

SWF Squares, Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of February 1st (already?)

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Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 08:33 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Winter Fest special dance today, February 1st, at Alligator Park – see flyer below. **While it is a "plus" dance there will be a couple of "mainstream" tips.** In addition, Judy will be leading some line dances as well as cueing rounds. As there is limited parking at Alligator Park it would be a good idea to carpool if possible.

Reminder: starting February 2nd the hall at Alligator Park will be unavailable for Swingin' Gators dances on Tuesday mornings, therefore, the Tuesday morning Swingin' Gators dances will relocate to the South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda, Nick Hartley calling, **starting this Tuesday February 3rd.**

However, all Sunday dances scheduled for Alligator Park will be held at Alligator Park even after February 2nd.

Highlights for this week

- Nick Hartley will be calling at Swingin' Gators this Tuesday (at the new location) hurry hurry there!
- Tuesday Plus lessons will **start at 1:30 pm**
- Arcadia is dancing this Friday, February 6
- Maple Leaf dance is not dancing this Friday, February 6
- **Check flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Beach Boys Special Dance coming up on Sunday, February 15, at Alligator Park

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 features photos of Brussels.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday February 2

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 February 3

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> starting today at new location

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

Location: **South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center**, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda

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 **1:30 PM to 3:30 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 February 4

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



Thursday February 5

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 **Nick Hartley**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

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

02 05	Walter Zatorski	Hawaiian Night
02 12	Robert Arias	Be My Valentine
02 19	Ralph Peacock	Hobo Stew
02 26	Nelson Wakeman	Gospel Night

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2

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





Friday February 6

ARCADIA DANCES >>> **dancing today, February 6**

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, February 6**

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 February 7



Sunday February 8



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES

Sponsored by
Swingin' Gators



WinterFest in Punta Gorda

Sunday
February 1st 2026

CALLERS

JACK PLADDYS

CURT BRAFFET

CUERS



Judy & Dwayne Barnhill

Early Rounds
1:30 p.m.
plus 2-4 p.m.

Alligator Park
Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd.
Punta Gorda, FL

\$10
per
person

For more information: Email
Tn2001@yahoo.com

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 1:30 PM to 3:30 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**

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 Hatis, terehatis2@gmail.com, 800-799-0814
 Key: Min/minute, Wk=week, Dr=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, Sr=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 best, 525 1/2 sq suite w/alc bed, 528 1/2 Hg. Jacuzzi, 528 Parkway, 800-436-5227, www.beaverresorts.com , 2 NIGHT Minimum, Wk-Fr, outdoor pool, pet-friendly	Solway Jones Inn Lodge - 600 Airport Rd, 800-436-5850, www.solwayjones.com , (7 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.	Black Bear Inn & Suites - 810 Old On/It Hg, 510-000 Kq suite, 100 Parkway, 800-436-5656, www.blackbeargettysburg.com , (15 Night service fee), 8 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC, Breakfast, Wk-Fr, Jacuzzi, indoor pool, State Code 510231, TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.
Courtney Downtown - 5200 W. K / B, 2 On, 75 Airport Rd, 800-436-2004, www.courtney.com/tn51 , Wk-Fr, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony, Booking wk-Fr: TNSquareDance.org	Glenstone Lodge - 520-520 Hg Del On, 504 Airport Rd, 800-436-5235, (2 Bk. Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), Wk-Fr, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site, Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.	Carson Point Downtown - 565 2 On Sun-Th, 805-436-3043, 1 On 2 On Fri-Sat, 200 East Parkway, (20 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), www.carsonpoint.com/tn51 , Wk-Fr, pool, hot breakfast, Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.
The Wyndor Hotel - 511 Sun-Th Hg Del On, 609 Parkway, 800-436-5413, (20 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), Wk-Fr, Breakfast, Pool, Pet Friendly, Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.	Edgewater Hotel - 520 Th. / 220 Fr-Sa room, 402 River Road, 800-436-4531, (3 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), 15 min. to airport, breakfast, Breakfast, Wk-Fr, indoor pool, balcony, Inform w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.	Park Place Condos - 5205 - 2 Bedroom, 25 3rd Min. Rd, 800-436-6300, 520 - Home clean fee, (10 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), Full kitchen, Wk-Fr, pool, pet-friendly, State Code 510231, TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.
Chalk - www.tnsquaredance.org , after August 2026 fee link to SOME of these hotels!	Brook Lodge Inn Suites on the River - 5140 2 On, 80 Cottage Dr, 800-436-5900, (10 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), Wk-Fr, breakfast, Pool, Pet-friendly	Galileo Hotel - (300 2 On) (3000-5200 2 On) (5100-5200 Hg), 235 Airport Rd, 800-436-5500, (7 Min Wkls. & Min. Drs. to CC), www.galileohotel.com , Wk-Fr, dining, minivanous, pool, balcony, 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: 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. Club SS	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pk II	<input type="checkbox"/> Linea	<input type="checkbox"/> Other line/dance
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pk III	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pk IV		<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Heat		<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pk V		
<input type="checkbox"/> S&B		<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pk VI		
<input type="checkbox"/> Her				

Write check to: 51st TN State Sq/Rd Convention
 Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention
 PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353

Registration Chairman: Connie Goodman
 email: conniegoodman52@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