

SWF Squares Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of January 4

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Date: Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 07:47 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Please DO CHECK the Newsletter every week as sometimes there are changes to locations, times or callers worth noticing.

Important notices:

- 1 – **Cape Coral Beginners lessons** message: Due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to postpone the start of lessons until January 12th. Our apologies for the inconvenience.
- 2 – Starting on Monday, January 5, **Advanced Monday dances** will be at the restaurant until further notice
- 3 - **Horizon Dances** start on January 8 at a **new venue**: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- 4 – All Classes are listed towards the end of the Newsletter c/w start dates

Florida State Square Dance Convention (Jan 16-17) full info: <https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/index.html>

Highlights for this week

- Advanced Dance **at the restaurant** every Monday until further notice
- Maple Leaf will start dances on January 9, 2026
- Check out **beginners' squares lessons** starting in the New Year under CLASSES below
- Pine Ridge Promenaders dances **moved back to Sunshine RV Park**, start date January 8, 2026
- Sunseekers Squares beginner classes start on January 6, 2026, full info below
- Sunseekers Plus classes start on January 6, 2026
- Promenaders 2 will start dances on January 8, 2026
- **Aloha Florida** special dance next Sunday, January 11 – flyer below under Sunday, January 11
- **Check all classes and flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Florida State Square Dance Convention date January 16 to 17, 2026
- Upcoming Arcadia dances are January 16 and 30
- Second **special Sunday dance (Mardi Gras Florida Style)** on January 25, flyer below under SPECIAL DANCES

Reminders

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

Continuing with photos from our trip to Greece and France, with a detour through Brussels, trip we took in the spring of 2010. This week featuring pictures of ruins found around Athens upon our return from Crete.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday January 5

ADVANCED DANCING

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, **restaurant** (until further notice), North Fort Myers

A2 Workshop from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, A2 Dancing from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM with Darrin

Leaders: **Darrin Henry and Alan Hall (welcome back Alan!)**

Info: 765-620-3813

JUDY'S ROUND DANCE CLASSE (INTRO TO WALTZ) >>> Nov 10, 2025 to April 6, 2026

"Rounds With Judy" offered from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM prior to the Beginner Waltz classes. Dance easy two-step, waltz, rumba, cha, foxtrot and more. Request rounds honored.

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Info: 865-216-7808



Tuesday January 6

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Plus dances 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress (or pants), guest caller: **Curt Braffet**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

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

Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or TN2001@yahoo.com

SUNSEEKERS SQUARES >>> starting today January 6, 2026 to March 31, 2026

Beginners' class time changed to 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM caller/instructor Alan Hall

Location: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Avenue, Punta Gorda.

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com

Note: Sunseeker Squares is proud to announce sponsorship of **Plus Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The plus program is for dancers who have taken basic beginner and mainstream lessons as well as those plus dancers who need a review of plus figures. Ralph Peacock will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome





Wednesday January 7

JUDY'S LINE DANCING >>> Nov 5, 2025 to April 8, 2026

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Assoc. Community Center, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731

DARRIN'S DBD LESSONS >>> start date to be determined

Location: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Avenue, Punta Gorda.

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, cost \$6.00 per person

Caller: Darrin Henry

Contact: Tammy Henry (765) 620-3813



Thursday January 8

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> **changed location**

Regular Plus dances new time 2:00 to 4:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants)

Caller **Robert Arias**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Changed location: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Avenue, Punta Gorda

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or Tn2001@yahoo.com

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS >>> **first dance of the season today January 8, 2026**

Dances Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Location: **Sunshine RV Resort** located south of Lake Placid on SR 70, just east of US27.

Contact: Diane Lucey at 585-465-7466 or Jaluc4@aol.com

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

1/8/26. Welcome Back dance with Bill Chase

1/15/26. Mike Doughty-Cookie night

1/22/26. Ralph Peacock-Peanut Butter & Jelly

1/29/26. Bill Chase-Motor City Cars



CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> first dance of the season today January 8, 2026

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

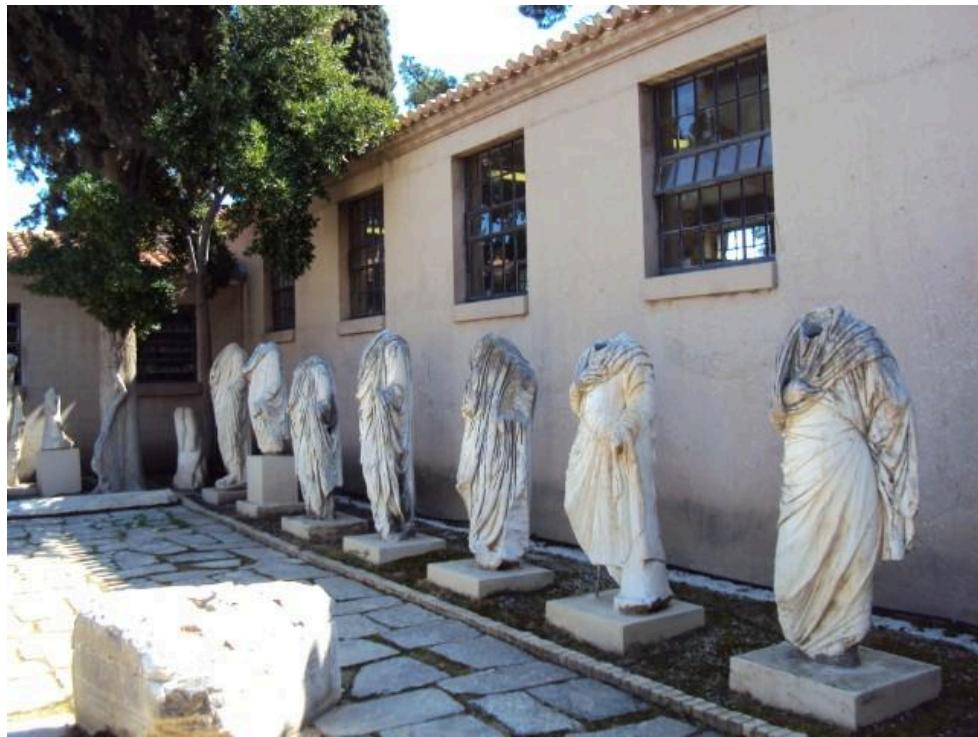
New time: 5:45 to 7:45 PM

Guest caller: **Curt Braffet**, cuer: Susan Wolford

Snack table will be open: Bring snacks to share.

Contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-0170 or 2susanwolf@gmail.com

Note: We will be dark for the FL State Conv, January 15, 2026, last dance of the season on March 26, 2026



Friday January 9

ARCADIA DANCES >>> not dancing today, January 9

Dances first, third and fifth Friday (unless otherwise announced)

Location: 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](tel:941-380-5336).

MAPLE LEAF DANCES SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> starting today January 9, 2026

Location: Maple Leaf G&CC 2100 Kings Hwy, Punta Gorda FL, CanAm Hall

Dances every 2nd and 4th Friday of January, February and March, **3:00 to 5:00 pm**

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

Caller: **Darrin Henry** cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Contact: Roger Friedmann (r.friedmann97@gmail.com)

Note: Dates chosen to alternate with Arcadia dances





Saturday January 10





Sunday January 11

Aloha Florida



Sunday, January 11, 2026

**1:30 Advance Tip + Rounds
2:00-4:00 Squares & Rounds**



\$10.00 Per Person



**ALLIGATOR RV PARK
CLUBHOUSE**

**6400 TAYLOR RD
PUNTA GORDA, FL**

Caller
Curt Braffel

For more information contact
Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Caller
Susan Wolford





Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES

Mardi Gras FLORIDA Style
Square & Round Dance



Nick Hartley
Caller



Susan Wolford
Caller



Darrin Henry
Caller

Sunday, January 25, 2026

\$10.00 / Person

Squares with Rounds
1:00—2:00 pm

Alligator RV Park Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd
Punta Gorda, FL

Advanced 2
1:30—2:00 pm

For more information contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Luck of the Irish Dance

Sunday, March 8, 2026



Caller:
Curt Braffet

Cuer:
Susan Wolford

Alligator RV Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Rd

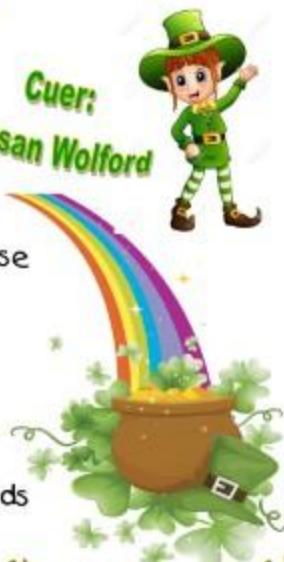
Punta Gorda, FL

1:30—2:00: Advanced

2:00—4:00: Squares & Rounds

\$10.00 per person

1/2 & 1/2 Pot of Gold



For more information: call Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Come join the Beach Boys at the...



Alan Hall - Darrin Henry - Nick Hartley

With Judy Barnhill on rounds

Sunday ~ February 15, 2026

1:30 - 2:00pm Advance Dancing

2:00 - 4:00pm MS ~ PLUS ~ Rounds

\$10.00 per person

Alligator Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Rd - Punta Gorda FL

Information: 765-620-3813



2027 Square Dance Cruise Aboard...Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas

Departing Tampa Florida
February 28-March 7, 2027



(5 Ports)
Cozumel, Mexico ~ Roatan, Honduras ~ Belize City, Belize ~ Costa Maya, Mexico ~ Tampa, Florida

Callers:

Nick & Lynette Hartley / Darrin & Tammy Henry



Cuer:

Judy & Dwayne Barnhill



RESERVING YOUR CABIN

(book early to get the best room location and price)

- Cabin prices start at \$763 per person (all taxes and fees included)
- REFUNDABLE Deposit: \$250 per person
- Final payment due: November 20, 2026
- * INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED (*call John Manning for details)



INCLUDED:

- SQUARE & ROUND DANCING on-board
- A 1-HOUR COCKTAIL PARTY (with Open Bar)
- EARLY Group Dining

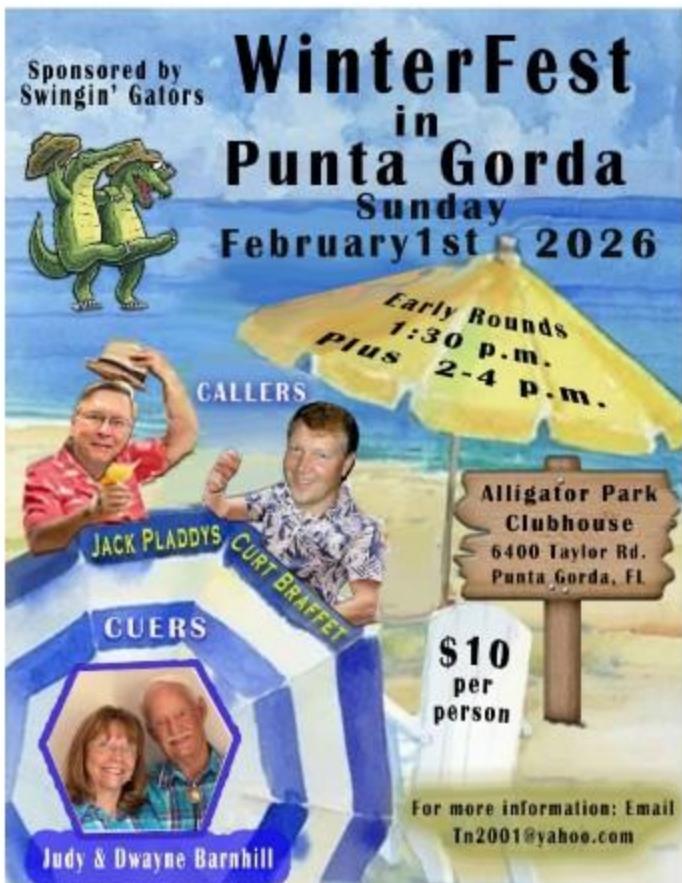
PLEASE NOTE: To participate with the group, you must BOOK thru the group.

For answers to your questions and to book your cruise:

Call Cruise Planners (toll free)

*JOHN MANNING 954-674-2521 (or) 877-822-2009

email: jmanning@cruiseplanners.com



CLASSES

Judy's Round Dance class (Intro to Waltz) meets from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Mondays at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center.

Sunseeker Squares will be sponsoring **Beginner Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center. **Alan Hall** will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome. (Note: The **hours have changed and are now from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM** rather than 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

Sunseeker Squares is offering **Plus Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center. The plus program is for dancers who have taken basic beginner and mainstream lessons as well as those plus dancers who need a review of plus figures. **Ralph Peacock** will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome.

January 12 – March 30, 2026 – **Cape Coral Beginning Square Dance Lessons** - Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, FL – Caller/Instructor: **Curt Braffet** – 1:00-3:00 p.m. No experience needed – wear casual attire and comfortable shoes. Cost is \$8 per person, per lesson. For info: Judy@MagnusonMail.com or 616-481-4120.

Learn to Square Dance with Caller Instructor **Alan Hall**

Harbor Isle's, 1 Palm Harbor Dive, North Port, FL, starting Sunday January 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Cost is \$8.00 per person, first time is free – check the flyer
No experience needed – wear casual attire and comfortable shoes
Contact 423-316-9038 or hallcsa@gmail.com

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

Come and join the fun!

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 4, 2026
6:30 PM**

**HARBOR ISLE'S
1 PALM HARBOR DRIVE
NORTH PORT, FL 34287**

'CALL/TEXT NUMBER BELOW FOR GATE CODE'

**FIRST
NIGHT
FREE**

**EASY STEP BY STEP
INSTRUCTION
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
MODERN MUSIC
\$8 PER PERSON
DRESS CASUAL
INSTRUCTOR: CALLER ALAN HALL**

For more information call
/text 423-316-9038 or email
hallcsa@gmail.com

PCCIA PRESENTS

LINE DANCING

★ WITH JUDY BARNHILL ★



\$10 PER CLASS

ALL CLASSES AT THE PGICA ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Basic Beginner Class: Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Advanced Beginner/Improver Class: Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Check the calendar at PGICA.org to confirm the class is still available.

Learn beginner choreographed line dancing with a repeating sequence of steps to a variety of musical rhythms. The dances are performed individually without a partner, in rows of other dancers. Dancing enhances physical and mental health as well as providing social interaction. So get your cowboy or cowgirl hats & boots and let's "Boot Scootin' Boogie"! Participants can register online at PGICA.org or pay as they attend at the PGICA office.

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association
2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda

info@pgica.org

PGICA.org



NEED MORE INFO? CALL:

941-637-1655

Sunseeker Squares

Beginner

Square Dance Lessons

starting

Tuesday, Jan 6th

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM



Now's your chance to try something different in the New Year. Dancing is a fantastic way to improve your physical and mental health. It keeps you moving while having fun and interacting with others. So, what are you waiting for? Come and join us for our first weekly class on Tuesday, Jan 6th, at the South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center. You'll be glad you did. The Center is located behind the Circle K right off Hwy 41 South. National Caller, Alan Hall of Ringgold, GA, will be the instructor. Info: 606-302-1731 or Tn2001@yahoo.com

- Healthy Activity
- Casual Attire
- Singles Welcome
- Wide Variety of Music
- Fun and Fellowship
- Only \$8.00 person/session

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center
11200 First Ave., Punta Gorda, FL

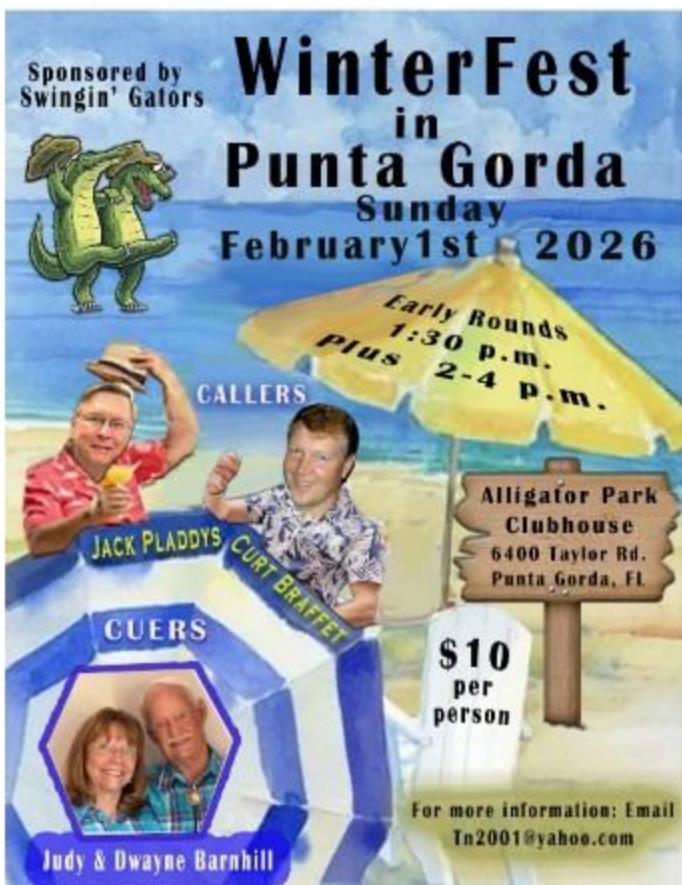


SUNSEEKER SQUARES
IS PROUD TO HOST PLUS SQUARE
DANCE LESSONS
(12 WEEK PROGRAM)
NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CALLER
RALPH PEACOCK, INSTRUCTOR

STARTS TUESDAY, JAN 13TH 2026
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
SOUTH PUNTA GORDA HEIGHTS
CIVIC CENTER
11200 FIRST AVENUE,
PUNTA GORDA, FL
\$8.00

FOR INFORMATION:
CONTACT DWAYNE BARNHILL
404-302-1731 OR TN2001@yahoo.com

**LEARN PLUS & DANCE WITH
SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
HERE AND EVERYWHERE**





Dance Conventions

TENNESSEE

JOIN the FUN at "51"

AUG. 6,7 & 8 2026

TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

LIVE
BAND!

WOOD
FLOORS!

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY

Trail-in Dance 8:00-11:00pm

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am – 11:00pm

9 Halls of Dancing

*Live Band: Evening Hours

W.L. Mills Conference Center

234 Airport Road

Gatlinburg, TN 37738

ROUNDS

Phases II-VI

Waltz - Rumba
Foxtrot - Jive
Mambo - Cha
Bolero - 2 Step
W Coast Swing

SQUARES

SSD/ Club 50 - DBO

Mainstream - Hex
Plus - Singing Calls
Advanced - Hot Hash
Challenge - Progressive

Specials

Contra
Singles Dance
Sewing Clinic
After Party
Fashion Show
Vendors

Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

51st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Cottontown, Tennessee

234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

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

Convention Chairman Tim Ritter timritter2@verizon.com, 800-779-0184

Website: www.tnsquareandround.org

Key: Minimizes, Walk/Walk, Drive/Drive, CC=Conf. Ctr., S=Standard room, K=King room, Q=Queen room, DB=Double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. [Inquire about TN SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Bengie Resorts Inn 8105 20th Blvd.
3205 Kg suite w/2nd fl.
3205 1st fl. 1st fl. 1st fl. 1st fl.
228 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drive to CC
931-426-5527 [Inquire about TN SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)
3 NIGHT Minimum
Wi-Fi, indoor pool, pet friendly

Solana Inn 1000 Lakeside Blvd. 1000 2 On Cr. Side
604 Airport Rd. 604 2 fl. 2 On Cr. Side
604-436-7800 ("Next resort Inn")
www.tnsquareandround.com
0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Drive to CC
[Inquire about TN SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Rock River Inn & Suites 1000 Old Mill Rd.
1000 Rock River Inn & Suites ("Next resort Inn")
100 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Drive to CC
865-431-5656 www.tnsquareandround.com
Broadway, Wi-Fi, balcony, indoor pool
www.tnsquareandround.com

Country Inns & Suites 1230 9th & 9th, 3 On
301 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drive to CC
865-436-2006 www.tnsquareandround.com
Wi-Fi, indoor pool, restaurant, private balconies
Booking info: TNSquareandround.org

Glenstone Lodge 804-5109 101 Old Dr.
504 Airport Rd. 804-5109 Old Dr. on website
www.tnsquareandround.com
(2 fls, 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drive to CC)
Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site
[Inquire about TN SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Elan Inn 1230 9th & 9th, 3 On
301 Airport Rd. 804-5109 Old Dr. on website
www.tnsquareandround.com
(2 fls, 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drive to CC)
Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site
[Inquire about TN SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

The Wonder Hotel 8105 Sun-Thi Hwy Dr. On
629 Parkway 8105 Hwy-1st Hwy Dr. On
865-426-5423 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drive to CC
Wi-Fi, breakfast, pool, pet friendly

Edgewater Hotel 828 Th. 1 828 Ft.-51 room
402 River Road 828 Th. 1 828 Ft.-51 room
(0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Drive to CC)
Wi-Fi, indoor pool, pet friendly

Rock Place Condos 1000 - 2 Bedroom
23 3rd Mtn. Rd. 1000 - 2 Bedroom
865-430-0300 23 3rd Mtn. Rd.
0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drive to CC
Full kitchen, Wi-Fi, balcony, pet friendly

Check www.tnsquareandround.com
After August 2026 For those to
some of these hotels!

Elan Inn 1230 9th & 9th, 3 On
301 Airport Rd. 804-5109 Old Dr. on website
www.tnsquareandround.com
Wi-Fi, balcony, pool, pet friendly

Glenstone Hotel 1000 2 Old Dr. (804-5109-5200) 2 fls, 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drive to CC
301 Airport Rd. 1000 2 Old Dr. (804-5109-5200) 2 fls, 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drive to CC
www.tnsquareandround.com
Wi-Fi, balcony, swimming pool, pet friendly

Cash or check only at Convention Center, NO credit cards.

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/RD Dance Convention

Early Registration MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2026

TICKETS PER PERSON YOUTH 18 and under FREE with an adult
attending (please list below)

Early Registration \$ 845.00 = \$

Weekend after 7/1/26 \$ 50.00 = \$

Friday at the Door \$ 325.00 = \$

Saturday at the door \$ 30.00 = \$

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Club Name _____ TN State Area _____

*YOUTH Attending, Name(s):

HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE: PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

DANCE LEVEL / TYPE:

SSI Club 100 Advanced 1
 Mambo Advanced 2
 Plus Challenge
 Hot Hues
 SIRD
 Hes

Rounds Ph II Line
 Rounds Ph III Circle
 Rounds Ph IV Solo
 Rounds Ph V Volunteer
 Rounds Ph VI

Other interests:

Solo

Volunteer

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/RD Convention

Registration Chairman: Connie Goodman

Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention

email: conniegoodman22@gmail.com

PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353 423-280-6845

For Convention Register Use Only:

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date Registered _____

Registered by _____ Ribbons Received: Yes _____ No _____

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 "**Squares and rounds go hand in hand**". "Line dancing" had been added to the mix.



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