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From the from the Grapevine Editor



I apologize that this issue is later than planned. On Jan1, I was exposed to Covid 19 and just now have been cleared and feel like getting on the computer. I am deeply saddened in this issue are 2 callers that Marie and I had the pleasure of many dances with and 2 dancers that we loved being in a square with. Please keep safe and well. To many of us are leaving the square.

As we enter the new year it is my hope that the square dance community will continue to live long and and prosper.

Dance Club News

(For clubs that are dancing or planning to dance)

The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut



The Moose Promenaders resumed regular Thursday night dances on June 18th with Bill Chesnut as our caller. Please join us on a Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

We have also restarted our Advanced Square Dance Lessons. These lessons are open to all interested dancers who are proficient in Plus Square Dancing.

Lessons are offered before our regular dance, and typically start about 6:20 pm and end at 7:00 pm. There is no extra cost for these lessons.

JACKSONVILLE
Moose Promenaders
Mainstream & Plus Square Dancing
and
Occasional Round Dancing

Advanced Square Dance Lessons
6:15 – 7:00 PM
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Club Dance 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Moose Lodge 2020
5051 Collins Road
Jacksonville, Florida
Caller - Bill Chesnut

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We held our annual Christmas party on December 17th. The Moose Lodge kitchen staff prepared a Christmas dinner for us featuring turkey and ham plus the normal side dishes. Margaret Newberry of Palm Bay, Florida cued for us at this dance.



We had a special treat as our club treasurer, Adrienne Farris, even joined Bill by calling for us. Our own Pat Herscha led the group in a line dance.



We were joined for the evening by Robert Kay and Sheryl McLeod of the Seabreeze Singles. We always enjoy having them visit with us. It was memorable to me and to our club since they are about the only members of a Jacksonville based square dance club who have visited us since we reopened last June.





We started a new introductory square dance class on January 7th with five students. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning to square dance, please have them come to one of our square dances or call Jim Maroldo on 904-215-7922.

We have been collecting dues for 2021. Thus far, 63 dancers have paid their 2021 dues. We are certainly encouraged by their support.

An unusual thing has been happening at our recent dances. We have had more male dancers than female dancers. In fact, we had five more male dancers than female dancers at a dance in December. In a turnabout, we males are learning how it feels to be unable to find someone to dance with. We are hopeful that we will be able to attract some more women to join us in the future.

Pictures and article by Jim Maroldo

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- February 4, 2021 – February Birthdays
- February 11, 2021 – Valentine’s Day Dance
- March 4, 2021 – March Birthdays

- March 18, 2021 – St. Patrick's Day Dance
- April 1, 2021 – April Birthdays
- April 15, 2021 – Moose Promenader Anniversary Dance

The Grand Squares – Gainesville – Callers Lon Ligon & Jim Duncan

The Grand Squares in Gainesville, with callers Lon Ligon and Jim Duncan, are not currently dancing, but we are eagerly awaiting the time when it is safe to do so once again! We want to wish our dancers, present and past, and all our guests who have joined us before, or who plan to join us in the future, a blessed Christmas Season. Hoping you find your way into 2021 with good health! We look forward to "squaring up" soon!

The Dixie Dancers in Lake City – Caller Bill Chesnut Cuers Ralph Beekman and Ann Hadsall

The Dixie Dancers have returned to dancing!

All is well in Lake City as square and round dancing are happening on Tuesday nights at Teen Town. The Dixie Dancers started dancing in November and will dance December 15th before taking a couple of weeks off for Christmas and New Year's. We will return to dancing on January 5th, 7 PM with Bill Chesnut calling and Ralph Beekman or Ann Hadsall cuing the rounds.

Ralph has had some health issues and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to have him back after the New Year. In the meantime, Ann is cuing for us and doing a fantastic job. Masks are required by the city so come prepared. Some of our dancers have not started dancing yet and we miss them. We know not everyone is comfortable with contact and we hope that the vaccine will be available soon and allow more people to come out and return to the fun of square and round dancing.

If you have not heard, we have cancelled the annual Battle of Olustee dance scheduled in February. The Blue – Grey Army cancelled the downtown festival and all the reenactment activities, so we felt it was best to cancel for 2021.

Make plans to come out and dance with us in 2021 and enjoy our hospitality any Tuesday night. Contact Barbara and Bob Rosenthal or Bill Chesnut for more info.

The Orange Blossom Squares have returned to dancing!

The Orange Blossom Squares will be open for square dancing to all dancers, with rounds between squares. We have been dancing for the last month or so but it was for Village Residents only. Effective January 3, 2021, and every Sunday during January and February open for all square and round dancers on a test basis. If it works out with enough dancers it may continue. If not enough dancers attend it will probably be cut back to residents only.

Dances are held every Sunday at the La Hacienda Rec Center, 1200 Avendia Central, The Villages, from 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM. Caller for January 3 is Ron Libby. Round dance leaders are either Loretta Hanhurst or Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick. Casual or Square dance attire. Not sure what the admission is.

For additional information contact Bill or Jane Karpuleon at 352-633-3756 or 352-445-0417



The Square Wheels had their first camping weekend January 15th and 16th at Eagles Roost in Lake Park, Ga. We had seven rigs attend which just gave us enough for a square. Everyone arrived on Friday to blustery winds and rain, but by late afternoon the weather cleared and it was rather nice though cold. We all got together early Friday evening and went to dinner at the Farm House restaurant. Afterwards we met at the hall for some square dancing with Bill Chesnut and rounds by Ann Hadsall. Bill challenged us with his calling by throwing in some advanced calls just to keep us on our toes. After dancing we sat around and socialized.

Saturday morning everyone did their own thing that included the flea market or shopping and after lunch we got together and played the Marbles and Jokers game. Later we all went to the Cowboy Steak House for dinner. There were some challenges when Bill had a glass of ice water spilled on him by his waitress {at least it wasn't Don this time}. Then we gathered again in the hall for more square and round dancing followed by a time for relaxing and socializing. A campfire was planned but it was even too cold to gather around a roaring fire. We all packed up Sunday morning and headed off after a memorable weekend. We'll do it again next month the weekend of February 19th and 20th at the Ragan Family Campground in Madison, Florida. Hope to see you there. See our calendar for details.

Don MacGregor



SQUARE WHEELS
Chapter 128
CAMPING SCHEDULE - 2021
(Subject to change – Please verify – Revised 01/20/2021)

- Jan 15-16** Eagle Roost RV Resort, 5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, Ga 31636, (229) 559-5192 Rate is \$38.34 including all taxes. There is no cable but 14-15 channels are available from Valdosta and Tallahassee. Must make your own reservation, deposit required.
- Feb 19-20** OLUSTEE BATTLE FESTIVAL was cancelled. Instead we will be camping at Ragans Family Campground – 1051 SW Old St. Augustine Road, Madison, Fl 32340, I-10 at exit 258 (850)973-8269 Rally rate - \$77.30 including tax for 2 nights. We have 20 sites reserved. Call to make your reservation. There is 48 hours cancellation policy and a \$30.00 cancellation fee.
- Mar 19-20** Red Oaks RV Resort – 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, Fl.33513 (352)793-7117 Rally rate – \$30.00.
Must call campground and pre-register with a deposit.
- Apr 16-17** Lake Oklawaha RV Park - 15991 NE 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Fl. 32134 (352) 546-5500 Rally Rate \$29.70 per night. You must call the campground after Jan 1st to make your reservation and give a one night deposit. This is a requirement of KOA.
- May 21-22** 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

The Seabreeze Singles with Caller Jim Cosman

The Seabreeze Singles Club wishes everyone in the dance community an extremely healthy, joyous, and peaceful New Year. We are looking forward to the time when we can resume dancing. In the interim, we are staying connected with our members through bi-monthly Zoom sessions.

Healing thoughts,

Pamela

NEWS RELEASE

71st NSDC offers historic tours, Educational events

The 71st National Square Dance Convention® committee, nicknamed the “River Rats,” is working hard to make sure everything is just right for the dancers coming to Evansville, IN, in June 2022.

Tours are being organized in Evansville and the surrounding area. Vincennes offers the Red Skelton Museum and Grouseland Mansion, home of William Henry Harrison, 9th President of the United States. Another tour is in Corydon, IN, the first Indiana State Capitol, with a themed luncheon featuring one of the first Governors of Indiana.

Register for the convention at 71nsdc.org. While you are there, check out the education programs, themed “Making Waves.”

70th NSDC IS STILL ON!

Plan to get together with friends in the City with Soul

January 4, 2021— Chances are you probably haven’t gotten out much this past year thanks to the pandemic. Jackson, MS can cure that wanderlust as the city and surrounding areas have something to cater to all interests as the hosts for the **70th National Square Dance Convention®**.

The fun starts with the Pre-convention tour **June 20-23**, which is dedicated to the King, Elvis Presley. The tour will visit his birthplace in Tupelo, MS before heading to Memphis, TN for two days near his well-known home in Graceland. You will also get a chance to visit Beale Street, one of the best-known streets in the United States.

During the convention, there are plenty of other tours, if you can tear yourself away from the dance floor. Continue the music theme with the Delta Blues Tour, which stops at the Grammy Museum, the Delta Blues Museum, and the Crossroads, where a blues legend sold his soul to the devil, or the Sing the Blues Tour, which visits the BB King Museum and Club Ebony. Pay tribute to the military with the Armed Forces Tour, which visits the Armed Forces Museum near Hattiesburg.

Jackson has plenty of history as well. Visit Merrehope, one of the few remaining Antebellum homes in Meridian, MS, on the Meridian Tour, or Stanton Hall, one of the most opulent houses in the south, on the Natchez Tour. If you want military history, travel to Vicksburg, MS a major turning point in the American Civil War at Vicksburg.

Come for the dancing, stay for the culture! There's plenty to do in the City with Soul! For more information, visit 70nsdc.com and click on "tours."

NEFSARDA and the Florida Federation

President's Message
January 2021

I hope you had a great holiday. And now that we are into the New Year, let's hope that it's certainly better than the last. Let's look forward to 2021 as being GREAT!

We are certainly hoping more venues open up as the month goes forward. Here in NE, we have two clubs dancing. In Jacksonville we have the Moose Promenaders and in Lake City we have the Dixie Dancers. From what I have been told more and more clubs are beginning to dance throughout the state.

I do want to remind you again that the Florida Federation or any association or Square Dancer will never ask you to donate gift cards to any organization for any reason. A past member of NE and also a Caller receive an E mail requesting some gift cards to donate to veteran's association. This is definitely a SCAM.

After much thought and consideration, the Florida Federation, Florida caller's association and Florida cures association had made the hard decision to cancel the 2021 Florida State square and round dance convention. Some might say this was an unwise decision or they may say it's the right decision. I'm sure none of us really know. We can only make what we feel is a safe decision. Hopefully very soon we will all be able to be safe from the COVID-19. Richard and Carol Douget have agreed to be the 2022 state convention chairman. Everything will remain the same except the date. Ribbons already purchased will be honored for 2022.

I would like to thank you, our square and round answers for all the work and support you give to our activity. I look forward to seeing you at the 67th Florida state square and round dance convention in 2022.

Linda Tester, President
Florida Federation of Square Dancers
www.floridasquaredance.com

Florida Callers Association

Welcome to another issue of around the square dance world.

It seems that many dances are still on hold, and more being cancelled including the Winter Fiesta scheduled for later in February. On a positive note, some more clubs are getting started as the vaccine comes to more people. Jacksonville, Tampa, Lake City, The Villages, Panama City area and Pensacola have clubs dancing. There are also a couple of the camping clubs meeting and dancing. Hopefully your club can get back to it shortly. Wash your hands and be safe. We look forward to seeing all shortly. Until you are ready to go out to a dance you can lookup square dance videos on the net and watch and hear callers from the past. A few are doing some one or two couple dancing now that you might want to try.

I look forward to writing articles about the huge crowds and big times at square and round dances but that appears to still be in the future. Until then, remember guys your partner is on the right and your corner is on the left.

There is still one big dance on the horizon and if you feel comfortable sign up and go. That is to the National Convention in Jackson, MS in June.

Stay safe, do not take chances and hope for the best.

News and Happenings

Our next square dance cruise will sail from New York City on the Carnival Magic on September 11, 2021 and return on September 18, 2021.

- This is the same basic itinerary as the cancelled 2020 cruise, but it is a seven day cruise.
- The Booking number is H03JF0 - BOB 6 Square Dance Cruise.
- The Deck 6 mid-range price estimate (before insurance and gratuities) is \$1,311 for an interior cabin; \$1,831 for an ocean view cabin; and \$2,291 for a balcony cabin.

We have until the end of December 2020 to make our reservation and use the full refund from the cancelled 2020 cruise, including our \$600 room credit. The amount you paid for the last cruise will be credited to this cruise. Paul and I have already made our reservation. Manny is currently working from home, but he has the same telephone number, 800-819-3902, extension 85172. Leave him a message and give him a couple of days to respond. We look forward to another wonderful cruise with "BOB." If you have any questions, please give call me or send me an email. Thanks again,

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



Dances & Dancing Events That Have Been Recently Cancelled

February 20-21, 2021 – The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Daytona, Beach, Florida

March 18-20, 2021 – The WASCA Spring Festival in Alexandria, Virginia

Farewells and Concerns

We have several dancers in our community who are not well. Their situations are sometimes temporary and sometimes serious. We ask that you keep these dancers in your thoughts and prayers, plus we hope for speedy recoveries for all. Please notify us about all dancers who should be on this list by contacting us on squaredancejax@gmail.com.

Rod Barngrover - caller

Ralph Beekman of Dixie Dancers

Dee Casteel of Square Wheels Camping Club

Linda Knapp of the Moose Promenaders

Maxine Thomas of the Seabreeze Singles

George Tower of the Moose Promenaders

A Big Thank You

Dear square & round dance friends. A belated thank you for all your cards & emails regarding Chuck's passing September 10. I deeply appreciated hearing from all of you. Miss you and dancing.
Aleen Breedlove

In Loving Memory



Another beloved Square Dance Caller passed away.

Jerry Story

Jerry Lee Story, age 65 of Fairfield, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic.

Jerry was born June 21, 1955, to Kenneth and Marian (Hammond) Story in Keokuk, IA. He married Kristine Sue Laux on July 25, 1976 in Fairfield, Iowa.

Jerry graduated from Fairfield High School Class of 1973. He was an International Square Dance caller and local business owner.



Bud Taylor Dec 30, 2020

Bud Taylor was involved in Square dancing along with his wife Anita. I do not have an Obituary for Bud yet. Their list of accomplishments in Square dancing is impressive. They started dancing in 1983 in Kentucky. They were members of the Fun n’ Frolics and Moose Promenaders.

2015-2016 – NEFSARDA By-laws Chairman

2011-2016 – **Florida Federation Square Dancers (Parliamentarian – President)**

2010 – FLORIDA State Square & Round Dance Convention General Chairman

2007-2008 - NEFSARDA Immediate Past President

2005 – Florida State Convention Ass't Chairman

2005-2006 – NEFSARDA President

2004 - NEFSARDA Vice President

2003 – NEFSARDA Dance Couple of the Year

2002-2003 - NEFSARDA Vice President

2001 – NEFSARDA Fall Festival Chairman

2000 – Circle of Service Award

2000 – NEFSARDA Fall Festival Co-Chairman

1999-2001 - NEFSARDA delegate from Moose Promenaders

1999-2000 – Moose Promenaders President

1997 - National Square Dance Convention on Housing & Registration Committee

1997 – NEFSARDA delegate from Moose Promenaders

1995 – Moose Promenaders Banner Chairman

1994 – Moose Promenaders President

1994 – NEFSARDA delegate from Moose Promenaders

1993-1994 – Moose Promenaders President

Aug 1992-1999 – NEFSARDA Insurance
Chairman

1987-1988 – NEFSARDA delegate from
Moose Promenaders

1991-1992 - Moose Promenaders Vice
President

Circle of Service Award

1987-1988 – NEFSARDA Insurance Chairman

Florida Federation Square Dancers Delegates



Bobbie G. Boyd (Luke), 84 of Jacksonville, FL passed away December 31, 2020. Bobbie Ann Greene was born in Columbus, MS on August 31, 1936, to William and Gena Lynn Greene. She graduated from high school and then attended Jacksonville University, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in nursing.

She married Lowell B. Boyd, Sr. in 1955 and then married Everett Luke in 1998. Bobbie worked at Shand's and St. Vincent's Hospital as a Registered Nurse for years. She was a member of West Jacksonville Advent Christian Church and had a passion for playing cards and square dancing. They were members of First Coast Rounds, Moose Promenaders, Silver Fox and Seabreeze Singles

Please leave words of comfort and condolences for the family on our online guest register at www.hgriversidefuneralhome.com



Paul Walker

Paul Walker was a caller here in Northeast Florida. He called for the Teddy Bear Squares. Marie and I loved Paul and his wife Nita. When the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Carolina Panthers played their first game. The night before a lot of us went to a square dance called by Paul Walker and Art Wilson. Then afterward we all went to the annual dance weeklong square dance at Kanuga. Cards can be sent to Nita Walker at 5059 Overcrest Dr. Kannapolis, NC 28081

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2021

June 23-26 70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi
<http://www.70nsdc.com> register70@yahoo.com 921-412-8140

July 19-21 17th US Handicapable Square Dance Association Convention, The Edgewater Hotel at the Aquarium and Conference Center, 402 River Road, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 800-277-0362 – Rick Yates 386-734-2110 – note the dates are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

September 3-5 The 50th Dance-a-Rama Festival of Single Square Dancers in the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines, Iowa. For further information contact the dance's chairman, Susan Lee, at rflxsue@aol.com or call 515-244-3247.

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June 22-25 71st National Square Dance Convention, Evansville, Indiana, www.71nsdc.org
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