

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 [606-302-1731](tel:606-302-1731) TN2001@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: Pineridgepromenadersssquaredance.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

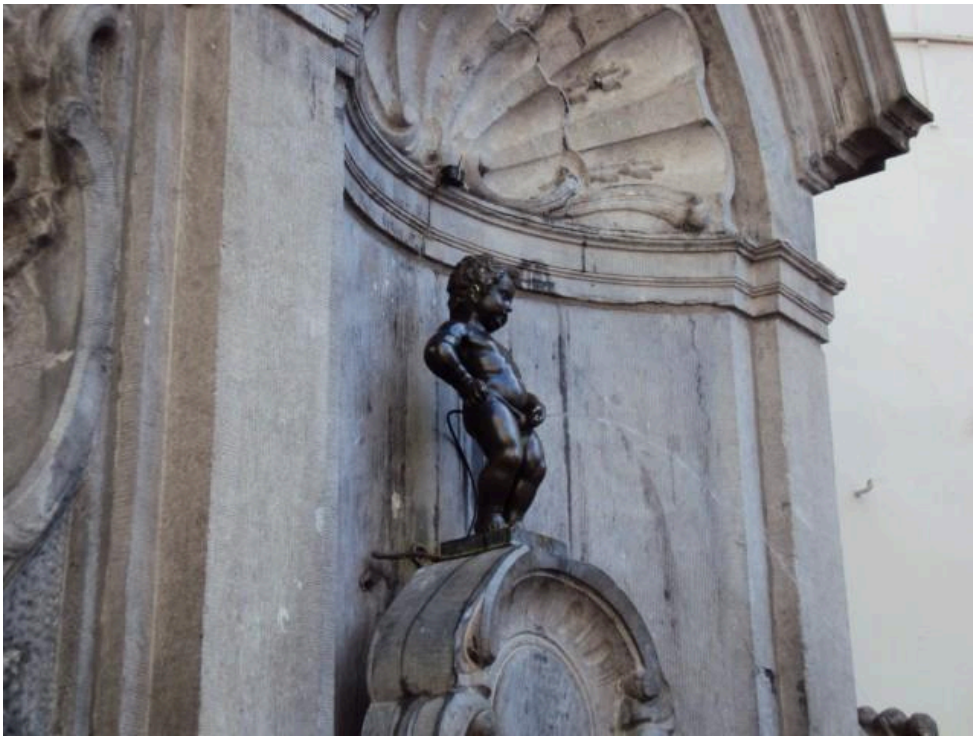
Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida

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 - Cues



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



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 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!

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 - DBD
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. 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 Hottel, terehottel2@gmail.com, 865-719-0814
 Key: Min/minute, Wk=week, Dr=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Sg=skipping room, Qn=queen room, Db=double room
 Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. **Inform them you are in TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.**

Beaver Resorts Inn - 815 S On best, 325 kg suite w/bath bed, 380 1 kg. Jacuzzi, 928 Parkway, 3 Min Wls, 3 Min Dr to CC, 865-436-5227 www.beaverresorts.com 3 NIGHT Minimum Wk-Fr, outdoor pool, pet-friendly	Solway Jones Inn Lodge - 806 2 On CC Side, 600 Airport Rd, 899 2 Fl, 3 On, 1 kg Ctr Side, 865-436-5850 info@solwayjones.com (7 Min Wls, 4 Min Dr to CC) Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Rocky Bear Inn & Suites - 890 On On Rt Hg, 5700 On Hg suite, (*15 night service fee), 100 Parkway, 8 Min Wls, 4 Min Dr to CC, 865-436-5656 www.rockybeargettysburg.com Breakfast, Wk-Fr, Jacuzzi, indoor pool State Code 510231 TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
Courtney Downtown - 5200 W K / W, 2 On, 75 Airport Rd, 0 Min Wls, 1 Min Dr to CC, 865-439-2004 www.courtney.com/tn/ Wk-Fr, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking on-line: TNSquareDance.org	Glenstone Lodge - 526-529 Hg Del On, 504 Airport Rd, 319 329 On On verble, 865-435-9361 (2 Bk. Wls, 3 Min Dr to CC) Wk-Fr, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Carson Point Downtown - 569 2 On Sun-Th, 865-436-3043, 3 129 2 On Fri-Sat, 200 East Parkway, (20 Min Wls, 3 Min Dr to CC) www.carsonpoint.com/tn/ Wk-Fr, pool, hot breakfast Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
The Wonder Hotel - 511 Sun-Th, Hg Del On, 609 Parkway, 844 Fri-Sat, Hg Del On, 865-436-5412, (3 Min Wls, 2 Dr to CC) Wk-Fr, Breakfast, Pool, Pet Friendly Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Edgewater Hotel - 520 Th, / 329 Fr-Sa room, 402 River Road, 865-436-4531 (3 Min Wls, 4 Min Dr to CC) 15 min. continental breakfast Breakfast, Wk-Fr, indoor/outdoor pool, balcony Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Park Plaza Condos - 5205 - 2 Bedroom, 23 3rd Min. Rd, 865-430-6300, 320 1 min. clear fee State Code 510231 (3 Min Wls, 4 Min Dr to CC) Full kitchen, Wk-Fr, pool, pet-friendly
Chalk - www.tnsquaredance.org offer August 2026 for 30% to 50% off these hotels!	Brook Lodge Inn Suites on the River - 5840 2 On, 80 Cottage Dr, 865-436-0900 (10 Min Wls, 3 Min Dr to CC) Wk-Fr, breakfast, Pool, Pet-friendly	Galileo Hotel - (380 2 On) (3300-6220 2 On) (980-8220 Hg), 235 Airport Rd, 865-436-5500 www.galileohotel.com Wk-Fr, Wk-Fr, indoor/outdoor pool, balcony Inform us 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"/> Sqr Club SS	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pk II	<input type="checkbox"/> Lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
<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		
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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 _____ Robots Received: Yes _____ No _____

CLARIFICATION for new readers: this newsletter is issued on Saturday evenings or 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.



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