

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**".

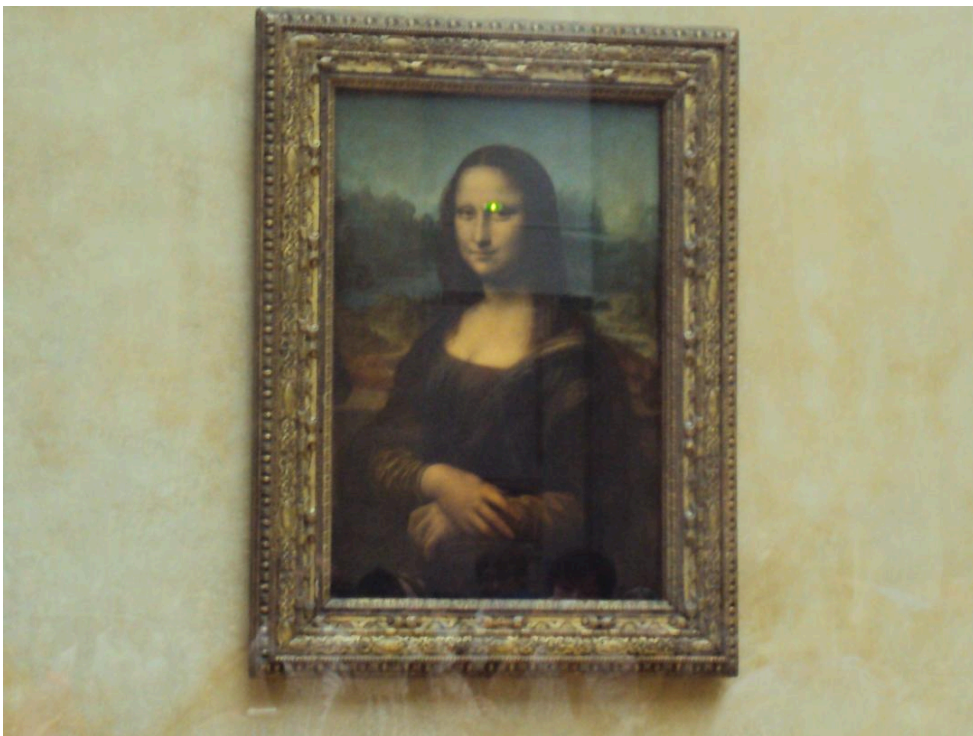
Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements section near the end shows future events' flyers as they become available.

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 [606-302-1731](tel:606-302-1731) TN2001@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 Braffet**, 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: Pineridgepromenaderssqaredance.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
Cueer



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 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

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**

The background of the entire flyer is a vibrant tropical pattern featuring various types of leaves in shades of green, yellow, and blue. The leaves are stylized and layered, creating a lush, jungle-like feel.

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>

51st 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 Hottis, terehottis2@gmail.com, 865-719-0814
 Key: Min/minute, Wk=week, Dr=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Sg=king room, Qn=queen room, Db=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 30th West, 325 Rg suite w/bath bed, 580 1 Rg. Inland 928 Parkway 300 Wb. 3 Min Dr to CC 865-436-5227 Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV. 2 NIGHT Minimum Wk Fl, outdoor pool, patio/balcony	Solway Jones Inn Lodge 806 3 On Q Side 600 Airport Rd. 819 2 Fl, 3 On, 1 Rg Ctr Side 865-436-7867 Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV. 1 Min Wb. 4 Min Dr to CC	Black Bear Inn & Suites 819 On On Rg 510 On Rg suite (*15 night service fee) 100 Parkway 819-438-5656 www.blackbearinnandsuites.com Breakfast, Wk-Fl, balcony, indoor pool State Code 51021 TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
Courtney Downtown 2322 W K / W, 2 On 7th Airport Rd. 0 Min Wb, 1 Min Dr to CC 865-439-2004 www.courtneydowntown.com Wk-Fl, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking w/in: TNSquaredance.org	Glenstone Lodge 826-839 Rg Del On 304 Airport Rd. 819 829 On On w/bk 865-435-9361 Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV. 0 Min Wb, 2 Min Dr to CC Wk-Fl, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site	Carson Point Downtown 569 2 On Sun-Th 865-436-3043 1 On 2 On Fri-Sat 200 East Parkway 00 Min Wb, 3 Min Dr to CC www.carsonpointdowntown.com Wk-Fl, pool, hot breakfast Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
The Wyndor Hotel 819 Sun-Th Rg Del On 609 Parkway 844 Fri-Sat Rg Del On 865-439-5412 0 Min Wb, 2 On to CC Wk-Fl, breakfast, Pool, Pet Friendly Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Edgewater Hotel 829 Th, 1 200 Fr-Sa room 402 River Road 865-436-4531 0 Min Wb, 4 Min Dr to CC 15 min to airport, breakfast Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV Breakfast, Wk-Fl, indoor pool, balcony	Park Place Condos 825 - 2 Bedroom 25 3rd Min. Rd. 865-430-6300 820 Home close to State Code 51021 0 Min Wb, 4 Min Dr to CC Full kitchen, Wk-Fl, pool, patio/balcony
Chick www.tnsquaredance.org after August 2026 for link to SOME of these hotels!	Brook Lodge Inn Suites on the River 880 2 On 80 Cottage Dr. 00 Min Wb, 2 Min Dr to CC Wk-Fl, breakfast, Pool, patio/balcony	Galileo Hotel 086 2 On 0300-8200 2 On 086-8200 Rg 235 Airport Rd. 865-435-5501 www.galileohotel.com Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV Wk-Fl, wing, minivan, pool, balcony

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

Write check to: 51st 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

☐ Sq Club 55 ☐ Advanced 1 ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Linea ☐ Other line/dance
☐ Mainstream ☐ Advanced 2 ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Contra ☐ Solo
☐ Plus ☐ Challenge ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Volunteer
☐ Hot Heat ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ Volunteer
☐ SBD ☐ Rounds Pk B ☐ 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