

Article from Bob and Judy Hogan. The Rafter Rocker's Presidents, from the August 1999 issue of the Hayloft.

Bob and I attended a meeting called by the Committee to Promote Square Dancing. A plan for beginner classes was presented to the attending clubs. Basically, it is a rotating class schedule offering several options to the newer dancers. The participating clubs will begin classes at three times during the year, giving beginning dancers the choice of moving on to the next level or remaining at their present level if they need to repeat or wish to dance at that level. Below is a chart of the plan. Being the largest club in the Valley and having supported the Committee, I felt we needed to give the plan a chance. We all know dancing is declining and we need to explore new ideas. This plan has worked well in Southern California. Hopefully, it will prove viable for our area. Several questions and concerns were expressed at the meeting. The Committee and Callers are addressing these issues. If you want more information, contact me or Van Symons, Chairman of the Committee. We will start our class in January. I hope you will be optimistic and support the efforts to help square dancing grow and flourish.

