

Darren Gallina

Calling Resume



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How It All Started

I began square dancing at the age of 13 with my younger sister. I was immediately drawn to the music and calling of square dancing. Darryl Hamilton, the caller who taught me to dance, also gave me my first square dance record, "Something About You Baby I Like", and taught me to call.

I called my first dance for the Valley Whirlers in Santa Maria, CA, at age 15. My parents, who also square dance, had to drive me to that first dance because I didn't have a driver's license yet. It wasn't long after that first dance that I became the club caller for the Valley Whirlers.

For the past 27+ years, my calling has taken me to clubs and festivals all over the state of California, and various cities in Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and Nevada.

Local Clubs I Currently Call For

I currently call regularly for the following local clubs:

Cuesta Squares
San Luis Obispo, CA

Hoedowner's
San Luis Obispo, CA

Promenaders
The Pork Palace
Buellton, CA

Training

Sets In Order Callers School
Lee Helsel, Instructor
Bruce Johnson and Bob Van Antwerp, Guest Instructors
Asilomar Conference Center
Monterey, CA
June 1980

The Band CROSSFIRE

I've been playing music and involved with bands for over 20 years. In 1992, I established my current band, CROSSFIRE. CROSSFIRE currently plays for numerous square dances each year through out the greater Los Angeles area. In the band I play rhythm guitar in the band as well as work as the caller for most of the live band square dances.

Square Dance Labels I've Recorded For

Coyote Records

Let's Do It Right CR-401

Scope/Big Mac Records

Walking To Kansas City BM-080

Don't Keep Me Hanging Around SH-5007

Faultline Records

How It All Began full length CD of singing calls