and Swingitude: www.graceAclarkmusic.com. 925-443-5217

Greater Arizona Country/Western Swing Association and Hall of Fame, Inc. PO Box 953, Dewey, AZ 86326. Contact Jim Gamble at 928-458-0714.

Hot Club of Cowtown: <https://hotclubofcowtown.com/>

The Lincoln Highway Trio:
Every Tuesday, 1:15-3:45pm. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr, Carmichael. \$8 cover at the door. <https://www.facebook.com/lincolnhighwaybandca/>

Mae McCoy and Her Neon Stars
Contact: www.maemccoymusic.com
<https://youtube.com/@maemccoyandherneonstars>
Sactown Playboys @ <https://www.facebook.com/sactownpbs/>

Slade Rivers Band: <https://sladeriversband.com/events/>

Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest, PO Box 644, Shattuck, OK 73858. **Meets quarterly.** Go to website at: www.wsmss.com.

Cliff Huey 27 Outlaws Band @
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=cliff%20huey%2027%20outlaws>

Rhonda Lynn & Edgewood Station **Contact: Rhonda Rogers** 916-240-8736 email: info@rhondalynn.com website: www.rhondalynn.com facebook.com/rhondalynn66

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF WESTERN SWING MUSIC, HERE IS WHERE TO GO!

<https://www.westernswing.com/Events.html>

Board Meeting Invitation

You can attend the Society's monthly Board meetings; Please contact any board member if you would like to attend on Google Meet or if you have a suggestion.

FREE DANCE LESSONS

With Admission @ 12:00 pm



SWINGERS OF THE MONTH

MEMBERSHIP

Any Changes? Keep us up to date on any changes in your membership information, especially email addresses. We can't get your newsletter to you unless we have your current information.

You can mail changes in your information to the Society at P.O. Box 2474, Carmichael, CA 95609; or email it to

membership@westernswingsociety.net
Thanks! Keep on Western Swingin'

MONTHLY MUSIC SESSIONS

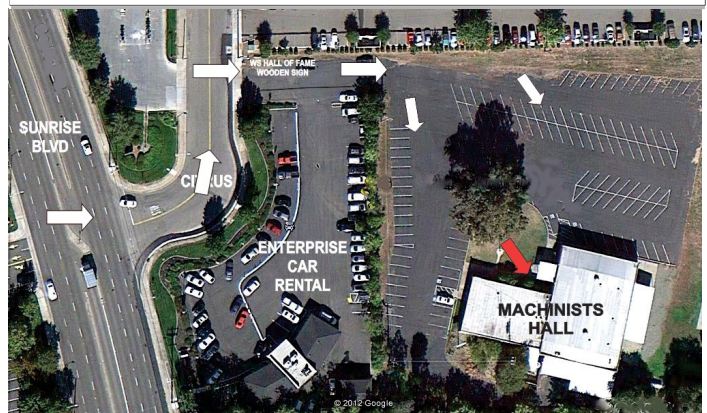
The Western Swing Society holds a music and dance session on the first Sunday of each month, featuring guest bands and artists and jam sets.

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at The Machinists Hall
2749 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA*

Donation: \$7 for Members; \$10 for Non-Members

For information, browse to
www.westernswingsociety.net

*The address is Sunrise, but the driveway is on Citrus.



Driving Instructions to MACHINISTS HALL: From Hwy 50, take the Sunrise Blvd. South exit and cross two lights (Folsom Blvd. and Trade Center Drive). After crossing Trade Center, be in the left lane and take the next left turn which is Citrus Road. You will see an Enterprise Car Rental lot in front of you. Turn right into the driveway just past Enterprise. You'll see our sign, and you are there. Park, come in and join the fun.