

SWF Squares and Rounds Newsletter for the week of January 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Date: Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 09:52 AM EST

Dear dancers,

And just like that ... drum roll ... today is New Year's Eve. We wish you all y'all a **Happy New Year !**

All y'all coming to the Ring in 2024 Dance in Port Charlotte this afternoon (Dec 31) are invited to come to Judy and Dwayne's after the dance for a time of finishing the finger foods and socializing. Address: 12652 Lake Suzy Ave, Lake Suzy, FL

Please join the Pineridge Promenaders this Thursday, January 4th at 7 pm at Sunshine RV Resort for our first dance of the season. We are located on Rt. 70 just east of the Rt. 27 intersection where there's lots of construction. Ed Richey is calling. We look forward to seeing you. Check out our website: Pineridgepromenadersssquaredance.com

No dances on New Year's Day. Other dances restart this week, check down below.

Highlights for this week

- Sunseekers Squares for beginners are starting this Tuesday, 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Alligator Park
- Arcadia is dancing this Friday, January 5
- Weekly dances restart on Tuesday, January 2nd
- **Check all flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- **Florida State Convention** coming up January 19 & 20 see flyer below
- **Square Dance Cruise** next March > see flyer below
- **Happy Promenaders.** Marjie's dances, return this season, see flyer, first dance on January 14
- **49th Tennessee Square & Round Dance Convention next August – see flyer at the end of the Newsletter**

Reminders

Beginners classes/workshops (Mondays and Wednesdays): If you know people that have danced in the past but stopped, and would like a refresher to restart, please encourage them to come over. **Angels are always welcome.**

The end of this Newsletter is reached when you see "**Squares and Rounds go hand in hand**".

Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements section near the end shows future events flyers as they become available.

Photos

This week's pictures are from our visit to Israel last May. It was our first overseas trip (with our usual Fr Terry's group) since 2019. Today's pictures feature Ahava by the Dead Sea on the way to Masada and views of Masada National Park.

"Masada is a rugged natural fortress, of majestic beauty, in the Judean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea. It is a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel, its violent destruction and the last stand of Jewish patriots in the face of the Roman army, in 73 A.D. It was built as a palace complex, in the classic style of the early Roman Empire, by Herod the Great, King of Judaea, (reigned 37 – 4 B.C.). The camps, fortifications and attack ramp that encircle the monument constitute the most complete Roman siege works surviving to the present day." More here:

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1040/>

Yellow rock.

Roger



Monday January 1st >>> Happy New Year

ADVANCED LESSONS AND DANCING >>> restarting on Jan 8

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, North Fort Myers

Starting Jan 8 A2 lessons 6:00 to 7:30 pm, dancing 7:30 to 9:00 pm, with Darrin and Alan

\$6.00 per person for the evening

Leaders: **Darrin Henry & Alan Hall**

Info: 765-620-3813

BEGINNERS SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP >>> not dancing today, Jan 1st

Time: **10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**, no charge

Location: VFW Hall (Veterans of Foreign Wars) 23204 Freedom Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL.

Contact: Roger Friedmann at r.friedmann97@gmail.com



Tuesday January 2nd

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUND DANCES

Plus dances every Tuesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress, today's guest caller: **Ralph Peacock**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731

SUSAN'S FUN ROUNDS

Regular ROUNDS only for more info, Ilona Wix <ilonah.1@netzero.net>.

Dances 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm workshop, 7:00 to 8:30 dancing Cuer: **Susan Wolford**

Location: Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, North Fort Myers, FL.

SUNSEEKERS SQUARES >>> starts today January 2

Square Dance lessons Beginners Class, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731



Wednesday January 3rd
BEGINNERS SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP

Location: Eagles at 23111 Harborview Road (corner of Harborview and Kings Highway), Port Charlotte, FL, no charge

Contact: Jean Wydra 860-917-0793

Time: **10:30 am to 12:00 noon**





Thursday January 4

HORIZON VILLAGE DANCE >>> restarts today, Jan 4

Regular Plus dances 3:00 to 5:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants), early rounds at 2:30 PM

Caller **Homer Magnet**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Location: Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, North Fort Myers, Fl.

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS >>> 2024 season starts today, January 4

Dances Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Our location is at Sunshine RV Resort located south of Lake Placid on SR 70, just east of US27. Contact Al Jilly at 847-209-3443 or Diane Lucey at 585-465-7466.

Full info for the club can be found here: Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com

Schedule for January:

- 01 04 Welcome Back Dance with Ed Richey
- 01 11 Oldies but Goodies Dance with Robert Arias calling, Judy Barnhill cueing
- 01 18 Cookie Night Dance with Ralph Peacock
- 01 25 Hawaiian Night Dance with Walter Zatorski

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> Jan 4 to March 28

Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida

6:30 to 7:00 PM Round Dance Workshop

Guest caller: see weekly list below, cuer: Susan Wolford

7:00 to 9:00 PM Squares and Rounds around 8:00 PM A1 tip

9:00 to 9:15 PM A1 tip

Contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-01700 or 2susanwolf@gmail.com

- 01 04 Ralph Peacock
- 01 11 Alan Hall
- 01 18 Don Bachelder
- 01 25 Dave Muller
- 02 01 Ralph Peacock
- 02 08 Mike Gormley cuer: Mike Gormley
- 02 15 Curt Braffet
- 02 22 Don Bachelder
- 02 29 Alan Hall
- 03 07 Jim Davis
- 03 14 Ralph Peacock
- 03 21 Mike Gormley
- 03 28 Robert Arias



Friday January 5

ARCADIA DANCES >>> dancing today January 5

Dances first, third and fifth Friday (unless otherwise announced) at the former Palace Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL, Caller: **Robert Arias**; Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**. **3:00 PM to 5:00 pm**. Plus and Mainstream tips and rounds. For info: Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

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MAPLE LEAF DANCES SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> starts next week, on *January 12*

Dances at a new location: Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida

Dances every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month **3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Mainstream and some Plus cost \$7.00 per person, singles are welcome

Caller: **Homer Magnet** cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Contact: Roger Friedmann at 941-624-0871

Note: Dates chosen to alternate with Arcadia dances

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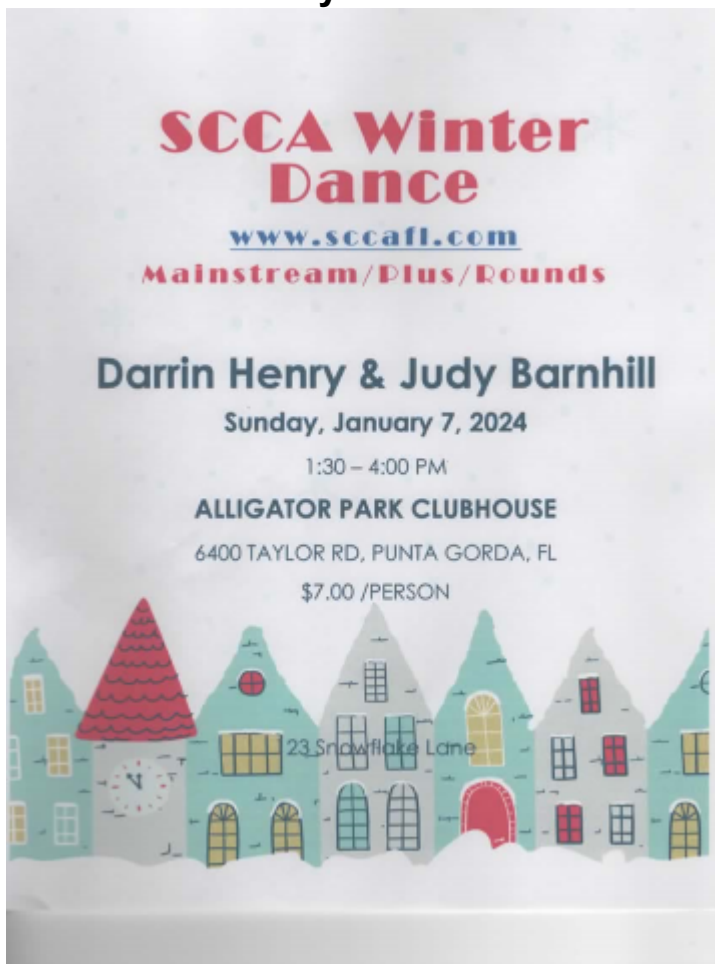


Saturday January 6





Sunday January 7
SCCA dance today





Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SUNSEEKER SQUARES
SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

WHAT: New Beginners Class

WHEN: Starts Tuesday, January 2, 2024

(Classes Every Tuesday from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.
through March 2024)

WHERE: Alligator Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Road
Punta Gorda, Florida

WHY: So Many Benefits

- Easy to learn. Unlike most dancing, a square dance caller tells you what steps to take and when to take them.
- It's healthy! Improves blood circulation and the body's ability to use oxygen reducing risk of heart disease. Tones and shapes muscles.
- Provides mental stimulation by keeping the mind active and alert.
- Relieves tension and stress causing the body to relax, and helps with getting a good night's sleep.
- Inexpensive social activity which crosses all age groups, and an easy way to meet new people and form lasting friendships.
- An enjoyable and fun activity done to music with lots of laughter, and without drugs or alcohol.
- Once you learn the basics, square dancing is the same all over the world.

(Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or tn2001@yahoo.com)

Charlotte Promenaders 2



Plus Square Dance
Visiting Callers

& Round Dance

Cuer: Susan Wolford

Where: Harold Avenue Recreational Park
23400 Harold Avenue
Port Charlotte FL

Thursday, 6:30 - 7:00 pm, Round Dance Workshop
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Square & Round
~8:00: A1 Tip
A1 Tip: 9:00 - 9:15 pm

Season: January 4, 2024 through March 28, 2024

Friendship Fun Exercise

For more information: Susan Wolford: 256-673-0170
2susanwolf@gmail.com





HAPPY PROMENADERS DANCES RETURN FOR 2024

*Marjie Tobey's THREE Dances in Estero
Return for Another Season!*

LOCATION: Riverwoods Plantation, 4600 Robert E. Lee Blvd East, Estero.

DATES: Sundays, January 14, February 4, and March 10, 2024.

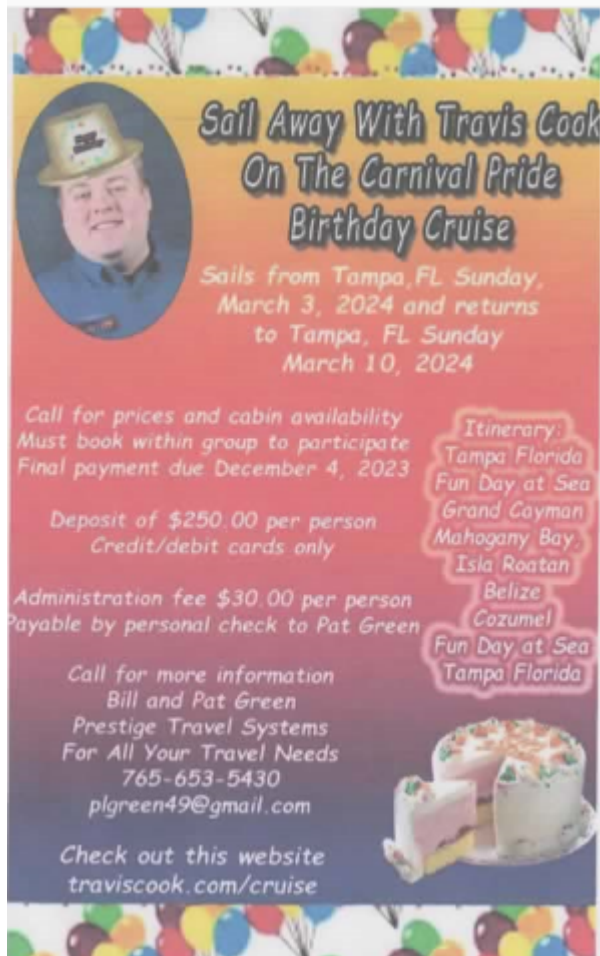
TIME: 2 pm to 4 pm.

CALLER: Ralph Peacock for MAINSTREAM and PLUS.

CUER: Judy Barnhill.

INFORMATION: Sandra Schwartz at (203) 300-2418 or
sandra1813@ymail.com





**Sail Away With Travis Cook
On The Carnival Pride
Birthday Cruise**

Sails from Tampa, FL Sunday,
March 3, 2024 and returns
to Tampa, FL Sunday
March 10, 2024

Call for prices and cabin availability
Must book within group to participate
Final payment due December 4, 2023


Deposit of \$250.00 per person
Credit/debit cards only

Administration fee \$30.00 per person
Payable by personal check to Pat Green

Call for more information
Bill and Pat Green
Prestige Travel Systems
For All Your Travel Needs
765-653-5430
plgreen49@gmail.com

Check out this website
traviscook.com/cruise

Itinerary:
Tampa Florida
Fun Day at Sea
Grand Cayman
Mahogany Bay
Isla Roatan
Belize
Cozumel
Fun Day at Sea
Tampa Florida






RAIN or SHINE
we are dancing on our
49!!

Rounds
Phases II-VI
Waltz Rumba
Foxtrot Jive
Mambo Cha
Bolero 2-Step
W Coast Swing

**49th TN Square & Round
Dance Convention**
August 1, 2 & 3, 2024
Mills Conference Center
234 Airport Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Squares
SSD/Club 50 Plus
Mainstream DBD
Advanced Hex
Challenge Singing Calls
Progressive Hot Hash

***Live
Band!**

**Wood
Floors!**

Tentative Schedule
THURSDAY
Trail-In Dance 8:00-11:00pm
2 Sq. Dance Halls
1 Dedicated Rd. Dance Hall
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10:00am – 11:00pm
8 Halls of Dancing
*Live Band: Evening Hours

**Facebook: TN Square and
Round Dance Convention**

Vendors
Singles Dance
Sewing Clinic
After Party
Fashion Show

49th Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

August 1, 2, & 3, 2024

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

234 Airport Road, 37738

Sponsored by the TN Assn. of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

Visit: www.insquaredance.org Convention Chairman: R.G. Pratt rgpratt@peoplepc.com 865-964-2091

Key: M=minute, Wlk=walk, Drv=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Qn=queen room, Dbl=double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. Inform them you are with the TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.

** If BOOKING LINK shown below, see www.insquaredance.org/Convention/Hotels.

Reagan Resorts Inn, 938 Parkway
\$160 2 Qn beds, \$180 1 King & Jacuzzi.
\$209 King suite/sofa bed, 3 NIGHT min. (1 Mn Wlk, 2 Mn Drv to CC, reaganinn.com).
To book, call 865-436-5607, give Event Name, Breakfast, Wi-Fi, out. pool, balc.

Sidney James Mtn Lodge, 610 Airport Road
\$85 Std. room, www.sidneyjames.com
865-436-7851, (12 Mn Wlk, 3 Mn. Drv. To CC)
To Book, call 865-436-7851 & give name of event. Wi-Fi, refng., in/outdoor pool, Full Cont. Bltft, Restaurant on-site.

Black Bear Inn & Suites, 1100 Parkway
\$120 Dbl Qn/St King + \$15/night service fee
\$150 King suite + \$15/ night service fee
865-436-5656, (1 Mn Walk, 4 min. drv to CC). Booking code 147408.
Wi-Fi, full Cont Blrft.

EconoLodge Inn/Suites on the River, 310 Cottage Dr.
865-436-5836, \$160 St room with 2 Qn Beds. (15 Mn Wlk, 5 Mn Drv to CC). To Book, call 865-304-1309, give Event Name, <https://www.choicehotels.com/Tennessee/gatlinburg/econo-lodge-hotels/Brlft.Pool>.

Edgewater Hotel, 402 River Road
865-436-4151, Standard rooms Thurs. - \$129; Friday - \$139, Saturday - \$139. (5 Mn Wlk, 4 Mn. Drv. to CC). To book Call 865-436-4151, give Event Name, Blrft, Wi-Fi, in/out pool, balcony.

Gillette Motel, 235 Airport Road,
865-436-5601, \$170 - 1 Qn or 1 K or 2Dbl. \$180 - Dbl Qn. (1 Mn Wlk, 1 Mn Drv. to CC) www.gilitemotel.com
To Book, call 865-436-5601, give Event Name, Wi-Fi, full kitchen, pool, patio/ balcony

Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown - 611 Airport Road,
865-436-4935, \$179 - King suite. (7 Mn wlk, 2 Mn Drv to CC). www.marriott.com/gtfig - BOOKING LINK
Wi-Fi, Hot Bltft, outdoor pool

Glenstone Lodge, 504 Airport Road, 865-277-8611, \$109 - Std King or Dbl. Qn., \$129 - Dbl Qn & front balcony. Rates are Wed. to Sun. <http://www.glenstonelodge.com> - BOOKING LINK (2 Bllr Wlk, 2 Mn Drv to CC), Wi-Fi, Indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site, balcony

Courtyard Gatlinburg Downtown, 315 Airport Road,
865-436-2008, \$209 - St King or St 2 Qn. 2 Mn Wlk or 1 Mn Drv to CC. <https://www.marriott.com/GTLCY>, BOOKING LINK
Wi-Fi, indoor pool, restaurant on-site, Patio/private balcony

Hampton Inn, 520 Hitt, Nature Trail - 520 Airport Road
865-776-1646, \$139 Sun-Th, \$159 Fri-Sat. Dbl/Qn or King w/ Sleeper Sofa. (6 Mn Wlk, 2 Mn. Drv). Property Phone: 865-436-4933, www.Gatlinburghistoricnaturetrail.hamptonbyhilton.com.
Per Hilton policy, no rate code or link can be made till Sept.

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration

Early Registrations MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2024

TICKETS (PER PERSON) YOUTH 18 and under, FREE with an adult. # attending (please list below*)
Early Registration @ \$35.00 = \$ Weekend after 7/1/24 @ \$40.00 = \$
Friday at the Door @ \$20.00 = \$ Saturday at the door @ \$25.00 = \$

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Club Name _____ State Assn. Area _____

*YOUTH Attending, Name(s) _____

DANCE LEVEL / TYPE: HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
☐ SSD/ Club 50 ☐ Advanced 1 ☐ Rounds Ph II ☐ Lines ☐ Other Interests:
☐ Mainstream ☐ Advanced 2 ☐ Rounds Ph III ☐ Contra ☐ Solo
☐ Plus ☐ Challenge ☐ Rounds Ph IV ☐ Volunteer
☐ Hot Hash ☐ Rounds Ph V
☐ DBD ☐ Rounds Ph VI
☐ Hex

Cash or check only, NO credit cards, please

Square Dance attire, please, after 7:00 p.m.

Write check to: 2024 TN State Convention
Mail to: 2024 TN State Convention
PO Box 7056, Maryville, TN 37802-7056

Registration Chairman: Shea Meincke
843-816-4061
-Email: meincke_us@yahoo.com

For Convention Registrar Use Only:

Amount Paid	Cash	Check #	Date Registered
Registered by	Ribbons Received: Yes No		



Squares and rounds go hand in hand

CLARIFICATION for new readers: this newsletter is issued on Sundays with info for the coming week. It lists days of the week starting with the Monday immediately following the Sunday of issue. Under each day of the week header there is a list of the dances offered that day, complete with location (street address and town), caller/cuer, contact person's phone and/or email, times plus other info such as dance level(s), attire, bring food to share, etc as applicable. In order to emphasize changes, special events, etc, the very first section of the newsletter, **Highlights for this week**, only lists changes to regular dances of the week or reminders of special events. Similarly the **Looking ahead** section lists advance notice of events to take place later. For full information on any dance mentioned in the **highlights for this week** section please scroll down to the appropriate day of the week header to find the info you are looking for. The end of the newsletter is reached when you see a small cartoon and the words "