

SWF Squares, Rounds, and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of February 8

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Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 08:26 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Reminder: Sunday special dances scheduled for Alligator Park will be held at Alligator Park even after February 2nd.

Announcing Special SCCA Sponsored Dance on Sunday February 22 at Alligator Park, flyer below.

Dancing Fun Facts

Research proves that dancing reduces stress and tension for the mind and body. Studies by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute have shown that dancing also helps prevent heart disease in particular.

Dancers also have increased muscular strength, endurance and motor fitness. (No wonder professional dancers are today regarded as athletes.)

Highlights for this week

- Alan Hall will be calling at Swingin' Gators this Tuesday (at the new location)
- Pine Ridge Promenaders dance is **cancelled** this Thursday, February 12 (hall is unavailable)
- Arcadia is not dancing this Friday, February 13
- Maple Leaf is dancing this Friday, February 13
- **Check flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Beach Boys Special Dance coming up on Sunday, February 15, at Alligator Park – flyer below
- SCCA Sponsored Dance on Sunday February 22, Mainstream and Plus, at Alligator Park – flyer below

Reminders

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

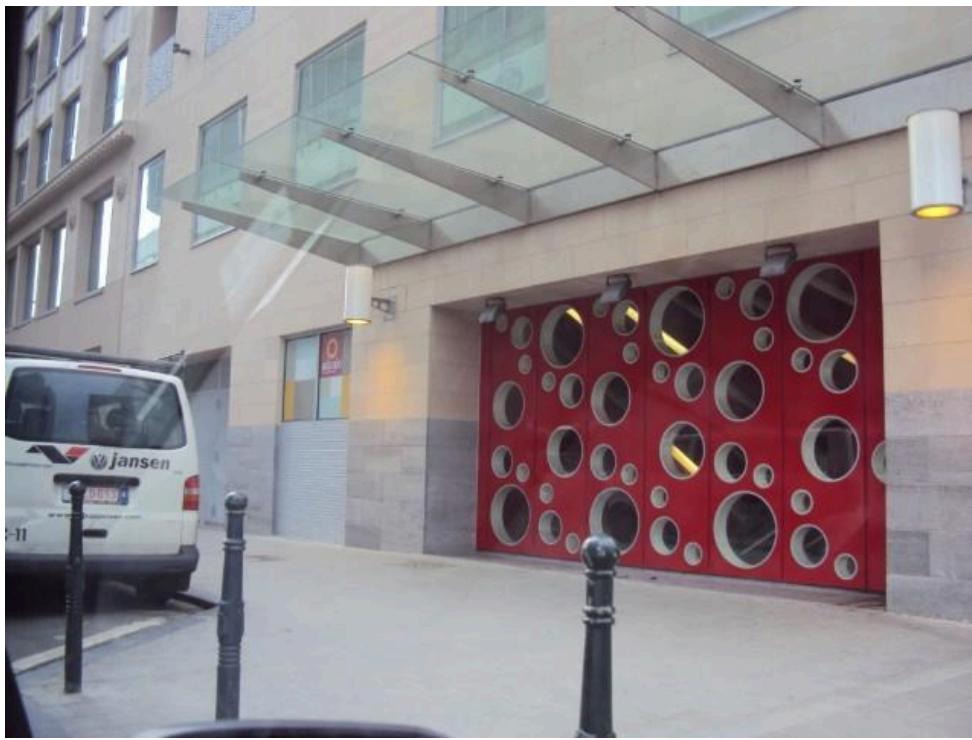
Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements section near the end shows future events' flyers as they become available.

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 more photos of Brussels, including the fabulous Grand Place and the famous Manneken Piss.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday February 9
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 10

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> at the new location

Plus dances 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress (or pants), guest caller: **Alan Hall**, 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 606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com





Wednesday February 11

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 12

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: **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 >>> dance cancelled today, hall is unavailable

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

02 12 Robert Arias Be My Valentine cancelled today 2/12

02 19 Ralph Peacock Hobo Stew

02 26 Nelson Wakeman Gospel Night

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2

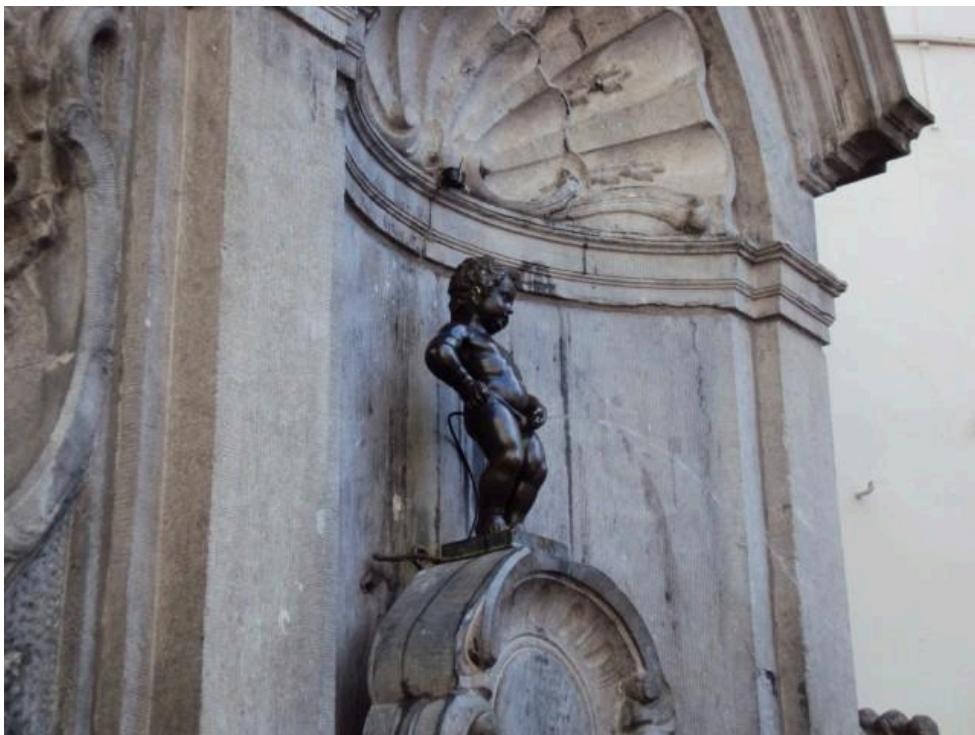
Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida

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 13

ARCADIA DANCES >>> **not dancing today, February 13**

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, February 13**

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 14



Sunday February 15



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES



Sunday, February 22, 2026

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Early Rounds (Ph II & III)

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Squares (MS/PLUS) & Rounds

Rockin' & Rollin' to the 50's & 60's

Cost: \$8.00 per Dancer

Bring your water.

We'll have a snack table.



Ralph Peacock - Caller

Susan Wolford - Cuer

Alligator RV Park

6400 Taylor Rd

Punta Gorda, Florida

More Info: 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 1:30 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 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

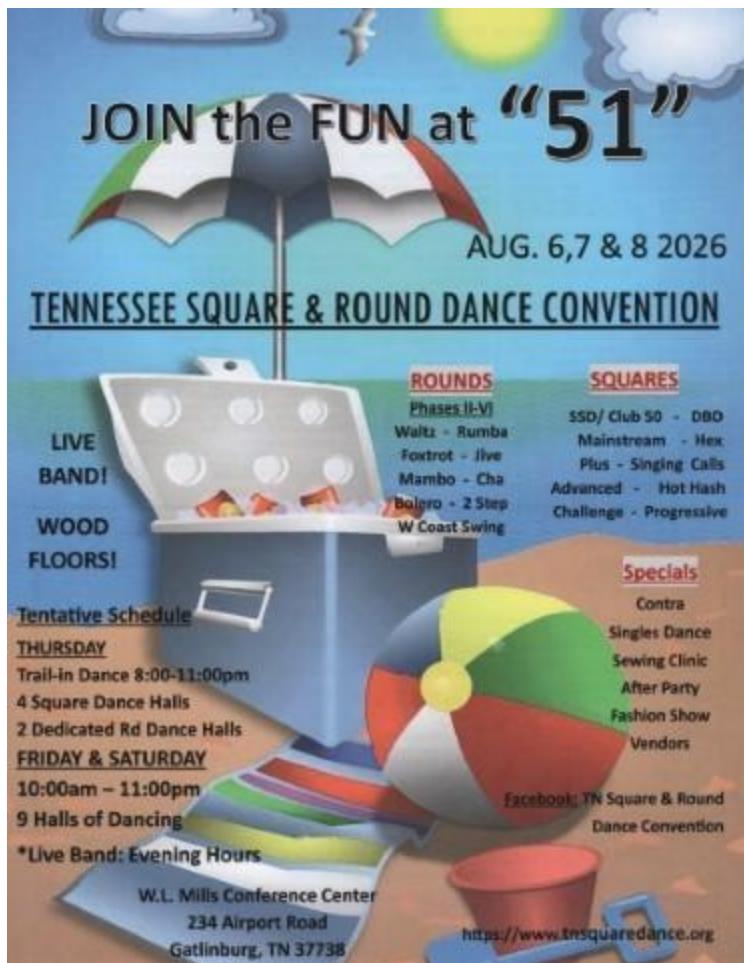
Info: 309-275-6805 (Curt)
616-481-4120 (Judy)
Judy@MagnusonMail.com

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



Dance Conventions

TENNESSEE



51st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Cottontown, Tennessee

234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

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

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

Key: Minimizes, Wi-Fi, walk, Driveline, CC=Conf, Ct=Concert room, Kgrkng room, Qmqueen room, Dbl=double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels.

www.tnsquareandround.com

Visit: www.tnsquareandround.org

Key: Minimizes, Wi-Fi, walk, Driveline, CC=Conf, Ct=Concert room, Kgrkng room, Qmqueen room, Dbl=double room

Minimizes you are w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

3 NIGHT Minimum

Wi-Fi, indoor pool, pet friendly

2 NIGHT Minimum

Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, pet friendly

1 NIGHT Minimum

Wi-Fi, indoor pool, pet friendly

Booking website: TNSquareandround.org

Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

Bengie Resorts Inn B100 30+ bed

325 Sq. ft. studio w/2 bath. \$165/1 night

928 Parkway 2 Min Walk, 2 Min Drv to CC

905-426-5527 www.bengie.com

3 NIGHT Minimum Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

Saline Inn B100 2 On Cr Shs

604 Airport Rd. \$165/2 Blk, 2 On Cr Shs

865-436-7800 (*Min resort fee)

www.salinainn.com Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

Glentone Lodge B100-1100 16g Dbl Dr

504 Airport Rd. \$109-225 Dbl Or vrble

865-418-1320 (2 Blk, 1 Min, 2 Min Drv to CC)

Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

The Wonder Hotel B100 Sun-Th Hgr Drv On

929 Parkway 848-711-51 Hgr Drv On

865-426-5432 2 Min Walk, 2 Min Drv to CC

1st Fl. Breakfast, Pool, Pet friendly Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

Check-in Interw w/IN SQUARE DANCE COUNTRY

Interw w/IN