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NEFSARDA Dances & Special Dances in Northeast Florida

2019

- January 25 Annual Circus Dance to benefit Dreams Come True, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1415 South McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida – early rounds from 7:00 to 7:30 pm with squares and rounds from 7:30 to 9:30 pm - Susan Snider (904-908-5184)
- February 16 Oulustee Battle Festival Dance presented by the Dixie Dancers, 255 NE Coach Anders Lane, Lake City, Florida with MC Bill Chesnut, caller Ted Kennedy and cuers Ann Hadsall and Ralph Beekman – early rounds from 7:00 to 7:30 pm and alternate Plus and Mainstream from 7:30 to 10:30 pm – Bob and Barbara Rosenthal 386-365-7136
- November 15-16 NEFSARDA Fall Festival – Hillbilly Heaven with Jeremy Butler and Susan Snider, Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida – Kathy McKinney (904-704-6634) & Joan Amarino (904-629-4560)

Florida State Square and Round Dance Conventions

2019

- February 22-23 65th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida
- October 24-27 FANSDC 44th Annual State Camp-O-Ree (camping) – Southern Palms RV Resort (352-357-8882), One Avocado Lane, Eustis, Florida 32726 – Rockin the Night Away, The Fabulous Fifties – Martha Zimmerman and Bob Jenkins 352-226-0118 marthazimmerman38@aol.com

2020

- February 28-29 66th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida

Northeast Florida Camping Clubs

Square Wheels (Chapter 128) & Gypsy Squares (Chapter 168)

Caller – Bill Chesnut Cuer – Ann Hadsall

Mary Chesnut
(352) 475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880
marynut4@gmail.com

Don MacGregor
904-375-1252
dmacgr@comcast.net

Gail or Gary LaRue
352-861-1583
glarue2775@gmail.com

2019

- January 18-19 Eagle Roost RV Resort, 5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, Ga. 31636 (229) 559-5192. Rate is \$33.17 including all taxes. There is no cable, but 14-15 channels are available from Valdosta and Tallahassee. You must make your own reservation, deposit required – Square Wheels Hosting
- February 15-16 Olustee Battle Festival – Lake City RV Resort, 3864 N. US Hwy 441, Lake City 32055. Phone: 386-752-0830. This is the old Oaks and Pines under new ownership. Rally rate is \$32.50 plus tax. Please make your own reservation. We can only have 16 sites for the rally so make your reservations early. Others will have to make individual reservations at Casey Jones because they no longer take groups. Square Wheels will sponsor Friday night dance. Both nights dances will be at the Richardson Community Center, Lake City. Square dance attire is suggested for both nights.

- March 8-9 Lake Oklawaha R.V. Park, 15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Fl. 32134. 352-546-5500. Rally rate \$29.70 including tax per night. Must call campground to make reservation and give one night's deposit. This is requirement of KOA - Gypsy Squares Hosting
- April 19-20 FANSDC SPRING FLING (Squares Wheels) – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avacado Lane, Eustis, Fl. 32726. Reservations: (352) 357-8882 This will be a regular camp out but with all the clubs camping at the same campground. Club members will pay their own treasurer and each club will pay their own expenses. Make your own reservations. Details will follow.
- May 17-18 Recreation Plantation RV Resort, 609 Highway 466 Lady Lake, Fl 32159 (352) 753-7222 Ext 466 (800) 448-5646. Rally rate is \$35.00 plus tax. Must call to make a reservation and pay one night's deposit. Gypsy Squares Hosting
- August 16-17 Wilderness RV Park – 2771 N.E. 102nd Ave., Silver Springs. Hwy 40E past Silver Springs, after the bridge over the Oklawaha River on left. \$22.50 + tax per night (352) 625-1122. Make your own reservations at the campground at least 2 weeks prior. Square Wheels Hosting
- September 20-21 Southern Oaks RV Resort – 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, Fl 34491 (352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Make your own reservations at campground. Square Wheels Hosting
- November 1-2 Wild Frontier Campground 3101 N. W. 16th Ave. Ocala, Fl. 34475 (352) 629-3540. Campground is on US 441N just behind American Choice RV. The Rally rate is \$30.00. Make your own reservations. All campsites are 50 Amp. Bring a 30 Amp reducer if needed. Square Wheels Hosting
- November 22-23 NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach - Camping at Hanna Park or Mayport Naval Base
- December 6-7 Christmas Party at Lake Oklawaha R.V. Park- 15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Fl. 32134 - 352-546-5500. Rally rate is \$29.70 including tax per night. Must call campground to make reservation and give one night's deposit. This is requirement of KOA.

Square and Round Dance Cruises

2019

- February 3-7 8th Annual Florida Winter Fest Cruise with Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys (Port Canaveral and the Bahamas) on the Carnival Liberty
John Manning (305-829-2009 or 877-822-2009)
- April 6-15 Cruisin' for Bob 5 with Bill Chesnut (Tampa; Limon, Costa Rica; Panama Canal partial transit; Grand Cayman) on the Carnival Miracle
Marilyn Scott (904-264-9392) mjanescott@bellsouth.net
Bill Chesnut (352-475-2550) billchesnut4@gmail.com
- July 1- 8 Travel Squared Travel cruise to Alaska with Ted Kennedy, Jerry Story, Johnny Preston, Curt Braffet and Bob Asp on the Norwegian Jewel from Vancouver BC to Seward – optional extension is the Alaska State Square Dance Convention

July 11-14 in Fairbanks - Jeff or Susan (267-844-1544)
jeff@travelsquaredtravel.com

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2019

June 25 Trails End Dance before the 68th National Square Dance Convention, Atlanta, Georgia featuring Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake & Jack Pladdys – 8:00 to 10:00 pm

June 26-29 68th National Square Dance Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, www.68nsdc.com Bob & Virginia Walker (828-349-0905), registration@68nsdc.org

June 18-20 62nd International NSCDA Camp-O-Ree, Pride Resort, Maggie Valley, North Carolina - www.nsdca.org - John & Dolly Ide (352-208-5980) or Gary & Gail LaRue (352-861-1583)

2020

June 16-20 69th National Square Dance Convention, Spokane, Washington www.69nsdc.org
reg2020@comcast.net

July 29-
August 1 21st Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival, Surrey (Vancouver), British Columbia – (604-584-5506 or 604-534-0969)
www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020

2021

June 23-26 70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi www.70nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com (921-412-8140)

Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida

2019

January 11-12 Fun Dancers Weekend, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee – Mary Northrup, 864-909-3950

January 19 January Shine, Pensacola, Florida
Terri Wilaby terriwilaby@hotmail.com (850-712-5230)

January 31 to
February 2 54th Aloha State Square & Round Dance Festival, Honolulu, Hawaii
Dee (760-200-1031) alohafestival@cox.net

February 1-2 Belles and Buoys 41st Annual Mardi Gras Festival, Biloxi, Mississippi
Nell Knott (228-831-3127) or Carol Beinhauer (228-831-0260)

February 1-2 Grand Squares Winter Fiesta, Plant City, Florida – Linda Saunders
386-295-9414 johnlin2631@gmail.com

March 14-16 WASCA'S 2019 "Swinging to the Big Band Era – 60th Square and Round Dance Festival, Alexandria, Virginia – Tom and Nancy Stafford 703-573-8378
festivalregistration@wascaclubs.com

March 28-30 50th Louisiana Square Dance Association Convention, Hammond, Louisiana

April 5-6 2019 Wiggins Weekend (Camping Clubs), Wiggins, Mississippi – Mike Landry
985-630-6241 miland511@aol.com

- May 16-18 31st Virginia State Square and Round Dance Convention, Virginia Beach, Virginia – Phil and Susan Daniels 508-942-7802 spdan7@gmail.com
- May 31–June 1 44th Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dance Convention, Columbia, South Carolina - HF and Meredith Jackson 803-493-8299
- August 1-3 45th Tennessee State Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, Tennessee – R. G. Pratt 865-964-2091 rgpratt@peoplepc.com
www.tnsquaredance.org
- October 11-12 Daytona Beach Ball with Tony Oxendine and Jimmy & Carol Griffin (Grand Square International), the Ormond Senior Center, 351 Andrews Street, Ormond Beach, Florida – Judi Corbett 386-679-5020 LadybirdDB@gmail.com
- November 8-9 WCSRDA 45th Annual Fall Fun Fest with Jerry Biggerstaff, Scotty Sharrer and Judy & Dwayne Barnhill, Bartow Civic Center, 2250 Floral Avenue, Bartow, Florida – Ed Drexel 603-686-6607 eddrexel@gmail.com

NEFSARDA News

NEFSARDA President's Nook – January 2019

Well, 'tis a new year and hopefully it will be a good one.

Reflecting on the past month, in December my chauffeur and I visited the Rollaways for their Christmas party and craft show, then the Grand Squares in Gainesville and Clover Squares in Williston to celebrate Christmas with parties and dancing at both clubs. Thank you, Vicki Todd of Clover Squares, for putting us up in Our Place Bungalow, her Bed and Breakfast-type house in Williston, Florida – very comfortable! I'd also like to mention we attended our own clubs, the Moose Promenaders and Fun n' Frolic, squeezing them in several times last month. There are still a few clubs that have yet to receive a visit from Chuck and me but have no fear. You are still on my "to do" list, and I look forward to visiting your clubs.

The toys collected by the clubs hosting Kay Walker Toy Drive dances were many and varied – collectively it was a huge success! Thank you to every donor, to the callers and cuer who donated their time and talents to these dances, and to "the lovely and talented Susan Snider" who undertook the responsibility of making these dances happen and seeing that the toys got where they were going – the Orange Park Clothes Closet.

"Susan", formerly known as Susan Snider, now just "Susan", doesn't restrict her generous heart just to children at Christmastime, but she has also assumed responsibility over several years for the Circus Dance that benefits Dreams Come True. This 'winter dance' was sponsored by the Silver Fox Squares club of Jacksonville under several of its callers and held annually over many years. When the Silver Fox Squares folded, Susan stepped up. We are so fortunate to have her in NEFSARDA, not only as a dedicated cuer, but a deeply compassionate lady. Thank you, Susan! We'll see you at this year's Circus Dance – January 25, 2019.

Susan is also reopening First Coast Rounds dance club beginning January 6th. Welcome back, First Coast Rounds! Membership is open to all round dancers.

Mary Giera maryvmusic@comcast.net

2019 NEFSARDA Fall Festival – Hillbilly Heaven

Kathy McKinney and Joan Amarino will be the chairpersons for the 2019 Fall Festival that will be held on November 15 and 16, 2019 with caller Jeremy Butler and cuer Susan Snider, Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

The next NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting will be held on January 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 4758 Shelby Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida.

NEFSARDA Parliamentarian position open

North East Florida Square and Round Dancers Association President, Mary Giera, is seeking a volunteer to serve as NEFSARDA Parliamentarian - to attend NEFSARDA delegates meetings (4 per year). This position could be held by a club delegate filling 2 positions at once. Interested parties just give Mary a holler at 904-262-9907.

Annual Kay Walker Charity Dance

The Kay Walker Toy Dance Drive was an unbelievable success this year. Once again, the Square Dance community stepped up to support the Clothes Closet of Orange Park which was very special to Kay Walker. Kay was a very active dancer in the Northeast who was killed in a tragic car accident three years ago. Thanks to a suggestion by Jim Maroldo each club held a toy dance and were able to collect more toys than any previous year. Those of you who donated cash will be impressed that I was able to purchase \$500 worth of Walmart gift cards so that some of the children can go and pick out something from the store. Again, many thanks to everyone who participated in this very worthy cause.

Susan Snider





Susan Snider and Marilyn Scott with the Delivered Toys

Notes from the Grapevine Editors

The Grapevine is sent via email at the beginning of each month to square and round dancers in the NEFSARDA community. Please send us your club news (past and planned), flyers and pictures. While it is best to send us your input at your earliest convenience, your final input is due three days before the end of the month. We prefer that your input be in Word, as an email, or as an attachment to an email (not PDF).

We welcome suggestions to make this a better and more useful publication. Please let us know of email address changes, additions and deletions, especially new members to your club. Use squaredancejax@gmail.com for communication related to the Grapevine. You can also call Laura on 941-928-8994 or Jim on 904-215-7922.



Dance Club News

Clover Squares of Levy County – Williston

Dixie Dancers – Lake City

The Dixie Dancers had a Christmas picnic Saturday on December 15th at the home of Ann and Ivan Hadsell. We had a great time playing ladder ball and bean bag toss. Of course, we ate a lot too. Bill Cassidy, who is learning to call, called a couple of tips and Ann cued a couple of rounds. Great food, great friends, great time.

Barbara Rosenthal





First Coast Rounds – Jacksonville

Round Dancing is Back! Susan Snider is reviving the club with lesson as follows.

January 6, 2019	4:00 to 5:30 pm - Beginning Cha Cha at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville
January 6, 2019	5:30 to 7:30 pm - Phase 2-5 dance at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville
January 8, 2019	6:00 to 7:00 pm - Intermediate Cha Cha before the Rollaways square dance

Fun 'n Frolics – Jacksonville

Grand Squares – Gainesville

Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

For the National Camping Convention - Ron Imus is gathering some information about Pigeon Forge - things to do, places to go, etc. He is trying to get a group of us together to go there between Pride and the Atlanta convention. There will be about five days for us to be in Pigeon Forge, so think about it. He will get back to us soon.

Gypsy Squares #168 & Square Wheels #128 - 2018 Christmas Weekend

For those members who wanted to start partying early, they came to camp on Thursday. We had a shared cook out. Then sat around a warm camp fire, eating hot peach cobbler.

Everyone else came in on Friday. Thirty-five rigs, and that was record breaking. After having a bag supper, we were ready to party. The dancers were all wearing Christmas sweaters and hats. We all enjoyed the mitten dance mixer, with Bill and Ann playing all the holiday songs. We rocked the night away. Our after party was packed with fun, we played the arm relay game and we all made sure everyone got a Good Night shout out.

Saturday started out to be a rainy day, but that didn't deter us from shopping at the Hog Valley thrift store and, of course the famous parade. Bill Chesnut called for five squares that stopped street traffic. Back at camp we had a hot dog lunch, prepared by the Square Wheels. The craft was a cork reindeer ornament. Teams of elves wearing mittens and hats worked hard to unwrap gifts. Yes, we had a snow ball fight, we will never grow up because we know how to have fun. Tom Herscha wasn't so lucky, he got his shirt stuffed with snow balls. While the dance workshops were happening, our busy crew was decorating the tables. The cooks were in the kitchen preparing ham, Swedish meatballs and noodles. All the side dishes were prepared by members. It was a feast.

What an amazing sight; 70 people seated for dinner. After dinner, we sang our traditional off key 12 days of Christmas. Nailed it. Gifts, with loving thanks, were presented to Bill and Ann for all the wonderful calling and cueing. Smile! We took our group picture and what a crowd. After our dance, we started our gift exchange. Lolly got quite a work out, she just couldn't hold on to a gift. Snacks and Jell-O shots were shared while gifts were being unwrapped and stolen from each other.

Early Sunday morning our breakfast crew was making pancakes and frying up ham. After breakfast the hall was cleared of all the tables and chairs, and with everyone's help, within minutes the hall looked like we were never there. But we have the wonderful memories of what a great weekend it was.

By the look on everyone's happy faces I knew it was truly a magical weekend. If I could thank everyone by name, it would be as long as this note. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Both clubs are amazing and a joy to be part off.

Donna Seay, Don & Sherry MacGregor and Gail & Gary LaRue

Jekyll Island Squares – Brunswick

Their Christmas party was held on December 13th. A great time was had by all, and we even had a special visitor. Don Heins



Joy Seas – St. Augustine

Mandarin Marauders – Jacksonville

The Mandarin Marauders gathered toys for the Kay Walker Dance on December 3rd.



Pictures from the December 17th dance.



Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers – Gainesville

Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville

The Moose Promenaders welcome new officers.

Presidents - Jim Maroldo and Laura Martin

Vice-President - Joyce Perry Wolfert

Secretary - Becky Burkett

Treasurer - Adrienne Farris

Our outgoing officers are:

Presidents - Wayne and Debbie Miller

Vice-Presidents - Pat and Lamar Mc Millan

Secretary - Becky Burkett

Treasurer - Suzanne Tower

The Moose Promenaders had a successful Kay Walker Toy Drive collecting over 50 toys and over \$100 in cash. Thanks to all who participated and to Susan Snider for transporting the toys and cash. The picture on the right shows Presidents Jim Maroldo and Laura Martin with Susan Snider and Bill Chesnut with the toys and money that was donated.



Special thanks to Paul and Marilyn Scott for hosting the annual Moose Promenaders Christmas party/ornament exchange. Everyone had a great time enjoying the yummy cookies and desserts brought by the party goers. The delicious chili made by Paul Scott is always a hit.





The Moose Promenaders celebrated Christmas with style. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by members, students and guests. We had a great turnout and as always, more food than we could eat. Thanks everyone who cooked, cleaned, and danced. Thank you to the visiting clubs, you made our celebration even more special. We hope to see everyone next year!

A special thanks for the Women of the Moose for letting us use their table decorations and to Paul & Marilyn Scott, Jim Maroldo and Don & Sherry MacGregor for decorating the hall for our party. Also, a very big thank you to Bill Chesnut and Susan Snider for making the evening so enjoyable.





Welcome new Moose Promenaders' members Kathy and Peter Seuss, Kathleen Lovorn and Bruce & Deno Sawhill.

Kathy and Peter spend their winters in the Jacksonville area and summers in Michigan. Kathy and Peter have been married for 50 years and square dancing for 15. They are also avid Euchre players if anyone is up for the challenge.

Kathleen has been in Jacksonville since 1980 and is originally from New Albany, Indiana. Kathleen is new to square dancing and is active at several clubs. We love her dedication to learning this fun and social caper. Kathleen is a very welcome addition to our square dance community.

Bruce and Deno are former members of the Moose Promenaders who have recently returned to square dancing. They are originally from Ohio and have also lived in Cocoa Beach and North Carolina.

The Moose Promenaders is proud to have as members 2018 Square Dance Couple of the Year, Don and Sherry McGregor and the 2018 "Circle of Service" award recipients Tom and Pat Herscha.

Stick around for Bill Chesnut's last tip. Many of you know and love Bill Chesnut as do the Moose Promenaders. Bill has been making the last tip very interesting - 2 squares no problem, 6 couples no problem, Bill promises to please. The last tip is the best tip. Stick around until 9:15 pm to see what Bill has planned (or most likely, pulls out of his hat) for the last tip.

Article by Laura Martin – Pictures by Laura Martin & Jim Maroldo

Rollaways – Jacksonville

The Rollaways had their Christmas Party at the Longhorn Steak House on December 11th with about 40 dancers attending (including our youth dancers). We had a gift swap that was enjoyed by all (especially by the kids handing out the presents!)

The Rollaways hosted a Christmas Dance with the Grinch on December 4th. They also had a Crafts Night at the same dance.





The Rollaways scheduled a special dance for Wednesday, December 19, especially for our Epsilon (kids) to feel more involved in Square Dance while dancing to a caller in their age bracket. Jonathon Weiner, age 17, did not disappoint them. Jonathon is from the Bronx New York. He started calling at age 10. He is following in the footsteps of his Grandfather, Fred Weiner, a national caller living in Arizona. Jonathon is a very charismatic young man, interacting with the youth during breaks and allowing them to dress him up as a Christmas tree while calling. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him among the National Callers in the future!



The Rollaways will begin dancing again January 8th They will have our popular annual Chili Cook Off on the 15th of January.

Article by Walt Syphard and Pictures by Jack McKinney

Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, Florida

Seabreeze Singles – Jacksonville

The Seabreeze Singles had their annual Christmas party at the home of Bill and Belinda Barker on Sunday, December 16th. It was well attended, and a great time was had by all.

The Seabreeze Singles held their Christmas Dance on December 18th.





The picture in the middle in the bottom row shows our outgoing president, Jane Johnson, and our new president, Belinda Barker. The picture on the bottom on the far right is our caller, Jim Cosman.
Pictures provided by Margaret Cahan

Silver Fox Squares – Starke

Silver Stars Squares – Fort White

News and Happenings

65th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION – “GREEN FLAG DANCING FROM DAYTONA” February 22-23, 2019 www.FloridaSquareDance.com

Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!

One more time around the race track and head for the open door! Have you bought your ribbon? See the details at the end of this article for purchase information. The 65th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is going to be a weekend full of fun! After all, NASCAR means “Navigate Awesome Squares and Cruise through Amazing Rounds.”

The dancing starts at 10 AM on Friday, Feb. 22. You can dance 10:00-noon, 1 – 4PM, and 6:30 - 9:30 (or 10:00, TBD) PM Friday and Saturday. Workshops will be held in the mornings, including Introduction to Hex Dancing. Friday evening the Florida Four will perform (Scotty Sharrer, Sam Dunn, Ernie Rollen, and Alan Snell). Saturday morning there will be dancing on the beach at 8:00 AM with callers Bill Boyd and Mark Fetzler. You’ll get to try dancing with no hands and with a rubber band. (I’m not sure how that works!) Also, on Saturday morning a sewing class will be held by the Two Terrys (learn how to make a stained-glass jacket!). There are Dangle Dances at 1:00 PM Saturday afternoon with callers Bill Boyd and Ernie Rollen. (Don’t miss the Dangle Dances because Judy Anderson is in charge, and she is a HOOT. She has planned Car Racing, Mutual Betting, Horse Racing, and more). Callers Ron Libby and Bobby Keefe will dazzle us Saturday evening. In the afternoons you can experience a new feature for the Florida Convention, Rounds by Request. And for all you C1 Dancers, C1 is on the agenda.

Steer toward the Homewood Suites (386-258-2828), the Hilton Daytona Oceanfront Resort (386-254-8200) and the Fairfield Inn (386-254-4700) for your reservations. You can also book a spot at the Sunshine Holiday RV Park (386-672-3045). Ask for square dancer rates.

Details regarding the Trail End Dance –

Gold Star Ballroom, 3100 South Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona. (<http://goldstarballroom.com>)

This is a great location with danceable flooring, and good acoustics. You will certainly enjoy dancing here!

It’s about a 15 minute drive from either the Homewood Suites or the Hilton.

Thurs., Feb. 21, 2019 – 7:00-10:00 PM

Fundraisers for the 2019 convention include polos, t-shirts, buttons, and tote bags. Also, there are raffle tickets with a \$250 cash prize! Then there is the quilt raffle. The \$250 raffle drawing will be at the Fall Fun Fest on November 10th. The quilt raffle drawing will be held Feb. 23 at the 2019 Convention, but you don’t have to be present to win either one of those. These items can be purchased through the website www.FloridaSquareDance.com

STOP right now and purchase your ribbons: Ribbons purchased before the convention are \$40 per person, or at the door \$45.

Please make checks payable to: 65th FSDC

See your Area Ways and Means Rep, or –

Mail to: Carol Poole, Reg. Chair

1541 Lakeside Drive, Deland, FL 32720-3014

Phone: 386-734-5295 Email: cpoole19@cfl.rr.com rpooole19@cfl.rr.com

Returned ribbons cheerfully refunded until February 21, 2019 for any reason. Square dance attire is optional for the Convention weekend.

Susie Moon - Publicity

2019 - 68th National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, Georgia

Activities have already begun in anticipation of a great convention in 2019. The location is great for the NEFSARDA dancers so hopefully Northeast Florida will have a big presence in Atlanta.

Jim Maroldo

Atlanta's Big Event is about to happen! June 2019 is fast approaching, and there are a few things you will need to know if you are planning to attend this History-Making Event! Yes, this is the first time Georgia has hosted a National Square Dance Convention. Please register now if you have not already done so!

If you are Pre-registered, have you submitted your Registration Long Form to purchase your Program Book, Special Event tickets, your reserve Camping RV spot or hotel room?? Go to our website www.68nsdc.com. You will need to download the Registration Long Form to your computer. Complete the form and rename it. Then attach it to an email or mail it in. Need Help? Please contact Bob or Virginia Walker, our Registration and Housing Chairman at: reghouschair@68nsdc.com or phone at (828) 349-0905.

A must see is the Opening Night Special Event with Grammy Award Winner John Berry!

Best Deal: Dinner Buffet & Concert - \$49.00

Concert Only - \$25.00

Advanced reservations required for the Welcome to Atlanta Buffet. Buffet tickets will not be available at the door. The buffet will be held in the Cobb Galleria Centre, Exhibition Hall C immediately after the 68th National Square Dance Convention® Opening Ceremonies. The John Berry concert will be held in the Cobb Galleria Center, John Williams Ballroom, at 7:00 pm. You can order your Special Event & Dinner tickets on your Registration Long Form or Sign up NOW when you register for the 68th NSDC.

Check out our free E-Magazine. Ten issues leading up to the convention giving you everything you need to know and more. See our website www.68nsdc.com for a down load of all the E Mag issues. We need more volunteers, please go to our website to the volunteer button and let us hear from you. We have many places where you can help. Join the "Peach Pit Team" NOW! Also come to the New Year Eve Kick-Off dance with Tony Oxendine. See the dance flyer on our website.



The 68th National Square Dance Convention ® would like to honor our Military and First Responders (Police and Fire) at our convention in Atlanta in 2019.



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

We hope that you will participate.

We are making a Wall of Honor. Please send us a photo (5x7 or smaller) of you or a family member in uniform that we may keep and display .

Mail to Connie Keener 1460 Dee Kennedy Rd.
Hoschton, Ga. 30548

These will not be returned. Please mark your name and your square dance club association on the back.

Thank You! 68thNSDC

**TUESDAY NIGHT
TRAILS END DANCE**

**June 25, 2019
8-10pm**

**68th National
Square Dance Convention®**

**June 26-29, 2019
Atlanta, GA**

Cobb Galleria Centre, Exhibition Hall A
2 Galleria Pkwy SE, Atlanta, GA 30339

\$10.00 per person

Tony Oxendine
 Jerry Story
 Ken Bower
 Gary Shoemaker
 Jack Paddys

Cruisin' with Bob 5 – A Square Dance Cruise with Bill Chesnut.



This may be a little too soon for some, but not soon enough for others who like to cruise. We are going to the Panama Canal April 6 – 14, 2019. This cruise is going out of Tampa, Florida.

Itinerary: We depart Tampa at 4:00 pm

Day 2, fun day at sea

Day 3, fun day at sea

Day 4, Limon Costa Rica, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Day 5, Panama Canal Partial Transit 7:30 am to 7:00 pm

Day 6, fun day at sea

Day 7, Grand Cayman 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Day 8, fun day at sea

Day 9, arrive at Tampa at 8 am

We have Group # 2SGZ75 with Manny. His telephone number is 800-819-3902 (extension 85172). His hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Friday from 9 am to 6:00 pm. If you call after hours, you can call group reservations on 800-819-3902 (extension 70480). Please use the group number 2SGZ75.

Interior Cabin for 2 people - \$2,378 plus optional insurance of \$109.00 per person

Ocean View for 2 people - \$2,658 plus optional insurance of \$119.00 per person

Obstructed Balcony for 2 people - \$2,998 plus optional insurance of \$119.00 per person

Balcony for 2 people - \$3,138 plus optional insurance of \$129.00 per person

These are great prices! Note – these prices are as of early May, and they may go up a little. If prices decrease, you will get a reduction. We got a big reduction last April, thank you Marilyn!

The Miracle is slightly larger ship than the Elation. It is comprised of 70% balcony rooms for viewing the Panama Canal, so the choice is limited for other cabins types. Your final payment is due on January 22, 2019. You can decide on travel insurance when the final payment is made.

Marilyn Scott - 904-264-9392
Mjanescott@bellsouth.net

Bill Chesnut – 352-475-2550
Billchesnut4@gmail.com

Dancers at Other Activities

The Seabreeze Singles had 11 members and 3 guests attend the Annual Senior Holiday Dance at the Prime Osborn Center on December 1st, enjoying themselves along with several thousand other seniors. We joyfully danced to a live band, while volunteers served us turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy. Red velvet cake was the dessert, and everyone had a red stocking stuffed with goodies waiting for them to take home later. Many door prizes were given to lucky seniors. Everyone was dressed in their fanciest. But some seniors choose this special dance to dress in special ways. We saw one lady wearing green lighted shoes, a green coat and green hair. Her dance partner wore an all red suit and bright shirt. The band sounded good, but they mainly played faster upbeat songs. They really packed the dance floor when they played line dancing songs. I would say a thousand or more seniors line danced at a time, including me. I had a good time, but this makes 11 years I have attended this colorful event and not won a door prize.



Cora Lee Garrett & Barry Wolfgang – Margaret Cahan - Mary Lou Williams & Robert Clinton - Rea & Pat Altwater - Margaret Cahan, Don Seay, Belinda Barker, Kathleen Lovorn, & Belinda's friend Jeanie Margaret Cahan

The Moose Promenaders very own Adrienne Farris sang like an angel at the Nocatee Christmas Pageant on December 8th. She was featured with a solo part in one of the songs that she sang in Hebrew!

Article by Laura Martin - Picture by Jim Maroldo



Farewells and Concerns

Peggy Darlene Ligon, beloved wife of caller Lon Stuart Ligon, peacefully passed away in her home in Gainesville, Florida early on the morning of December 3, 2018. She was being cared for by her loving family following an extended hospitalization. Peggy was born in 1939 in Kansas City, Missouri, the daughter of Oral Lamont Lewis and Mary Ellen Lewis. She is survived by her devoted husband, her sister Mary Oralene Rasp, her daughters Robin Frazer, Kendra Kuck and Sylvia Kuck, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Peggy was preceded in death by her brother David Lamont Lewis. Peggy had been a parishioner of the Disciples of Christ Church in Gainesville, a member of The Red Hatters, the Newcomers Club, and was co-founder of the Grand Squares Square Dancing Club. She frequently played Mahjong and cards with friends, whom she loved dearly. As a Girl Scout, she was one of the first recipients of the Church of Christ's God and Country Badge. Her funeral was held on December 15th.



From Peggy Ligon's Family

To our NEFSARDA Friends - Words can't express the Love and Friendship that we feel from all of you. The cards, and wonderful comments were so thoughtful and beautifully given. I know that Peggy and our family are humbled at the outpouring of your love. We're sorry that we can't thank each and of you in person, but please know that you will always have a special place in our hearts.

Even in death Lorvale "Smitty" Smith is helping us promote square dancing. His memorial is in Jacksonville [FL] National Cemetery.

Mary Giera



Percy Franklin Shadwell, Sr. went to the Lord on June 23, 2018. Born in Chester, Pennsylvania on October 24, 1929, he had a life that few men can boast. He was 18 when he joined the Navy. One of his first duty stations was aboard the USS Edisto AGB-2, an ice breaker. During those years his ship led expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic icepack. On the first expedition with Admiral Byrd, he and his shipmates established one of the earliest permanent bases in Antarctica, which later became known as Little America. He was also decorated for distinguished service in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. As part of the crew on the USS Long Beach CGN-9, he participated in the first around the world cruise of the new nuclear surface fleet in 1964. He retired from the US Navy in 1968 and started his second career as an electrical control designer. In this endeavor, he completed many important projects. He is predeceased by his wives, Joyce A. Buxo, Clarice E. Leddy, and Holly V. Jerry, also by his daughter with Joyce, Janice M. Turner. He is survived by his sons Percy F. Shadwell, Jr. and David A. Shadwell, Sr., and his daughter Kathleen F. White, also four grandsons, and a great granddaughter. And he is

survived by many loving step children from his second two marriages, all of whom he treated as his own blood kin. To characterize Shad's life there are a few key parts to his personal philosophy. He believed in working hard and always delivering his best effort. He believed in fairness in all things. He tried to put everyone around him at ease. And finally, he was generous and giving to a fault. He was proud of all of his children, and they were all proud of him. (Neptune Society, Jacksonville, Florida)

Added by Mary Giera: Known as "Shad" in the square dance community, he and his 2nd wife, Clarice, danced with many square dance clubs in NE Florida, but were members of the Seaside Stompers. They were also editors of the Grapevine from 1985 until they moved to Atlanta, Georgia in December 1989.

Long time South Carolina resident Thelma Brown (Bellew) passed away December 25, 2018 in Jacksonville Florida. Originally from Forsyth, Georgia she is preceded in death by her first husband, John Oscar Bellew, with whom she had three children, second husband, James Calvin Brown, sister Ann Bradford and brother William Lamar Long. She is survived by her three children (Betty Bellew-Smith, John Bellew and Wayne Bellew), 7 grandkids, 12 great-grandkids and 1 great-great-grand child. The family received friends on Monday, December 31, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Carolina Memorial Funeral Home, 7113 Rivers Avenue in North Charleston, S.C. A graveside service followed in Carolina Memorial Park at 1:00 pm.



Helpful Web Sites and Email Addresses

General

Florida Dancergram by Penny Green - www.dancergram.com

Florida Federation of Square Dancers – floridasquaredance.com

Florida Callers Association – www.flcallersassoc.org

National Square Dance Campers Association (John Ide) – johnide2016@outlook.com – www.nsdca.org

Single Square Dancers USA - <http://ssdusa.org>

Vendors

sewemupfashions.com or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Roebuck, SC)
<http://www.jlvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance & Western Wear)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic TAC Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Shepler's - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

Monday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Mandarin Marauders
Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing
Lessons – 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Club Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM

3848 Hartley Road
(Mandarin Senior Center)
Jacksonville, FL

Callers, Shane & Ken Perez

Presidents, Rick & Kim Doucette
904-268-9960
(904) 655-1791

Rickandkim@bellsouth.net

Banner chair, David Smith
(904) 655-1791
opdaves@comcast.net

GAINESVILLE

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers
Advanced Square Dancing
7 - 9 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church
3146 NW 13th St.
Gainesville, FL

Caller, Bill Chesnut

Contact
Gerry Jesk
352-493-2842
sparkandme@bellsouth.net
or
Bill Chesnut
(352) 256-8628

Tuesday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Rollaways

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Round Dance Lessons 6 – 7 PM
Square Dance Less. 7 - 8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

2750 John Prom Blvd
(Sandalwood HS Cafeteria)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Mark Fetzer
Cuer, Susan Snider

Presidents, Erik & Robin Burton
(904) 738-7008

robnsnyder@yahoo.com

Banner chair, Linda Tester
(904) 707-3117
lindactester@bellsouth.net

JACKSONVILLE

Seabreeze Singles

Mainstream and Plus Square
Dancing
Lessons - 7 - 8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

1300 Sprinkle Drive
(Arlington Presbyterian Church)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Jim Cosman

President, Jane Johnson
(904) 564-2062

msij18@bellsouth.net

Banner chair, Betty Smith
(904) 610-2675
bettybsmith2002@yahoo.com

STEINHATCHEE, FL

Salty Bobbers

Mainstream and Plus Square
Dancing
Lessons - 7 - 8:00 PM
Club Dance - 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Community Center
62 SW 812th Street
Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

Caller, Charlie Pergrossi

Contact Don Stipp,
donstipp@hotmail.com
Jeanette Geer
352-507-9425
slippedgeer@gmail.com

Banner Chair, Doug Moore
(512) 605-7773
Dougmo52@gmail.com

LAKE CITY

Dixie Dancers

Round Dancing and Plus Square
Dancing

Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:15 PM

Club Dance 8:15 - 9:30 PM

Teen Town
533 Northwest Desoto Street
Lake City, FL

Caller, Bill Chesnut
Cuer, Ralph Beekman

Contact, Barbara Rosenthal
(386) 466-2984
rar123@comcast.net

ST. AUGUSTINE

Joy Seas

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing

Call for their schedule

Coquina Crossing Clubhouse
St. Augustine, FL

Take I-95 to exit 311

West on SR 207 1 mile, on left
You MUST be through the gate
by 8:00 PM

Caller, Mike Akers

Contact, John & Mary Burso
(904) 797-7530

burzom@bellsouth.net

GAINESVILLE

Grand Squares

Basic, Mainstream and Plus
Square Dancing
6:30 - 9 PM

1001 NW 34st Street
(Westside Park Recreation Bldg)
Gainesville, FL

Caller, Lon Ligon

President, Susie Moon
(352) 283-1296

susiemoon@cox.net

grandsquares@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Clubs

WILLISTON

Clover Squares of Levy
County

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing

Square Dance Lessons – 4:00 –
5:00 PM

Club Dance – 2:00 -4:00 PM

213 W. Noble Ave. (US 27A)
(First United Methodist Church)
Williston, FL

Callers – Either Bill Chesnut or
Rod Barngrover

Contact, Mignon Craig
(352) 528-3323

mignoncraig@yahoo.com
[Facebook](#)

JACKSONVILLE

Fun 'n Frolics

Advanced Square Dancing
6:15 - 8:15 PM

(dark June, July & August)

7750 S. Tempest Street
(Jacksonville Heights
Elementary School)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Jim Cosman

Contact, Russ & Carolyn Ueber
(904) 223-9347

carolynu9@gmail.com

Thursday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Moose Promenaders

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Advanced Square Dance 6:30 -
7 PM

Lessons - 7 - 8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

5051 Collins Road
(Moose Lodge 2020)
Orange Park, FL
Caller, Bill Chesnut
Contact, Jim Maroldo (904-215-
7922) or Laura Martin (941-928-
8994)

jcmaroldo@gmail.com

Banner chairs

Brunswick, GA

Jekyll Island Squares

Mainstream & Announced Plus
Square Dancing with Line Dancing

Club Dance – Thursdays
7:00 - 9:00 PM

3890 Altama Avenue
(College Place
United Methodist Church)
Enter at the back of Church

Brunswick, GA
Caller, Don Heins

Contact, Don Heins
(912) 265-1504 or
(912) 269-7909
Call to verify dance schedule

Friday Clubs

STARKE

Silver Fox Squares

Mainstream with Announced
Plus
Club Dance - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

First Methodist Church
200 North Walnut
Starke, Florida

Caller, Ken Perez
Co-Caller

Currently Dark

Shane Perez
(904) 964-2917
dogcat@centurylink.net
Banner chair, Susie Kirby
silverfoxsquares@mail.com

FT WHITE

Silver Stars

Mainstream with Announced
Plus
Club Dance – 6:30 PM

Tustenuggee United
Methodist Church

1715 SW McClinton St
Ft White, FL

Caller, Ken Perez
Co-Caller, Shane Perez
(904) 964-2917

dogcat@centurylink.net

Banner chair, Susie Kirby
silverfoxsquares@mail.com

Weekend Camping Clubs

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

Gypsy Squares
Mainstream / Plus / Lines
Usually on the
3rd Full Weekend of
Each Month

Normally with the
Square Wheels

Caller, Bill Chesnut

President, Gail LaRue
(352) 861-1583
glarue2775@gmail.com

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

Square Wheels
Mainstream / Plus / Rounds
Usually on the
3rd Full Weekend of
Each Month

Normally with the
Gypsy Squares

2:30-4:30PM MS Workshop

Caller, Bill Chesnut

President, Don MacGregor
(904) 375-1252
dmacgr@comcast.net

Round Dancing

JACKSONVILLE

First Coast Rounds
Round Dancing
Round Dance Lessons 5 - 6
PM
Special Teaches 6 - 6:30 PM
Phase II-IV Dance from 6:30 -
8:30 PM

4758 Shelby Ave
(St. Catherine's Episcopal
Church)
Jacksonville, FL

Cuer, Susan Snider
(904) 908-5184
frausbs@aol.com

Saturday Dances

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NEFSARDA 5th Saturday dances

Contact, Erik & Robin Burton
904-738-7008

robnsnyder@yahoo.com