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SQ A E DANCING

President's Message

with Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel



The Board has enjoyed attending graduations these past few months. We started in March with Seabreeze Singles and continued by visiting Joy Seas, Mandarin Marauders, Rollaways, Moose Promenaders, Silver Fox, Tri-County, River Ramblers, Dixie Dancers, Vagabond Squares, and Flagler Ocean Waves. Each of these clubs was presented with a check for one hundred dollars to help promote square dancing. We have also attended many anniversary dances, benefit dances and demos. One demo was in Trenton at the Ayers Rehabilitation Center Volunteer Banquet to honor volunteers who work at the facility. We also enjoyed a picnic and danced for National Nursing Home Week in Folkston, GA. Thank you to everyone who helped with each of these events.

Allow us to thank each of you, the dancers, callers and cuers, for a very successful, "Subscription to The Grapevine" 5th Saturday Dance. The dance was a huge success. As a lead into the dance we had received 29 new subscriptions and 41 renewals. While at the dance we received 5 new subscription and 18 renewals, a total of 93 subscriptions. It's been you, the dancers, along with Sarah, our new editor, who have talked up the Grapevine and encouraged your friends to take a subscription. Let's not stop now!

As we write this article the 53rd State Square and Round Dance Convention hasn't taken place, but we are confident it will be an exciting and memorable weekend in Lakeland over Memorial Day weekend. As the Grapevine arrives in your mailbox, many folks will be heading to the 56th National Convention in Char-

lotte, North Carolina. This annual event is being held June 27-30. Hopefully you are heading in that direction along with us. This too will be an exhilarating gathering of dancers from across the United States and around the world.

On July 14th the Gateway Callers and Rural Callers have scheduled "Christmas in July", a dance which benefits the Shiners' Crippled Children's Hospital. If you have not made plans to attend, it is not too late. Check out their flyer on page 13 for the details. In late March the River Ramblers held a benefit dance for the Shriner's which was very successful. A big Yellow Rock to River Ramblers, the RCA and GCA Callers & Cuers, and the dancers who participate by attending these dances or sending a contribution.

This is a huge year for NEFSARDA and big plans are being made. It is our 50th anniversary. Kathy and Jack McKinney are chairmen for this event and we are sure they are going to do a fantastic job. You are encouraged to talk this event up and let's have an anniversary that words can't describe. This will be a dinner dance held on Sunday, September 30th. We would like to have EVERY CLUB to support this event by attending the dance.

Also, Shirley White and Smitty Smith are making plans for the Fall Festival which will be held November 16-17th in Jacksonville. Check with your club NEFSARDA delegates to purchase your red ribbons for this event. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed in order to make this another exciting and successful dance.

Hope to see you in a square real soon!



From the Editors' Desk....



Dear Readers,

We would like to take this opportunity to THANK everyone for their encouragement and support as we begin our new venture. Our thanks go out to all of our subscribers, reporters, photographers, and our advertisers. Without your support and input, The Grapevine would not be what it is. No matter how hard we try as editors, we can't do it without YOU!

We will strive to carry on the tradition set by the editors who have come before us, to publish a quality magazine for square and round dancers of the Northeast Florida region. Our goal is to make *THE GRAPEVINE* your first source of news for square and round dance activities. We hope to continue to serve the square dance community and promote dancing to its fullest potential.

The upcoming months are packed full of fantastic opportunities to meet with friends and enjoy square dancing. Check out "On the Road....Again" page 62 to see some of the stops the editors will make in the upcoming months. It's also that time of year when many clubs are finalizing their plans to recruit new dancers for square and round dance lessons. If your club is planning classes be supportive and serve as an angel. If your club isn't having lessons this season, then go out and support those clubs welcoming new dancers. It takes all of us to sustain our activity!

Have you volunteered to help with the planning of the Fall Festival? Time is quickly approaching for this exciting weekend. Shirley White and 'Smitty'

Smith, along with their committees, have an exciting festival planned for November 16 & 17th. Come out to enjoy the calling of Lottie Ainsworth and cueing talents of Curt & Tammy Worlock. Don't forget the fantastic talents of our own NEFSARDA callers and line dance teachers on Saturday afternoon.

Guess who's having a birthday? Our own NEFSARDA is 50 years old this year! A big celebration dance is planned for Sunday, September 30th. Many of our former callers and cuers will be in attendance for our dancing pleasure. Check out the flyer on page 17 and mark your calendar for this spectacular event.

We had a fantastic weekend in Lakeland at the 53rd Florida State Convention and the 56th National Convention in Charlotte was exciting. If you didn't make it this year, mark your calendars for next May and June. These are festivals you don't want to miss again!

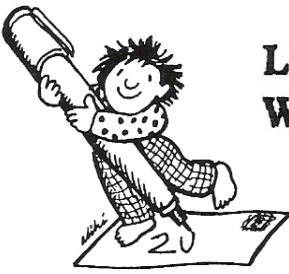
Remember to contact us with your ideas, suggestions and comments. We want to hear from you.

See you in a square~
Sarah & Charlie

NOTICE!!

In our never ending quest to satisfy ALL of our readers, we have strategically placed errors and typos within the confines of this publication for those who are always looking for them. If only one person finds a 'goof', then we have accomplished our task.

THANK YOU!



LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS.....

(This column is for YOUR comments. Let us hear from you! Please remember, letters should be in good taste and must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request)

Dear Editors,

Jack and I would like to take this opportunity to give our deepest appreciation to Bob and Jane Raymond. They stepped up to the plate for our dancers when times were dark and nobody else would. THEY kept our beloved Grapevine alive and well for an entire year! For that, we give a big YEL-LOWROCK! Obviously it was a HUGE undertaking, by the mere fact nobody else would attempt the project. We loved Bob's humor that was interjected throughout the publications! One can always go back in history and pick out the publications Bob produced...with lots of chuckles! Thank you, Bob, for keeping your sense of humor. As we move on to our "new" editors, we look forward with lots of enthusiasm. This enthusiasm is infectious and stems from the roots of the publication, directly from the editors themselves. Whenever we attend a dance, the enthusiasm is abounding and people are renewing or beginning subscriptions for the Grapevine! Once again, someone stepped up to the plate in a time of need for us. We want Sarah and Charlie to know our hearts are filled with gratitude and admiration. We will be there for you in any way we can.

Sincerely,
Jack & Kathy McKinney

Dear Editor:

We would like to send our thanks to Bob & Jane Raymond for their service to NEFSARDA as *The Grapevine*

editors. They took the publication over last year and worked hard to see that each issue was out in a timely manner. As a "reader" of *The Grapevine*, we appreciate receiving all the Association and other Square Dance news on a regular basis. As a "former editor", we also know what a time-consuming job it can be. Hats Off to them for accepting this challenge as editor during 2006, and for their dedicated service to all Square & Round Dancers. As you retire, **BOB & JANE, THANKS** for the job you've done.

Then, we'd like to welcome Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi as the new editors. We know you will continue to give dedicated editorship to *The Grapevine* and we look forward to receiving your first issue. **WELCOME, SARAH & CHARLIE,** as new editors!

Squarely yours,
Charlie & Val Newsome

Dear Bob & Jane,

Thanks for your hard work and contribution to the Grapevine. Now you can get back to relaxing and enjoying the dance.

Regards,
Lillie M. Brugh-Irizarry

Hi Sarah & Charlie,

I wish you the greatest success with *The Grapevine*. I truly believe you will be "key" to growth of square and round dancing in Florida.

Cheers,
Keith Myers



Northeast FL Association

Fall Festival in Jacksonville, FL

November 16-17, 2007

Viva Las Vegas!



WEEKEND GUEST CALLER



Lottie Ainsworth

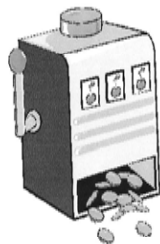
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News from the Federation with Charlie & Val Newsome



“What is the Florida Federation?”

It is the official State Square & Round Dance organization for Florida. The State of Florida is divided into five areas called Associations, with specific counties in each Association. Those five Associations are members of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers (Florida Federation). They are the Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and West Coast Associations.

The Federation Executive Board is made up of five officers, one from each Association, who serve in the capacity of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. They begin their five year commitment as Parliamentarian and move up each year to the next office. Each Association has to add an officer every fifth year at the Annual Meeting in November – (In November 2006, Jack & Kathy McKinney were the Presidents retiring and the Association nominated Charlie & Val Newsome to go on as Parliamentarian).

Federation meetings are held three times during the year; at the working weekend in March, during the State Convention in May, and in November for the Annual Meeting. The Florida Federation Board meets immediately before each General Meeting. Anyone can attend the General Meeting, however, only delegates may make motions, second motions, or vote. If a visitor wants to speak, they only have to be recognized by the chairman. Also attending the Federation meetings are Publication Editors, & Convention General Chairman, although they are not Delegates and have no vote. Past Presidents of the Federation do vote and are permanent members of the Federation.

The Florida Federation is a member of the United Square Dancers Association (USDA), through which the Federation provides the Associations access to insurance coverage. The Federation has four delegates to the USDA whose meetings are held annually at the National Convention.

Along with the Florida Callers Association, and the Round Dance Council of Florida, the Florida Federation provides the ‘seed’ money for the State Conventions each year. Originally, each Association took turns hosting the State Convention every five years. During the May meeting at the 2007 State Convention it was announced that the Convention Procedures had changed by unanimous vote of all three entities. Beginning in 2010, the Federation will appoint a Chairman, who will then appoint their committee chairman from all Associations throughout the State. Named Chairmen to date are: 2010- Bud & Anita Taylor, and for 2011- Ailene Picheco and Terri Little. Any monies made by the State Convention will be split four ways, 1/4 each to the Florida Callers, Round Dance Council and the Florida Federation. The remaining 1/4 will be divided equally between all five Associations.

The next Federation meeting will be held in Bartow, Florida the weekend of November 9th & 10th, in conjunction with the Fall Fun Fest, hosted by the West Coast Association. We hope you’ll try to attend the dance and the meeting.

Until next time, we wish you Happy Dancing!

Charlie & Val

CALLER'S CORNER

By Gary Murphy



Rumors...innuendo...half truths. It's going to be a great column this time!

Before we get to the good stuff, though, I want to start by saying how excited I am to have Charlie and Sarah on board as editors of The Grapevine. I'm looking forward to seeing our magazine move to the next level and become even more useful to the dancers in the Northeast region.

Speaking of the dancers in the Northeast, I want to say a big THANK YOU on behalf of the Gateway Callers to everyone who came out and made the Graduation Ball a smashing success. Callers at the event included Ernie Rollen, Lawton Smith, Robert Padgett, John Robbins, Charlie Pergrossi and myself. Plus a thank you to Donna Robbins for her usual fine job on the line dancing. Everyone had a great time and you could feel the excitement and enthusiasm pulsing through the hall.

So now that we've honored our new graduates, what's next? The next few months are the most critical time in a new square dancer's career. Each and every one of us has to welcome these new dancers into our squares right now, or we'll never see them again. It means showing up to angel at the plus workshops. More importantly, it means dancing with the new dancers as they continue to gain confidence while they master all the nuances of our favorite activity. We were all recent graduates once. I can bet money that those of us still square dancing are here because people made us feel welcome while we were still making mistakes!

And now on to the convention. A big tip of the Square Dance hat to Tim & Terri and the rest of the Northwest gang for putting on a great event. Everything flowed smoothly and I've heard nothing but praise from everyone who attended.

Of course there were some rumors because of a couple of surveys initiated by the Florida Callers Association. So, as a member of the FCA Executive Board, let me explain. A brief history: as one of the sponsors of the convention, the FCA has shared in the concern over the declining attendance in the past few years. At the urging of some of our member organizations, the FCA decided to become proactive. The first action was the dancer survey conducted this spring, and the second was the preference poll conducted at the convention itself. The final action was the formation of a committee to study how callers are programmed at the convention and to see if there might be a better way. In spite of the rumors, the first two surveys were just fact finding missions to give the committee some idea of how you, the dancer, feel about caller programming. Our goal is the same as yours: to make sure everyone has the greatest dancing experience possible when they attend the Florida State Convention.

And finally, since I'm writing this before, but you'll be reading it after the Nationals, I hope we all have a great time!



By Ailene Picheco
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ARTS-DANCE stands for Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, and combines ten organizations whose goal is to bring 50,000 new dancers into the activity.

ARTS member organizations are; CALLERLAB, CONTRALAB, International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC), National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA), National Square Dance Convention Executive Committee (NEC), ROUNDALAB, Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA), United Square Dancers of America (USDA), Universal Round Dance Council (URDC), and USAWest Square Dance Convention Policy Board (USAWest).

One way to help is to start planning your dance for the scheduled **Dance America** which is being planned for Friday, February 29, 2008. Any club, association, dance venue can sponsor a Benefit Dance in Your Area and donate the proceeds to ARTS. If you already dance on Friday nights, collect a dollar or two donation extra that night and send it in to ARTS. More information is on the Website.

Also on the website is their new Travel Program. Turn Your Travel & Vacations into Donations! Book your personal and business travel on ARTs new travel website and help generate thousands for Your Dance Activities! Receive the same low rates as those other travel websites. Just log on to www.arts-dancetravel.com ARTS will receive a portion of the travel commissions.

Plans are underway to conduct another comprehensive dancer demographic survey during the 56th National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina – June 2007. In your registration packet at Charlotte, you will receive one survey per person registered. We ask that each of you fill one out, even if you have done so in the past. This demographic information is essential to identify Market segments that Dancers represent and is of significant interest to firms that market their products to the public who could become sponsors of our Dance activities. Filling out a survey does not identify you, but only asks for demographic information that potential sponsors would be interested in.

Congratulations



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Irene Knapp and George Smith were married on Sunday, April 29th in Evinston, FL. Irene cues for the Flagler Ocean Waves, Dixie Squares and Spin Drifters. Best wishes to you both!

Cuer's Corner

By Lisa Wall



Lead & Follow

In a perfect dancing world the man would give a clear decisive lead, with the woman anticipating his every movement. On an Open dance floor with just music playing this can work to perfection. In Round Dancing it is slightly more difficult. On the Open dance floor the Woman is not aware of what the Man will lead. On the Round dance floor she hears the same Cue as the Man. This to me is a very hard point to ignore if you are the follower. I am a very strong follower and this is not a good thing in either the Open or Round dance world.

Leading is accomplished through a strong frame. In closed position, the arms are up, the back is a bit arched, the hips are touching, John keeps telling the man he gets to polish his belt buckle, and both man and woman have their muscles well-toned. Ladies this means you have to hold your frame too. Spaghetti arms are not allowed. Gentlemen don't try to steer your partner by pushing and pulling with the left hand. Don't pump your left arm up and down to the beat of the music as if you are trying to get water out of a well. Don't pull or shove with the right hand. Don't lift or drop a shoulder. As the man starts to step he lowers slightly, this is felt by the woman and she also lowers and starts to move. She must wait for the man to stop before placing weight on her foot. No matter what you do ladies you must learn to wait for the man. Practice this by having the woman close her eyes and let the man lead a few steps. Dancing is suppose to be fun, when it is no longer fun take a step back and remember a quote from Brent Moore (Round Dance Leader) "Lead what you want, but dance what you get."

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IN MEMORY

Captain Joseph Carter Brinkley
1912-2007



The Square Dance family lost another friend as we learned of the death of Joe Brinkley on April 4, 2007. He had been a resident of Jacksonville since retiring from military service in 1964. Captain Brinkley joined the Merchant marines in 1930 and the U.S. Marine Corps in 1934. He served his country in the Sino-Japanese War, World War II and the Korean War. He also served as a U.S.M.C. Recruiting Officer in Jacksonville.

His many activities included The Semper Fidelis Society, 1st Marine Division Association, M.O.W.W, Charter member of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. He was an avid golfer and quit only when he could no longer shoot his age. He enjoyed his daily walks on Lakeside Drive and his square dance activities in and around Jacksonville.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Emily Adair Brinkley; 2 daughters and son-in-laws, a son and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Joe will be greatly missed and we extend sincere sympathy to his wife Emily, her family and their many friends

THE RURAL CALLERS ASSN. & GATEWAY CALLERS

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Saturday afternoon

SATURDAY JULY 14, 2007

2:30 - 5:00 PM

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Baby Birds at the 53rd

by Jerry & Donna Robey
Grand Squares & Tri-County Dancers



Not long ago we were “hatched” into this great activity called square dancing. After learning to “fly” mainstream, we began to “spread our wings” into plus dancing. Now, almost two years later we feel inspired to leave the comfort of our “home nest” and attend our very first state square dancing convention. Our first challenges as “baby birds” were to conquer the basic logistics such as where to “nest” in Lakeland for the night and where to eat “bird seed”. Further challenges included discovering the web site for much needed information, keeping up with the flock as we located the Trail’s End dance and the Lakeland Center, and just think, the convention hasn’t even started yet!

Our “flight” to Lakeland began at the Trail’s End Dance in Plant City. The Strawberry Squares welcomed us and the veteran “birds” gave us a helping hand by putting us under their wings and new friendships were made. We learned that birds not only like to dance, but they also are “night owls” and love ice cream.

Upon arrival in Lakeland, we were thrilled with the wonderful variety of venues from which to choose. Although, as “baby birds,” we were somewhat bewildered with the many choices, like “crows” in a cornfield trying to decide where to begin. The hosting birds at the information booth were a great help.

The wedding of Irving & Irene Flamingo was a stitch and the conga line was a fun way to begin the evening. It was moving as dancers joined in the singing of “The Star Spangled Banner.” From that moment on, we danced until our feet were about to drop off as we “flew” from hall to hall. The vendors were helpful and “happy as a Lark” to help us “preen our feathers” with square dancing essentials. What more could a “baby bird” want?

More birds flew in on Saturday and we were treated to an elaborate “exotic bird fashion show,” and a wide assortment of dancing opportunities. We especially appreciated the opportunity to dance to a wide variety of callers (Warblers). We heard many familiar calls yet with a new twist. Saturday night was fun to dance with the many “love birds” all decked out in their “colorful plumage.”

Sunday began with an impromptu picnic with newfound friends at Lakeland’s downtown Barrett Family Park and Hollis Garden. The park and garden are real gems and a must see. Then, it was more dancing until we said farewell to the 53rd and welcomed in “Celebrate in 2008”, complete with clowns and balloons. Now, with ribbons purchased, we look forward to next year’s adventure. Until then, we are now ready to “spread our wings” once again and fly on to the National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, NC. Thank you to all of the “flock” for including us in this wonderful activity called Square and Round Dancing. Like “homing pigeons” we returned home on Monday with wonderful memories of our first state convention. So, until we meet again, we thank you all for a wonderful time.





Congratulations Northwest on a Successful 53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention



Wow! What a great 53rd Anniversary Party put on by the Northwest Association. Tim & Terri Wilaby and their committee did a superb job bring the 53rd Florida State Convention to the dancers, callers and cuers May 25th-27th.

There was dancing for everyone; the Crafty Nest was great, and the Fashion Show was a treat. Everything seemed to get going on time

and flow smoothly. All the ingredients for a fantastic convention were mixed together and gave everyone what they came for.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tim & Terri Wilaby, General Chairmen, their Committee, and the entire Northwest Association for a great memory-filled weekend!

Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi
Editors

54th Florida State Convention—Celebrate in 2008

On behalf of all the West Coast Association members we invite you to join us Memorial Day week-end 2008, at the Lakeland Center for the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. In case you missed the "Kick-Off" on Sunday night of the convention, you might not know that our theme is "Celebrate Square & Round Dance in 2008". The kick-off was fun, lively and colorful. I've always enjoyed seeing what the next Chairmen come up with at the kick-off, hope we entertained you there and you were inspired to get your early bird ribbons. We appreciate all the help we had from all the dancers from all the associations who volunteered their time and talent to help put on the kick-off. Under the direction of Howard Cole, our Caller Chairman and Bev Landwehr our Cues Chairmen, we had a good time and hope you did too. Now we leave it to you, the dancer, to make the 2008 State Convention a success by attending. If you didn't purchase your ticket at the convention we will be getting around the state as much as possible and will also be sending ribbons to key people, who are the lifelines in all the Associations, to sell in their area. Of course you can always send for ribbons by mail.

Now when you see this emblem you will know what it means:

Don & Ann Slocum, General Chairmen & Publicity



THANK YOU

I would like to thank all our square dance friends for the calls, visits and beautiful cards I received after the death of my husband, Bill. Square dancers are a wonderful family all the time, but especially in times of sorrow. All you have done has meant so much to me.

Cheryl Trescot and family

Calling All A2 Dancers

By Mary Lou Pelz

Last year some ex-dancers decided to plan a dinner/get together once each quarter.

decided to contact some of the square dance friends they hadn't seen in a long time. They had in mind the possibility of arranging a reunion. They had been members of the Quartermores (an A-2 club) and Sand Dollars (Challenge Level) clubs. The caller for these clubs was Bobby Keefe. After Bobby stopped calling, many of these dancers quit dancing completely or went on to join other A-2 clubs (Fun 'n Frolic, Happy 2 Bees, Motivators, etc.)

They gathered all of the old rosters they could find, arranged a place and time to meet, and started calling everyone they had a current phone number for. The first meeting was at Bono's BBQ. Word got around and the turn out was more than they ever anticipated, overflowing the room that was reserved. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships so much it was

This has been more than a year ago and at each gathering we hear of more friends to include. Our last get together was on April 23 in a private dining room of Barnhill's Restaurant on 103rd Street. Forty-two A-2 dancers (past and present) came to share stories of life and dance in Jacksonville.

If you are or were an A-2 dancer and would like to be notified about our next outing, please contact Mary Lou Pelz, (904) 733-1869 (maryloupelz@aol.com) and you will be put on our list of those to call or email. We meet once each quarter around the 3rd Monday of the month.

It is exciting to see and talk to the people we shared so many good times with on and off the dance floor.

Volunteer of the Year

Billy Luper was named Volunteer of the Year for Normandy Village Elementary School for 2006-2007. He has been volunteering every Tuesday for 7 years at Normandy, helping in grades 1-3. Billy assists in a variety of ways. He acts as a mentor to students, dressing as book characters to celebrate Book Fairs, helping with the President's Physical Fitness program and participating in clogging & square dance demos. Billy received commendations from the Superintendent of Duval County Schools and Volunteer Coordinator of the Duval County School Board.



Congratulations Billy!



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JacknKathy1@bellsouth.net

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The Grapevine sends sincerest sympathy to...

The family of Roscoe Gootee

Roscoe Gootee died on Friday, March 23, 2007 while living at Lifecare Center of Winter Haven. He was born in Davis county, IN on September 19, 1920. He was married to Shirley Lee Phillips before she passed away in 1993. He was a retired plasterer.

Roscoe was a member of the Murray Hill United Methodist Church, Masonic Of Woodstock Park #313, Scottish Rite Shrine Morocco Temple West Jax Shrine and Plasterers Union Local 401. He will be remembered best by the square dance community of Jacksonville as a long time, enthusiastic square dancer who danced with the Silver Fox Squares and the Teddy Bear Squares. He served the dancing community by taking his position as officers in both clubs.

He is survived by his sisters, Rosetta Cissell of Lakeland, FL and Juanita Meade, of Washington, IN, and several nieces and nephews. Roscoe will be missed by his many friends in our square dance community. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.



Gateway Callers Association presents....

THE GRADUATION BALL

On Saturday, May 5th at Jax Heights Elementary School more than 50 dancers from across the region gathered to celebrate with our newest dancers. The Gateway Callers kept the floor moving through the mainstream level, with Gary Murphy cueing rounds and Donna Robbins



on lines. Students from all the area clubs joined with experienced dancers to enjoy the calling of the Gateway Caller Association.

Thank you GCA for this fabulous dance as we welcomed our newest dancers!

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In Step With...

Country Western, Clogging, and Line Dancing

by Pat & Joe Seelhofer

The 53rd Florida State Convention is now history. It turned out to be a wonderful dance. The halls were adorned with beautiful flamingos. The creative talents and dedication of the organizers were clearly evident. We hope that you had a chance to visit our County Western/Line Dance hall. The numbers were small, but the fun and fellowship were large! Maxine Thomas and Billy Luper, of Jacksonville, presented an energetic program which was well received based upon the numbers on the floor during the sessions. Jane and Paul Drimmel, of Melbourne, lit up the dance floor with their Country Western show routines during the entertainment. They also presented some very effective workshops. Jane and Paul took time out of their honeymoon to be at the convention. Best wishes go out to them!

One suggestion that we would like to make is that dance leaders consider the Florida heat as they choose their routines to use at their dances. Simple dances done to slower music seem to be the most appreciated during our Florida summers. The dance listed below is an excellent selection for this time of the year. Happy Dancing!

THE HUSTLE

Choreographer: Unknown

Music: "Jive Talking" by the Bee Gees, "Hustle" on Polydor PO 1428, "The Hustle" by Van McCoy—Avco AV4653, "the Hustle" HL 4633, "The Hustle" by Scooter Lee

Intro: Wait for a strong down beat. Right foot is free.

Dance:

1-4 Back up 3 & touch (R, L, R, touch L)

5-8 Forward 3 & touch (L, R, L, touch R)

9-12 Back up 3 & touch (R, L, R, touch L)

13-16 Forward 3 & touch (L, R, L, touch R)

17-20 Tap right foot forward twice, then back twice

21-24 Tap right foot forward one, back once, then out to right side, then turn 1/4 to the left

(Repeat until music ends.)

20

Next time we'll share another routine for your dancing pleasure. If you have any special requests please let us know.



Publicity Release for the 53rd Florida State Convention



The 53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, hosted by the Northwest Association, is now history. If you did not attend, you missed a FUN 3 days, filled with great dancing. To view pictures showing you just what you missed go to: www.floridasquaredance.com/northwest/convention/pictures.html.

The pictures on that website are just a few scenes depicting what fun you missed. On Thursday evening, a great Trail's End Dance was held at Strawberry Squares, where you could see all the neat gifts received by Irvin and Irene at their "Bachelor" and "Bridal Shower" parties, PLUS some great dancing. On Friday night during the Opening Ceremonies, Irene and Irvin finally got married, with their "baby" in attendance.

Saturday afternoon the Exotic Birds strutted their stuff in the 2007 Fashion Show. If you weren't there you missed a great show, including the bird/cat fight at the end between Tweety and Sylvester. The models did a great job bringing their chosen birds to life before our eyes. They added to their ensemble with feathers, masks, and even some tights. Bob Poyner supplied just the right music; Paul & Cheryl Miller were Fashion Show Chairman and provided the narration and many of the special effects & decorations. Sylvester was to have been Frank Leverette, but he broke his foot, so George Garich stepped in as Sylvester, providing the action, while Frank provided the talking. It worked out just great! Tweety was Joan Koile in a real Tweety bird costume! Narrator was Val Newsome (otherwise known as Granny). YOU REALLY NEED TO VISIT THE WEBSITE MENTIONED ABOVE AND SEE THE PICTURES -- THERE IS NO WAY TO DESCRIBE HOW LOVELY EVERYTHING WAS. Believe me, the Fashion Show was the HIGHLIGHT of the Convention. Hat's Off to Paul & Cheryl for all the work they put into making this such a success!



On Saturday night, the General Chairman introduced the 53rd Convention Committee, as well as the Federation Board, followed by the Grand March, mini style due to space limitations. On Sunday evening the closing ceremonies included the introduction of the Florida Callers and Florida Round Dance Council Boards; the presentation by the Federation of three "Extra Mile Awards" to Sam Dunn, Charlie Pergrossi, and Bob Poyner. After that, the 53rd Chairman turned the mike over to the 54th Chairman, Don & Ann Slocum, who invited everyone to "Celebrate in 2008" with an impressive Kick-Off performance.

Now, in addition to all the above, you missed seeing the "Crafty Nest", the Showcase of Ideas (with the new Federation Backdrop), and all the tables from various organizations; and also the great Vendors who had a little bit of everything for you to spend your money on. PLUS the greatest dancing ever for the entire weekend!



Sooooooooooooo, the bottom line is.....If you missed FOLLOWING THE BIRD TO THE 53rd -----Don't let the FUN, FELLOWSHIP & GREAT DANCING pass you ~~By~~ next year, get registered now, and "CELEBRATE IN 2008"!!!!!!!

Charlie & Val Newsome
53rd Convention Publicity Chairman



What's Cooking?

**Yummy eats with
Keith Myers**

This is my first article for The Grapevine and hopefully you will find useful information and inspiring recipes. As this is a quarterly publication, and will involve several seasons, this first tip may be useful to you. When you bring out clothing that has been stored in a closet, this is an easy way to freshen them up. Spritz the clothing with alcohol. This will kill any bacteria present and not leave any odor...nice to know.

From the kitchen of Peggy Begley:

Justin Wilson's Shrimp Patties

2 lb. shrimp—shelled and deveined
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
1 tsp cayenne
Salt to taste

1/4 cup olive oil (I use Wesson Canola)

In a food processor, process raw shrimp, spices and onion until the consistency of ground meat. With wet hands make patties, (keep a bowl of water on the counter and keep dipping your hands—the shrimp is very gooey). Fry in the oil until pink on one side. Turn patty over and fry on the other side. Serve with cocktail and/or tartar sauce. These are also good cold. I like to chop them up and use to top a salad.

Paula Deen offers this delicious recipe for:

Buttermilk Pie

1- 1/2 cups sugar
1 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup biscuit mix (recommended: Bisquick)
1/3 cup (5 1/3 tablespoons) butter, melted
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
3 eggs

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-inch pan.

Put all ingredients in a bowl and blend for 1 minute with a handheld electric mixer. Pour mixture in to prepared pan. Bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes.

Chocolate Lovers Celebrate!



Interesting chocolate factoids:

- Hershey's Kisses are 100 years old this year.
- If not for chocolate, there would be no need for control top pantyhose. An entire garment industry would be devastated.
- Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done!



5th SATURDAY DANCE

“A Subscription Dance for The Grapevine” was the theme of NEFSARDA’s 5th Saturday Dance held on March 31st. The dance was a huge success! It was hosted by **Silver Fox** and **Grand Squares**. The callers were **Charlie Pergrossi** and **Lon Ligon**, with **Lisa Wall** cueing the rounds. The Jax Heights Elementary School cafeteria was packed with more than 75 dancers from across the northeast region. Lisa started the evening with early rounds. Charlie, Lon and Lisa kept the dance floor packed right up until the last tip at 10:00 PM. What is a subscription dance you ask? The cost of the dance was the price of a subscription to our regional magazine, *The Grapevine*. Dancers were given a choice of paying \$9.00, which paid for their subscription and the dance, or \$3.00 just for the dance. Most dancers agreed that paying for their subscription and dancing for free was the best bargain of the day. Many dancers asked to prepay for their subscription & the dance, while others paid at the door.



Lisa Wall cued throughout the evening.

The grand total for this dance was 93 subscriptions for *The Grapevine*.



Lon Ligon & Charlie Pergrossi kept the dancers happy at Jax Heights.

The winners of the Attendance Banners were First Coast Rounds, Yellow Rockers, Seabreeze Singles and Teddy Bear Squares.

The next 5th Saturday Dance will be **March 29, 2008**. Mark your calendars now! The Grapevine will have complete details once it is announced.



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How successful are you?

Success is a very personal thing, but I think most people would agree that true success is about being fulfilled in life. It's that feeling of deep satisfaction that starts in your soul and radiates through your being. The end result is happiness and peace of mind.

Excerpt from *Simple Truths News*, Mac Anderson founder
<http://www.simpletruths.com>

2007 CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ANNIV. #</u>
Dixie Dancers.....	September	29th
First Coast Rounds	June	7th
Flagler Ocean Waves.....	August	32nd
Fun 'N' Frolics	March.....	51st
Grand Squares.....	June	32nd
Gypsy Squares.....	December.....	17th
Joy Seas	April	16th
Mandarin Marauders	April	22nd
Moose Promenaders.....	April	17th
Plus Fox	January	20th
River Ramblers	April	9th
Rollaways.....	April	19th
Seabreeze Singles	September	31st
Silver Fox	June	22nd
Square Wheels.....	September	26th
Teddy Bears.....	June	23rd
Touch of Class	September	
Vagabond Squares	November.....	13th
Yellow Rockers	April	1st

EDITORS' NOTE: If your club's anniversary is not listed, or if it is incorrect, please let us know as soon as possible. Check the Calendar of Events for dates of clubs' anniversary dances. Thank you. *The Editors*



Joys & Concerns

We have heard that caller **Lawton Smith** is recovering well. He continues to take treatments, but is back calling with the Mandarin Marauders. Best wishes Lawton!

Congratulations to **Gary Murphy** on his recent promotion at ABC Corp. He is now the Trainer for the North & North-west region of Florida. Great work!

Best wishes go out to **Barbara Beekman** of the Dixie Dancers, as she recovers at home.

Tom Tester of Rollaways is taking chemo and radiation treatments. He is showing improvement. Our prayers are with you Tom & Linda!

Congratulations to **Martha Zimmerman** of the Square Wheels. She was elected as a board member to the National Square Dance Campers Association.

Bud Walker of the Rollaways and Teddy Bear Squares, is recovering well and back on the round dance floor. He says he'll be in a square in the near future.

Colleen Rogal of the Grand Squares is home and in good spirits as she recovers from bypass surgery. We miss you on the dance floor!

Patsy Peay of Flagler Ocean Waves continues to undergo treatment for cancer. Please keep Patsy and John in your prayers.

Herb Gesk is in the hospital with pneumonia and having dialysis treatments. He is stable, but in serious condition. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

It's wonderful to see **Alaine Blachmore**

back on the dance floor after having hip replacement surgery. Alaine dances with the Dixie Dancers of Lake City.

Verna Mae Gedman of Rollaways is recovering from a broken arm and dislocated shoulder. She has had surgery to repair the rotator cuff in her shoulder. We hope you get well soon.

Our sincere wishes for peace and comfort go out to Frances Beekman, mother of **Ralph Beekman**. Mrs. Beekman has suffered a stroke and been moved to a nursing home for care.

The Flagler Ocean Waves report these dancers in need of our prayers. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Jo Leipold is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatment.

John Peay is recovering very well from his bypass surgery.

Herb Nelson continues his therapy after undergoing a knee replacement.

Shirley Dean is recovering from surgery.

Everett Sweat of Grand Squares is recovering from his 2nd knee replacement in early June.



Our prayers go out to those men and women serving our country overseas. Gary Reid-Kuwait, son of **Mary & Amos**

Reid, Grand Squares and Bobby Hampshire-Iraq, grandson of **Ellie Hampshire**, Tri-County Dancers. This will be Bobby's 3rd trip to Iraq.

Evan McQuiston, while serving in Iraq, was seriously injured during an attack on May 22nd. He is currently recovering at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, DC. Your prayers are requested for Evan and his family. Evan is the son of **Mary Britten**, Square Wheels.

Join Sarah & friends for...

Stitchin' Time



With the graduation of students from square and round dance lessons, I thought it a good time to discuss the care & handling of crinolines. The term 'crinoline' is interchangeable with petticoat. This can be a full crinoline for shorter square dance skirts or longer prairie skirt length petticoats. Crinolines can be costly so an understanding of how to care for them will pay off by many years of use. The information can be found in **Sew Finer In Carolina** book from the **47th NSDC held June 24-27, 1998**.

"The Care & Handling of Crinolines"

A good crinoline is the basis of any square dance outfit. A simple, uninteresting skirt can look great with a beautiful, full crinoline beneath it. One good crinoline in the wardrobe is worth more than many dresses with droopy crinolines to match. Once spending the money on a beautiful crinoline (or the sewing time making one), take good care of it!

Storing Crinolines—NEVER hang your crinoline on a hanger and squeeze it into a closet. This can cause the crinoline to look wilted and hang unevenly. NOTE: Never put away the crinoline while it is damp! Shake off the dust and let it hang loosely for a while, giving it a chance to "cool off" before storing.

If there is a spare room available (lucky you!) storing the crinoline is not a problem. However, this is not often the case and many creative and ingenious ways have been devised for storage. A special cone-shaped crinoline bag (made or purchased) is good for

storage as well as travel. (Store matching pettipants along with the crinoline and never forget them again!) the top shelf in a closet is great if the space can be spared. The ideal area for one crinoline is about 15" by 15" by 19". A floor-to-ceiling plant hanging pole is another way for storing crinolines and takes very little floor space. An inexpensive way to store crinolines that works well if the space is available is to stack a series of cardboard boxes (measuring about 15" square by 15-20" deep) in a honeycomb arrangement and store the crinolines in them. First fold the crinoline lengthwise, then fold the waist area over and place in the container so that the folded waist area goes to the back of the container and the hem is facing out, making sure that the lower tier does not get bent over or the hem does not crease.

Another attractive way to store crinolines is to place them, (hem side up) in round, plastic laundry baskets. It's even prettier to match the basket with the color of the slip. Put pettipants in the bottom of the basket and then fold the crinoline lengthwise and place in the basket with the waist end down and the full hem at the top. This forms a pretty rosette that looks almost like a gigantic flower. When traveling, the laundry baskets with slip and pettipants inside are ready to go and easy to load.

Next month we will continue with how to wash and revitalize your crinoline.

Sarah Pergrossi



NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting

April 15, 2007

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
Invocation was given by Erv Oermann and followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the last delegates meeting were approved with a few corrections.

Treasurers' report approved as presented and submitted for audit

President reported that \$1000 was raised for the victims of the tornado in Central Florida.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: It was voted to modify the Bylaws to reflect the change in the number of Delegate Meetings held each year. It was also voted to include items regarding The Grapevine. The Editor will present NEFSARDA with an annual financial report each April.

Publicity/Classes/Clubs: Visitation numbers were updated for each club. A committee was formed to discuss ideas to promote our new classes and ways to entice new dancers.

Computer Liaison: Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi are the new liaisons for computer issues. They reported that the NEFSARDA link to the Florida Square Dance site is being updated. The 2007 Calendar of Events is current and updated monthly.

Dance Couple of the Year: no report

Fall Festival: Shirley White & 'Smitty' Smith are chairs for this year's event. Their committees are forming. Charlie Pergrossi will be the MC. Ribbons and flyers will be available at the July Delegate Meeting.

Grapevine: No report from Bob Raymond.

Grapevine: New editors, Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi reported that subscriptions were up due to the success of the 5th Saturday Dance. Clarification of current ad policy distributed to delegates.

5th Saturday Dance: The dance on March 31st was a huge success in promoting our publication, *The Grapevine*.

The June 5th Saturday is cancelled in support of the National Convention in Charlotte. The September 5th Saturday will be a dinner dance to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our association. It will be moved to Sunday, Sept. 30th in the afternoon. Flyers and details will be available by the July Delegate Meeting.

Historian: No report

Insurance: All insurance certificates have been distributed to clubs. Membership is down from last year. One claim was filed and successfully resolved.

Showcase: Jan Oermann requested photos from club activities for the display board. Send photos to her no later than early May.

SOS: No report

State Convention 2010: Anita & Bud Taylor will chair the convention. Their appointment will be confirmed at the next Federation Meeting in May due to a proposed change in the organization of the State Conventions.

Florida Federation: The Newsomes reported that a new Federation banner will be the backdrop of the Showcase of Ideas at the State and National Conventions. Manny & Sherry Gonzales have resigned as State Historians effective May 28, 2007.

Gateway Callers: Graduation Ball will be Saturday, May 5th.

Rural Callers: Christmas in July dance will be July 14th at Keystone Heights from 2:00-5:00 PM. Note the change of time.

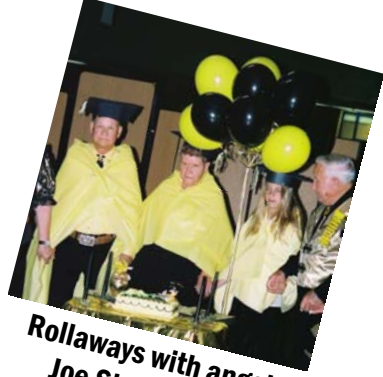
Old Business: It was decided to keep the NEFSARDA banner rather than purchase a new one. It was suggested to display the banner at more association events.

New Business: Yard signs were distributed to each club holding classes for use with publicizing their upcoming classes.

Next meeting: July 14, 2007 at Piccadilly Cafeteria, Jacksonville.



Dixie Dancers with caller Bill Chesnut

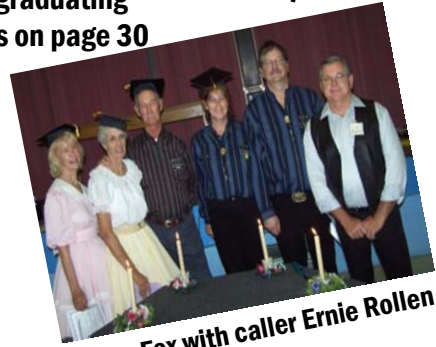


Rollaways with angel Joe Steelhoefer



Joy Seas with caller Mike Akers

More graduating photos on page 30



Silver Fox with caller Ernie Rollen



Seabreeze Singles with caller Jim Cosman



Vagabond Square presidents, Graduates and caller Ralph Beekman



Flagler Ocean Waves with caller RJ Hogan



Tri-County Dancers with caller Charlie Pergrossi

WELCOME GRADUATES!!

The Editors of The Grapevine would like to Welcome our new dancers to the "World of Square Dancing". You have just entered an activity that we hope you will enjoy for many years to come.

We encourage you to dance with different clubs and callers, because unless you enjoy the fun & fellowship associated with Square Dancing, you will not receive all its' benefits. When you join a Club, be loyal to it. Volunteer to help wherever and whenever you

can. Don't just be a Badge Wearer, be a Club Member!

We tried to keep a list of graduates for 2007 and hope we didn't overlook anyone. If your name was omitted, please let us know.

Twelve clubs received \$100.00 for graduating at least one student. This money is used by the club to promote square & round dancing.

We look forward to dancing with you sometime soon!!

Sarah & Charlie, editors

DIXIE DANCERS

Vern Bender
Barbara Fulton
Ann & Ivan Hadsall
Lorene Hamilton
Bob & Vonnie Hunnicutt*
Terry Kitching
Allison & William Lopes
Barbara Thomas
Mary Valerio
Chuck White
Gloria Robbins

Flagler Ocean Waves

Jack Edwards
Juacquetta Edwards
Angela & Al Ricci
Kim Ballard

JOY SEAS

Norma Gauthier
Laurel Krumhoiz

MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Mary Baldwin
Tom & Linda Culverwell
Jim McGinn
Jerry & Shelia Roberts

MOOSE PROMENADERS

Bill & Paula Dion
Betty Collins*
Kay Lewis
Lenny Koon
Leslee & Joseph Bryan
Rose Stommel
Gloria & Arnold Hillpert
Diane & Tommy Wilder
Charles Smith
Belinda Glisson*

RIVER RAMBLERS

Art & Karen Ross
Richard Hodge
Margaret Hodge
Bob Shoemaker

ROLLAWAYS

Katie Noe
Tom & Esther Stidham

SEABREEZE SINGLES

Margaret Cahan
Eunice Johnson
Margaret Stratton
Grace Lloyd
Belinda Glisson*
Barbara Ann Dunn

SILVER FOX

Betty Collins*
Demi & Bob Lacouture
Patti Roberts
Mike Healy

TRI-COUNTY DANCERS

Carolyn Knight
Wanda Tyree

VAGABOND SQUARES

Bob & Vonnie Hunnicutt*

Waltz Class

Randy & Virginia Patton
Tom & Esther Stidham
Margaret Stratton

** Student took lessons in more than one club.



Congratulations to all 2007 Graduates!!



Moose Promenaders with caller Bill Chesnut and class coordinators Jane & Bill Dando



Waltz Class with cuer Lisa Wall



Mandarin Marauders



River Ramblers



One Sunday morning, a young boy was acting up in church. His parents did their best to keep him quiet, but they couldn't succeed. Finally, the father picked up the boy. With a stern look on his face, he carried his son down the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the foyer, the boy had the last word, yelling to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



***Don't Forget* GRAPEVINE DEADLINES**

- March 10thApril Issue
- June 1st July Issue
- September 10th³⁰October Issue
- December 10thJanuary Issue

Camp N' Dance

By Karen Lowe & Mary Burzo

News from SQUARE WHEELS #128

The Square Wheels meet on the 3rd full weekend of the month. Bill & Mary Chesnut are our callers, with Martha Zimmerman as our Wagonmaster. Contact either of these folks for information on upcoming weekends.

Our April campout was at Oaks-N-Pines. The Gypsy Squares joined us. A weekend of dancing, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The Square Wheels camped early in May because of the state convention being held at the end of the month. In May the Square Wheels joined the Gypsy Squares on the first weekend at Ocala Ranch RV Park. In addition to the dance, Friday night was PIE night. Everyone brought a favorite pie to share. Bill and Mary brought the ice cream to go with the pie. Saturday dinner was hamburgers cooked by members of the Gypsy Squares. Everyone brought salad or dessert to share. An evening of dancing, fun, and fellowship followed the dinner. Before departing on Sunday, a breakfast was enjoyed by most.

The state convention was at Lakeland Convention Center. Many camped at Sanlan RV Resort, Tiki Village Campgrounds, or at the Lakeland RV Resort.

The Watermelon Festival was held in Chiefland the first weekend in June. Most were camped at the Chiefland RV Park. There was dancing on Friday night with the opportunity to earn Fun Badges held later in the evening. Saturday morning was the parade and activities in beautiful downtown Chiefland. There were square and round dance workshops in the afternoon. Dancing and fun activities was enjoyed by all on Saturday evening.

The Square Wheels won't be camping together in July, but join us for an exciting

weekend August 17 & 18 as we meet up at Ocala Ranch RV Park on Highway 484, Ocala.

From July 17-19, 2007, many camping square dancers from Florida and across the nation will gather in Amana, Iowa for the annual NSDCA Camporee. This year's theme is "Iowa's Heaven in 2007". If you haven't registered for this fantastic opportunity to camp, dance and meet fellow enthusiasts, there is still time. Contact the General Chairmen, Ken & Fran Smith at (641)485-2087.

Okeechobee RV Resort will be the location of this year's 32nd FANSDCA Florida State Camporee from October 12-14, 2007. This annual event draws camping dancers from across the state enjoying the talents of regional callers and cuers. Make plans now to attend! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, contact Martha Zimmerman or Mary & John Burzo for more details.

News from Sunshine Pioneers #018

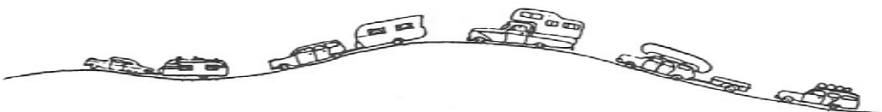
The Pioneers celebrated their 40th anniversary at The Oaks Campground in Bushnell over May 11-13. Caller Carl Rod had everyone on the floor dancing and smiling. Even folks taking a break on the sidelines couldn't keep from tapping their feet to the lively tunes.

Birthday Celebrations with Drift Arouds



Jim Phinney camps with the Drift Around Squares and recently celebrated his 90th birthday at a camping weekend. It was complete with another dancer jumping out of the birthday cake.

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up close at two of the state's wildlife refuges and along the highways in Western Kansas and the Flint Hills. And for nature lovers, Kansas is home to the largest remaining stand of tall-grass prairie in North America, providing a glimpse of what the continent looked like 200 years ago. So whether before or after the National Square Dance Convention, Kansas has much to offer.

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The Registration & Housing Committee has been busy obtaining affordable hotel rooms for our Convention attendees. Twenty Hotels are currently under contract, with the average single room rate of \$78.90 per night, excluding tax. The list of hotels is on the back of the full

Registration form or can be found on the 57thNSDC Web Page. All of the hotels are less than seven miles from Century II and have free parking for their registered guests. Bus Passes are strongly recommended as parking around the Convention Center is limited and fees are generally required. The bus will drop you off and pick you up right in front of the Convention Center. All buses are coach-style and fully air-conditioned. Save your feet for dancing!

RV CAMPING AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Scenic Lake Afton Park will be utilized for the site of the 57th National Square Dance Convention RV & Camping activities. Lake Afton Park, a 780-acre site approximately 15 miles southwest of Wichita, includes a 258-acre lake on site. Varying in size, most of the RV sites have electrical hookups and are shaded by large established trees. There are modern

restrooms with showers, two RV dump stations and a grocery/convenience store on site. Convention campers will have exclusive use of the designated areas on the island and the west side of the Park. Direct shuttle service will take dancers from the campsite to Century II-Express Service just for Campers!

Web site

The official Web site of the 57th NSDC is: www.57nsdc.com. Please visit often and

check out all the details of your 2008 National Convention.

2007 Tour de Cure & Ride of Silence



Silver Fox and First Coast Rounds member Susan Snider is shown preparing to ride in the 2007 Tour de Cure. The event is a 130 mile bicycle ride to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. Thanks to the generous donations from many square and round dancers, Susan was the top fund raiser on the St Vincent's Expert Cycling Team and the 5th highest on the Tour.



The Grapevine sends sincerest sympathy to the family of William Henry Trescot III.

Bill Trescot died on May 9, 2007 in Jacksonville. He was a native of Jacksonville and a lifelong resident. Bill had retired from JEA after 32 years of service. Bill was a member of Russell Baptist Church of Green Cove Springs, FL and Riverview Masonic Lodge #306 F&AM.

Bill enjoyed making people laugh and was active with Funsters as "Curley The Clown". Along with his wife of 18 years, Cheryl, they enjoyed square dancing with several clubs throughout northeast Florida. They often went camping with the Gypsy Squares and were members of the Yellow Rockers Plus, and Clay Wheel-Arounds. Their enthusiasm for the fellowship and pleasure of square dancing was evident at whatever club or event they visited.

William "Bill" Trescot was buried at Evergreen Cemetery with Reverend Ron Baker officiating. Masonic services were conferred from the graveside. He is survived by his loving wife Cheryl, sons William "Billy" Trescot IV, and Robert Trescot, and daughter Melissa Diane Trescot.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Cheryl, their family, and their many friends who will miss him very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.



The 5th Saturday Dance on March 31st was certainly a lucky evening for Shirley White & 'Smitty' Smith. They were the winners of the Mega 50/50 Raffle. The tickets were a fund raising event for the 53rd Florida State Square &

Round Dance Convention in Lakeland May 25-27. Pictured here are Anita & Bud Taylor presenting the winnings to these excited dancers!

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Sunday

FIRST COAST ROUNDS "R" Every Sunday. Class 6:00-7:30 PM, Club Phrase II & III 7:30-8:30 PM, Club Phrase III & IV 8:30-9:30 PM. Arlington Congregational Church of Christ, 431 University Blvd. North, Jacksonville, FL (This is one block south of the Arlington Expressway on University Blvd.) Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Wall. Contact Lisa & John Wall (904)241-0384

Monday

YELLOW ROCKERS "M/P/L" Every Monday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Charlie Pergrossi (352)463-3829. Contact Shirley White (904)388-1463 or Smitty Smith (904)779-7626

Tuesday

DIXIE DANCERS "P/R/L" Every Tuesday. Dance 7:00-9:30 PM, Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St, Lake City, FL. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550, Cuer: Ralph Beekman (386)752-2544. Contact Annette Conk (386) 935-1548.

GRAND SQUARES "M/P" Every Tuesday. Dance 7:30-9:30 PM, 1910 NW 53rd Ave (Union Hall), Gainesville, FL. Caller: Lon Ligon (352)377-1828.

ROLLAWAYS "M/P/R/L" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Sandalwood High School, 2750 John Prom Blvd, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Ken Miller (904) 268-4492. Contact Virginia Bomhold (904)744-7181.

JOY SEAS "M/P/L/R" Every Tuesday except for 2nd Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM, St. Augustine, FL (Coquina Crossing). I-95South, exit 94, West on SR 207, 1 mile on the left, You must be thru the gate prior to 8:00 PM. Caller: Mike Akers (904 797-7554), **VERY IMPORTANT** to contact Mary Burzo at (904) 797-7530 to verify dance availability.

SEABREEZE SINGLES "M/P" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Arlington Presbyterian Church 1300 Sprinkle Dr. Caller: Jim Cosman. Contact Shirley White (904)388-1463 or Smitty Smith (904)779-7626, Banner chairman Betty Smith (904)772-9131.

Wednesday

FUN-N-FROLICS "A" 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Dance 7:00-9:00 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Jim Cosman (912)882-4006. Contact Russell & Carolyn Ueber (904)223-9347 or Bob & Miriam Hinkle (904) 268-6643. **NO BANNER STEALING PLEASE**

PLUS FOX "P" 1st & 3rd Wednesday. Dance 7:30-9:30 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Gary Murphy (904)262-2909. Contact Stephen & Marie Bigelow (904)771-7249.

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Thursday

MANDARIN MARAUDERS "M/P/L" Class 7:00-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-10:00 PM, First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd in Mandarin, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Lawton Smith (904)389-3349. Contact Sergei & Karen Zelenkov (904)287-5411. Banner chairman Fran & Debbie LiPira (904)380-6882.

MOOSE PROMENADERS "P/R" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Moose Lodge 5051 Collins Rd, Orange Park, FL. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550. Contact Bill Brown (904)282-5445. Banner Chairman Jackie Hamlin (904)731-9181.

RIVER RAMBLERS "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 6:30-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM, Putman County Shrine Club, 112 Yelvington Rd, East Palatka, FL (Just off US 17 approx 1/2 mile south of SR 207). Caller: Ernie Rollen (904)891-5822. Contact Bob & Ruth Izzard (386) 467-8026. Banner chairmen Tom & Jean Moore (386)325-4118.

VAGABOND SQUARES "M/P/R" Every Thursday, Club dance 7:00-9:30 PM, Hale Recreation Center, 215 NE Duval St (CR 136), Live Oak, FL. Caller & Cuer Ralph Beekman (386)752-2544. Contact Pat Sandifer (386)658-1129.

TOUCH OF CLASS "R" Phase III-V. Every Thursday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Sandalwood High School, 2750 John Prom Rd, Jacksonville, FL. Cuer: Lisa Wall. Contact John & Lisa Wall (904)241-0384.

TRI-COUNTY DANCERS "M/P" Every Thursday. Club dance 7:00-9:00 PM. Trenton Recreation Center 214 SE 3rd³⁶ Ave, Trenton, FL. Caller: Charlie Pergrossi (352)463-3829. Contact Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi (352)463-3829.

Friday

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES "M/P/R" Every Friday. Class 6:30-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Council on Aging/Wickline Center, 800 S. Daytona Ave, Flagler Beach, FL. Caller RJ Hogan (352) 376-2428. Cuer Irene Knapp-Smith (386) 409-3399. Contact Jack & Gen Conn (386)740-1652. Banner chairmen Bonnie-jean & Drew Esterly (386)441-7969.

GYPSY SQUARES "M/P/L" 1st full week-end each month. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Various campground. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550. Contact Jay & Terri Peck (386)672-8677

SQUARE WHEELS "M/P/R" Every 3rd Friday & Saturday. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM Various Campgrounds. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550. Contact Martha Zimmerman (352) 336-5311 or (352) 226-0118.

SILVER FOX SQUARES "M/P/R" Every Friday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM. Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Ernie Rollen (904)282-2335. Contact Mary & Sam Starling (904)786-3311 or Mark Fetzer (904)908-5184.

Saturday

TEDDY BEARS "M/P/R" 2nd & 4th Saturday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Matthews Lutheran Church 6801 Merrill Rd, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Gary Murphy (904)262-2909. Cuer: Lisa Wall (904)241-0384. Contact Bud & Dianne German (904)781-1532. Banner chairmen John & Mary Ann Lawrence (904)246-3279.

NEFSARDA 5th SATURDAY DANCE: Every 5th Saturday at various locations. Please consult Special Events Calendar in the back of this publication. Contact: Erv & Jan Oermann (904)777-1501



In Memorium Carren Bender 1947-2007

Carren and Vernon Bender were married only 11 months, had recently moved to Live Oak from St. Augustine, and were just getting into square dancing with the Vagabond Squares. Vern had been an active square dancer in the Jacksonville area for many years before moving to southern Florida where he met Carren. She began square dancing because she knew Vern enjoyed dancing so much.

Carren was born at 3 AM on July 20, 1947 in Binghamton, NY. She was previously married and had two children. She earned her degree in Nursing and became a traveling nurse in the 1970s. In the summer of 2004 she was diagnosed with lung cancer, but after having her right lung removed she regained her health. It was then that she agreed to marry Vernon. In the fall of 2006 they began taking square dance lessons, but in early 2007 her health began to fail once again. Carren passed away quietly at their home at 3 AM of March 4, 2007; the same hour of her birth.

Carren leaves behind her loving husband Vern, son Jon of Virginia, daughter Lisa of West Virginia along with two granddaughters, KayLee and Ashley.

The Grapevine sends our sincerest sympathy to Vern and their family. Please keep them in your prayers.

National Nursing Home Week Picnic & Demo Folkston, GA



Big yellow rocks and thank you to everyone who participated in the Dance Demo in Folkston, GA on Friday, May 18th. The residents, staff and visitors had an enjoyable morning watching the squares and rounds, as well as participating with the dancers. Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi and Lisa & John Wall graciously volunteered their time and talents to help present a memorable day to all.

Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel



Lisa Wall



Cueing Schedule:

ROUND DANCE CLUBS:

First Coast Rounds ----Sundays 7:30 to 9:30PM (phase II, III, & IV)

Touch of Class ----- Thursdays 7:30 to 9:30PM (phase III - V)

SQUARE DANCE CLUBS WITH ROUNDS:

Rollaways -----Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30PM (phase II & III)

Silver Fox ----- Even Fridays 7:30 to 10:00 PM (phase II & III)

Teddy Bears ----- Even Saturdays 7:30 to 9:30 (phase II & III)

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JULY/AUG/SEP SCHEDULE CHANGES

NOTES: TOUCH OF CLASS NOT DANCING UNTIL AUG 23RD
(SCHOOL CLOSED)

ROLLAWAYS DANCING AT SEABREEZE SINGLES UNTIL
AUG21ST. (SCHOOL CLOSED)

NOT CUEING ANY LOCALCLUBS UNTIL JULY 10TH DUE TO
COMMITMENTS AT ROUNDALAB AND NATIONAL
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

June 20-July3 CUEING AT ROUNDALAB & NATIONALS
July 10 Cueing for Rollaways at Seabreeze Singles
July26 Cueing at Moose Promenaders Pink Cadillac Dance
July 30 5th MONDAY MADNESS at Yellow Rockers
Aug 21 Rollaways return to Sandalwood High School
Aug 23 Touch of Class resumes dancing at Sandalwood High School
Aug 31 Cueing at Silver Fox Fifth Friday Dance
Sep 29 NEFSARDA 5th Saturday Dance CANCELLED
Sep 30 First Coast Rounds Not Dancing - LET'S ALL SUPPORT THE
NEFSARDA 50TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE
Oct 5-6 Thrill in the Ville Round Dance Weekend

SPECIAL DANCES AS ANNOUNCED

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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GUIDELINES FOR NEW DANCERS

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1. **DANCE AT OTHER CLUBS:** Your home club needs your support and there should be a special place for the club where you learned to dance, but you are missing one of the great things about square dancing if you only dance with your home club. Visit with other clubs in the area from time to time and when on trips. But remember you are a visitor. It is suggested that you call or write before visiting as dancing schedules and locations are subject to change.

2. **BELONG TO A CLUB:** Clubs are needed to organize and establish a means of enjoying the fellowship of square dancing. To survive, they need an active membership where **EVERY-ONE** helps. Volunteer, don't wait to be asked.

3. **DANCE TO OTHER CALLERS:** During lessons you tuned in to the caller who taught you and you will always have a special place for him (or her). Every caller has a different style—that is part of the fun.

4. **DANCE IN THE FRONT OF THE HALL:** The tendency for the new dancer is to hide in the back of the hall where he thinks the caller can't see his square break down. A good caller watches the whole floor, including the back squares. Don't be afraid to dance in the front squares.

5. **DANCE WITH EXPERIENCED DANCERS:** Sometimes an out-reached hand from a more experienced dancer is all your square needs to keep going. Everyone danc-

ing today was a new dancer at one time and can remember how it felt.

6. **TOUCH HANDS AFTER EVERY MOVE:** Establish your position by touching hands after every move. If you are lost, at least you will have company.

7. **KEEP DANCING:** To use all the information you have learned and to make it become second nature, it is important to practice, practice, practice.

8. **BE AWARE OF YOUR LEVEL:** Look for dances advertised at the level you know.

9. **STAY AT YOUR LEVEL FOR A WHILE:** The level you dance has nothing to do with how good a dancer you are. It has to do with how much time you are willing to devote to your hobby. You may never choose to move to another level and that is fine. Don't make a choice until you have danced **mainstream at least one full year! Don't let anyone rush you!**

10. **SQUARE DANCE FOR FUN:** The odds are pretty good that someone is going to make a mistake (even a caller makes one sometimes!). Don't worry about whose fault it was...it doesn't matter. Regroup and **keep smiling!**

11. **FINALLY:** Jump right up when the music starts. Get in the first open square, **do not pass one up!** Introduce yourself, smile and have fun! Thank everyone when the tip is over.





Square Dancing in our Communities

By John Wall and Sarah Pergrossi

With the decline of new dancers in our square and round dance classes, the common question is “Where do we find people?” “How can we get them interested in our activity?” In upcoming issues I will share with you some people who are energized about square dancing and how they share this excitement within the community.

On Wednesday April 11th John Wall spent a portion of his day in the Mandarin Branch of the Jacksonville Public Library. As he says, “I had the distinct pleasure of introducing some youngsters to the world of square dancing.” John and his volunteers of approximately 12 dancers from various NEFSARDA clubs, participated in a dance exhibition for children. The event entitled “Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood” was part of the ongoing library system program for area residents. John explains, “During the time we were there we performed square dance exhibitions and had most of the youngsters, with some of their parents, up and dancing lines and basic square dancing. It was really a lot of fun thanks to the outstanding support provided by the NEFSARDA dancers that assisted. One added benefit from this event, in addition to the sheer pleasure of working with the youngsters, was the interest shown by some parents in square dance lessons. While nothing yet has solidified, the fact that interest was shown is encouraging.” Thank you John and dancers for sowing the seeds of square dancing with the youth and families in our communities.



In Memoriam Grover Henry Jacobsen

Grover was born January 14, 1919 on a farm near Freeborn, Minnesota. He attended and graduated from school in Freeborn while living and helping his parents with the farm. Grover married his lifelong companion of 66 years, Marcella (nee Krosch) Jacobsen. They continued to live on the farm as grain and livestock farmers, serving the war efforts with food. Marcella and Grover had three daughters, Rosann, Janet and Lyn. They also have 9 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Grover and Marcella were members of the Teddy Bear Squares and enjoyed square dancing for many years. They served as Recording Secretary to the NEFSARDA board in 1994, as well as worked on the National Convention in 1997. Grover and Marcella were named Dance Couple of the Year in 1994. They made lots of good lifelong friends. His willingness to help has touched many lives.

On April 24, 2007 Grover passed away peacefully with his loving wife Marcella at his side. During the last months he enjoyed and appreciated his family being around and spending time with him. He is loved dearly and his wisdom will be remembered by all of us. Our prayers are with Marcella, her family and their friends.





IN MEMORY Nan Habersberger



It was with great sadness that the dancers of Florida were informed of the passing of Nan Habersberger. Nan and her husband Frank were very active in square dancing throughout Florida before moving to Golden CO. Nan's loving family were with her when she died on April 17, 2007.

Nan and Frank had been involved in square dancing for over 45 years. They began dancing in New York and New Jersey, before moving to Florida in 1980. They soon became involved in the Southeast Association as Membership Chairmen from 1981-1982, serving as Presidents from 1982-1983, and Chairmen of the SE Square and Round Dance Festival in 1983. They didn't remain at the regional level for long though. From 1981-1985 Nan and her husband were Delegates to the Florida Federation for the Southeast. They were elected to join the board in 1985 and continued through the rank of officers until serving as President in 1990. The Habersbergers were inducted in the Florida Hall of Fame in 1994. Their activities didn't stop there. They served as Business Chairmen for the 46th National Convention held in Orlando in 1997. During these busy years Nan and Frank found the time and energy to be active with the United Square Dance of America association, serving in several officer positions.

Nan and Frank spent countless hours working at both the State and National level to have Square Dancing recognized as our national folk dance. They lobbied in Tallahassee for the passing of the Florida State Folk Dance bill. In 1985, they were amongst the crowd of dancers on the steps of the Capitol building in Tallahassee as the governor signed this important piece of legislature.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to her husband Frank and all her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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Club News

A warm welcome to all our club reporters, both new and returning. We are appreciative of your efforts to keep us informed on the activities of your club. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sarah & Charlie, editors

DIXIE DANCERS

Quida Taylor (386) 752-1469

Dixie Dancers are pleased to have graduated one of our largest classes in several years. We had a total of fourteen to graduate. It was an exciting evening for the new graduates and all who attended. A social was held in their honor at Thomas Tramel's house. Also, each dancer was asked to bring a friend who might be interested in learning to square dance. We would like to start another class as soon as possible.

Our round dance classes are progressing also. They are taught on Monday night by Ed Hauck and they practice on Wednesday afternoon. We are also please to announce we have a special round dancer, Don Graves and his dog "Hampton" in our club. He is blind due to an accident he endured about three and a half years ago. He attended the square dance class with his sister and brother in law, Ivan and Ann Hadsall. He enjoyed the music and said he thought he could learn to round dance and would like to try. Ed Hauck willingly agreed to take on the

challenge. It has been a delight to witness this. He has danced several weeks now and is a BLESSING to our club. WOW! What is our excuse?

We now have a new slate of officers, President: Imogene Lawrence, Vice President: Pinky Moore, Recording Secretary: Barbara Thomas, Treasurer/ Corresponding Secretary: Annette Conk. We appreciate all these ladies accepting these positions and are looking forward to working with them in the coming year.

We are pleased to announce that Elmore Harper is recovering from surgery. However, we are sad that he and Martha have sold their house and are moving to Georgia in order to be nearer their children. Harry Spencer has also been in the hospital, but is doing much better. After he was released from the hospital he went on vacation to Arizona. We need to continue keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

See you in a square soon!

FIRST COAST ROUNDS

Mary Rozzano (904) 241-0384

First Coast Rounds showed their colors at the State Square and Round Dance Convention in Lakeland, Florida. We came in full force to support our round dance leaders Lisa and John Wall. What a sight to have 25 couples on the floor at one time and 23 couples were from Jacksonville. It's a shame that dancers from other areas could not make the convention.

John and Lisa worked tirelessly at the convention to make sure that all the sound equipment met each cuers needs and to make seamless transitions between each of their assignments. All this in addition to Lisa's own cueing schedule, acting as MC answering numerous questions, making copies, passing out syllabi and any number of other things.

We attended the Strawberry Squares Trail End Dance the night before the State Convention. There were approximately 12 squares with early rounds, and rounds between tips. Our own Lisa Wall, June Lavrette and Sandy Sturgis were the cuers for the evening. A great evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

First Coast Rounds graduated a Cha Cha class on May 6th. Graduates were Glenn Dietz, Coralee Garrett, Walt and Dianne Syphard, Will Harrell, Jerry Kangas, Val and Charlie

Newsome, Sara Noe, Wanda Phillips, Michael Sleeper, Mary Starling, Tom and Esther Stidham, Shirley White and George Wolfert.

First Coast Rounds also won a banner for the most registered dancers attending the Blue-Grey Dance in February.

Three squares of dancers traveled to Albany, Georgia in support of Lisa's first out of state cueing gig. What a great time we had! They say that square and round dancing is declining. I don't think so!

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES

Bill & Sharon Hepburn (386) 446-1597

We congratulate Kim Belland, and Jack & Juacquetta Edwards, Al & Angela Ricci on being graduated as Square Dancers. We celebrated their achievement with fun and food. Publix makes such good cakes!

On Cruise Night, we were welcomed by a roped gangway, paid our fees to the Purser and had our picture taken with a Life Preserver. Each guest received a cabin number that was held for the door prize drawing. Our ship was christened the SS Mangsen, in honor of Joyce and Dick's 50th Wedding Anniversary that very night. For the mixer dance, each square gathered together with the different good wishes from the Captain. We thank Elaine and Roland Hebert and their crew for their creative efforts. A Publix Cake helped us enjoy the eve-

ning again.

Reminder, our club does not hold dances on Fridays in July. We hope to be part of the July 4th Parade. Following the parade, we'll gather for a picnic. Hot dogs, anyone?

Our club does adopt a "Casual dress" code for the months of June and August, but we do not discourage dancers who prefer the traditional dance outfits.

If you are in our area on June 29, join us for our Independence Day Celebration. Be sure to wear Red, White and Blue and bring your appetite, because I hear we are planning

an Ice Cream Social. Happy summer everyone,

Keep your dancin' shoes on,

Sharon Hepburn



FUN 'N FROLICS

Carolyn Ueber (904) 223-9347

The Fun 'n Frolics Advanced and 26th. Square Dance Club had a great time this spring as our caller, Jim Cosman, continued to lead us through variations of the Advanced moves. We are not dancing for the summer, except for Wednesday, July 11th, when Jim will be back in town. We will resume dancing in September on the 12th.

We are pleased to see Bud Walker recuperating so successfully from his surgeries, and we send best wishes to Tom Tester in his battle with cancer. Hope everyone has a great summer.



GRAND SQUARES

Ma Craig (352) 528-3323

The rains from tropical storm Barry cancelled the Watermelon Festival in Chiefland on Saturday, but the dance was well attended. We want to thank the forty plus people who came by bus from Jacksonville for the Saturday evening dance, in spite of the storm.

The Monday mainstream class will continue during July. On Tuesday evenings we will have a DBD class at 6 PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays with plus workshops before the regular dance on the other nights.

After the Friday dance, the following dangles were earned: apple muncher, crack pot and diddley squat. The watermelon seed spitting contests were won by Jerry Wright, 27'9" and Julie Tarbox, 18'

We hope to see everyone at the Christmas In July dance which will be held Saturday afternoon, July 14th at the Keystone Heights High School. This dance benefits the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital. There will be both round and square dancing, raffles, door prizes and a Chinese auc-

tion.

June was anniversary month for both our club and our caller. On the 19th we celebrated 32 years with the same caller at the same location with a pot luck dinner before the dance. August 11th will be our annual "blue bottom" cookout and tubing party. To earn the badge, we tube or raft down the Ichitucknee River. If you would like to join us call Lonnie at 352/377-1828 or check out our web page by going to www.lonlign.com.

On the 23rd, Peggy and Lonnie celebrated their 50th anniversary with a party given by their family at their home.

The Grapevine sends sincerest sympathy to...

Mary Starling, whose sister, Corlis Witherspoon of Rhode Island, passed away in late April.



The family and friends of Charles Seckinger who passed away on Friday, June 1st. He was buried in Ocala on Tuesday, June 5th. Charles danced with the club in Anthony.

Cards and Prayers are always welcome.

JOY SEAS

John & Mary Burzo (904) 797-7530

Well the winter is over and the Snow-birds have flown home for the summer and reunite with their families and friends. We are looking forward to their return. The Joy Seas are also on vacation. We had a wonderful year with lots of fun. Sir Chappie & Lady Betty came to visit us often. They have danced every night for over 100 nights and still going. Our graduation was a great success. We were blessed to have the President of NEFSARDA Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel, also the new Grapevine editor Sarah Pergrossi, Mary & Sam Starling, and Charlie & Val Newsome. All our guests made our graduation a great success. To top off the festivities our own Ilse

Destler celebrated her 82nd birthday. There were plenty of dancers to eat the cake; no leftovers. Between the Graduation, the birthday and all the guests it was a night to remember.

The Joy Seas will be closed till some time in September. John and I will be seeing you all at State and National. Enjoy your summer see you in September.



MANDARIN MARAUDERS

George Treiber (904) 260-9294

The Club started out this quarter by celebrating its 23rd Anniversary at a dance on April 26th. Lawton Smith called as he has been for all 22 years of our history. Lawton is having success with his second fight with Cancer in as many years. He is back calling for us – and just as good as ever.

On April 29th, the Mandarin Marauders installed their new officers for the current year. NEFSARDA Presidents, Ouida Taylor and Tom Tramel were on hand to help with the installation and congratulate the officers. We add our congratulations to: Sergei & Karen Zelenkov, Presidents; Rod O'Connor and Dorothy Dean, Vice Presidents; Fran and Debbie LiPira, Treasurer; Joe & Martha Hardcastle, Assistant Treasurer, and Joe and Barbara Fitzmayer, Secretary. With such a dynamic group of leaders, we expect a great dancing year for everyone in

the year to come.

Starting May 1st, and through Labor Day, the Mandarin Marauders are dancing in casual attire with dances starting at 7:30 and ending at 9:30PM on Thursday evenings.

June 21st was our summer picnic! We enjoyed hot dogs & buns with pot-luck picnic side dishes and desserts galore. Why is it that just looking at all that good stuff to eat adds inches to the hips? – Good thing we could dance it all off!

The summer of 2007 is shaping up to be fun dancing and fellowship at the

Mandarin Marauders – come join us.



MOOSE PROMENADERS

Hazel Clark (904) 778-0134

Memorial Weekend the Promenaders are following the Bird to the 53rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention May 25-27 at the Lakeland Center, Lakeland Florida.

The club started the Plus Workshop after graduation. Some of the new dancers will be involved in other activities and will miss these valuable classes.

July 26th will be our annual Pink Cadillac Dance with a theme of the 1950s. Bring your camera for lots of pictures. The ladies will be wearing their flared poodle skirts and the guys decked out in their rolled up jeans, turned up collars and sleeves rolled up.

Once again the Moose will be hosting Amateur Caller's Night on August 23rd. Last year was the 1st Amateur Caller Night with 7 callers competing. Last year's winners were Jane & Bill Dando. Start practicing

now and come out that night to strut your stuff. You may be the winner!

The Moose Open House dances will be September 6th and 13th. These will be class level introductions to square dancing. Start looking for students now. Talk to folks at your work place, the dentists' & doctors' offices, while out shopping, at church, waiting in the checkout lane, walking your dog, and at the post office. These are only a few suggestions. Anywhere that you go, other potential dancers are there too.

Have you visited the new Moose Promenaders web site? Jim Maroldo has created this wonderful web site where visitors can find our dance schedule, club information and pictures from our recent events. We'll look for you at any of our dances on Thursday evenings and visit Us on the web at www.moosepromenaders.com.

PLUS FOX

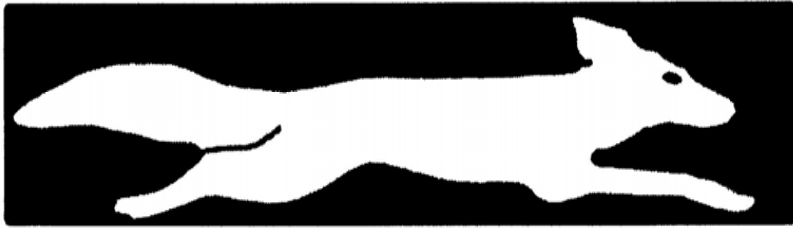
Gaye Feuer (904) 743-1087

On May 16th, Plus Fox Square Dancers held their Tachy Dance and the tackiness reached an all time high. Guests and members enjoyed our silly outfits. As always, we danced the "light fantastic" to the calling and cueing of Gary Murphy, ably assisted by his wife Bernie. On May 6th the Plus Fox held their last dance before taking a summer break. We will resume

dancing at Jax Heights Elementary School on September 5th with a School Supply Dance. Dancers are asked to donate school supplies for local students. On September 19th we will celebrate Gary's third year with us. You are cordially invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.



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RIVER RAMBLERS

Ruth Izzard (386) 752-1469

The last few months have been very busy. In March we had our annual benefit for The Shriner's Hospitals for Children. We are happy to report we were able to raise \$8,154. One hundred percent of which was donated to the hospitals. Thank you so much for your support.

In April we had our St. Patrick's Dance and Cowboy & Cowgirl Dance. In May we honored our mothers with a special dance. On May 17th we graduated our students. Congratulations to Art & Karen Ross, Richard &

Margaret Hodge and Bob Shoemaker. Thanks Lonnie for your help with the graduation ceremony. Ernie Rollen, our club caller, was our of town and Lon Ligon was kind enough to step in and we had a fun, fun night.

In June we will be honoring Dad's and on the 11th we will be having our Tacky Dance Night.

River Ramblers will be dark during July and August. We will resume our regular dance schedule on September 7th. See you in a square!

ROLLAWAYS

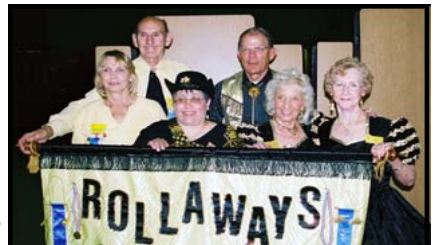
Coralee Garrett (904) 221-8905

The first dance in April got off to a great start for the Rollaways. We had the Mandarin Marauders and the Seabreeze Singles for guests. Mandarin came over on a banner raid.

We also celebrated Ken Miller's birthday with a special cake and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" (Ken was 39 again!)

April 10th was the Rollaways 19th Anniversary and graduation dance. Ken did the graduation installation for our three new dancers, Tom and Esther Stidham and Katie Noe. Each of the 2006 officers lit one of the four candles representing the reasons why square dancing is such great fun and a good way to meet new people and make friends. As always it was a beautiful ceremony. Howard Crowe gave a brief history of the beginning of the Rollaways club. Howard also announced the new slate of officers for the coming year. The officers are, Virginia Bomhold, President; Walt & Dianne Syphard, Vice President; Marylou Morton and Jack McKinney, Treasurer; and Coralee Garrett, Secretary. Virginia gave out gifts to the retiring 2006 officers. Other

guests attending were the NEFSARDA Board members, Jan & Erv Oermann, Vice Presidents; Sam & Mary Starling, Secretary; Bud & Anita Taylor, Past Presidents. Erv presented the Rollaways with a check for \$100 to be used as need for getting a new class. Our special guests at the Anniversary dance were Preston and Ellie Mays. Ellie had designed and made the fabulous Rollaways banner. They received a standing ovation. Hollis and Mary Fowler were also in attendance. They are charter members, having belonged to the first Rollaways class. Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi were introduced as the new editors of the Grapevine Magazine. Sarah



Caller Ken Miller stands with the new officers of the Rollaways

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took loads of pictures, so look for them in this and coming issues. Moose Promenaders were in attendance and came over on a banner raid. Bessie Stovall won the 50-50 (way to go Bessie). Everyone agreed it was a fun evening.

On May 5th, 25 dancers rode to Albany, GA for a Cinco de Mayo dance. All reports say everyone had a great time and it was worth the trip. Lisa did the cueing and we all loved going and supporting her.

May 22nd was our last dance at San-

dalwood. We will be dancing with the Seabreeze Singles for the summer. The club will be back at Sandalwood when school starts in the fall.

A very special thank you to our caller Ken Miller and cuer Lisa Wall and Line Dance leader Pat Seelhoefer for always having fun dances lined up. We are primarily a square dance club, but we try to have something for everyone. So come on over and join us.

Till next time, Coralee Garrett

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You can visit the web site: <http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/convention/registration.html> for the latest information on the convention.



SEABREEZE SINGLES

Mary Lou Pelz (904) 733-1869

First, all of us want to thank Sarah Pergrossi for taking on the tremendous job of publishing The Grapevine. We know she will do a wonderful job and we appreciate her efforts.

Seventeen of our Seabreeze club members traveled to middle Georgia. We visited FDR's Little White House in Warm Springs, the springs itself, Callaway Gardens, and Andersonville. We stayed at a beautiful bed and breakfast. In fact, we had the whole house to ourselves. The house was built in 1912 and was beautifully decorated with many antiques. Each morning, the maids came in and fixed a fantastic breakfast. One could certainly get spoiled living like that!

Now we are on our way to the State Convention in Lakeland. I am sure everyone will have a great time.

Then comes June and the National

Convention in Charlotte. We are sure many dancers from the Northeast will attend. In fact, Seabreeze will cancel their June 26 dance so everyone going can get an early start.

We are happy to again have the Rol-laways visit us while their school is closed down for the summer. It is always fun having them. Our caller, Jim, will be away (except for July 10) for the summer. Ken Miller and some guest callers will fill in for him. Jim has requested hot dogs for the night he will be back, so we will see what we can do to grant his request.

We have a plus workshop before our club dance (7:00 - 7:30 PM). So, if you would like a review, come early and join in.

We hope everyone has a good summer and keep dancing.

SILVER FOX

Lillie Irzarry (904) 266-1083

We had a good turn out for our Friday the 13th dance; we even had a few "cats" dancing with us. We also held our graduation on April 27th—congratulations to all our new graduates. May you enjoy many years of square dancing, having fun, but best and most rewarding part is all the new friends you will make along the way.

May 11th was Ernie's anniversary & our Mother's Day dance; we had a real good turn out. Thanks to all who came to celebrate with us. ⁵⁰

We hope all who attended the State Convention had a wonderful

time and we hope to see you at the National Convention in Charlotte.

It seems as though school has just let out, but we are already thinking of the new school year. We will be collecting school supplies at our August 15th dance. Please donate some school supplies and join us for a fun dance.

I must apologize for the slight bit of news, but this reporter has been more out of town, and out of touch these past few months than she has been in town and in touch.

In closing we wish you all good health and happy dancing feet.

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We want to thank everyone who attended the 3rd Anniversary of Gary Murphy's calling and Lisa Wall's cueing for our club! The attendance was wonderful and the evening was very festive! The Teddy Bears would not be here today if it wasn't for them stepping up and supporting us when we



YOU" TO GARY & BERNI AND LISA & JOHN!

As you may have noticed, the 5th Teddy Bears have missed several weeks this year. That is because they have gone dark to support other

dances and charities. Please remember this when planning "your" special dance or charity. Check the Calendar of Events to see if you are putting a hardship on another club. Also, please check with Bud & Dianne German if you want to know for sure if the Teddy Bears are dark or not (they are listed in the Fall Festival Book).

Speaking of Bud and & Dianne, they have been President for the last 2 years and have done an outstanding job of making sure all our holidays and special dances are so much fun. When you see them, give them a great big YELLOWROCK from all the Teddy Bears. We are so grateful for them!
THANK YOU BUD AND DIANNE.

(TEDDY BEARS CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)

We are so very appreciative to have visitors, so PLEASE come out on a 2nd or 4th Saturday at St Matthews Lutheran Church and dance with us

And lastly...we are so thankful to Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi for keeping our Grapevine going so that we are able to share our club news with you. THANK YOU SARAH AND CHARLIE.

TOUCH OF CLASS

Mary Rozzano (904) 241-0384

Touch of Class graduated our first class on May 3rd. Graduates were Glenn Dietz, Grace Lloyd, Sara Noe, Virginia and Randy Patton, Michael Sleeper, Tom and Esther Stidham, and Margaret Stratton.

Although Touch of Class is a 3/4-soft 5 class, we are constantly working to do more difficult figures to raise the level of our dancers. To that end we have been working on "Carnival", a

Phase IV Rumba and "A Letter To You", a Phase V Jive. Along these lines we are looking forward to attending a clinic in Eustis, Florida taught by Wayne and Barbara Blackford in September.

This year at the Blue-Grey Dance, Touch of Class won a banner for the highest percentage of dancers present. We are a small club, but we are proud to win this award.

TRI-COUNTY DANCERS

Sarah Pergrossi (352) 463-3829

The Tri-County Dancers were the feature entertainment at the annual Volunteer Banquet at Ayers Health and Rehabilitation Center of Trenton on April 19th. Charlie Pergrossi was the caller as 16 dancers from our club and neighboring clubs came to show these folks what square dancing was all about. After a few demos, audience members were encouraged to join the dancers for some of the fun. Our own Walt & Bonnie Voltz were recognized as Volunteer Couple of the Year!

A graduation dance was held on Thursday, May 10th for Wanda Tyree and Carolyn Knight. They did a great job passing all the tests Charlie set for them. Dancers were able to earn fun dangles for the Tri-Corner dance (only 3 couples in a square) and Venus (dancing without hands). Grasshopper dangles were distributed to folks who participated in the Ayers Volunteer Banquet and danced in the grass. Charlie recog-

nized his newest Angels: Jerry & Donna Robey, Walt & Bonnie Voltz, Diane & Oma Harrison and Vernon Layfield. It was an honor to host visitors from Gainesville, Lake City and Jacksonville.

Have you seen our new banner? Ellie Hampshire is a whiz with a needle and thread, and she created our first banner. Now we will be able to visit other area clubs and "steal" their banner, or they can visit us for ours! Look out folks, we'll be on the move next season.



Congratulations to our own Charlie Pergrossi for being awarded the Extra Mile Award at the State Convention in May! It is certainly well deserved.

Our club will not be dancing in June or July. We will have a Welcome Back dance on Thursday, August 1st. Hope you have a safe summer and we'll see you in the fall.

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Vern Bender (386) 364-4142

The club conducted a meeting located at 215 NW Duval Street in Live Oak.

after the dance on May 17th and after some deliberation it was decided to postpone our club dances for the rest of the summer. Many of the dancers are out of town or have visitors and class attendance has been low.

Dances, and maybe a new class will resume on September 13th, and will be held at our new dance hall. In early May, we moved our dance club to the John Hale Community Park, visit us in our new home.

On Tuesday, May 29th, we held graduation ceremonies, along with Dixie Dancers, for our new dancers.

Many of our dancers travel to other clubs and these summer months will be a great opportunity for us to visit other clubs. We look forward to starting up again in September and would like to welcome dancers from across the region to come

YELLOW ROCKERS

Bronze & Virginia Cagle (904) 771-1578

The Yellow Rockers celebrated their first anniversary on April 23rd. Many club members and guests were on hand for a festive evening of fellowship and dancing. It was a great beginning for the start of our 2nd year of dancing.



The "5th Monday Madness" on April 30th with Charlie Pergrossi and Lisa Wall, was a terrific event. THANK YOU visitors and guests!

The residents in Folkston Health and Retirement Center had numerous "Thank you's" for the square and round dance demonstrations and visitations.

The Yellow Rockers will be DARK for a portion of the summer. The last dance before our summer break was

Monday, June 18th. Charlie and Sarah will be on a well deserved vacation. You may have seen them in Charlotte, NC at the National Convention.

CONGRATULATIONS to our caller, Charlie Pergrossi, for receiving the Extra Mile Award at the State Convention in Lakeland.

The Yellow Rockers will resume dancing on Monday, July 30th for another fun-filled 'Monday Madness' Dance. Once again, Lisa Wall will cue beginning with early rounds at 7:00 PM. The dance will combine squares alternating with rounds through 9:30 PM. Charlie calls mainstream and plus level in alternating tips.

The NEFSARDA Fall Festival "Viva Las Vegas" will be November 16-17. Our own Shirley White and Smitty Smith are this year's chairmen. Charlie is the MC and Sarah is handling publicity and ribbons. Mark your calendars to attend this fabulous event.

Best wishes for a healthy, fun summer from all the Yellow Rockers. We'll see you on July 30th!

Our hearts are saddened...

**John "the Emu Man" Sandifer
1934-2007**

John Sandifer of Live Oak, Florida passed away Thursday, March 15, 2007 after a long illness. A Philadelphia, Pennsylvania native, he moved to Live Oak from Valrico, FL 13 years ago. John retired after 26 years as Master Sergeant in the Army and Florida National Guard. He was the owner/operator of Sandifer Emu Ranch of Live Oak, and American Business Systems of Tampa for 20 years. Many square dancers will attest to the wonders of John's Emu products .

John and his wife Pat were married for more than 50 years. They square danced with the Vagabond Square Dancers Club of Live Oak. John was also active in the community in other ways. He was a member of the Suwannee Valley Barber Shop Chorus and also served with the Gideon's International for many years.



John is survived by his wife, Pat Sandifer, four daughters, two brothers, seven grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews. John was a member of Live Oak First Church of the Nazarene.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Pat, their family, and John's many friends who will miss him very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.



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In Memory of Eleanor Madonik

A memorial service for Eleanor Madonik, who passed away on July 7th, 2006, was held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Mandarin Community Club. Her son, Alex; daughter, Marcia; and her long time partner, Donald Barta, were on hand to join with her Florida friends to celebrate her life.

Some of her art work in pottery and clay and some of the special music she enjoyed, were shared and enjoyed by all attending. Pictures displayed her many interests during her active and creative life. Refreshments followed the impressive ceremony.

Square dancers we knew in attendance were Mary Lou Pelz, Martha Hardcastle, Bud Walker & Verna Mae Gedman, and Jim & Eleanor Reedy.

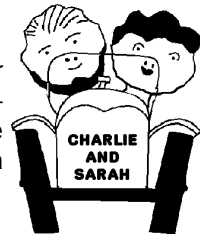
Should anyone still care to make a donation in her memory, please send it to Cummer Gallery of Art & Gardens in Jacksonville, or to your favorite local Arts or Music Education Organization.

To Alex, Marcia & Don, we extend sympathies on the loss of Eleanor, and thank you for the memorial service for those of us here in Jacksonville.

Charlie & Val Newsome

ON THE ROAD....AGAIN!

We are entering one of the busiest times of the year with several club anniversaries coming up, classes beginning, 3 major Festivals in October & November, and the holidays on the horizon. We hope to be able to get in a square with you somewhere, sometime soon!



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Sep 30	50th Anniversary Ball	NEFSARDA
Oct. 12-14	FL Camp-O-Ree	Okeechobee RV Resort
Nov. 2-4	O'Leno Hoedown.....	O'Leno State Park
Oct. 26-27	Fall Roundup (NW Association) ...	Defunik Springs, FL
Nov. 7-8	Fall Fun Fest (West Coast)	Lakeland, FL
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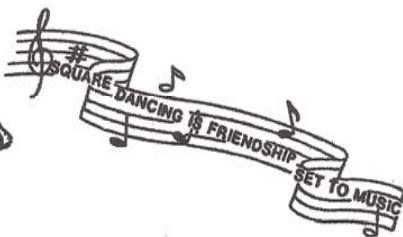
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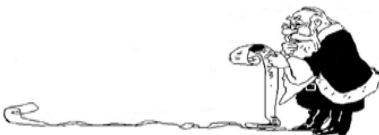
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The deadline for input of articles and pictures is the 10th of December, March, and September. June 1st is the deadline for the July issue in order to allow sufficient time before the National Convention. Due to the escalating costs of postage, pictures received for publication will not be returned, unless accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

There is an award given at the State Convention to Callers and/or Cuers who have been nominated for “extraordinary” service to square and round dancing in the state of Florida. This is the “**Extra Mile Award**”. This year we are proud to extend our deepest congratulations to one of our own callers in the Northeast, Charlie Pergrossi. Charlie and Sarah Pergrossi have done so much for us in so little time!

They should have been awarded the “Extra Miles Award” because that is just what they do...travel many many extra miles to serve square dancing. Whenever there has been a need or request Charlie and Sarah have stepped up to the plate to answer the call.

You are reading this article in *The Grapevine* because they have stepped up to the plate to keep our beloved Grapevine alive and well.

Thank you Charlie and Sarah, we are proud and honored to be the ‘recipients’ of your dedication!

EDITOR NOTE: *Thank you so much for this honor! We are deeply touched to be recognized in this manner. What a surprise to hear your name called out before hundreds of fellow square dancers! With cameras flashing and friends offering congratulations we couldn't find the words to express our gratitude. We are proud to be associated with this outstanding activity. Yellow Rocks to each of you!*

Charlie & Sarah



Top Ten Reasons to be a Square Dancer

by Heather Collins & Kim Gardiner (daughters of Square Dancers)

10. All the cool theme dances that you can go to!
9. You and your partner wear matching clothes!
8. You are still “in” fashion even when you wear a crinoline!
7. It's the only time that you don't find it offensive to be called a “Taw”!
6. Everybody knows your name...when you wear your name badge!
5. The bigger the belt buckle the better!
4. You are never too old to Steal A Banner!
3. You either are an Angel or have an Angel watching over you!
2. You know that the Do-si-do is more than a Girl Scout Cookie!

And the number **one** reason to be a Square Dancer is...

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This original article was composed in celebration of our first issue of *The Grapevine*. Thank you!

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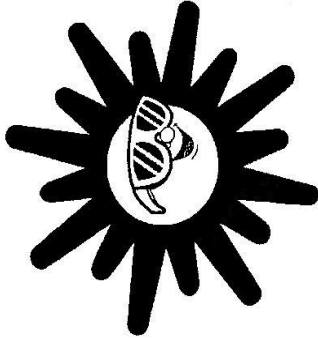
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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Locations in Jacksonville unless otherwise indicated)

JULY 2007

6 Celebrate America..... Silver Fox
15 Delegate's Meeting NEFSARDA
14 Christmas in July Middleburg, FL RCA
14 Dark in support of Christmas in July Dance Teddy Bears
17-19 International Camp-o-ree..... Amana, Iowa NSDCA
26 Pink Cadillac Dance Moose Promenaders
28 All American Night Teddy Bears

AUGUST 2007

10 Ice Cream Social Silver Fox
11 Blue Bottom Party Ichetucknee, FL Grand Squares
11 Back to School Dance Teddy Bears
17-19 Ocala Ranch RV Park Hwy 484 Ocala, FL Square Wheels
23 Amateur Calling Night Moose Promenaders
30-2nd ... 37th Nat. Singles Dance-A-Rama North Little Rock, AR

SEPTEMBER 2007

5 School Supply Dance Plus Fox
14 Show Your Sports Colors Silver Fox
19 Gary's 2nd Anniversary Dance Plus Fox
20-22 Myrtle Beach Ball Myrtle Beach, SC... Barbara Harrelson
21-23 Pacetti's Campground Green Cove Spgs
Anniversary (26th) Square Wheels
22 Fall Fun Fest Teddy Bears
30 50th Anniversary Ball NEFSARDA

OCTOBER 2007

5-6 "Thrill In The Ville" First Coast Rounds
12-14 State Camp-O-Ree Okeechobee Kampground FANSDC
14 Delegate's Meeting NEFSARDA
17 Halloween Dance Plus Fox
25 Halloween Dance Moose Promenaders
26 Halloween Dance Silver Fox
26-27 Fall Roundup DeFuniak Springs NW Assoc
27 Ghost & Goblins Teddy Bears

NOVEMBER 2007

2-3 O'Leno Hoedown O'Leno State Park Square Wheels
7 Thanksgiving Dance Plus Fox
9-10 Fall Fun Fest Bartow West Coast Assoc.
10 Veteran's Day Dance Teddy Bears
16-17 Fall Festival Jacksonville NEFSARDA
22 Dark due to Thanksgiving Holiday Moose Promenaders

Planning For The Future!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

24.....Leftover Turkey Pot Luck Teddy Bears

DECEMBER 2007

13.....Christmas Dance..... Moose Promenaders

22.....Christmas Dance..... Teddy Bears

January 2008

16.....Anniversary Dance (21st)..... Plus Fox

24-26 ...Florida Winter Festival Lakeland..... Grand Squares Inc.

February 2008

7President's Ball Moose Promenaders

March 2008

April 2008

10.....Anniversary Dance (18th)..... Moose Promenaders

24.....Students' Graduation Moose Promenaders

May 2008

15.....Pirate's Ball Moose Promenaders

June 2008

19.....Ice Cream Social Moose Promenaders

*****When planning for your special dances – plan ahead and check this Calendar of Events, AND call or email The Grapevine editors for the most current information in order to avoid conflicting dates. Thanks !! –NEFSARDA**

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So, how did you do on the 'Quiz for People Who Know Everything' found in the April 2007 issue? As promised, here are the answers so you can find out.

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| 1. Boxing | lon, comma, dash, exclamation |
| 2. Niagara Falls (2.5 ft every year) | point, ellipses, parenthesis, period, |
| 3. Asparagus & rhubarb | quotation marks, and semicolon |
| 4. Strawberries | 66 8. Lettuce |
| 5. It grew inside the bottle. | 9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, |
| 6. Dwarf, dwell, dwindle | slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, |
| 7. Apostrophe, braces, brackets, co- | stockings, and stilts |

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