

SWF Squares Rounds and Lines Newsletter for the week of January 18

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Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 08:41 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Special Sunday dance **Mardi Gras Florida Style** next Sunday, January 25, flyer below

Important announcement: Starting February 2nd the hall at Alligator Park will be unavailable, therefore, the Tuesday morning Swingin' Gators dances will relocate to the South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda, **starting on Tuesday February 3rd**. Info for the Sunday dances scheduled for February and beyond will be announced as soon as available.

Highlights for this week

- **Beginners' squares lessons** held on Tuesday afternoons are cancelled for the season (insufficient numbers). Other options in our general area for beginners' lessons are listed in the CLASSES section below
- **Sunseeker Squares Plus Lessons are continuing weekly** on Tuesdays starting at 1:00 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts. Civic Center. **Ralph Peacock** is the instructor/caller.
- The changed location for **Horizon dances** is permanent. Tips will alternate Mainstream and Plus, caller this week is Curt Braffet, cuer is Ruth Siegman
- Promenaders 2 is dancing on Thursday, Jan 22, caller Nick Hartley
- Arcadia is not dancing this Friday, January 23
- Maple Leaf dance is on this Friday, January 23
- **Check flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Upcoming Arcadia dance after this week on January 30
- The Swingin' Gators dance Tuesday, Jan 27th, will feature **Nick Hartley** as the caller.
- **Nick Hartley** will be the guest caller for the Advanced Dance on January 26

Reminders

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

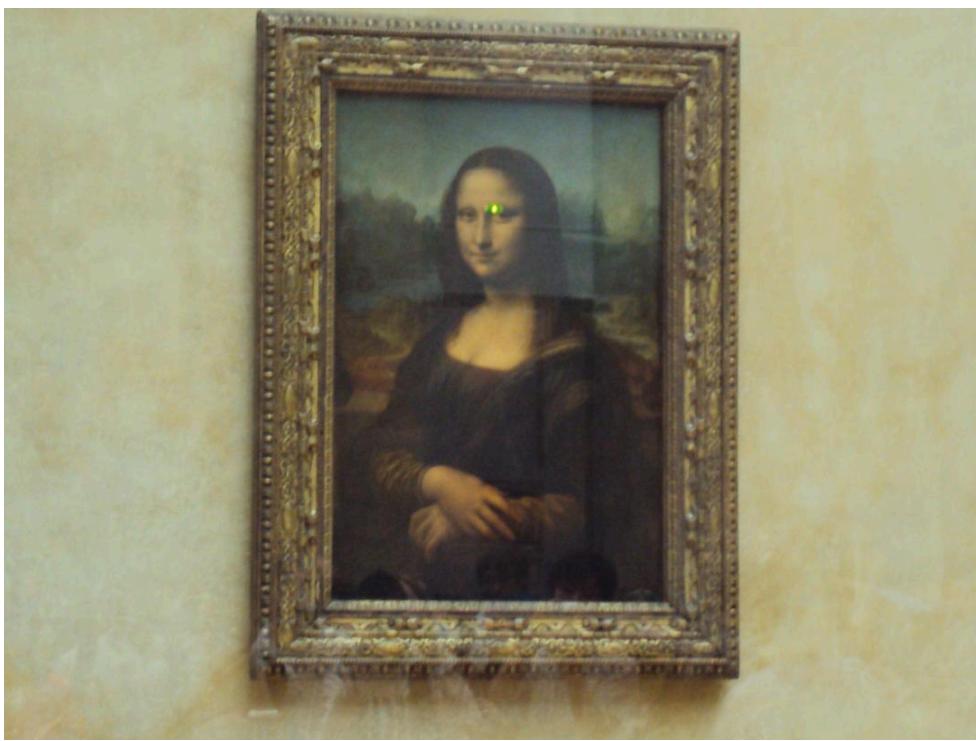
Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements section near the end shows future events' flyers as they become available.

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 photos of our visit to the Louvre Museum

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday January 19

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 20
SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Plus dances 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress (or pants), guest caller: **Ralph Peacock**, 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

Beginners' classes are cancelled for the season – insufficient number of attendees

Sunseeker Squares **Plus Square Dance Lessons** from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM **will continue as usual**. 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

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

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





Wednesday January 21

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 22

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> **permanent change of location**

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

Caller **Curt Bruffet**, Cuer: **Ruth Siegman**

New 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: Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com

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

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

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2

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

Snack table will be open: Bring snacks to share.

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





Friday January 23

ARCADIA DANCES >>> not dancing today, January 23

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 >>> dancing today, January 23

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 24



Sunday January 25

Mardi Gras Florida Style Dance flyer just below





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

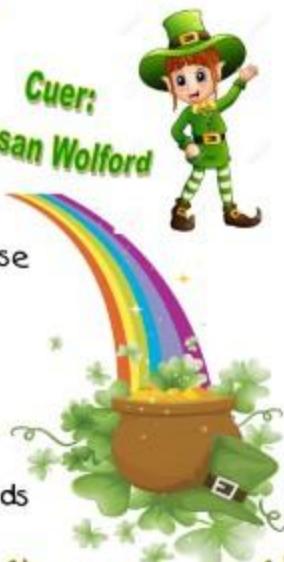
Punta Gorda, FL

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

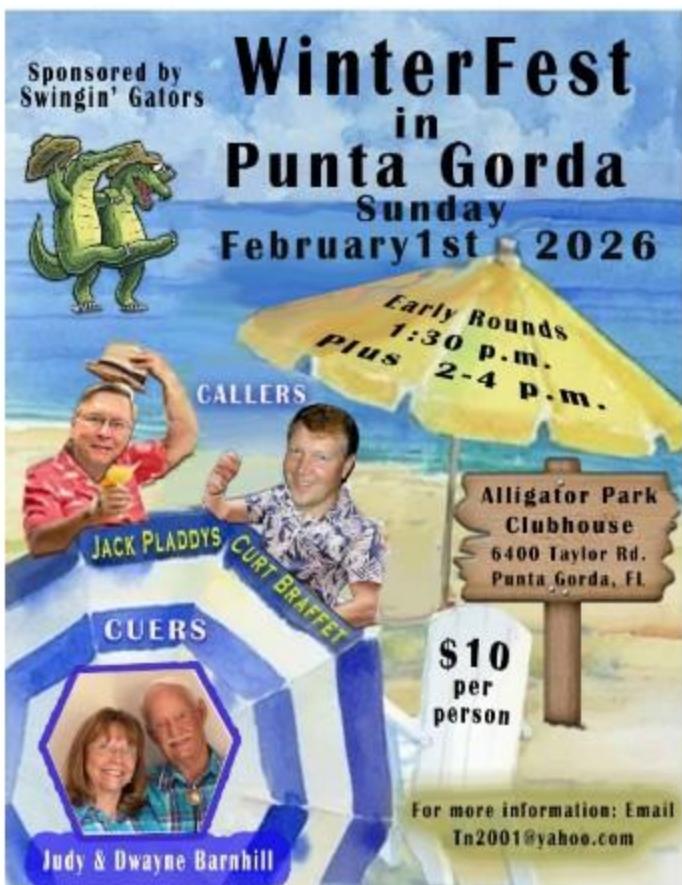
PLEASE NOTE: To participate with the group, you must BOOK thru the group.

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 Beginner Square Dance Lessons are cancelled for the season.

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
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!

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, Gettysburg, Tennessee

234 Historic Nature Trail, 37798

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

Convention Chairman Tim Ritter timritter2@verizon.com, 800-779-0114

Virt: www.tnsquareandround.org

Key: Minimizes, Wi-Fi, Walk, Drive, room, Standard room, Queen room, Double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. [Intern them you are w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Bengie Resorts Inn 8105 20th Blvd.
325 1/2 acre w/ lots west. \$185 1/2 hr. to Conv.
928 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Driv. to CC
935-426-5527 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)
3 NIGHT Minimum
Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, pet friendly

Solway Inn 1000 Main Center Blvd. 2 On Site
604 Airport Rd. 8105 20th, 2 On Site
865-436-7800 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Rock River Inn & Suites 1000 Old Mt. Gandy Rd.
300 on Mt. Gandy (1/2 hr. to Conv.)
100 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Driv. to CC
865-426-5466 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)
Breakfast, Wi-Fi, balcony, indoor pool
[Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Country Getaways 1230 1/2 K / 1/2, 3 On
301 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
865-436-2006 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Glenstone Lodge 8105 20th Blvd Dr.
504 Airport Rd. 8105 20th On w/ble
865-416-1326 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Daron Point Getaway 981 2 On Sun-Th
865-436-3043 1139 2 On Fri-Sat
200 East Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 5 Min. Driv. [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Country Getaways 1230 1/2 K / 1/2, 3 On
301 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
865-436-2006 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Edgewater Hotel 8105 20th, 1 20th Ft-51 room
402 River Road 0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Driv. to CC
865-426-4511 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Rock Place Condos 1000 - 2 Bedroom
23 3rd Main Rd. 8105 20th
865-436-0300 300 1/2 hr. to Conv.
Full kitchen, Wi-Fi, pool, pet friendly [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Country Getaways 1230 1/2 K / 1/2, 3 On
301 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
865-436-2006 [Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Glenstone Hotel 1000 2 1/2 (800-622-0200 2 On)
301 Airport Rd. 865-436-1000 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
[Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

Shady Inn 8105 20th, numerous, pool, balcony
[Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV](http://www.tnsquareandround.com)

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 = \$	Weekend after 7/1/26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 = \$
Friday at the Door	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 = \$	Saturday at the door	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$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		Other Interests	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solo Club 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Line
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mambo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contra
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph IV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hot Hes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TDD		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph VI	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hes			

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

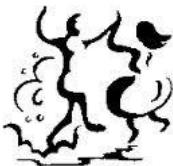
Registration Chairman: Connie Goodman
email: conniegoodman22@gmail.com
423-280-6845

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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