

Four Potatoes



July/August 2008

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPUDS COORDINATOR**

Glenside Dance

August 7th

Fearless Leaders: Clare Maher & Judith Stern

Future Dates at Glenside:

October 2 (change from original date)

November 20

Please check your calendars and tell me if you're interested in leading/co-leading or hosting a Spuds event..

I'd like to thank Sarah Gowen for attending and providing summaries of the meetings held with the executive committee of PATMAD and the Thursday Night Musicians. All musicians are being asked to consider joining PATMAD (Philadelphia Area Traditional Music and Dance). Membership is free and will help to strengthen the voice of musicians in our music and dance community. The next election is this fall and membership of four weeks is required in order to vote. The following website provides a description and application for PATMAD:

<http://www.thursdaycontra.com/committee/PATMADemberform2007.pdf>

Simply fill out the form and drop it off at the main desk on Aug. 7 or mail the completed form at your earliest convenience.

Let's show our support of the Glenside dance by volunteering our services and attending the Thursday night dances. Volunteers are needed for various things, such as publicity, fundraising, and community outreach. If anyone is willing to volunteer in some way, send an email to me at [e\\_diamante@verizon.net](mailto:e_diamante@verizon.net) I'll put you in touch with the appropriate person/ people and/or contact you when the time comes.

I am sorry to announce that Eric Roberts has passed away after a lengthy illness. Eric was a fabulous mandolin player who graced the stage with Spuds for a number of years.

Enid

IRISH SESSIONS

Interested in playing more Irish tunes? The Phila Ceili Group sponsors [monthly music sessions](#) at the Comm. Barry Club (Carpenter & Emlen) on either the 2nd or

**SPUDS JAM/POTLUCK**

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-5 pm**

At the home of Tom and Clare Maher

Green Tree Run Condos – 301B Shawmont Ave.  
(215) 508 - 1240

**Directions:**

**From the north & west:** Take Rt. 476 to the Conshohocken Exit. Turn right onto Ridge Pke. Go about 6 miles. The road forks just past Pep Boys, gas stations on the left, and a Cathedral on the right. Keep to the right, staying on Ridge. Pass Shawmont Ave. Go 2 blocks further to Dearnley St. Turn right.

**Dearnley St.:** Go past some fenced-in (Water Dept.) fields on the right to the first narrow, steep, sharp turning driveway on your right, where you can see the roofs of the condos. As soon as you can, turn right on the main driveway towards the Section II parking lot. Follow signs to 301-B which is at the opposite corner of the large square parking lot.

**From the Schuylkill Expy take the Belmont Ave. exit across the (Green Lane) Bridge where** you end up on Main Street in Manayunk. Turn left. Go to Leverington St., where you jog (dogleg) right and then left onto Umbria St. After about a mile, Umbria curves steeply up a hill & becomes Shawmont Ave. (no street sign). Shortly thereafter, just past a 35 mph sign, you see a sign for "Green Tree Run" on your right. Turn in this driveway, go up the steep hill, keeping to the right of all the parking lots and "Green Tree Summit" units on the left (numbering is in the 400s). You will finally come to a fork (near a dumpster) where you turn left into "Section II." Follow signs to 301-B which is at the opposite corner of the large square parking lot.

**From the Mt. Airy area** take Walnut Lane to Henry Ave. Follow Henry Ave. west, just past Saul High School, and make a left on Wigard St. (which crosses Shawmont Ave.) and go a few blocks till you come to Ridge Ave., and make a right. Make the third left onto Dearnley St. (See. Above)

**A message from Peggy Leiby and Ret Turner**

**Dear Friends,**

**We hope that you can save Saturday, August 23, and join us for a barn dance/lawn party and concert with Larry Unger and Eden MacAdam-Somer**

3rd Friday night. The event begins at 8pm with an hour-long Slow Session, where tunes are played at a relaxed tempo (about 60 to 70% of normal speed for jigs & reels). At 9pm the session continues in a traditional session format. There is also a Tune Learning Circle on the 4th Friday where tunes that commonly played at local sessions at taught and sheet music is available for this event. Details at

<http://www.philadelphiaceiligroup.org/>

Contact Kirsten Erwin at 610-517-1462 or [swampkat@martnet.com](mailto:swampkat@martnet.com) for more info.

### DANCE MUSIC JAMS

<http://www.phillydance.com/music.html>

Contact Sarah Gowan ([ladysmyth@rcn.com](mailto:ladysmyth@rcn.com)) or Peggy Leiby ([pleiby@phillydance.com](mailto:pleiby@phillydance.com)) and they can your info to the “phillydance” website.

Spuds tunes can be found at:

<http://www.thursdaycontra.com/~spuds/>

Or, [http://www.thursdaycontra.com/~spuds/tune\\_links.html](http://www.thursdaycontra.com/~spuds/tune_links.html)

(Notorious) at our place.

We'll have more details later, but for now the plans include lawn/pool party in the afternoon with dancing and jamming in the barn, a pot-luck picnic dinner, followed by an early evening barn concert (\$10 is suggested donation).

(The next day, Sunday, August 24, Notorious will play for [Mostly Waltz](#).)

It's taken years to get a date for this event, so we hope that you will plan to join us for what will surely be a memorable day.

Peace,

Peggy and Ret

215-643-4397

To receive updated SPUDS info. more quickly, please send your email address to: [eniddiamante@gmail.com](mailto:eniddiamante@gmail.com)

SPUDS was established in 1985 when the Thursday Night Contra Dance was at Summit Church, in W. Mt. Airy. Hence: “Summit Pickup Dance Society”