

# 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

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Dear dancers,

**Winter Fest special dance** today, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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

## 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](mailto: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 [606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com](mailto:606-302-1731TN2001@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](mailto: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](mailto:Jaluc4@aol.com)

Full info for the club can be found here: [Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com](http://Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

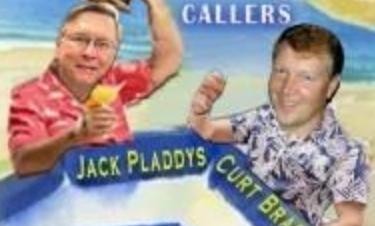
Sponsored by  
Swingin' Gators

# 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](mailto:Tn2001@yahoo.com)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 13<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Cottontown, Tennessee

234 Historic Nature Trail, 37798

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

Convention Chairman Tim Ritter [timritter2@verizon.com](mailto:timritter2@verizon.com), 800-779-0114

Key: Minimizes, Wi-Fi, driveway, CC=Conf. Ctr., S=separate room, K=Keg room, Q=Queen room, D=double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels.

Intern them you are w/TN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Bengie Resorts Inn 8105 20th Blvd.  
325 kg suite w/2nd bed. \$185 1/2 hr. to Cottontown  
928 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drv to CC  
931-426-5527 [www.bengiesquare.com](http://www.bengiesquare.com)  
3 NIGHT Minimum  
Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, pet friendly

Solney Inn & Suites 8105 2 On Ctr.  
exit Airport Rd. 8105 2 Rd. 2 On. 1/2 hr. to Cottontown  
931-436-7800 [www.solneyinn.com](http://www.solneyinn.com)  
0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drv to CC  
[www.solneyinn.com](http://www.solneyinn.com) TN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Rock River Inn & Suites 1 mi. OH on Rte 1  
300 on Hwy 1/2 hr. to Cottontown  
100 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Drv to CC  
931-431-5656 [www.rockriverinn.com](http://www.rockriverinn.com)  
Broadway, Wi-Fi, balcony, indoor pool  
[www.rockriverinn.com](http://www.rockriverinn.com) TN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Country Inns & Suites 1320 9th & 9th, 2 On.  
300 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
931-436-2006 [www.countryinns.com](http://www.countryinns.com)  
Wi-Fi, indoor pool, restaurant, private balconies  
Booking website: [TNsquaredance.org](http://TNsquaredance.org)

Glenstone Lodge 8105 10th Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
931-436-3326  
(2 Bldg. Min. 2 Min. Drv to CC)  
Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site  
[www.glenstonelodge.com](http://www.glenstonelodge.com) TN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Daron Pointe Downtown 901 2 On. Sun-Th  
931-436-3043 1139 2 On. Fr-Sat.  
200 East Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 5 Min. Drv  
[www.daronhotels.com](http://www.daronhotels.com)  
Intern w/TN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL  
0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC

The Wonder Hotel 8105 Sun-Th 1/2 hr. Drv On  
929 Parkway 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
931-430-5432 0 Min. Walk, 2 Min. Drv to CC  
Pet-Friendly, Pool, Pet Friendly

Edgewater Hotel 8105 1/2 2Bld. 51 rooms  
402 River Road 0 Min. Walk, 4 Min. Drv to CC  
931-436-3000 [www.edgewaterhotels.com](http://www.edgewaterhotels.com)  
Breakfast, VLT, In-room pool, balcony  
[www.edgewaterhotels.com](http://www.edgewaterhotels.com) TN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Rock Place Condos 1320 - 2 Bedroom  
23 3rd Min. Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
931-436-0300 325 Interns used here  
[www.rockplacecondos.com](http://www.rockplacecondos.com)  
0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
Full kitchen, Wi-Fi, pool, pet friendly

Check [www.bengiesquare.com](http://www.bengiesquare.com)  
www.solneyinn.com  
offer August 2026 for 30%  
to some of these hotels!

Brandt Lodge Motel on the River 8105 2 On.  
300 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
931-436-3030 Wi-Fi, In-room pool, Pet friendly

Gathen Hotel 1300 2 Bldg. (300-4220) 2 On. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
335 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Walk, 1 Min. Drv to CC  
[www.gathenhotel.com](http://www.gathenhotel.com)  
0 Min. Walk, numerous, pool, balcony

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 type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 = \$	Weekend after 7/1/26	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 = \$
Friday at the Door	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 = \$	Saturday at the door	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Solo Club 1B	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Line
<input type="checkbox"/> Mambo	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Hes	<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Jitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Round 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hes	<input type="checkbox"/> Round 2	

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](mailto: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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