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This publication is a sub-set of the DANCERgram, which provides Square and Round Dance news for the West Coast of Florida (formerly the West Coast Dancer).

Important Dates

As Needed – Florida Square and Round Dance Website (<u>www.floridasquaredance.com</u>) – Does your website need to be updated or events added to the calendar? For info: Cliff Reiss – 813-390-1984 – <u>dgramwebmaster@yahoo.com</u>. Did you know if your club has a website built by someone else, you can link it to the Florida site?

As Needed – Florida Email Tree – If you have a communication that needs to be sent to the entire state, i.e., special dances, weekend Association Festivals, and the state convention, forward the information to sqdncfan@gmail.com. For questions: Penny Green – 863-224-3393.

As Needed - *DANCERgram Directory* **Submissions.** <u>sqdncfan@gmail.com</u>. For info: Penny Green – 863-224-3393.

As Needed – DANCERgram Joys, Concerns, & Sympathies – sqdncfan@gmail.com. For info: Penny Green - 863-224-3393.

Every Friday – DANCERgram *Planner* **Submission for the upcoming week.** sqdncfan@gmail.com. For info: Penny Green – 863-224-3393.

May 3 – 4, 2025 – **Florida Federation Working Weekend** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – 9:00 a.m. This is the annual business meeting; committee meetings, reports, and discussions. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the discussions. Only Federation members can make motions and vote. For info: Linda Tester – 9049-707-3117 – <u>lindactester@bellsouth.net</u>. (See below for details on the Convention Benefit Dance on May 3rd.)

May 11, 2025 - **Bow & Swing Submission Deadline for the June 2025 Issue**. For info: bowandswing2@gmail.com or 904-612-1081.

May 22, 2025 – Northeast Association's *The Grapevine* Submission Deadline for the June **2025** Issue – squaredancejax@gmail.com. For info: Stephen Bigelow – 904-612-1081.

May 25, 2025 – **DANCERgram This & That Submission Deadline for the April 2025 issue**. For info: sqdncfan@gmail.com – 863-224-3393.

What's Happening this Week?

All clubs, callers, and cuers are encouraged to provide dance schedules, updates,

changes, and cancellations as needed. We reserve the right to delete listings for lack of updates.

NOTE: Yellow highlighting indicates a change from the previous issue. This info is as accurate as possible (at the time of writing).

SUNDAY, May 4

- ➤ Suncoast Squares Star Wars Dance Sanctuary, Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Road N, Saint Petersburg, Florida Caller: Scotty Sharrer 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Wear costumes for Star Wars or any other science fiction show you care to portray is acceptable. Everyone is welcome (including the straight community). For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or pezheadleslie@hotmail.com or 727-366-4236.
- ➤ Orange Blossom Squares Cinco de Mayo Dance Tieira Del Sol Rec Center, 808 San Marino Drive, The Villages (352-753-4412) Caller: Rod Barngrover Cuer: Susan Wolford Plus and Rounds 6:45 p.m. 8:45 p.m. Dress is casual however feel free to wear traditional square dance attire from November through March. For info: sue.brown2256@gmail.com.
- ➤ Shufflin' Squares Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven Caller: Keith Stevens C-1 lesson from 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Advanced dancing 2:30 4:30 p.m. \$6 per couple square dance attire optional. For info: keith@keithstevens.com or 863-660-8839.

MONDAY, May 5

- ➤ Citrus Squares Recreational Building, Whispering Pines City Park, 1700 Forest Drive¹, Inverness, Florida Caller: Charlie Pergrossi alternating class-level Mainstream and Plus 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. For info: Charlie Pergrossi cpergrossi@gmail.com or 352-213-6559.
- ➤ Suncoast Squares Mainstream and Plus Dance "Birthdays & Anniversaries" Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Road N, Saint Petersburg, Florida Caller: JR St. Jean 6:30 p.m. Review session with Joey. Continuing Mainstream Lessons 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. Plus Review and Mainstream and Plus Dancing 8:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome (including the straight community). For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or pezheadleslie@hotmail.com or 727-366-4236.

TUESDAY, May 6

➤ Tampa Bay Rounds — J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 — 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida — Cuer/Instructor: Sandy Sturgis — Lessons: 6:00 p.m. — 7:15 p.m. — Dance: 7:15 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. Smooth-soled shoes are recommended. A partner is nice but also not necessary. Cost: \$5 per dancer per session. For info: 850-814-3861 (call or text).

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WEDNESDAY, May 7 – NO DANCES

THURSDAY, May 8

- May 8 11) RoadRunner Square Dance Campers #193 Bonnet Lake Campgrounds, 2825 State Road 17 South, Avon Park, Florida Caller: John Sweeney Cuer: Chuck Ryall make your own reservations and then let Tom know you are coming. For info: Tom Biehn 757-672-0069 rtb6273@gail.com. Non campers are always welcome!
- ➤ Suncoast Squares Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Road N, Saint Petersburg, Florida Caller: Mike Shagina 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. C-1 Class 7:35 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Advanced. A GLBTQ+ Club all are welcome (including the straight community) casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or Pezheadleslie@hotmail.com or 727-366-4236.
- ➤ Shufflin' Squares Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales Callers: David Muller and Keith Stevens first and third Thursdays of the month alternating Mainstream and Plus with one or 2 Advanced Star tips, if the floor allows 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. square dance attire optional. Second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays will be Mainstream and Plus workshop from 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. For info: keithuns@yahoo.com or 863-660-8839.

FRIDAY, May 9

- May 8 11) RoadRunner Square Dance Campers #193 Bonnet Lake Campgrounds, 2825 State Road 17 South, Avon Park, Florida Caller: John Sweeney Cuer: Chuck Ryall make your own reservations and then let Tom know you are coming. For info: Tom Biehn 757-672-0069 rtb6273@gail.com. Non campers are always welcome!
- ➤ Promenade Squares Mother's Day Dance J W Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Florida Caller: Scotty Sharrer Cuer: Sandy Sturgis Pre-Dance Rounds 6:30 7:00 p.m. Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds 7:00 p.m. 8:50 p.m. \$7 per person. For info: friendib@verizon.net or 727-798-3839.

SATURDAY, May 10

- Strawberry Square Dance 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida Caller: Allen Snell Mainstream & Plus NO ROUNDS 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) hearing enhancement air-conditioned smoke-free excellent acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513 sorrellscherylene@gmail.com.
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SUNDAY, May 11

- ➤ Strawberry Square Round Dance 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida Cuer: Sandy Sturgis Phases 2 4 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) hearing enhancement air-conditioned smoke-free excellent acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513 sorrellscherylene@gmail.com.
- Orange Blossom Squares Hot Dog Night Tieira Del Sol Rec Center, 808 San Marino Drive, The Villages (352-753-4412), Florida Caller: Bob Stern Cuer: Margaret Newberry Plus and Rounds 6:45 p.m. 8:45 p.m. Dress is casual however feel free to wear traditional square dance attire from November through March. For info: sue.brown2256@gmail.com.
- ➤ Shufflin' Squares Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven Caller: Keith Stevens C-1 lesson from 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Advanced dancing 2:30 4:30 p.m. \$6 per couple square dance attire optional. For info: keith@keithstevens.com or 863-660-8839.

MONDAY, May 12

- ➤ Temple Twirlers Biker Bash Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa Caller: Robert Arias Cuer: Margaret Newberry ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 9:30 p.m. casual accepted until Labor Day. Dancers, please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: murphysclan@aol.com or 813-407-0935. Temple Twirlers has a YouTube page where all their photography is posted (videos and stills). Subscribe at tinyurl.com/twirlersyoutube.
- ➤ Citrus Squares Recreational Building, Whispering Pines City Park, 1700 Forest Drive², Inverness, Florida Caller: Charlie Pergrossi alternating class-level Mainstream and Plus 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. For info: Charlie Pergrossi cpergrossi@gmail.com or 352-213-6559.
- ➤ Suncoast Squares Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Road N, Saint Petersburg, Florida Caller/Instructor: JR St. Jean Review Session with Joey 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Continuing Mainstream Lessons 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m. Plus Review and Mainstream and Plus Dancing 8:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome (including the straight community). For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or Pezheadleslie@hotmail.com or 727-366-4236.

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TUESDAY, May 13

➤ Tampa Bay Rounds – J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 – 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Sandy Sturgis – Lessons: 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. – Dance: 7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Smooth-soled shoes are recommended. A partner is nice but also not necessary. Cost: \$5 per dancer per session. For info: 850-814-3861 (call or text).

Out-of-Area Dances

This is a new section in the DANCERgram. It lists the dances our callers and cuers are doing outside the West Coast area of Florida. If you'll be in their area, be sure to drop in and surprise them!

May 31, 2025 – Knoxville Squares 5th Saturday Special Dance – SDI, 828 Tulip Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee – Caller: Pam Courts – Cuer: Judy Barnhill – Early Rounds 6:30 p.m. – Dance 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - \$7 per person – special strawberry refreshments. For info: www.Knoxville-Squares.com – 865-253-2514.

Classes, Workshops, Caller and Cuer Clinics

Separate lists for Squares, Rounds, Line Dancing, and Callers/Cuers

March 17, 2025 – **Suncoast Squares Beginners Class** - Allendale UMC, 3803 Haines Road N., Saint Petersburg, Florida – Caller: JR St. Jean – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The first class is free for anyone who is there for the first time. After that it is \$5 for the evening. No partner is necessary. Casual dress and comfortable shoes are important. Everyone is welcome (including the straight community). For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or Pezheadleslie@hotmail.com or 727-366-4236.

June 15 – 19, 2025 – **C1 Teach Week** – Pride Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina – 828-926-1645 – <u>www.pridervresort.com</u> – Caller: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts). NOTE: There's another at Cherry Ridge July 6 – 10, 2025).

July 6 – 10, 2025 - **C1 Teach Week** – Cherry Ridge Campground, 147 Camp Road, Honesdale, Pennsylvania – 570-488-6654 – <u>www.cherryridgecampsites.com</u>. Caller: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts) – Dancers who dance A2 and want to learn C1; dancers who currently dance C1 and want a refresher course. Cost for the teach week is \$135 per person. The program begins Sunday evening, July 6, at 8:00 p.m. and ends Thursday morning, July 10, at 11:30 a.m. To register, contact: Cherry ridge Campsites & Lodging, Inc. 570-488-6654. For info: Ken Ritucci – 413-262-1875 – <u>KenRitucci@gmail.com</u>.

January 6, 2026 - **Strawberry Square Continuing Mainstream Lessons** — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida — Caller/Instructor: Jim Davis — 7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. — families with children 8+ are welcome — no experience is required — wear casual attire and comfortable shoes. The first lesson is FREE; thereafter, the cost is \$7 per person, per lesson. No cost for children 8+. Floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) — hearing enhancement — air-conditioned — smoke-free — excellent acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com — strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells — at 770-825-6513 — sorrellscherylene@gmail.com.

ROUNDS

Tampa Bay Rounds Dance Lessons – J. W. Cate Recreation Center, $5801 - 22^{nd}$ Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Sandy Sturgis – Lessons: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$5 per person per session. Smooth-soled shoes are recommended. A partner is nice but also not necessary. Cost: \$5 per dancer per session. For info: 850-814-3861 (call or text).

May 18 – 22, 2025 – **2025 Spring Accent on Rounds** – Fontana Village Resort, Fontana Dam, North Carolina: Guest Staff: Tom and Barbara Buchanan, Odenton, Maryland; Mike and Mary Foral, Aurora, Illinois; Curt and Tammy Worlock, Plant City, Florida. Host Couple: Garry and Onie Bradley, Lexington, South Carolina. Phases 3 – 6. Teaches in each phase clinics. Hearing enhancement available. Check-in at Cabin 424 7:00 p.m.; dance at 8:00 p.m. Dress tastefully casual for your dancing pleasure. Dancers are responsible for their housing arrangements. Call Fontana for reservations – 1-800-849-2258. Advance registration: \$250 per couple; \$130 per single; after April 15 \$275 per couple; \$145 per single. Refunds or rollovers – any time. For info: Wyona Bradley – 803-351-2072 – wyonabradley@gmail.com.

August 2 – 7, 2025 – **Round-A-Rama Institute** – Purdue University's Memorial Union, 101 N. Grant Street, W. Lafayette, Indiana – Clinicians: **Curt and Tammy Worlock**, Bill and Carol Goss, and Tom Hicks – Host Cuer: Ron Rumble – 11:00 p.m. ending time – a totally air-conditioned complex – two magnificent 7200 square foot hardwood ballrooms for teaching and workshops, Accommodations: Purdue University's Memorial Union Hotel – limited hotel accommodations, moderately priced and all under one roof, and reservations (after April 1st – 800-320-6291 (mention Round-A-Rama). Cost: Reception, distinctive badges, syllabus,

welcome supper, party dancing, clinics-workshops-seminars, limited private instruction (by reservation only. For info: 918-640-9831.

September 11, 2025 - **2025 Fall Accent on Rounds** — Fontana Village Resort, Fontana Dam, North Carolina: Guest Staff: Randy and Marie Preskitt, Everett, Washington and Curt and Tammy Worlock, Plant City, Florida. Host Couple: Garry and Onie Bradley, Lexington, South Carolina. Phases 3 — 6. Teaches in each phase clinics. Hearing enhancement available. Checkin at Cabin 424 7:00 p.m.; dance at 8:00 p.m. Dress tastefully casual for your dancing pleasure. Dancers are responsible for their housing arrangements. Call Fontana for reservations — 1-800-849-2258. Advance registration: \$250 per couple; \$130 per single; after April 15 \$275 per couple; \$145 per single. Refunds or rollovers — any time. For info: Wyona Bradley — 803-351-2072 — wyonabradley@gmail.com.

September 21 – 24, 2025 – 30th Annual Autumn Holiday of Rounds – Fontana Village Resort – Cuers: Tom and Cindy Bunn (West Union, South Carolina) and Matt Temples and Ramona Stowe (Demorest, Georgia) - Round dance package includes: Sunday: Hotdog supper at campground 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. – Evening Welcome Dance 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Monday: Morning Teach – Phase V 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Afternoon Teach – Phase III & IV 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Lasagna Supper at campground 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Evening dance and demos 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Tuesday: Morning Teach - Phase V 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Afternoon Teach - Phases III & IV 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Supper on your own, possible "potluck" 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Evening Dance and Demos 7:30 p.m. - 90 p.m., Bonfire at campground 10:00 p.m. - until ?; Wednesday - Review Session 1 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Review Session 2 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Dance registration \$165 per couple - \$82.50 per single. No charge for cancellations prior to the day of the event (refund or rollover). Dancers responsible for making their lodging reservations. Ask for special dancer lodging rates for the Autumn Holiday of Rounds 2025 rates per night (plus tax). Special rates are good until June for Contact Fontana Village reservations 800-849-2258 http://www.fontanavillage.com. 706-436-6748 For info: Ramona Stowe or rstowe831@gmail.com.

LINE DANCING

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

CALLERS/CUERS

May 22 – 25, 2025 – Caller Coach Callers School – Pride RV Resort – 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, (I-40 Exit 20) – Waynesville, North Carolina – Callers: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach, Ted Lizotte (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Tony Oxendine (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), and Jack Pladdys (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach) – Cost: \$600 tuition. This school is designed for experienced callers who are currently training

callers; callers who have an interest in learning how to train other callers; and callers who are currently working for heir CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach status. Onsite amenities: free mini-golf, dog walk, trail walk, game room, laundry, general store, and fishing ponds. Special reduced lodging rates for the Caller School students. Park models-cabins-RV sites. Register at 800-926-8191. For info: info@pridervresort.com. The school will focus on the following topics: how to properly critique a student caller's ability; discussions on properly instructing students how to successfully execute: music and rhythm, choreography, teaching skills, professionalism, what does it take to be a successful caller coach, plus much more. This will be an intense school on ow to properly train callers. For info: Ken Ritucci – 413262-1875 – kenritucci@gmail.com.

June 22 -25, 2025 – **GSI/NSDC Caller's School** – Sam's Town Casino, 315 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, Louisiana – If you register for the 74th National Square Dance Convention®, this school is FREE. Register for the convention at https://mww.74nsdc.com/register-online. Sign up for Caller School at www.gsicallerschool.com. For info: Tony@TonyOxendine.com.

July 20 – 24, 2025 – **Pride Caller School** – Pride Resort, Maggie Valley, South Carolina – Caller Coaches: Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys – 40+ hour full CALLERLAB curriculum school – tuition \$500 per student caller (includes partner). This school is geared to callers with a minimum of two years' experience. It is designed to develop you into an experienced leader of the activity through calling techniques, teaching skills, and program management training. Price includes: Entire school

July 20 – 24, 2025; partners free including meal opportunities; full hot breakfast Monday through Friday; deli style lunch Monday through Thursday; Thursday evening dinner cookout; after party social time with snacks every night; and Syllabus, handouts, etc. To register, contact Pride Resort direct. For more info: tonyoxendine.com.

September 22 – 25 2025 – Caller Coach Callers School – 1394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina – Callers/Coaches: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Ted Lizotte (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Tony Oxendine (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), and Jack Pladdys (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach). Special reduced lodging rice includes breakfast each morning and after-party snacks each night. Other amenities: Free mini golf, Dog Walk, Trail walk, Game room, Laundry, General store, and Fishing ponds. Cost \$600. Please register at 800-926-8191. For info: info@pridervresort.com.

December 9 – 11. 2025 – **Southwest Callers School 2025** – ASDC (Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins Drive, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts – CALLERLAB Accredited Caller coach), Shauna Kaaria (California – CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach) – Two levels of program: Beginner – designed for new callers who need all the basics, including: basic choreography, microphone technique, voice control, and introduction to Sight Calling Methods. Experience – for callers with experience between two or more years. Emphasis will be on Advanced Sight Calling techniques, beer timing and body flow, as well as creative

choreography plus much more. Cost: \$500 – no charge for accompanying spouse/partner. Food and lodging not included. Program: starts Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. Ends Thursday, December 11th at the conclusion of the student caller dance. There are hotels within walking distance. Several local restaurants available with good food at reasonable prices. Additional info will be mailed before the start of school recommend dress ad essentials, including directions to the hall. For info: 413-262-1875 – kenritucci@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead

This list is new information (dancing, meetings, and deadlines) we have received. For a complete chronological list of new information by year, go to www.dancergram.com/CurrentPDF/2021 (change the last four digits to the year you want to see) www.dancergram.com/CurrentPDF/meetings (for upcoming meetings).

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