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Message

The year 2002 has gotten off to a fast start with several special dances such as the Annual Circus Dance, the Sophomore Hoedown and the President's Ball already successfully completed. Everyone had a good time and the new dancers are progressing nicely.

The Mandarin Marauders had the first graduation of the year on February 19th with one square of excellent dancers. Lawton is going to teach them Plus, starting in March.

The Blue-Grey dance was held on February 15th and 16th in Lake City and was well attended and enjoyed by all.

We will have only two 5th Saturday dances this year due to one of them in June being during the National convention in St. Paul, when all of the Board and most of the past Presidents will be in attendance. The 5th Saturday in November will be during the Thanksgiving weekend and soon after the Fall Festival.

We will sponsor a Blood Bank dance on May 4, 2002. Many of our dancers are now unable to give blood and we hope they will be willing to purchase a button and attend the dance. Many thanks to Ernie Rollen, Ken Miller and Lisa Noe for calling and cueing this dance. We will also have an



interesting Chinese Auction and the usual 50/50 drawing.

There will be many more anniversaries, graduations and special dances during the year that the NEFSARDA Board will be attending and we encourage all the clubs to visit and participate. There are few clubs that could survive today on the attendance of their core members. Some have suggested that there are just too many clubs; but perhaps the answer is still that we do more visitations. After all, the main reasons for square dancing are fun, fellowship and recreation. The more fellowship means more fun and we need that in these days of treacherous times.

Consider that if they had square dancing in Iran, Iraq and North Korea the leaders would perhaps not be so evil.

Happy dancing!

Joe & Martha Hardcastle

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

June 26-29, 2002	St. Paul, Minnesota
June 25-28, 2003	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 23-26, 2004	Denver, Colorado
June 22-25, 2005	Portland, Oregon



FROM THE EDITORS DESKS

This was to be the subject of our article but we couldn't have said it better than Bill Boyd, Editor of the *Bow & Swing*, Florida's State Square Dance magazine!

Charlie & Val



State Convention - what, already? The 48th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention will be held May 24, 25, and 26 in Lakeland. If the convention is in May, why mention it now? Remember your first state convention? If that was a few years ago the hall was packed. When the grand march came through the main hall the floor was packed. There were also over a thousand spectators competing for good seats to watch this impressive march.

My perception is, there are enough dancers to still do this. There is no reason not to have twenty-five hundred dancers at the Florida State Convention. Here is the how and why.....

Clubs that dance during these dates should close! What a concept - dancers who want to dance will have to come to the convention. This is not a new concept. In years past this was a normal procedure. Why the change? Because people chose not to participate in or provide support for the state convention.

We as dancers should encourage our club members to come and dance. Why is this important?

First, and I think the most important reason: FUN! FUN! FUN!

Second: New dancers. For many of our dancers this is the first time they have been exposed to a square dance that is much larger than a single club. Their first instinct is to group together and dance with people they know. We, as experienced dancers, must get these people into new squares. One couple of lesser experienced dancers with three friendly, encouraging, helpful, courteous, polite dancers, oh, did I mention friendly and encouraging, will

make a dancer for life.

It is very easy to say to a new dancer, "great dance, this has been fun, don't worry, everyone makes mistakes, I think that was the callers fault, keep dancing, remember the only reason that we are here is to have fun." Can you think of any other words of encouragement?

Third Reason: FUN! FUN! FUN!

Fourth: Support of our callers, cuers, prompters, etc. Did you know that Florida has some of the best callers in the nation? Did you know that many of our callers are actually caller-accredited coaches? That means that they are skilled enough to train even other experienced callers as well as newer callers. Did you know that many of our cuers are national cuers? In other words, you can dance to some of the best callers and cuers in the nation right in your own back yard.

Fifth: FUN! FUN! FUN!

How many dancers are in Florida? How many excuses can they make for not coming? You know, an excuse, a reason stuffed with a lie. If someone tells me that they went to a convention and didn't have fun, I wonder two things. Did they go looking for an excuse to be miserable, expecting the worst? Are they the type of individuals who sit in the back pew and always find fault with the sermon?

I have always made it known that I like going to conventions. I go expecting to have a good time. I go hoping to encourage at least one person to stay and enjoy dancing for a lifetime.

So, go to the Fall Fun Fest, the Derby, the Watermelon Festival, the Shamrock Swing, the Sunshine

FROM THE EDITORS DESKS (Cont'd)

Festival, the Knothead Konvention, go even if only for one day. Some of these are local events, some are statewide events and some draw dancers from all over the world. Talk to your fellow dancers and go as a group, or just go by yourself. At almost all conventions, singles, as well as couples, are wel-

come. Go expecting to have a good time. Do not let one bad experience dissuade you from reentering the convention atmosphere. Remember, keep dancing and have fun.

William Boyd,

Editor, Bow & Swing

With Our Recent Sick

Bill Asmussen.....	illness
Mark Ballard.....	illness
Don Bell.....	illness
Fred Brinson.....	illness
Jettie Crowe.....	surgery
Wannette Davis.....	illness
Chuck Donaldson.....	illness
Betty French.....	illness
Tom Hidding.....	illness
Grover Jacobsen.....	accident
Marian Kegley.....	illness
James Kindred.....	illness
Ruth Mattson.....	illness
Tom Miller.....	surgery
Larry Ramsey.....	illness
Bill Schnippert.....	illness
Connie Schnippert.....	surgery/illness
Marvin Simpson.....	illness
Betty Smith.....	illness
Anita Taylor.....	surgery
Helen Williams.....	surgery/recoup



Get Well Soon!



SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO.....

Sherry Gonzales, whose mother died in December 2001.

Leroy Blalock, whose brother died in December 2001.

Phyllis Stewart, whose mother died in February, 2002.

CARDS & PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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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. Upon request, names will be withheld from the publication.)

Dear Editors: As a Canadian "snowbird" from North Hatley, Quebec, and a member of Joy Seas Square Dance Club, I look forward to reading each edition of *The Grapevine*. Only being here in St. Augustine for a few months each winter, I enjoy keeping in touch with what's going on in NEFSARDA the rest of the year. I was particularly pleased to note that Mary Burzo had submitted my poem 'Square Dancing', which appeared on page 48 in the July/August 2001 edition.

Thank you so much for the fine job you're doing to put together this interesting friendly publication.

Unfortunately, since the U.S. Postal Service does not forward third class mail, I have not been receiving my editions of *The Grapevine* when I go home. Therefore, I was wondering if you would mail them to me at my Canadian address. Canada Post does (for a fee) forward all mail and printed matter. Thus I would receive the publications during the months while I am here as well.

Very truly yours,

Gail Pflaster

Dear Editor: Last month someone wrote a letter to the editor about having two round dance tips between each square dance tip, at the Fall Festival. A response to this was solicited by the editor from the chairman of the Fall Festival. As the most recent Chairman I would like to thank the person for questioning why we do things the way we do.

First, I would like to say that we try to please the most people. However, that is an impossible task as you are always going to have someone that isn't happy

with what you do. This question was discussed at the last NEFSARDA meeting. It was much debated and I pointed out that the Round Dancers get a 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour of early Rounds on Friday night. They also get one round dance between each tip.

We need to remember that the rounds were handled by Lisa Noe and Maggie Tripp. God bless them, they each called 1/4 of the dance that night and they did it for free as do the callers. On Saturday afternoon, there is forty minutes of Round Dance workshop along with Contra and Line Dancing. On Saturday night a full hour of early rounds, and one round between each square dance tip is allowed. As Manny Gonzales pointed out in the meeting, when you add all the time the Round Dancers have on Saturday alone, the Round Dancers actually are on the floor more than the Square Dancers. Also remember that the greatest expense is the Square Dance caller and he or she should be utilized as best we can.

In closing, to quote Abraham Lincoln (since this is President's month), "You can please some of the people, some of the time. You can please all of the people, some of the time. But you can't please all of the people, all of the time."

I hope that this answer, from the most recent Fall Festival Chairman, helps.

Anita and Bud Taylor

Hi Charlie & Val: Got the *Grapevine* today and as usual enjoyed reading it. You all do such a good job. On the back was stamped "your subscription expires with this issue". I sent a check to you

LETTERS,

WE GET LETTERS.....(Cont'd)

October 1st...Please check and see if your records agree with this. If not, let me know and I'll make it right. We do not want to miss a copy. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO Y'ALL.

A Faithful Dancer & Reader,

Doris Raines

Editors Note: We promptly emailed Doris back that we had her covered thru January 2003, the stamp was in error.

Charlie & Val: Thanks for your help and support! We appreciate you very much. Come dance with us when you can! Please post the below listed entries in the Grapevine.

Janet Vincent

Editors Note: The entries were included in this issue's Calendar of Events and With Our Sick columns. Thank you for your input.

5th SATURDAY DANCES

The next 5th Saturday Dance will be on Saturday, March 30, 2002, from 8:00 to 10:00 PM at Sandalwood High School. Callers will be Lon Ligon and Art Wilson. Cues will be Lisa Noe and there will be early rounds from 7:30 - 8:00 PM. The club hosts are the Mainstream Squares and First Coast Rounds.

At the first board meeting of 2002 we discussed the 5th Saturday dances and it was discovered that every 5th Saturday dance is on a holiday or busy weekends. The 5th Saturday dance in March is on Easter weekend, the 5th Saturday dance in June happens to occur during the National Convention in Minnesota, the 5th Saturday dance in August is on Labor Day weekend, and the 5th Saturday dance in November is on Thanksgiving weekend. We decided to go ahead and proceed with the 5th Saturday dance in March, but at the delegates meeting in January we

decided to leave the decision to have the three remaining 5th Saturdays left up to the clubs and the delegates. On the June 5th Saturday the NEFSARDA Board will all be in Minnesota, however if the clubs decide to have the dance, I will help make all the arrangements, but it will require someone or club to step forward and be responsible for all the supplies, lists, etc. It is the recommendation of the board to have the August 5th Saturday dance, but it will be in conflict with the Knothead Convention.

DELEGATES, YOU WILL NEED TO TALK TO YOUR CLUBS AND DISCUSS THEIR PREFERENCES. CLUB MEMBERS YOU NEED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR DELEGATES OR ANY BOARD MEMBER AND LET US KNOW YOUR WISHES BY THE MARCH DELEGATES MEETING.

Anita Taylor

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and visits following Grover's accident. We really appreciated all of them.

Grover is recovering nicely and we hope to join all you dancers soon.

Again, thank you!!

Grover & Marcella Jacobsen

Style

By John & Linda Saunders

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Reprinted from AMERICAN SQUAREDANCE magazine.
February, 2002)

Have you ever experienced dancing in a square with people who have styling? That is to say, people who dance with the proper timing, do the calls precisely, keep their body under control and have their hands in the right position for each call. Did you enjoy dancing with that square? I think the answer would have to be yes.

In contrast let me ask, have you ever danced in a square where at least one person and maybe more danced in a rough manner? That is jerky movements, rough handholds, rushing movements or too slow movements. I don't think that you would find that as enjoyable. I know I don't.

Callers should teach and dancers should learn proper styling from the first night of class and then the dancers should strive to improve their technique as they gain more experience in dancing. Dancers should be proud of their appearance and how they dance. Proper dress and movement should be practiced by callers and dancers at all times.

Dancers should try to learn and practice the following:

1. PROPER POSTURE.

Look your partner in the eye or over the shoulder. Don't look down at your feet. Looking down gives you the appearance of slumping and you can't see where you are going. Holding your head up high always gives an impression of self-confidence.

2. PROPER HAND HOLDS.

Everyone should practice proper hand holds. When circling left or right the men should always have palms up with the ladies hand resting palm down in the man's hand. This is also true of Promenades. Any hand hold should be

gentle and as soft as possible. Some dancers have physical problems and tight hand holds can be painful. Some areas use hands up, palm to palm, to replace arm turns in some movements and that eliminates the squeezing of hands, but all areas didn't opt to use that method and still use arm turns. If your area uses arm turns then use a light forearm grip which will give you more control over the movement.

3. Use shuffling steps instead of heel to toe walking. Shuffling gives an impression of smoothness as if you were ice skating. Also, you have less chance of stepping on someone else's foot.

4. When doing a Courtesy Turn, men should have their lead hand in front with the palm up and the lady should place her left hand in the man's lead hand. The man should have his free hand in the small of the ladies back and gently pushing on the back and leading with the lead hand turn the lady in a flowing motion. The lady should use her free hand to do skirt work.

5. Hands should be kept above the waist and forward, ready for the next call.

I don't think styling is stressed enough in today's activity. Maybe that is due to "the rush to Plus" which doesn't give the caller time to put enough emphasis on styling. If the dancers would think of improving their styling and practicing it diligently then it would catch on and everyone would try it.

Smooth dancers are recognized at all levels and it is always a pleasure to watch and experience "proper styling". Remember, smiling is part of proper styling.

"Caller's Corner"



THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
SQUARE DANCE
CALLERS

CALLERLAB has announced...

The press release from CALLERLAB for February 2002 includes the following: Dana Schirmer, Chairman of the Mainstream Committee, is pleased to announce WHEEL AROUND has been selected as the Mainstream Quarterly Emphasis Call for the period beginning January 1, 2002. Submission presented by John Swindle, Mainstream Committee member from Melbourne, FL.

(The following excerpts of the President's Message, Florida Callers Association are reprinted from the Bow & Swing, February 2002 issue.)

"Hi to all. Are we having fun yet?

Shirley and I hope that everyone's year is off to a great start." ...

"Have I mentioned about getting **state convention ribbons**? If you haven't please do so. You can get a full refund if you can't make the dance, no questions asked. We need **everyone's** support to make a great convention, **callers** as well as **dancers**.

Speaking of support, I think we all should make an extra effort in supporting our local clubs, as well as supporting other dances. Without new dancers coming into the program we need the support of all dancers. The cost of the hall is going up and the dropping off of dancer attendance is forcing some clubs to close. Is this what we want? I don't think so. The

less clubs we have means the less chance of new beginner classes. So, support your club, or clubs, and also go visit other clubs. Take a group with you and steal a banner, then they will have to come visit your club to retrieve their banner. This will expand your friends and fellowship with other dancers and clubs. Don't forget that you will only get as much enjoyment out of square dancing as you put into it. OK, Shirley is telling me to get off my soap box. Do the activity a boost and **SUPPORT SQUARE DANCING!**

Looking forward to seeing you all at the State Convention May 24-26, 2002 in Lakeland. Be there and be square."

Mike & Shirley Doughty,
President,
Florida Callers Association

With Sincere Thanks.....

There are not enough words to express my feelings concerning the outpourings of caring, love and sympathies from our great square dance family. Your phone calls, cards and visits were a great source of support for Tom and me during the past couple of years and helped us through many difficult times. Your kindness will remain in my heart for many years to come.

My heartfelt thanks. *Kim*

Cuer's Corner

By Val Newsome

The First Coast Rounds (Lisa Noe) and Touch of Class (Jim & Barbara Winter) continue to have great attendance. First Coast Rounds will start a two-step class in March (see ad in this issue). Many clubs in the area still offer rounds between the square tips...Silver Fox, Rollaways, Dixie Dancers, and Plus Fox...to name a few.



We don't have any round dance news to report so this will be a short article this issue. **Round Dancers** -- this is your column -- let us know if there is something you'd like to see, or send us your input!

ROUNDALAB ROUNDS OF THE QUARTER

FIRST QUARTER, 2002

PHASE 2: ..Honeycomb (TS).....	Mary Ann Callahan & Milo Molitoris	Collectables 0243
PHASE 3: ...Remember The Sunshine.....	Bob & Judith Haworth.....	STAR 107 A
PHASE 4: ..A Brief Romance (W).....	Ton & Ree Rumble	SP
PHASE 5: ...Foxtrot Tonight.....	Bruce & Kristine Nelson	Roper 172
PHASE 6: ...Choo Choo Ch'Boogie (J).....	Bill & Carol Goss	STAR 126 B

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR

Mar 8, 9	Shamrock Swing(Central).....	Orlando, FL
Mar 30.....	5th Saturday Dance(NEFSARDA).....	Jacksonville, FL
May 24-26.....	Florida State Convention.....	Lakeland, FL
Jun 27-29.....	National Convention.....	St. Paul, MN
Aug 30-31	Florida Knothead Konvention	Lakeland, FL
Sep 12-14.....	Myrtle Beach Ball.....	Myrtle Beach, SC
Nov 1-3	O'Leno Hoedown(Square Wheels).....	O'Leno State Park
Nov 8-9	Fall Fun Fest(West Coast)	Lakeland, FL
Nov 15-16.....	Fall Festival (NEFSARDA).....	Jacksonville, FL

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THANK YOU

Thanks to all our square dance friends for their concern and prayers during Val's recent surgery. The many phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, candy and fruit received during my hospital stay and my recuperation at home really made us aware once again how great it is to be in the Square Dance Family!! We love you all!

Val won't be dancing until around mid-March, but you'll see us around the scene since Charlie dances and Val socializes! Thanks again to everyone.

Charlie & Val Newsome



Legacy

International Assembly Of "Trustees" Of The Square Dance Activity

How Do You Treat Your New Dancers?

By John Charman

These are the people who will keep Square Dancing alive in the years ahead. Do you treat them as such? One of the things I often hear about new dancers is that they are Not Square Dancers until they have completed a Plus workshop. Sorry, but they are Square Dancers from the first moment they get up to participate in the first session that they attend.

We believe, and practice, that the new dancers are very special.

We advertise and promote Square Dances as "friendship set to music." Where is the fun and friendship when they are pushed through the Basic and Mainstream programs as fast as possible so that they can get into Plus and become "real" members of the club?

So, I will outline a few of the things that we do in our clubs to make the new dancers feel welcome and part of the Square Dance scene from the first night we meet them.

Do you have some couples at the door to greet them as they arrive each evening? Don't let them just come in and have no one talk to them. Arrange in advance for a couple of couples to be there at the door to welcome them. Have someone make up nametags for them. At the end of the evening, make sure you say goodbye to them, ask if they had a good time, and see you next week?

We have a party night after the first three nights to welcome all the new members. The rest of the club (Mainstream & Plus) bring goodies; we dance for awhile and then we socialize. What better way for the new dancers to get to know the experienced dancers, and vice versa.

Request that the experienced dancers attending do not wear fancy square dance dress. Something plain and simple should be the rule for the first few weeks. If people come in and see you angels dressed to the nines, they will feel that they have to buy all this stuff, which is not true.

I make sure that the dancers do not dance with their original partner most of the evening. I find that this helps the dancer to learn quicker and they get to know the other people in the group so much faster. This helps to cement the group together. They also make friends that much quicker. When they make friends, they like to come back and enjoy each others company.

We take a full year (September through April) to teach the first 50 Basics. Then another year to teach Mainstream. We also encourage the second year dancers to come out and dance with the new dancers; this then gives them two years at Basic at the same time they learn their Mainstream moves. There is no charge to come out the extra night. Dancers pay one fee to join the club, so Plus dancers can get three nights for the price of one!

During the year we try to have a club party once a month. Fun is what Square Dancing is all about, not learning and learning and learning.

From: A Potpourri of Observations
"How Do You Treat Your New Dancers?"
John Charman 1225 Millburn
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CANADA

Central Florida Square & Round Dancers' Association

Presents our Second Annual

Shamrock Swing

with National Caller

Tony Oxendine

and Whit Brown

and cueing

Jimmy & Carol Griffin

March 8 & 9, 2002

St. John Vianney Church
6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL

Friday Early Rounds at 7:30 PM, Dance 8:00 PM.
Saturday Workshops Square & Rounds.
Saturday Eve. Early Rounds 7:30 PM, Dance 8:00 PM.

Ribbons \$12.00 per person advance, or
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Blood Bank Benefit Dance

Saturday, May 4, 2002

Jacksonville Heights Elementary School
7750 S. Tempest Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32244

Callers

Ernie Rollen
Ken Miller
Jack Herpy

Early Rounds

7:30 - 8:00 PM

Dance

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Cuer

Lisa Noe



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\$4.00 per person

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Help both organizations, Give Blood!

IN MEMORY

Thomas A. Thornton
(1927-2002)



Tom Thornton passed away on January 5, 2002 following an extended illness. He was a native of Jacksonville and after graduation from Lee High School in 1945, he enlisted in the V-5 USN aviation program under which he attended Georgia Tech. Upon returning to civilian life, he established a career in sales, real estate brokerage and management.

Survivors include 3 daughters, 2 sisters, 1 brother, former wife, Joan, his devoted companion of 11 years, Kim Keffer, and 4 stepsons.

Tom's passions were fishing, sailing, and square dancing, and he was a member of the Moose Promenaders Square Dance Club.

A Memorial Service celebrating Tom's life was held at Avondale United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 13th. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his family and friends.

Following is a Memorial Message from his Club.

On Saturday, January 5, 2002 the Moose Promenaders lost one of our most treasured members, Tom Thornton. Tom gave his all to square dancing. Tom and his loving companion, Kim Keffer, took mainstream lessons with Silver Fox Squares. After they graduated they took plus lessons with the Moose Promenaders where they became an integral part of our club. In 2001 they served as both President of the Moose Promenaders as well as our Treasurers. Tom was involved in the planning of several of our special dances, especially our annual Christmas Dinner. Tom and Kim served on the NEFSARDA Board as Recording Secretary for two years. Although Tom had been ill for quite a while, none of us anticipated his death so soon in the new year. Tom will be missed more than anyone knows. Kim, you have our love and support.

Moose Promenaders

By Anita Taylor

CLUB NEWS

...is FREE to any club in the Northeast Association...costs \$5.00 per issue for non-member clubs...tells about the fun & fellowship at your club...and helps bring visitors to your upcoming dances and special events. Only 11 clubs submitted Club News for this issue. **"WHERE'S YOUR CLUB NEWS?"**



48TH FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

May 24, 25, 26, 2002

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WE NEED YOU IN 2002!



USDA AWARDS SECOND YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Rebekah Faith Atkinson, of Wake Forest, North Carolina, is the recipient of the second United Square Dancers of America Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship. Rebekah is an active member of the Magic Square Dance Club. She has worked on committees from club level to the state convention. She helped with youth activities at the 2000 National Convention held in Charlotte. A senior at Rolesville High School, Rebekah is an honor student with a GPA of 4.5. Other activities include National Honor Society, International Foreign Language Society, Chemistry Club, Key Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She demonstrates her ability to work with people of all ages in her volunteer work with Red Cross, Wake County Hospice and Alzheimer Support Group, Arthritis Foundation and tutors high school and elementary school students.

Rebekah says of her introduction to square dancing, "When the idea of square dancing was first introduced to me, I was a sophomore in high school struggling to obtain popularity and respect from my fellow peers. I had no idea what square dancing was. Despite my worries, I decided to try the lessons being offered in my town, and soon began to realize that my new "recreation" as referred to by my caller, was going to have a dramatic impact on my life."

"Never before had I met such genuine people who honestly wanted to help everyone. Messing up soon became meaningless, as the focus was put more on how much fun you had making the mistake. Although I remained somewhat weary of continuing to dance because there were few people my own age, I continued to attend lessons and found myself thoroughly enjoying every

Monday evening. Traveling across the state and nation to other clubs dances was something I truly looked forward to, while having to go to the restroom with a petticoat as big as myself was not."

"As I look back over the past couple of years, some of my happiest moments have been while I was dancing or doing something related to square dancing. A young lady full of strength and independence has replaced the weak, uncertain little girl that I once saw myself as. Square dancing has been the ultimate guide in my life as I have been faced with many difficult choices. I know that without it, I would have taken a road that may have ruined my hopes for success. Due to my new relationships with the older couples I dance with, I began to realize that my true calling in life was to work with the elderly in physical therapy."

"Now, as I get ready to go dancing, and slip into my massive petticoat with matching pettipants and shoes, the only dread I experience is that of knowing eventually I must face the treacherous journey to the restroom. Although I have a wonderfully, supportive family, my square dance family is my second most important source of support. This is why, as a young lady heading off to college next year, I can honestly say that my greatest education has come not from the school system, but from square dancing and the people who it has brought into my life."

For more information on the Youth Program and the Youth Scholarship:

John & Alitia (Al) Becker, Youth Advisor
P.O. Box 1561 West Monroe, LA 71294
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**Putnam County
Shrine Club
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March 23, 2002

7:00 PM

Admission: \$4 per person

Presented by

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Square Dance Club**

112 Yelvington Road, E. Palatka

SQUARES - Ernie Rollen and other
popular callers

ROUNDS - Sunni Thomas and Roy Brown

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AUCTIONS: Live - Silent - Chinese
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2000-2001 NEFSARDA CLUB VISITATION

By Aleen & Chuck Breedlove

CLUB	NO OF VISITS	CLUBS VISITED	TIMES VISITED	NO. CLUBS VISITING
ROLLAWAYS	42	11	32	8
YELLOW ROCKERS	37	10	20	8
MAINSTREAM SQUARES	25	9	9	3
MOOSE PROMENADERS	23	8	35	9
SEABREEZE SINGLES	19	6	30	9
SILVER FOX	19	9	24	9
TEDDY BEARS	19	8	9	4
PLUSFOX	16	7	15	6
FUN N FROLICS	13	6	14	7
JOY SEAS	12	6	6	4
MANDARIN MARAUDERS	9	5	7	4
GYPSY SQUARES	1	1	10	5
BELLES & BEAUX	-	-	-	-
DIXIE DANCERS	-	-	1	1
FIRST COAST ROUNDS	-	-	9	2
FRIENDSHIP SQUARES	-	-	-	-
GRAND SQUARES	-	-	-	-
JEKYLL ISLAND SQUARES	-	-	-	-
POGO SQUARES	-	-	-	-
RIVER RAMBLERS	-	-	3	1
SQUARE WHEELS	-	-	7	3
VAGABOND SQUARES	-	-	-	-
OTHERS	-	-	4	2
TOTALS	235	86	235	85

The following clubs were presented medals at the NEFSARDA January meeting for the one year period of December 1, 2000 through November 30, 2001:

GOLD

ROLLAWAYS
YELLOW ROCKERS +

SILVER

MAINSTREAM SQUARES

BRONZE

MOOSE PROMENADERS
SEABREEZE SINGLES
SILVER FOX
TEDDY BEARS
PLUS FOX
FUN N' FROLICS
JOY SEAS

No more than 5 visits to any one club throughout the year counted toward these awards. CONGRATULATIONS to all these clubs for these achievements.



2000-2001 NEFSARDA CLUB VISITATION

(Cont'd)



Congratulations Yellow
Rockers Plus and Rollaways ↑
for reaching the "Gold"!!



↑ Congratulations Mainstream
Squares on receiving the Silver
Medal!!



Congratulations to the Plus Fox, Fun 'N Frolics, Silver Fox,
Joy Seas, Seabreeze Singles, Teddy Bears, and Moose
Promenaders on earning the Bronze Medal award!

GO WITH THE FLOW!

If the world gives you lemons. . . In 1908, a New York tea importer mailed his customers free samples of tea, packaged in tiny silk bags. Customers wrote back, but didn't order more tea--instead, they asked for more of the bags.

. . . **Make lemonade:** The importer realized his customers were using the bags to steep the tea, so he began packaging all his tea that way. Orders poured in. . . and that's how the tea bag was born!

Silver Fox Squares



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8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

ROUNDS CUED BY
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CLASS: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
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7750 Tempest Street, Jacksonville, Florida

SPECIAL FUN DANCES

- March 15th.....Pot of Gold Dance
(wear green)
- April 12th.....Graduation Dance
- April 19th.....April Showers Dance
(bring toiletry item for the homeless)

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bud & Dianne German, President
Telephone: 781-1532



Walk a Mile In Their Shoes

By Calvin Campbell

(EDITOR'E NOTE: This is a reprint from the October 2001 issue of USDA News.)

It is puzzling!

There has been considerable speculation about why people take the time to complete a set of square dance lessons and then quit square dancing within two years. Let's take a walk in their shoes.

Let's imagine you are a new graduate and you've done pretty well at lessons and you've had a good teacher. He/she has taught what they could in the time allotted. In many areas of the United States, this means you've been introduced to a large number of so called square dance basics and danced some routines using these basics. The teacher has been very encouraging about how well you have been doing. You have a diploma in hand and you walk into your first dance thinking you know how to square dance.

The caller is some famous guy/gal that has been advertised in posters at every beginner dance you have attended and all the angels have been talking about how great a caller he/she is. You arrive with the expectation that you are going to be royally entertained and are going to dance every tip.

The First Tip

The first tip you square up with three other couples you've never met before. They don't help in the new beginner classes and would never think of attending a beginner dance. The caller starts to call and you suddenly realize that you are missing about every third word he/she says. However, you survive to a Left Allemande and then some lady/man does a bump and grind during the Right & Left Grand while you sail right on by looking stupid. What the h-- is that? You never saw that in class.

More Bewilderment

In the next routine the caller puts together several of the basics you were taught in the rush of the last three weeks in one of the many thousands of ways you've never seen before and you are responsible for the square breaking down. The three other couples avoid looking at you as you slink to home. You feel like every other couple on the floor knows you screwed up. It happens the next routine and the next and after the tip you walk to the sidelines embarrassed about your performance.

Then Rounds

Then some couples come out onto the floor and do some kind of ballroom thing for several minutes. You never saw that in class either. What are they doing? Someone tells you that is round dancing and if you are interested you can enroll in a new class next week. A little later on in the conversation someone mentions that real fun comes after you finish the next set of square dance lessons. You get the message that you are not a real square dancer and square dancing is not really what you were taught in class.

They try again

The second tip goes a little better than the first, but you do notice that the three couples from the first tip had a panicked look on their faces when you headed their way so you veered off into another square. That fancy stuff the couples are doing between tips looks hard. Like something you would see in an old Fred Astaire movie.

They sit one out

The next tip you sit out and watch and listen. The experienced people look so good and you feel so bad. The caller is

Walk a Mile In Their Shoes (Cont'd)

great, but you recognize very little of what he does. The routines are different and he/she is hard to understand. It's nothing like class was. No people are there to help you. The famous guy/gal on the mike never stops to walk a difficult piece of choreography. You either sink or swim and you are sinking.

Pretty soon you find yourself in squares with other new graduates in the back of the hall and nothing works. You laugh shallowly, but you don't really know how to square dance. You just know a little bit of what it's like.

Who is to blame?

Who is to blame? The teacher who was expected to give you two years or

more worth of knowledge in less than thirty lessons? The caller at that first dance who was told to please the experienced dancers on the floor? The couples who have danced for years and years and didn't want to break down? Or maybe just the whole system?

They blame themselves

Most new dancers end up blaming themselves for not learning quick enough. They never look at the impossibility of the task they faced and go home defeated. People vote with their feet. If you were a new dancer facing these circumstances would you come back? Wouldn't you tell your friends about your experience?

USDA EDITOR'S NOTE: We discovered Cal's article in the November 1999 issue of the EAASDC Bulletin, the official publication of the European Association of American Square Dancing Clubs (EAASDC). We happen to know Cal from past Legacy conventions.

Cal did a wonderful job of telling us precisely what happens with new dancers. Only the "die-hards" make it and that is why we have such a poor dancer retention rate.

What is the answer? It is my opinion that callers and dance leaders should continually preach the gospel (good news) about square dancing and discourage the "extras" that so many dancers practice without knowing the harm they are causing in the activity. Isn't it sad what new dancers face?

(Reprinted from October 2001 issue of USDA NEWS.)

**MAKE A PLACE
IN YOUR SQUARE
FOR THE NEW DANCERS!
THEY'RE
GR-R-R-R-EAT!**



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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2002

7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Squares - Rounds - Chinese Auction - Refreshments

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ROUNDS BY LISA NOE

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**Admission donation: \$4.00 per person in advance
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For additional information call Shirley White at 388-1463

BLOOD BANK REPORT

By Stephen & Marie Bigelow

The Square and Round Dance Community of Northeast Florida engages in various Fund Raising Activities that help support worthwhile charities such as the Florida-Georgia Blood Bank Alliance, Red Cross, City Rescue Mission, Shriner's Crippled Children, Dreams Come True, etc.

To raise funds, dances are held where cost of the facility used, Callers and Cuers fees, and refreshments served are all donated so that 100% of the proceeds raised go to the specific charity organization being sponsored. In addition we sell raffle tickets for various donated prize items such as Entertainment Books, Food Store

Certificates, Restaurant Certificates, as well as numerous

donated items to help raise funds.

Our Annual Blood Bank Benefit Dance for the year 2002 will be held on Saturday, May 4th, and we ask for, and would appreciate, your consideration and support of a donation or gift certificate that would be used in our raffle to support this worthy cause.

Many in our community depend on the Florida-Georgia Blood Alliance and the Red Cross to meet their needs and they, in turn, rely on the generosity of others in the community to help them accomplish the task.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



IN MEMORY

**James Arnold Morgan
(1926-2002)**

Jim Morgan, USN, Ret., passed away on Monday, January 14, 2002. He had been a resident of Jacksonville since 1960 and retired from the U.S. Navy in 1965 as a CPO after 21 years of honorable and distinguished service in World War II and Korea. Jim also retired from NARF-NAS Jacksonville in 1982 after 17 years service.

His many activities included Fleet Reserve Branch 126, Jacksonville Amateur Ham Radio Association, Florida Callers Association, Gateway Callers Association, Jacksonville Racing Homing Pidgeon Association, North Florida Beekeepers Association, and head clerk of Voting Precinct #14. He was a Square Dance Teacher and Caller in the Jacksonville area for many years.

Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, Jimmie Lee, 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 brother, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed and we extend sincere sympathy to Jimmie Lee, his family, and his many friends.



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*Presented By
The
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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2002

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Admission: \$3.50 per person

Jax Heights Elementary School
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*All Square Dancers are Welcome!!
Please come support these
Student Dancers.*

*Let's give them a big welcome to the
"Wonderful World of
Square Dancing!"*

WHAT'S COOKING?

By Val Newsome

As promised in the last issue, here is the recipe from Betty Smith for Nappa Cabbage Salad, and the recipe for Baked Beef Stew sent in by Doris Raines.



NAPPA CABBAGE SALAD

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| 1 Large Nappa Cabbage, sliced thin | 1/2 cup butter |
| 2 pkgs Ramon Noodles, discard seasoning | 2 cans Mandarin oranges, drained |
| 6 diced green onions | 1 small pkg. silvered almonds. |
| 1/2 cup sunflower seeds | Sliced water chestnuts. |

Crush noodles in ziplock bag. Brown crushed noodles and almonds in butter, drain, and cool.

Dressing: 1/2 cup salad oil; 1/4 cup rice vinegar or white vinegar; 1/2 cup sugar; 1-2 tablespoons soy sauce; and 1/8 of brown sesame oil. Mix and toss on salad close to the serving time.

BAKED BEEF STEW

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 can (14 1/2 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained | 4 med carrots, cut into 1" chunks |
| 1 cup water | 3 med potatoes, peeled and quartered |
| 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca | 2 celery ribs, cut into 3/4" chunks |
| 2 teaspoons salt | 1 med onion, cut into chunks |
| 1/2 teaspoon pepper | 1 slice bread, cubed |
| 2 lbs lean beef stew, cut into 1" cubes | |

In a large bowl, combine the tomatoes, water, tapioca, sugar, salt and pepper. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour into a greased 13" x 2" or 3 quart baking dish. Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 1 3/4 to 2 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender. Yield 6-8 servings.

Doris says you don't brown the meat before putting in the stew. She also says it's an easy dish to make-- plus it's delicious!

We are awaiting recipes promised from Sherry Gonzales (cookies) and from Marylou Morton (her dump gumbo)...hope to get them in time for the next issue.

This column gets lots of comments -- you know how we Square Dancers like to eat. Keep those recipes coming!!

FOR YOU CHOCOLATE LOVERS!

If you've got melted chocolate on your hands, you are eating it too slowly.

Problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

Solution: Eat it in the parking lot!

Did you know that "stressed" spelled backwards is "desserts"! So if you are stressed, eat those chocolate desserts.

THE ROLLAWAYS

SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
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ROUND DANCING



LINE DANCING

SQUARE DANCING

CLASS

7:00 - 8:30 PM

CLUB DANCE

8:30 - 10:00 PM

CALLER: KEN MILLER

CUER: LISA NOE

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Every Tuesday - - Mainstream/Announced Plus
2nd & 4th Tuesday - - Round Dancing
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2002 State Convention

Editors Note: These are excerpts from a report printed in the Panhandle Press issue for Jan-Feb-Mar, 2002. We asked and received permission to reprint this for our readers.

As of January 1, 2002 we have only 144 days before the curtain goes up on the 48th Florida State Convention. The questions on most minds are, "How many dancers are going to go to the convention in May 2002?" and, "Are we going to make any money?" Two really good questions, but obviously, no one can provide you with a correct answer today. However, we do have a forecast for you--1400 dancers and we will have a profit. To achieve this, we need help from all dancers and all square and round dancer leaders. Mark your calendars, get your ribbons, make your hotel reservations and get ready for a great weekend of dancing. Full money back guarantee; just notify us before the first tip if for any reason you are unable to attend.

Ribbon sales are going well--550 so far!

How about considering an ad for our Program Book? We will be happy to

accept ads from clubs, callers, and cuers, or perhaps you'd like to place a personal ad. This is an inexpensive way to get your information into the hands of a lot of dancers. A full page is \$60.00, one-half page is \$35.00, and one-fourth page is \$25.00. The deadline for ads is February 15, 2002.

This year everyone will dance on the main level. Because of the success of the two dedicated round dance halls in 2001, we have decided to include them again in 2002. We'll have a hall with singing calls alternating with line dancing, a Contra Hall, and halls for square dance levels Basic through Challenge.

We are confident that with the help of every Northwest Florida dancer we can make the 48th State Convention a successful one.

**Fred & Shirley Cornett,
General Chairman, 48th Florida
State Square & Round Dance
Convention**

WHAT DOES THE ABOVE ARTICLE MEAN??

1. It means a lot of people have not purchased their ribbons and the convention is less than 3 months away!! Call or see Charlie & Val Newsome NOW!! Get your ribbons while they are still \$18.00 -- save yourself \$2.00 per ribbon!! You know you can get your money back if something happens and you can't go -- read paragraph one above!!
2. Buy a Button for \$1.00 each to help support the Convention. Charlie & Val also have the buttons!!
3. Get your hotel reservation -- don't be disappointed that you can't get in the same motel with your friends just because you procrastinated!
4. Ribbon sales are only at 550 (see paragraph 2 above) -- you need to support YOUR State Convention!! Buy your ribbons and buttons NOW!! Let the Chairmen know they can count on you being there.
5. Ad deadline is February 28th (it has been extended), but if you want to place an ad contact Fred & Shirley at (850) 934-0574, or email them at FSCORNY@aol.com to see if you have time to get one to them.
6. Finally -- in their last paragraph they ask for the help of all the dancers in the **Northwest** to make this a successful convention. A successful convention **FOR YOU!!** They are working hard to give ALL the dancers in Florida a fun-filled, great-dancing weekend. All you need to do is get your hotel reservation, buy a ribbon and show up!! Remember their theme, **"WE NEED YOU IN 2002"!**

Joy Seas Square Dance Club

Caller - Mike Akers

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Go **West** on SR207, 1 mile

To Coquina Crossing, on the left

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Rounds when available

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For more information:

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JEKYLL ISLAND BALL

By Val Newsome

My two reporters for this article were Aleen Breedlove and Lisa Noe, who both told me they enjoyed the weekend very much. They reported the following news.

Callers were Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story and rounds were cued by Jack & Genie Whetsell. Tony had a family emergency and could not make it on Friday evening, but Barbara arranged for a caller from Panama City, Chris Burchfield, to call for him. I'm told he did an excellent job and was well liked by all the dancers. They were happy to see he stayed on to help Tony and Jerry on Saturday.

There was a hall for plus and rounds and another hall for A1. When you wanted to take a break you had a chance to buy a new outfit at the vendor "shops."

My "reporters" tell me approximately three squares from the Northeast area were there to enjoy all the festivities.

Barbara and LaVerne Harrelson do a great job putting this weekend package together every year. You might want to mark your calendar now for next February's Jekyll Island Ball at the Convention Center in Jekyll Island, GA.

Look for more information later!

GCA SOPHOMORE HOEDOWN

By Val Newsome

The Gateway Callers sponsored their Sophomore Hoedown on Saturday, February 2nd at the Jax Heights Elementary School. Callers Ken Miller, Lawton Smith, Ernie Rollen, Art Wilson, and John Robbins had an excellent program planned for the students and dancers. Dancing was almost non-stop and over six squares enjoyed the evening.

The callers wives (Ginger Miller, Eleanor Smith, Lucille Wilson, and Donna Robbins) made sure the refreshment tables had plenty to eat and drink.

If you haven't attended one of

these student dances this year, be sure you get to the Graduation Ball and help welcome these new dancers to Square Dancing.

The Gateway Callers Association sponsors three dances -- the Beginners Hoedown, the Sophomore Hoedown, and the Graduation Ball -- each year. Thanks to all of you for providing these special dances to the students.

Two down, one to go. And the best is yet to come. Why? Because it will be the Student Graduation Ball on Saturday, April 20, 2002, 7:30-10:00 PM at Jax Heights Elementary School. See you there!!



GCA callers and their spouses sponsored this year's Sophomore Dance!



Students, young and old, enjoyed their hoedown!



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**NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS
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2002 CLUB MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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All locations are Jacksonville unless shown otherwise.

SUNDAY

FIRST COAST ROUNDS: "R" Every Sunday. Beginners Class 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Phase II - III Club 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Noe 904 642-3194. Contact: Barbara Walker 904 262-6743.

MONDAY

FUN N FROLICS: "A" Every Monday. Dance 7:30-9:30 PM. 2839 W. Beaver St., Woodstock Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674.

FUN N FROLICS: "P/A" Every Fifth Monday: 7:30 - 9:30 PM. 2839 W. Beaver St., Woodstock Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674.

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS: "P" Every Monday. Dance 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Trinity Lutheran Church, Park & McDuff St. Caller: Lawton Smith 904 389-3349. Contact: Billy Luper 904 771-7041.

TUESDAY

BELLES & BEAUX: "M/P" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00 - 8:15 PM, Club 7:00-10:00 PM (1st & 3rd - Regular dance -- 2nd & 4th - Workshop).. First Presbyterian Church (red brick building across from Post Office parking lot), Valdosta, GA. Caller: Bob Bennett 912 242-7321.

DIXIE DANCERS: "P/R" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00 - 8:00 PM Club 8:00-10:00 PM. Teen Town, 312 N. 6th St., **Lake City**. Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582; Cuer: Maggie Tripp 352 493-0853 **OR** Ralph Beekman 904 752-2544. Contact: Ouida Taylor 904 755-7248

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W E D N E S D A Y

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THURSDAY

FRIENDSHIP SQUARES: "M/P" **Keystone Hts.** Hi School, 900 Orchard St. Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582. Contact: Sandra Pennell 352 473-4347. **TEMPORARILY NOT DANCING!!**

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MOOSE PROMENADERS: "P/L" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. 5051 Collins Rd., Moose Lodge, Orange Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674. Contact: Wendell Spears, 904 264-5024, Pat and Johny McCabe, Banner Chmn. 904 771-6647.

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SATURDAY

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The Editors



**51st NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
JUNE 26, 27, 28, 29, 2002
"STAR THRU TO SAINT PAUL IN '02"**

Getting to Saint Paul and the 51st NSDC

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51st National Square Dance Convention Web Page

Visit our web page at www.51nsdc.com where up-to-date information regarding the Convention can be found. On the web page, you can find an on-line registration form or download the form for mailing. Other

information available is Tours and Special Event, Camping, RiverCentre layout, Fashion Show, Education page, local attractions, Ways & Means, and find out the current weather. We encourage you to visit the site often.



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**You Don't Want To Be Without A Program Book
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When you are attending the 51st National Square Dance Convention you will want to have the Program Book to find the times and places of dances, workshops, special events and much more. The price of the Program Book and the three pocket-sized Dailies is \$6 until April 30, 2002. After that the price goes up to \$10. There will be very few extras available at the door. Dailies are not sold separately.

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Any Questions? Call the Housing/Registration Office (Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat 9-2 p.m., CT) at 763-413-1120.

**OUTDOOR PARADE OF STATES AND THE WABASHA
BRIDGE**

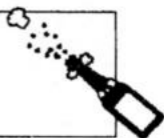
Put on your State or Convention outfit and join the parade! The Outdoor Parade of States will be on Friday, June 28 and will march to the Wabasha Bridge over the Mississippi River. Plans are to attempt a world's record for the most Square Dancers dancing on a bridge. The number of Dancers will be submitted to Guinness Book of World Records for

admission. This will be our best opportunity to show all of Saint Paul that there are Square Dancers from all over the world in the city. The beautiful costumes will be striking, and heighten awareness of a secret kept too well! Make plans to be part of this special parade and record attempt.

"STAR THRU" TO THE WABASHA BRIDGE"

Look what's happening at the Moose Promenader Square Dance Club !!!

**April 11th
12th Anniversary Dance**



**April 25th
Plus Classes begin**



**May 9th
Pirates' Ball**

For information about the above events
- watch for our flyers or contact
President - Wendell & Doris Spears
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A Tribute To Tom Thornton

By Al Golding

Tom Thornton, or as he was known to us, "Uncle Tom", was the epitome of a true 'Southern Gentleman'. His love of people and the ease with which he made friends was a gift bestowed upon him by his Creator. His respect and consideration for others is well known by all he came in contact with. If you knew Tom, you knew there was nothing he wouldn't do for you or your family. It was truly our honor to have been his friend.

When our Square Dancing group was having problems, it was Tom and Kim who pulled us through. Would you believe, they got the caller to come to their home and practice with one square in their garage, which first had to be emptied out to make room for our confused square. Tom really made it fun to go Square Dancing. I really looked forward to meeting Tom at the dances, especially when he was on the door collecting money. When he would see us, his smile of greeting really made our day. Judy & I went through "A" dancing lessons with Tom and Kim. We both wanted to drop out as it was very demanding, but Tom has a way of putting you at ease and encouraging you. If he could do it, so could we. So we stayed and even graduated. Both Tom & Kim encouraged us to attend Square Dancing Conventions. At the time, as new beginner square dancers, that prospect was a little frightening as it is one thing to dance with friends who don't care if you break down the square, but it is another thing entirely to dance with strangers. If it wasn't for their encouragement, I don't think we would have ever attended our first convention. And the after parties in our hotel rooms with our group were fantastic. Tom once did a little skit with a peacoat and a finger which had us laughing for two hours. Tom had an

encyclopedic knowledge of jokes. It didn't matter what the subject was, Tom had an unending supply of new material which kept us in stitches. And he loved to hear jokes too, even the bad ones. Once he heard a joke, it was his forever. He could recall jokes he'd heard 50 years ago. All of Tom's jokes were funny without being vulgar. He was such a gentleman that he could tell any joke without using explicit terms. We all couldn't match his style. When we would tell a vulgar joke, he would act embarrassed but secretly he really enjoyed them and, of course, he would clean them up if he ever repeated them.

However, Tom had a vice. He was almost perfect in every way except for this one vice. It wasn't a secret vice. Everyone who knew Tom well, knew what it was, and since we all loved Tom so well, we supported this vice and some of us encouraged Tom to indulge in his vice. This vice was an addiction. Yes, Tom was an addict. Tom was addicted to CHOCOLATE! Whenever, wherever and from whomever. Judy happily made Tom fudge with walnuts every chance she got and Tom loved them. In fact, he loved them so much he wouldn't share them with us. He even went so far as to hide them in a kidding way when company came over and even hid them from Kim, who knew too much chocolate was bad for him. Even I could not get a piece of fudge from Judy even when they came out of the oven, hot and fresh. They smelled so good and as I would reach for one, Judy would shout, "No - they are Uncle Tom's. Leave them alone." And you don't argue with Judy when she uses that tone of voice.

Tom was a brilliant man with a mastery of the spoken and spelled language. He delighted in correcting others in a subtle way when we massacred the English language using

A Tribute To Tom Thornton (Cont'd)

inappropriate words or spelling. Sometimes we would tease him by purposely doing it, as it was a pleasure being corrected by him.

Tom had a full life and an even fuller career as a salesman. He would tell us stories about his various jobs that were fascinating. Tom could sell an Eskimo ice. I remember one time when Tom and I were in Hendersonville sitting on a bench on Main street waiting for the girls to finish shopping, Tom told me how he sold check writers to businesses. He had what looked like a knitting needle with a slot in it. He would insert it into a sealed envelope and put it around a check which was inside and roll the check up and then smoothly pull the check out of the envelope. When people saw this, they couldn't wait to buy his machine. Now, I don't know what a check writer is but I know that Tom had a way with words and a fertile imagination which he used daily, finding new ways to succeed at whatever he tried. Whatever story Tom told, be it a sales joke or a true story about something that occurred in his life, you were sure to be spellbound as it was interesting and you knew there was always going to be a hook or surprise at the end.

Tom was always the life of our little parties. He was just a gracious soul who treated everyone as if they were family. Tom showed a tremendous interest in each of us and made each and every person he came in contact with, feel important to him, and extremely well liked and loved. One example is when Tom first met Rayburn, Judy's mom. He was so gracious, tall and handsome, that Rayburn fell head over heels in love, but, unfortunately, Tom was already spoken for, and

Rayburn does have Daddy Smith who adores her. But truth be known, who could resist Tom's charms and impeccable manners? Mere words cannot express how much we will miss Tom and the good times we all shared with him. I remember one time in particular when we were square dancing in Kanuga. One of Tom's friends asked Tom to help him in a skit. Tom, being a nice guy, said sure, what do you want me to do? Well, as it turns out, Tom had to come up with the whole skit as all there was, was an idea. Tom asked me to help but I didn't have a clue. So poor Uncle Tom had to sit down and write the skit, word for word, and he only had two hours in which to do it, and you know what? It was a big hit and everyone enjoyed it. He was such a good sport.

Tom always volunteered to help no matter how he felt. It seemed as if his own health or problems were secondary to others. I know that in the last year, Tom was extremely sad that he couldn't continue on as he had in the past. I know he missed each and every one of you and without him at the dances, it just wasn't the same. But no matter that he couldn't participate any longer, he still wanted to see us and be with us. As often as we could, we would get together for dinner and parties. As sick as Tom was, he never once complained and you could see the joy in his face when his friends visited him. Tom will never be forgotten. He will live in my mind always as I know he will, in all yours too. For I know that we have all been blessed for knowing him and sharing with him the time that we had. All I can do is hope that some day we can all attain the same level of goodness in our lives as Tom had in his.



STITCHIN' TIME

By Val Newsome 683-3512

This article, written by Donna Ipock, is reprinted from AMERICAN SQUAREDANCE, February 2002.

"Hey,

By the time you read this it will be way past Christmas but as I sit here way behind in my shopping ... it is just 12 days 'till. Believe it or not I'm still sewing and buying gifts that should have been taken care of at least two weeks ago. One item that I am making several of is another so simple little thing that I wonder why my family members want one. It is a cover up made from an oversize towel. This can be used in the summer as a swim suit cover up if made from a beachy towel, but I am concentrating on the after bath ones now. I use a towel that is at least 30x52 (larger in width is better if you can find it). I also buy one matching washcloth for a pocket. You can never have enough pockets on any garment!

This is very easy to construct:

Measure a piece of elastic that is a comfortable fit (minus 2 inches) around the bust of the person you are sewing for. If you are unsure of the measurement.... just use your judgment. Sew this length of elastic along one of the long edges, stretching or easing as you sew. Use at least 5/8" wide elastic... don't want it skimpy.

Sew both edges of the elastic to the towel, or use a zigzag stitch. Either works. You can butt the elastic right up to the edge or sew it about 1/2" from the edge to give it a little ruffle effect,

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Sew a length of Velcro to both sides, sewing right onto the elastic. I use a 4-inch piece;

anything less just doesn't seem to keep the towel together and this also helps with the overlapping of the towel.

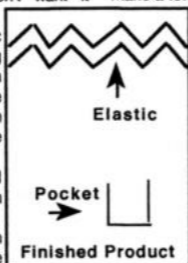
For the pocket I cut the washcloth into two pieces. Depending on the pattern in the towel fabric, I either cut it in half crosswise or from corner to corner. Be sure to sew the raw edges so they don't ravel. You can serge the edge or use a basic zigzag stitch to go over the edge several times. Place the pocket anywhere you please, just be sure it is on the top that wraps over and not the under side. The other half of the pocket can be used to wrap up a special scented soap, or if you have used a large enough towel, make two pockets. On one wrap I folded the washcloth in half unevenly and sewed it in place. It made it kind of puffy but the pattern had dragonflies on the towel so it looked OK. You be the judge. These are so easy and if you look in some of the specialty magazines or bath stores you can see just how pricey they are.

If you want to go the extra step ... make a tote bag from the same

toweling for a great take to the beach or pool look ... Hey, are we thinking summer or is it just my imagination.

These are quick and really fun to make. Try one for yourself and then make one for a friend or family member. Remember, it really does mean more if you take the time to make it yourself.

Sew Happy!"



ON THE ROAD - - AGAIN

We have put the Easter Parade on our schedule, but our family has a big get together at this time of year. Hope we can make it.

In addition to those listed below, we know that there will be a graduation dance at Rollaways, a graduation and anniversary dance at Moose during April, and perhaps more graduations but we do not have the dates at this time. If you are interested in attending any of these, give us a call and we'll try to furnish you with the dates.

While we can't make every dance, if you have a special dance or event you would like us and our camera to attend, give us a call. We'll do our very best to be there!

March 11	.....46th Annivrarsary Dance.....	Fun 'N Frolic
March 23	.....Children's Benefit Dance	River Ramblers
March 30	.....5th Saturday Dance(NEFSARDA).....	Sandalwood High
March 31	.....Easter Parade(Joy Seas)	St. Augustine
April 4	.....4th Anniversary Dance.....	River Ramblers
April 6	.....Charity Ball (Seabreeze Singles).....	Jax Heights Elem.
April 9	.....14th Anniversary Dance	Rollaways
April 10	.....11th Anniversary Dance	Joy Seas
April 1617th Anniversary Dance	Mandarin Marauders
April 20Graduation Ball(GCA)	Jax Heights Elem.



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ANNUAL CIRCUS DANCE

By Val Newsome

The Silver Fox held their Annual Circus Dance on January 18th, 2002 with all proceeds benefiting Dreams Come True. Final figures are not yet available, but approximately \$2500.00 was raised.

Callers for the evening were Ernie Rollen and Ken Miller and they kept the floor moving all evening.

There was plenty to eat circus style ... like hot dogs, sodas, etc. A silent auction was held and we all kept trying to outbid each other. The raffle

of the \$100.00 picture was won by Dee Dee & Bessie Stovall.

It was a fun evening with lots of dancing and great fellowship, but the best part of it is that we came away with a good feeling knowing we had contributed to such a worthy charitable organization that will help some terminal child realize their "dream come true"!

We commend the **Silver Fox** for their hard work and dedication to help such a worthy cause.



Just "Clownin' Around"!!



Dee Dee Stovall won the "Money Frame" raffle but I'll bet Bessie shares it!!



Bud & Dianne German present the Circus Dance banners to the clubs with the most representation at this years Circus Dance-- Moose, Rollaways, Seabreeze Singles, and Yellow Rockers!



Club News

DIXIE DANCERS

Linda Yocum (386) 752-2970

By the time this issue of *The Grapevine* reaches your mailbox, the 23rd Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance sponsored by the Dixie Dancers will have already occurred, and we hope that all of those attending had a great time dancing to caller Joe Fioretti and cuers Maggie Tripp and Ralph Beekman.

Our club extends a hearty THANK YOU to each of you for helping to make the street dance and the Square Dance a success and just "plain fun".

Impressing the dancers on February 12th with his skill and talent in decorating for Mardi Gras was Aubrey Parrish. Green, gold and purple adorned Teen Town. Beads were everywhere, and there was even Jam-

balaya that was mmm...mmm good!

We're looking forward to our St. Patty's Day Dance on March 12th. If you're not wearing green, you had better keep an eye out for the Irish Constable or he'll be a finein' ya'!

Shine up those spurs, dust off those hats, and clean your shootin' irons for the Tumbleweed Western Dance on April 9th. We'll be servin' up a heap of Cowboy Beans and other good grub to satisfy those hunger pangs after a long ride on Ole Paint.

We'll be keeping you posted on what's happening here in Lake City, and feel free to join us any Tuesday night - classes are from 7 - 8 PM; dancing 8 - 10 PM.

GRAND SQUARES

Gerry "Scoop" Jesk 352 493-2842

Can you believe it's March already? Isn't this year going by in a hurry. Grand Squares has been busy too, first having a Banner Raid of more than 3 squares go to "The Sunset Squares" in Steinhatchee in January. Later in February a Banner Retrieval to the River Ramblers in Palatka, and our famous February Party Night was a Valentine Dance with lots of Sweethearts in attendance.

We're so looking forward to a Special "St. Patty's Day & Easter" Party Night Dance, all rolled up with a Banner Retrieval from Sunset Squares this will be on Tuesday, March 12th.

Then in not so near future our northern friends will be returning home, so this is going to be quite a GRAND Party of Parties, celebrating lots of things. Come out and join us.

GYPSY SQUARES #168

Dale and Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

We started our year as usual at Pacetti's Marina and RV Park in Orangedale. Ed Moody and Lil Pierson were our super hosts and lead us over to Six Mile Marina for a scrumptious meal Saturday. We also thank all the guests that came to dance with us Saturday evening. We look forward to all of the visitors from Jacksonville

when they come for our first dance of the year. John Barrett called his usual fun filled dance so we all had a really great time.

Next we were at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort near Fort McCoy. Carl & Doris Raines and Ouida & Ernie Weeks hosted with the annual Fish Fry. With the help of their friends from the Yellow Rockers,

GYPSY SQUARES #168 (Cont'd)

they cooked the entire meal while the Gypsies added a variety of desserts to top off the meal. Carl and his group received rave reviews all weekend and are committed to continuing the event every year. If you missed this year, check with us for next year. Lake Oklawaha has an obvious country setting which is the special charm of the area. We need to get away more often to relieve the stress of our busy lives in the city!

Next month we'll be at Wild Frontier in Ocala. It is located behind an RV dealer so we enjoy every camper's delight by spending time exploring new RV's. We always seem to be in the market for a new and better one. Wild Frontier has a very nice hall and an excellent staff to serve us. We are sure to have a great time with Ducky & Linda Blake and Debra & Luther Delp as hosts. If you

plan on coming, call a Gypsy for directions, as there are special instructions if you come after the RV dealer closes the front gate.

The Fredricksons and the Humbles will host the April campout. We'll be at White Springs at the Suwannee Valley Campground. The plans for that campout are still being formulated but it always includes a walk into White Springs for breakfast on Saturday morning. Check out our web site at <http://geocities.com/fansdc/gypsy/> for the current schedule and directions to the campouts. New information is usually updated around the middle of the month. If you can't find the answers to your questions, go to the officers' page and email one of us. We'd love to hear from you.

Happy Dancing!

2002 CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ANNIV. #</u>
Belles & Beaux			
Dixie Dancers	Sep		24th
Friendship Squares			
First Coast Rounds			2nd
Fun 'N Frolics	Mar	11th	46th
Grand Squares	Jun		27th
Gypsy Squares	Dec		12th
Jekyll Island Squares	Jan		14th
Joy Seas	Apr	10th	11th
Mandarin Marauders	Apr	16th	17th
Moose Promenaders	Apr		12th
Plus Fox	Jan		16th
Pogo Squares			
River Ramblers	Apr	4th	4th
Rollaways	Apr	9th	14th
Seabreeze Singles	Sep		26th
Silver Fox	Jun	7th	17th
Square Wheels	Sep	21st	21st
Teddy Bears	Jun	8th	18th
Vagabond Squares	Nov		8th
Yellow Rockers +	Sep	9th	11th

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JOY SEAS

John and Mary Burzo (904) 797-7530

Snow Birds are here and we are taking full advantage of them. This year so far we had seven visitations. Our dancers enjoy going to other clubs and dancing to other callers. The silver is looking better everyday.

John fell sick the night we had to retrieve our banner from the Yellow Rockers, which meant I would have to drive. We packed 9 dancers in a 7 passenger van and off we went without John, but with a full set of explicit directions. What fun we had talking, telling jokes and enjoying the ride, which is about 45 minutes. Well I got a little lost and had to ask directions from a Georgia State Trooper how to get back to Florida. All in all and 2 hours



Jean and Walt Skudlarek proudly display Club's Bronze Medal awarded for their visitations during 2001!

later we arrived at the Yellow Rockers and had a wonderful time. By the way, nobody ever ask me to drive again.

The club dances are more fun now, we have more dancers and of course more squares. More squares, more fun. Later in the month, off we went to Ocean Waves to raid. It is always a pleasure to dance to R. J. Hogan. We had 6 couples. What a good night.

Jean and Walt Skudlarek, our Banner Chairman, contacted some of our dancers to see if they wanted to return to the Yellow Rockers to raid. Unanimously they said yes as long as Mary didn't drive. Well, John drove and we arrived in 45 minutes. But I really think we had more fun when I drove because I took the scenic route. All had a good time. The Yellow Rockers are great and Billy Luper, that wonderful guy, graciously gave us their banner.

All of our hard work paid off. Our Bronze metal is hanging with pride from our banner. Check out the picture.

Get ready you clubs out there. Easter Parade is just around the corner. I will visit as many clubs as I can looking for dancers to participate in the Easter Parade in St. Augustine on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 1:30 pm

Mark your calendar. Please try to make it, it is a great way to promote square dancing and also it's a fun day.

Call me if you can help.

MAINSTREAM SQUARES

Harvey & Marylou Morton 221-9519

"WILL DANCE FOR FOOD." No, we are not going to start wearing such signs around our necks! However, four squares of dancers arrived at the Elmcroft Assisted Living Facility on Southside Drive on January 26th to demonstrate the fun that is had by the dance clubs in our area. We are indebted to John Wall and Jack Herpy,

Square Dance Callers, for the time and effort that they willingly donate to the promotion of square dancing, round dancing, and line dancing. The Elmcroft staff members made sure that we were well fed before we left. The dancers from several clubs, as well as the two callers, realize that not all demos have to be put on for recruitment purposes. The reward

MAINSTREAM SQUARES (Cont'd)

comes from hearing the words of appreciation from the audience. We believe that most of us will continue to dance -- even if they don't feed us.

Our little club is still growing. Our second anniversary will be here soon. We had two squares on the floor on January 11th. Our student class will increase that number when they graduate. We thank the other clubs, especially the Rollaways, for supporting us. We even had a visit from a vacationing square dancer from New York. How about them apples! Our club has received a Silver Visitation Award from NEFSARDA. Don't forget -- we also like to have visitors.

Well, it finally happened. She fought, cried, and begged but it didn't help. The big clock on the wall kept right on ticking and old Father Time said "Yes, it is true." "La Bomba" Bornhold crossed over the hill on January 31st. We promised her that we wouldn't tell anyone that she is now 40 years old, so please don't ask. As we all know by now, NEFSARDA's Fall Festival will be held in November and the theme will be "Mexican Fiesta." "La Bomba" wanted to

start brushing up on her Spanish language. (She "cusses" real well in Spanish when she sees Banner Banditos coming her way.) So, some of her partners in crime helped her celebrate her birthday at a local Mexican Restaurant and Cantina. She wore her new straw hat with the pointed top for the occasion. It was truly a night to be remembered (or maybe forgotten). A live five-piece Mariachi Band strolled from table to table singing requested songs in Spanish. They even sang "Happy Birthday" in Spanish (although it sounded a little more like Chinese). Their rendition of Marie Elena and Tijuana Taxi were excellent. "La Bomba" danced the Mexican Hat Dance and almost brought down the house when she got her foot caught in the point of her hat. She yelled something in Spanish that even made the band members blush. It was a great evening.

We dance Mainstream on each Friday at Peace Presbyterian Church. Workshop and Class is from 7:00-8:30 PM. Dance is from 8:30-10:00 PM. Come and have fun with us.



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MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Janet Vincent 771-7295

Marauders started the new year with a ban and we haven't stopped yet!! We have a busy schedule ahead with lots of fun planned for everyone. We welcome you to join us any Tuesday as we love to have company!!

Our student class did so well this term, Lawton graduated them on February 19th. We're so proud of our students and Lawton for a JOB WELL DONE!! We're looking forward to dancing with you at club dances regularly!!

We are excited and happy to announce PLUS CLASSES start March 5 and continue for 12 weeks, 7:30-8:30 PM. We invite you all to join us, learn new routines, and then practice with us until 10:00 PM weekly. Thank You, Lawton for your patience and teaching!

DIRECTIONS: From 295 and San Jose Blvd., go south to Westberry Road (at Ace Hardware & Gate station), turn RIGHT. Go about 1/2 mile to Italian

American Club on left. Please address any questions to Ron & Judy Rodriguez, 287-8562.

We'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day on MARCH 12 with an IRISH JIG. So, don your "Greens" and join us for the fun, food, & dancing - maybe you'll even spot a leprechaun!

Come dance with us on APRIL 16 and help celebrate our 17th ANNIVERSARY! Members, please wear club colors and bring a snack.

Thank You, Yellow Rockers and Silver Fox for your visits and hospitality for our visits to your clubs. We look forward to more fun and fellowship between all our clubs -- Square Dancers are such fun!

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, cheer, and help for James and Jean Kindred, Larry and Joan Ramsey, Bill and Eileen Asmussen, and Don and Bonnye Bell. They, and we, all appreciate your kindness and support!

MOOSE PROMENADERS

Kim Keffer 771-5775

As usual everyone had a great time with the spirited calling of Art Wilson and Tony Oxendine and the cueing of Lisa Noe at our Annual Presidents' Ball on February 7th with over 130 dancers in attendance. This is always a fun dance and this year was no exception. Thanks to our students who helped work the door and to enjoy the excitement of a "big dance". President of the Year was Shirley White (Seabreeze Singles). Congratulations, Shirley.

Our beginner classes are moving along quite well due to the help of our square angels.

Several of our group attended the Sophomore Hoedown hosted by the Gateway Callers Association and a great time was had by all.

Our own Gary Silcox was the

recipient of the Good Works Award sponsored by Channel 4. Way to go Gary! He and Debbie also came in with five numbers in the state lottery.... he has yet to take us all out to dinner.

We have some new presidents, Wendell and Doris Spears. Mark Ballard had to retire due to ill health. We will be thinking of him and hoping he will have a better 2002.

Big hugs and get wells to Anita Taylor and Ruth Mattson. Anita recently underwent foot surgery and Ruth has shoulder problems but they both were there to help out at the Presidents' Ball.

Join us on Thursday evenings at the Moose Lodge on Collins Road. The class starts at 7 and the club dances at 8:30. See you in a square!

MOOSE PROMENADERS (Cont'd)



Lisa and Art kept the Christmas Dance lively! ↑



Presidents at this year's Annual President Ball!



Moose president, Wendell Spears, presents the "President Of The Year" plaque to Shirley White, of the Seabreeze Singles! ↑



Joy Seas Presidents came in their new club outfits.



Tony Oxendine, Lisa Noe and Art Wilson provided the lively calling and cueing at this year's President's Ball! ↑

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Harvey & Marylou Morton 221-9519

Just about the time that we start to mourn the passing of our old pink Cadillac with the tail fins, pony tails, poodle skirts, and Elvis music, we happily discover that "they ain't really gone yet!" They were all there again in all of their glory when the Rollaways showed their student class how us cool cats really danced a few years ago. The occasion was "Old Time Rock And Roll" on January 9th. We had to close the draperies at the windows when Bob Seger cut loose with his recording of "I Love That Old Time Rock And Roll." We didn't want people on the outside to see how we acted when we were young. Now that we have been tamed down (a little), some of us just sit and Rock and Rock.

Congratulations to Sara Noe for creating the winning pot of chili in our big Chili Cook-Off held on January 15th. The gourmet tasters were kept busy sampling the ten entries and they finally reached a tough conclusion. All of the entries were very good. We thank all of you chefs for your contributions. This is just another example of the many things that make square and round dancing so much fun. It is difficult to not like certain people when you are bunched together, laughing, joking, and teasing each other at the same time that you are dripping chili juice, or barbecue sauce, on them. So come on friends, let's lighten up and enjoy each other's company while we still can!

We teamed up again with our neighbors from the Seabreeze

Singles for a Fifth Tuesday dance on January 29th. "Football" was the theme. There were tee shirts, helmets, jerseys, pom-poms, and a couple of "snow birds" looking for the Gator Bowl. Ken Miller and John Wall called a great dance. The seven squares, round dancers, and line dancers made the tailgate party a lot of fun. We were visited by three square dance clubs and members from two round dance clubs. Were you there? If not, it is probably because you were somewhere else. But don't forget, we dance every Tuesday night from 8:30-10:00 PM. Workshop and class is from 7:00-8:30 PM. For a rocking good time, come to the Rollaways.

One square of Rollaways slipped back into the Plus Fox den and stole their banner right before their eyes on January 30th. Those Foxes were so intrigued by our latest Banner Dance, created and led by our Banner Chairlady, ("The Bomb"), that they didn't even see us lift their banner. We think that they were so intent on studying our new routine because they want to copy it.

In closing, we want to thank NEFSARDA again for all of the Club Visitation Award Medals and Ribbons which our club has received over the years. We display all of them on our main banner. We are proud of what they stand for. The craftsman who meticulously hand paints these medals does good work. He deserves a pat on the back.

GRAPEVINE DEADLINES

April 10, 2002.....	May-June, 2002 Issue
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For the first time in our young history, we raided the Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville, on January 15th. The members going on this raid were Jay and Gloria Seifert, Shirley Rollison, Clayton Harrison, Joy Mullis, Joe McCartin, Ruth and Earl Cunio, and our President, Dick and Jean Lee.

The Seabreeze Singles square dance at the Peace Presbyterian

Church Recreation Hall on Southside Blvd. It's ideal for square dancing. A very nice place with plenty of parking. The Club surprised us with finger food and hotdogs with all the trimmings. Very good! The caller, Jim Cosman, held a workshop before the regular dances. We had a great time and are looking forward to raiding them again in the future.

SEABREEZE SINGLES

Jackie Hamlin 731-9181

We have visited seven clubs since the beginning of the year.

Seven of our members attended the demonstration at the Atrium, having a delicious lunch afterwards. There were a total of three squares participating.

The Sophomore Dance was great for the new dancers and our members were there to help.

All of our members were excited that we earned the Bronze Award for visitation this past year and are looking forward to the Gold one this year.

At our monthly meeting, we elected new officers and we are pleased to announce that we have the same

officers as last year: Shirley White - President; Lorval "Smitty" Smith - Vice President; Jackie Hamlin - Secretary; and Phyllis Stewart - Treasurer..

Our Charity Ball, which benefits the City Rescue Mission, will be at a new location this year - Jax Heights Elementary School on April 6th. The theme will be "Spring Fling" with excellent door prizes and a \$100 raffle. Be sure to see our new flyers.

Betty French is on the sick list and Phyllis Stewart's mother passed away.

Remember: A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it!

SILVER FOX

Lillie Brugh-Irizarry 266-1083

We would like to announce our new board members for 2002. Bud & Dianne German, Presidents, Millard & Applean Brown, Vice-Presidents, Joe & Bernadette Crawford, Treasurers, Vi & Bill Bird, Secretaries and Dorothy & Stephen Gilliland, Banner Chairpersons.

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who helped to make our Annual Circus Dance a success. It is an honor to help the folks at Dreams Come True to put a smile on the face of a child with a life threatening illness. Final figures for the dance are forthcoming. Stay tuned.

Several of our members attended the Sunshine Festival in Lakeland at the end of January and we understand all had a great time from the regulars to the ones attending for the first time. If you've never been we encourage you to attend. You won't be disappointed. There are a wide variety of callers and cuers that switch halls throughout the evening. So from the plus level dancer to the challenge level you will be entertained by all. Believe me your feet will know that you had a good time!

On Friday, February 8th we had an "Enchanted Evening" Dance with all

SILVER FOX (cont'd)

singing calls. The hall was beautifully decorated and all had a good time. Some of our students stayed to share in the enchantment.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming March and April special dances. On March 15th will be our Pot of Gold Dance so wear your green or you may get pinched. Also, on April 19th we will have our April Showers Dance so bring a toiletry item to be given to the

homeless. Last year was a big success. Let's help those less fortunate than ourselves.

We would like to thank Ernie Rollen for his great calling and enthusiasm toward square dancing and our club. We also thank Frances (his law) for her lines and Lisa Noe as our new round dance cuer. If you haven't visited us lately, please do come.

SQUARE WHEELS. #128

Martha Zimmerman 352 336-5311

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

Our Christmas Party on December 15th was absolutely wonderful -- lots of laughter and plenty of delicious food. The gift exchange was a lot of fun, with the Teddy Bears and many other gifts going around from person to person.

If you missed our January 18th-20th camp out at Suwannee Valley Campground in White Springs, you missed a great time and some really beautiful weather. We had 11 rigs there and the campground was filled. The dancing was great and we all enjoyed a good covered dish dinner on Saturday evening. Several campers from other groups came to watch us dance. A group called the Pop-Up Pioneers are participating in a huge rally at Hanna Park, April 25th-28th, 2002. They invited us to join in the activities. The rally is sponsored by Suncoast RV and includes 3 nights of camping, a continental type breakfast each morning and a catered dinner for two on Saturday, and an ice cream social on

one of the days. In addition there will be many seminars, games, raffles and door prizes. More information will be available at the Blue-Grey Dance. It is open to any Square Dance Camper and if you are interested let Mary Chesnut know ASAP.

Some of us attended the Florida State meeting of the NSDCA at San Lan Ranch RV Resort the weekend of January 24th-26th. We camped at Casey Jones Campground February 15th-17th during the Annual Blue-Grey Festival. We sponsored the Trails End Dance on Friday evening, and enjoyed the many festivities on Saturday. Of course, the highlight was the Blue-Grey Dance on Saturday evening. It was a really fun weekend.

Our March 15th-17th camp out will be at Lake Oklawaha RV Park near Fort McCoy, FL. Hope to see many of you there.

Chuck Donaldson is doing much better after his heart attack. We are glad to see him back at our dances.

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TEDDY BEARS

By Charlie Newsome



At the Teddy Bear's Valentine Dance, Ed & Helen Williams were selected as the King & Queen of the dance .

The club has its share of cripples. They were all lined up at the dance wishing they were out on the floor dancing!



YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS

The Yellow Rocker's Reporter

Go for the gold! Well that's what we did -and we won it - led by our fearless Banner Raider Billy Luper. We wish the best to those in Salt Lake City who will be going for the Gold. What a privilege to live in a country where young folks can follow their dreams.

Here we are in the second month of a new year and already a lot has been going on at Yellow Rockers Plus. We had a great New Year's Eve Dance with some outstanding entertainment. We had the Soggy Bottom Boys (our

version) of "Oh Brother Where Art Thou" and the Pearsal Sisters singing for us. When you come to dance with us you need to check out the pictures of them. You wouldn't believe Wanda Wheeler, Phyllis Herpy and Shirley White could really show their other side????!!! Jack Herpy, Lawton Smith and Ken Miller showed another side too.

Going backwards, the snowflakes were every where as we gathered for the Winter Wonderland Dance in December.

Now we will go forward. February

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS (Cont'd)

11th we all enjoyed hearing the love stories of some of our folks as we checked out our pretty Valentine attire. We had to guess who the stories were about as they were read. Our own Doris Raines led us in some entertainment. On March 11th we will find out what's at the end of the Rainbow at our St. Patty's Dance.

We have some good news and some bad news. The sad news is that Sherry Gonzales lost her mother in December and we were so sorry to hear of her loss. Manny and Sherry have blessed us all since becoming a part of our Square Dance Family and we will continue to remember them in our prayers.

The good news is that we have three new members in our Yellow Rocker family -- Victor & Marsha Cymbalski

and Phillip Wilder. Yep! There's another Wilder on our Square Dance floor but he is not as wild as the other one. He is John Wilder's son.

We don't know if we ever thanked Charlie and Val Newsome for all the years he did our badges and dangles for all of N.E. but its never too late to say THANK YOU .. And Thank you for the great job you do putting out The Grapevine. Thanks also to Mary Burzo for picking up where Charlie left off in doing our badges and dangles.

We miss Marvin Simpson and hope he can get those feet back on the dance floor soon. Our love and sympathy to Kim Keffer in the loss of Tom.

Don't forget to come and see those pictures of the famous people in our club!

Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club

Caller: Jim Cosman



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NEFSARDA DELEGATES MEETING

January 13, 2002

Meeting called to order and President led delegation in prayer and pledge to the flag.

New President, Joe Hardcastle, was passed the ceremonial gavel by the Immediate Past President, Howard Crowe.

President Hardcastle then welcomed the delegates and visitors. He reported that the Touch of Class had rejoined NEFSARDA.

Minutes of last delegates meeting accepted as written.

Anita Taylor gave final report on the 2001 Fall Festival. Anita responded to a letter appearing in the last Grapevine regarding number of rounds between tips. She pointed out that dance for dance, rounds came on par with squares. (Owing to the workshop on Saturday and the early rounds on Friday & Saturday.)

Treasurers report accepted as presented.

Last year's Vice President Jack & Phyllis Herpy presented Howard & Jettie Crowe with an album depicting their year in office.

A silent prayer was offered for the loss of Tom Thornton and Jim Morgan.

Committee Reports

5th Saturday Dance: Dances this year are scheduled for March and August. Other 5th Saturdays were in great conflict with holidays and other dances statewide. August dance will likely be in Lake City.

Blood Bank: Dance will be May 4th, at Jax Heights. Question raised regarding access to blood for dancers. Steve will look into it.

Grapevine: Deadline for next issue, February 10th. Delegates asked to help get info to editors regarding illnesses.

Fall Festival: Caller is Mike Sikorsky, cuer is June Levetette, contra is Dennis Ricker, lines- Gerry Fredrick-

son and caller coordinator is Lawton Smith. The theme is "Fall Fiesta".

SOS: Think also of Save Our Seniors. Call someone you haven't seen lately and invite them back.

Education & Classes: Start thinking about new classes.

Historian: Need copies of old Bylaws prior to the 1990's. If you are throwing out something, call the Historian first.

Bylaws: Chairmen out of town. President indicated some suggested revisions have been received. Will be presented and discussed at next meeting. Voting will not be until at least the May meeting. Delegates were requested to see Charlie & Val for copies of the newly reprinted Bylaws.

Club Visitation: Awards presented: Gold - 2; Silver - 1; Bronze - 7.

Parliamentarian: No report.

Publicity: Demos coming up March 2nd, Tynes, 5 - 7 PM

Insurance: Records in transition to new chairman.

Dance Couple of the Year: No report.

Florida Federation: Jack McKinney told delegates about the Federation

Showcase: No report.

State Convention: First meeting with Lakeland Civic Center scheduled for February 22nd. Newsomes, Taylors and Niharts to attend.

Gateway Callers: Held their first meeting in some time. Hope to meet once a quarter.

Rural Callers: January 27th, callers clinic with Tony Oxendine.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bob Raymond thinks Visitation Program's "25¢" medals are "scandalous" and not worthy of NEFSARDA. Wants to see possibly plaques awarded. Dee Dee Stovall asked where clubs were supposed to

NEFSARDA DELEGATES MEETING

(Cont'd)

display such plaques. President referred to Visitation Chairman to look into and report back.

New Business (Cont'd):

President explained that Cafeteria would no longer furnish coffee & tea at meetings. They counted glasses & cups & gave NEFSARDA \$1.19 per item bill (regardless of contents). It was

mutually agreed that each person would be responsible for his/her drink if they want one during the meeting. Anita Taylor has some Fall Festival books for sale for \$2.00 each.

Club announcements followed.

Next Meeting: March 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.



Immediate Past President passes the ceremonial gavel to new President.



Jack Herpy presents outgoing Presidents, Howard & Jettie Crowe, with an album depicting their year in office.



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Thanks, The Editors

Planning For The Future!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH 2002

1-3...	Wild Frontier, Ocala	Gypsy Sq
05...	Plus Classes Start.....	Mandarin Marauders
07...	Strawberry Social Dance .....(Wear strawberry motif).....	River Ramblers
11...	Anniversary Dance (46th)	Fun "n Frolic
11...	End Of The Rainbow-St Patty's Dance	Yellow Rockers Plus
12...	St. Patty's Day Dance	Dixie Dancers
12...	St Patty's Dance	Grand Squares
12...	Irish Jig.....	Mandarin Marauders
12...	St Patrick's Day Dance .....(wear green)	Seabreeze Singles
12...	Wearing of The Green	Rollaways
13...	St Patrick's Day Dance	Plus Fox
15...	Pot Of Gold Dance.....	Silver Fox
15-17..	Lake Oklawaha RV Resort (Ft McCoy).....	Square Wheels
21...	Club Colors Nite .....(wear club colors).....	River Ramblers
20...	St Patrick Dance .....Wear Green.....	Joy Seas
23...	Children's Benefit Dance.....	River Ramblers
27...	Easter hat Dance	Joy Seas
27...	Easter/Spring Dance	Plus Fox
31...	Easter Parade, St. Augustine - 1:30 PM.....	Joy Seas

APRIL 2002

....	Class Graduation/ Anniversary Dance (12th)	Moose Promenaders
04...	Anniversary Dance (4th)	River Ramblers
06...	Annual Charity Ball .....Jax Hts. Elem.	Seabreeze Singles
5-7...	Suwannee Valley Campground, White Springs.....	Gypsy Sq
09...	Anniversary Dance (14th)	Rollaways
10...	Anniversary Dance (11th)	Joy Seas
15...	'Grab Bag' IRS Dance	Yellow Rockers Plus
16...	Anniversary Dance (17th)	Mandarin Marauders
16...	IRS Nite .....(soup & crackers)	Seabreeze Singles
17...	Ice Cream Social.....	Joy Seas
18...	Club Colors Nite .....(wear club colors).....	River Ramblers
19...	Tumbleweed Western Dance	Dixie Dancers
19...	April Showers Dance	Silver Fox
19-21..	Colby Woods, Ocala.....	Square Wheels
20...	Graduation Ball .....(Jax Hts Elementary)	Gateway Callers

MAY 2001

02...	Ice Cream Social Dance.....	River Ramblers
3-5...	Grand Lake Resort, Orange Lake	Gypsy Sq
06...	'This is Your Life' Mothers Day Dance	Yellow Rockers Plus
07...	Mother's Day Dance (all singing calls).....	Seabreeze Singles
08...	Mother's Day Dance	Plus Fox
09...	Annual Pirates Ball.....	Moose Promenaders
14...	Crazy Hats dance	Dixie Dancers
17...	ShaNaN Ernie's second anniversary	Silver Fox
17-18..	VASARDA Convention.....(3010345-9459).....	Williamsburg, VA
17-19..	Pacetti's Marina, (SR 13/16).....	Square Wheels

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Planning For The Future!!!

MAY 2001 (Cont'd)

22.... Hot Dog Night.....	Joy Seas
23.... Class Graduation.....	River Ramblers
24-27.. Florida State Convention.....	Lakeland
29.... Memorial Day Dance.....	Plus Fox

JUNE 2002

07.... Anniversary Dance (17th)	Hawaiian Luau Dance	Silver Fox
7-9... Bulow RV Resort, Flagler Beach.....		Gypsy Sq
10.... 'Oh My Papa' Fathers Day Dance.....		Yellow Rockers Plus
11.... Men's Cake Bake Dance.....		Dixie Dancers
11.... Father's Day Dance.....		Seabreeze Singles
12.... Father's Day Dance.....		Plus Fox
19.... Funny Hat Dance.....		Joy Seas
21-23.. Three Club Camp - Grand Lake RV Park, Cnty Rd 318.....	CLB 063, 128, 168	

JULY 2002

01.... 'Lest We Forget' July 4th Dance.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
02.... Red, White & Blue Nite.....	Seabreeze Singles
5-7... Grand Lake Resort, Orange Lake.....	Gypsy Sq
17.... Hawaiian Night.....	Joy Seas
19.... Ice Cream Social.....	Silver Fox
19-21.. Two Club Camp - Grand Lake RV Park, Cnty Rd 318.....	CLB 018, 128
24.... Watermelon Dance.....	Plus Fox
25.... Pink Cadillac Dance.....	Moose Promenaders

AUGUST 2002

2-4... Bulow RV Resort, Flagler Beach.....	Gypsy Sq
12.... 'Around The World in 80 Days' Dance.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
13.... Watermelon Fest.....	Seabreeze Singles
16-18.. Grand Lake RV Park, Marion Cnty Rd 318.....	Square Wheels
21.... Tacky Dress Dance.....	Joy Seas
30.... All Singing Calls.....	Silver Fox

SEPTEMBER 2002

06.... Beginner Classes Start.....	Silver Fox
6-8... Recreation Plantation, Lady Lake.....	Gypsy Sq
09.... Anniversary Dance (11th)	Yellow Rockers Plus
12.... Special Larry Letson Dance.....	Moose Promenaders
12-14.. Myrtle Beach Ball.....	Myrtle Beach, SC
17.... Ice Cream Social.....	Seabreeze Singles
18.... Finger Food Night.....	Joy Seas
18.... Ice Cream Dance.....	Plus Fox
20-22.. Wild Frontier RV Park, Ocala.....	Square Wheels
21.... Anniversary Dance (21st)	Square Wheels

OCTOBER 2002

4-5... Mid-America Jamboree.....(502 368-1006).....	Fairdale, KY
4-6... Bulow RV Resort, Flagler Beach.....	Gypsy Sq
08.... Chili Cookoff.....	Seabreeze Singles
16.... Hobo Party Night.....	Joy Seas
25.... Hobo Night.....	Silver Fox

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OCTOBER 2002 (Cont'd)

25-27.. State Camp-O-Ree.....	Lake Okeechobee
28.... Hobo Dance(with Hobo Stew)	Yellow Rockers Plus
30.... Halloween Dance	Plus Fox

NOVEMBER 2002

1-3... Lake Okalawaha RV Resort (Ft McCoy).....	Gypsy Sq
1-3... O'Leno Hoedown, O'Leno St Park	Square Wheels
15-16.. Fall Festival.....	NEFSARDA
22.... Can-Can Dance	Silver Fox
20.... Thanksgiving Dance	Joy Seas
25.... 'Scarecrow' Thanksgiving Dinner Dance.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
26.... Thanksgiving Dance	Seabreeze Singles

DECEMBER 2002

6-8... Grand Lake Resort, Orange Lake	Gypsy Sq
13.... Christmas Party .....(Toys For Tots)	Silver Fox
16.... 'Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree' Dance.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
17.... Christmas Party.....	Seabreeze Singles
18.... Christmas Dinner Dance.....	Joy Seas
18.... Christmas Dance	Plus Fox
31.... New Years Eve Dance	Silver Fox

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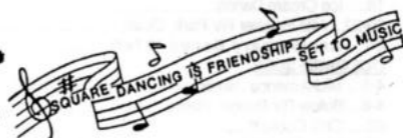
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