

SWF Squares, Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of January 11

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Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 08:36 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Aloha Florida special dance **today, Sunday, January 11** – flyer below under SPECIAL DANCES

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

Highlights for this week

- **Beginners' squares lessons** under CLASSES below
- Florida State Square Dance Convention starting this Friday, January 16 to 17, 2026
- Promenaders 2 is **NOT dancing** on Thursday, Jan 15
- Arcadia is dancing this Friday, January 16
- **Check flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Upcoming Arcadia dance after this week on January 30
- Second January **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 Paris.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday January 12

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**

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 13

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Plus dances 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress (or pants), guest caller: **Alan Hall**, 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 >>> ending 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 14

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: **TBD**

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

Caller: Darrin Henry

Contact: Tammy Henry (765) 620-3813





Thursday January 15

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> changed location

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

Caller **Curt Braffet**, 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

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: Pineridgepromenadersssquaredance.com

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 >>> NOT DANCING today January 15, 2026

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

New time: 5:45 to 7:45 PM

Guest caller: **Nick Hartley**, cuer: Susan Wolford (at the next dance on Jan 22)

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 16

ARCADIA DANCES >>> **dancing today, January 16**

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 >>> **not dancing today, January 16**

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

Florida State Convention: full info: <https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/index.html>



Saturday January 17



Sunday January 18



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES

Aloha Florida



Sunday, January 11, 2026

1:30 Advance Tip + Rounds

2:00-4:00 Squares & Rounds



Caller
Curt Braffiel

\$10.00 Per Person

**ALLIGATOR RV PARK
CLUBHOUSE**

**6400 TAYLOR RD
PUNTA GORDA, FL**

For more information contact
Susan Wolford 256-673-0170



Cuer
Susan Wolford

**Mardi Gras FLORIDA Style
Square & Round Dance**



Nick Hartley
Caller



Susan Wolford
Cue



Darrin Henry
Caller

Sunday, January 25, 2026
\$10.00 / Person

Squares with Rounds
2:00—4:00 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



Cue:
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 Drive, 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

PGICA 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

A decorative border of tropical leaves in green, yellow, and blue surrounds the central text area.

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**

LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING!



ALL ARE WELCOME

**NO EXPERIENCE OR PARTNER NEEDED
JUST A DESIRE TO HAVE FUN!!!**

Caller: Curt Braffet - Carlock, IL

Progressive classes begin
Monday, January 12 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. at

Lake Kennedy Center
400 Santa Barbara Blvd. - Cape Coral, FL

\$8.00/wk

Info: 309-275-6805 (Curt)

616-481-4120 (Judy)

Judy@MagnusonMail.com

Please wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes
(no flip-flops) and bring a water bottle.





Dance Conventions

TENNESSEE

JOIN the FUN at "51"

AUG. 6,7 & 8 2026

TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

LIVE
BAND!
WOOD
FLOORS!

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

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

Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

31st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention
August 6, 7, & 8, 2026
 W.L. Mill Conference Center, Gettysburg, Tennessee
 254 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

Sponsored by the TN Assn. of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
 Visit: www.tnsquaredance.org Convention **Chairman** Tere Hottel, terehottel2@gmail.com, 865-799-0814
 Key: Min/minute, Wk=week, Dn=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Sg=king room, Qn=queen room, Dbl=double room
 Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. **Inform them you are w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.**

Beaver Resorts Inn - 815 S On best, 325 Rg suite w/bath bed, 380 Rg house, 928 Parkway, 385-436-5227, www.beaverresorts.com 3 NIGHT Minimum Wk-Fr, outdoor pool, pet-friendly	Solway Jones Inn Lodge - 806 S On-Cr Side, 610 Airport Rd, 865-436-7857, info@solwayjones.com (7 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Rocky Top Inn & Suites - 810 On Cr/Rg, 570-00 Rg suite, 100 Parkway, 865-436-5656, www.rockytopinn.com 100 Parkway, 385-436-5656, 100 Parkway, 385-436-5656 (1 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) State Code 310221 TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
Courtney Downtown - 320 Rg K / B, 3 On, 715 Airport Rd, 865-436-2004, www.courtneydowntown.com Wk-Fr, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking info at: TNSquareDance.org	Glenstone Lodge - 326-329 Rg/Dbl On, 304 Airport Rd, 865-436-9361 (2 Bk, Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) Wk-Fr, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Carson Point Downtown - 565 S On Sun-Th, 865-436-3043, 100 Parkway, 385-436-5656 (20 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) State Code 310221 TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
The Wonder Hotel - 311 Sun-Th Rg/Dbl On, 609 Parkway, 865-436-5412, 311 Sun-Th Rg/Dbl On, 609 Parkway, 865-436-5412 (3 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) Wk-Fr, breakfast, Pool, Pet Friendly Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Edgewater Hotel - 320 Th, 320 Fr-Su room, 402 River Road, 865-436-4531 (3 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) 100 Parkway, 385-436-5656 Wk-Fr, indoor pool, restaurant on site Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Park Place Condos - 325 S 2 Bedroom, 25 Rg Min, Rd, 865-436-6300, 25 Rg Min, Rd, 865-436-6300 (1 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) Full kitchen, Wk-Fr, pool, pet-friendly State Code 310221 TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
Chalk - www.tnsquaredance.org after August 2026 fee 30% to 50% of these hotels	Brick Lodge Inn Suites on the River - 380 S On, 80 Cottage Dr, 865-436-9900 (10 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) Wk-Fr, breakfast, Pool, Pet-friendly	Gallop Hotel - (380 S On) 320-320 S On, 320 Airport Rd, 865-436-5500, 320 Airport Rd, 865-436-5500 (1 Min Wk, 1 Min Dn to CC) Wk-Fr, indoor pool, restaurant on site Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV

Cash or check only at Convention Center, NO credit cards.
 CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 31st TN State Sq/Rd Dance Convention

Early Registrations MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2026

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

Early Registration @ \$45.00 = \$ _____ Weekend after 7/1/26 @ \$50.00 = \$ _____
 Friday at the Door @ \$25.00 = \$ _____ Saturday at the door @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Name(s) _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____ Club Name _____ TN State Assn. Area _____

*YOUTH Attending, Name(s) _____
 HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

DANCE LEVEL / TYPE

☐ Sd Club Sd ☐ Advanced 1 ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Linea ☐ Other (please specify) _____
☐ Mainstream ☐ Advanced 2 ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Contra ☐ Solo _____
☐ Plus ☐ Challenge ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Contra ☐ Volunteer _____
☐ Hot Heat ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Contra ☐ Volunteer _____
☐ SDB ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Contra ☐ Volunteer _____
☐ Her _____

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/Rd Convention
 Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention
 PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353

Registration Chairman: Connie Goodman
 email: conniegoodman22@gmail.com
 423-260-6845

For Convention Registrar Use Only:

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date Registered _____
 Registered by _____ Robbers 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.



Squares and rounds go hand in hand