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BEFORE YOU SCHEDULE
THAT SPECIAL DANCE



CHECK THE CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

NOTICE !!

In our never ending quest to satisfy ALL of our readers, we have strategically placed errors and typos within the confines of this publication for those who are always looking for them!

If only one person finds a 'goof', then we have accomplished our task.

THANK YOU!

Charlie & Val Newsome,
Editors

President's



Message



As we write this, the television is filled with news about raising the terrorism alert from Yellow to Orange, the President's latest warning to Iraq, and the latest possibilities as to what happened to the spacecraft.

We certainly want to honor the seven brave astronauts who lost their lives in the space mission without knowing much about what was going wrong. We pray that their families may be solaced by their devotion to their mission and to their country. We need to be forever mindful of our own respect to our flag and to the unlimited opportunities that we enjoy in our society.

What do these things have to do with Square Dancing? They have everything to do with all that's going on in our world today. The stock market continues on a downward trend for the fourth straight year and shows no sign of reaching a bottom. The airlines and the tourist industries are having a tough time of staying afloat and some of them will go under.

In the meantime we do the best that we can to find some pleasure in our leisure activity of Square Dancing. We attended the Dreams Come True dance at the Silver Fox and it was great to see

and dance to the calling of Paul Walker and his sweet wife, Nita. We look forward to attending the Presidents Ball at the Moose, the Shriner's dance at the River Ramblers, the Hospice dance at Tynes Elementary on March 1st and the 5th Saturday dance on March 29th at Sandalwood. The 5th Saturday dance is **free** to all and we should encourage all of our new class members to attend this dance. There will be a Sophomore Hoedown coming up soon and a Graduation dance that are sponsored by the Callers Association. We appreciate their sponsorship of these events.

Let us all be alert to our surroundings and report all unusual activities to the proper authorities. We may be subjected to these alerts and dangers for many years to come.

Joe & Martha Hardcastle

FIFTH SATURDAY DANCE

Bud & Anita Taylor, NEFSARDA Vice President

The next Fifth Saturday Dance will be March 29, 2003 at Sandalwood High School. This will be a **FREE DANCE** for everyone. The callers will be Ken Miller and Lawton Smith. Lisa Wall will be doing the cueing. The hosting clubs will be the Rollaways and the Joy Seas.

I know this will be a great dance.

There will be early rounds at 7:30 PM and the dance from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Watch for flyers on the theme of the dance.

Of course NEFSARDA will be visiting the clubs that won the banners at the last Fifth Saturday Dance. Be sure and make plans now.



From The Editors' Desk..

A MESSAGE TO NEW DANCERS

With many new dancers graduating in the next few months we are reminded of our graduations from square dancing. Charlie graduated in April of 1965 and Val graduated in April of 1977. Our graduations were a lot like many we will visit this year. And, yes, we were a little apprehensive -- but excited. And we do remember all the 'experienced' dancers along the way that helped us feel welcome & at ease.

While we danced in different areas of the United States and overseas, the one thing that was always present was the same FUN & FRIENDSHIP present in the activity today. Square dancing has brought us many friendships and many memories we shall treasure for the remainder of our lives. Just recently we had a visit from a couple that Val took lessons with 26 years ago. And even more recently, Charlie has been renewing (via email) a friendship made while dancing overseas. We can not imagine our lives without square dancing in it.

We hope to see you visiting other clubs and dancing to other callers; we hope you'll attend the 5th Saturday

Dances, the student dances, and the many other special dances in our area. And, yes, we hope to see you at the Florida State Convention in May of this year and every year thereafter. If you like to travel, you'll enjoy the National Conventions -- this year it's in Oklahoma, next year in Denver, etc. There is no end to the fun and friendship you will enjoy in square dancing.

We hope that you will become good club members - not just badge wearers. For only when you become involved and work to support an activity you believe in do you really begin to receive the real memories you'll treasure for years to come. You have decided to join this activity called Square Dancing -- make the most of it!

We want to take this opportunity to **WELCOME** all the new dancers into this **WONDERFUL WORLD OF SQUARE DANCING**. We hope that you will come to enjoy this wonderful hobby as much as we have, and we pledge to you that we will do whatever we can to help you enjoy our world of dancing as much as we have.

We hope to square up with you somewhere soon!

(NOTE: We realize not all new dancers subscribe to The Grapevine as yet, but we hope that the Clubs will, in some way, share our message with their graduates.)

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FEATURE ARTICLE

By Val Newsome

"SOMETIMES ONE IS BETTER THAN TWO..."



...Especially when the Rollaways and Seabreeze Singles combine their dances on a given Tuesday evening. Every time it happens, it seems the dance floor is full and everyone has a

great time dancing, socializing and eating together.

With that in mind, lets look at the history of these two clubs.

The Rollaways started square dance lessons on Friday nights in September of 1987 at the Grace United Methodist Church. It was Ken Miller's first class as a Caller and consisted of about two squares.

The angels came mostly from the Mandarin Marauders Club where Ken and his wife, Ginger, were members. Sometimes the group felt rather sheltered since they had no club of their own. When they only had three couples, they formed a square and pretended they had a 4th couple. They called them the "Phantoms." It was fun and a challenge to keep up with where the Phantom couple was, but it worked. The funny things was that the group thought this was what all groups did when they didn't have enough dancers to fill a square.

In March of 1988, they met on a Sunday afternoon to organize the club. Officers were elected and the group selected the name "Rollaways", the colors of "yellow and black" and planned the club attire. Each of the members in the class took a job in the club. Graduation was held on April 8th. There were 14 graduates and 19 charter members. The Mandarin Marauders assisted in the graduation ceremonies. As the dancers weaved the ring, the

class had never seen kickbacks and hip bumping until that night, nor had they ever seen the Hungarian Swing used instead of the do-si-do.

The second class began on September of 1988 and the club moved to Hogan Spring Glen School so they could have more space. The dance night was changed to Monday. However, the club only remained there for 2 1/2 months before they had to leave. Ken came to the rescue and let the group dance at his Big Oak Carpet Store. The club danced there for 6 months, then left for Spring Park Elementary School on May 8th, 1989...but were there only one month before they moved on to DuPont Jr. High for 2 months.

Then, Ken found us a temporary place - Market Square Food Park. We entertained diners for 4 weeks. It was fun and the club even had visiting dancers!! Through all of these changes, the club never lost a dancer!

Finally, after working with school officials, the Rollaways were able to find their permanent home at Sandalwood High School. However, they had to change the dance night to Tuesday. The Rollaways first dance night at Sandalwood was August 28, 1989 and they've been there ever since.

Since 1989, they have continued to grow as a club. From the beginning 21 members, they grew to 137 members in 1997 and currently have 85 members.

The Rollaways have graduated over 300 new dancers. In 1994 NEFSARDA started a club visitation program and for 9 years the Rollaways placed first in the number of visits made.

The club has supported all the charity dances, student dances and association dances. They have danced for many retirement homes, hursing homes and performed demos at

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numerous functions. The Rollaways also had a charity dance of their own. When it came to their attention that one of their members was in need of an organ transplant and was involved with the Nielsen Foundation, they had a Casino Night/Dance to benefit that organization. As a footnote...another child in the same family, Monica David, became in need of a kidney transplant and received it in August, 2002. She is home and doing well. Later, a member lost everything in a house fire and the club collected \$1,000 to help them get back on their feet.

The Rollaways believe in making square dancing FUN for everyone. They have mystery trips, picnics, Alhambra dinner theater nights and outings to various restaurants. Several members of the club have served on the NEFSARDA Board and the Florida Federation in helping to promote square dancing.

NOW, let's visit the **Seabreeze Singles** and learn some of their history.

They said it couldn't be done! That is what Matt Wimpee, a local caller at the time, was told when he decided to form a square dance club for the single dancers in Northeast Florida. Matt found a place to dance, ordered badges, and handled the organization and calling. Wanda Deas served as the first president. That was 26 years ago. The first dances were held in a church on Atlantic Boulevard; from there they went to the Hogan-Spring Glen School. Classes were also held in a room under the swimming pool on Hendricks Avenue (a/k/a the "dungeon" -- how many of you remember that?) But, everyone had fun and the club thrived. Incidentally, Mike Akers, Caller for the Joy Seas Square Dance Club, is a charter member.

After Matt had to quit calling, Eddie

Millan became the club caller. In 1986, Bob Belanger took over until his job transferred him to Alaska. returned until July of 1993. Their current caller, Jim Cosman, then took over.

Since 1976 the club has been forced to move several times. The last move was necessitated when the beautiful and historic Friday Musicale turned to the ground with all of the club's belongings in it. The club missed just one week of dancing, then moved to our present location at Peace Presbyterian Church. They borrowed supplies from another club and quickly got back on their feet.

In 1989 the Singles began hosting an Annual Valentine Charity Ball for the benefit of the Heart Fund. In 1994 they changed the beneficiary of the dance to the City Rescue Mission. These people provide a great service to our community and are always very appreciative of the club's efforts. The Seabreeze Singles are very proud of the many thousands of dollars their members, with the help of the square dance community, has earned for charity.

The club holds a monthly meeting, hosted at the home of one of the club members. There is a covered dish dinner (always delicious food -- they say they have some great cooks!) followed by a business meeting. Other outside activities are often planned for those who wish to participate.

Cupid has always been very active in the Seabreeze Singles. The most recent marriages were between Linda(now deceased) and Lonnie Aldridge and Bobbie and Everett Luke. Carl and Doris Raines exchanged their vows during one of the dances. Unfortunately, the club did not keep a list of all the marriages resulting from dancers meeting at the Seabreeze

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Club, but there have been many.

Seabreeze sponsors a mainstream class. The members actively support local, state, and national square dance activities. There are four singles clubs in Florida (Orlando Singles, Spares 'n Pairs in St. Petersburg, Swingin' Singles in Ft. Lauderdale, and Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville. Several members either hold offices or have held offices in NEFSARDA and/or FASSRD (Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers). Even though the number of square dancers in the U.S. has decreased, the number of single dancers has increased.

The Seabreeze welcomes singles, married couples, and married with non-dancing partners to their classes and club. They continue to keep alive the spirit in which the club was formed: **To promote and encourage square and round dancing, and provide a place where single**

dancers may enjoy square dancing together in a spirit of friendliness and cooperation.

I'd say these two clubs have found a great way to solve many problems. They have learned to foster cooperation, not competition. When one or the other club cannot dance due to the closing of the school or the church, they just join the other for a great evening of dancing. When they get together, most of the time, both callers (Ken Miller and Jim Cosman) are there to call. Instead of having 2 or 3 squares with a few visitors, they seem to have 8-10 squares when they dance together. I think they have truly found the meaning of "Square Dancing is Fun & Friendship Set to Music." What do you think?

(Editors' Note: The History of the Clubs was provided by Mary Fowler and Kathy McKinney for the Rollaways, and by Mary Lou Pelz for the Seabreeze Singles. Our thanks to all of you.)

2003 CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations!

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ANNIV. #</u>
Belles & Beaux			
Dixie Dancers.....	Sep	23rd	25th
First Coast Rounds.....			3rd
Fun 'N Frolics.....	Mar/Apr		47th
Grand Squares.....	Jun	22nd	28th
Gypsy Squares.....	Dec	6th	13th
Joy Seas.....	Apr	14th	12th
Mandarin Marauders.....	Apr	29th	18th
Moose Promenaders.....	Apr	10th	13th
Plus Fox.....	Jan	15th	17th
Pogo Squares			
River Ramblers.....	Apr	3rd	5th
Rollaways.....	Apr	8th	15th
Seabreeze Singles.....	Sep		27th
Silver Fox.....	Jun	13th	18th
Square Wheels.....	Sep	20th	22nd
Teddy Bears.....	Jun	14th	19th
Vagabond Squares.....	Nov		9th
Yellow Rockers +.....	Sep	8th	12th

IN STEP WITH. . .

Country, Clogging and Line Dancing

By Donna Robbins

I have agreed to once again Chair the Country-Western/Line dance program for the Florida State Convention in 2005,

which the Northeast will host.

Past conventions have not been very well supported, but hopefully this year (2003), with the inclusion of non-square or round dancers, it will offer participation and possibly stimulate interest from our friends and spectators who ordinarily are only there to observe! You know, the trick is getting them on the floor!

In 2005, I plan to offer a very basic class in line dancing, 2-stepping and perhaps even clogging. It will be equivalent to what we call a one-niter square dance. So, start spreading the word!

I had promised you a hot, new line dance this issue, but I have not been able to get the music yet. It's called "Vegas," and maybe next time we'll have it for you.

Meanwhile....Happy Dancing!



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CALLERS CORNER

(This item is reprinted from *AMERICAN SQUAREDANCE*, January 2003)

Adapt Not Perish

By Gary Shoemake

It is with the greatest of enthusiasm and optimism on behalf of the Executive Board of the American Callers Association that I wish all square dancers and callers a very happy and prosperous 2003.

The American Callers' Association was formed over ten years ago with a firm belief, supported by statistical data that new square dancers and their home clubs, and club callers were and are under too much stress as they attempt to learn and dance too many movements. The square dancing, fun and friendship level just may be at an all time low as is evidenced by minimal recruiting of new dancers and a significant number of dancers leaving square dancing for a variety of personal and health reasons. In the year 2002, square dancing had approximately 11% of the total number of dancers that it had in the late 1970's. Each year the remaining number of square dancers declines by 9 to 10 %. Square dancing is in nothing short of a crisis survival situation. The American Callers' Association is and always has urged that the current stressful and lengthy dance program must be **simplified** to allow for an easier entry and easier dance program.

Throughout the past ten years the American Callers' Association has continued to grow steadily and quickly and find a respected place in square dancing. The ACA philosophy is to **"Offer More Fun and Friendship**

by Reducing Stress on the Dancers." Another way it could be said is the, anachronism **"KISS" - "Keep it Sweet and Simple."** This means to recognize the desires of the baby boomers, generations X, generations, generations Z, and provide them with what they will accept.

These consumer segmented groups of perspective non-dancers want to have clubs where they can learn to dance in as little as three to four months and then dance wherever they wish for as long as they wish. They do not want another set of lessons to learn in order to dance with their club, friends, and at special dances. If we require them to learn and learn and learn, they will not come.

The ACA **"One Floor International Square Dancing"** can do the following positive actions.

- * Retain and support **solid and workable dancing movements** that can be taught in as little as fourteen to eighteen weeks of one night a week.

- * Enable a club to have two **"New Dancer" programs per year** with extended breaks between the lessons.

- * Reduce and all but eliminate the **stress and strain** on the dancers.

- * Increase **fun, friendship and fellowship** for dancers and clubs.

- * **Line itself with what perspective non-dancers (baby boomers, generation X, generation Y and generation Z) will accept.**

- * Reduce further to fit the needs of **perspective dancers and keep them.**

Adapt Not Perish (Cont'd)

* Enable square dancers to build a solid broad based international "pyramid with a broad base of happy new and seasoned dancers."

* Eliminate the segregation, separatism, and division of clubs and dancers.

* Confirm and enforce the "American Traditional Core Values" all Americans strive to be equal and accepted and eliminate a "separate and unequal" system dividing the dancers and clubs.

* Increase the membership of clubs and associations resulting in funds becoming available to be used for advertising, promotion including changing the image of square dancing and corporate sponsorships to promote square dancing.

It has been reported that country and western star, Wynonna Judd of the Judds, once told a caller that she used to square dance regularly, and now square dancing is far too complicated to learn. She further stated that square dancing ought to get its act together and adapt to the demands of the market, or like the dinosaurs, square dancing, will perish. Her bottom line is that we must fix the problems, which caused great decline in square dancing where the

square dancing moved in the opposite direction of changing consumer/dancer needs.

Today as we enter 2003, signs of a **Renaissance / Revival / Reforms** are all around us as many elements of square dancing are realizing the square dance product is out of step with what the public demands in a leisure activity. The America Callers' Association argues that it is necessary for all square dance organizations to join together to **REVITALIZE and REINVENT** square dancing to meet the needs of the perspective dancers as square dancing moves forward into the twenty-first century. The executive board and the members of ACA are most willing to work together with all square dance groups to improve the world of square dancing and get square dancing more in line with the demands of perspective dancers. Lets move forward together to simplify square dancing, gain more dancers and eliminate separatism and segregation of square dancers and clubs, and pay the price for success, not the price of failure. If we, as an activity, can do this together, we can truly be optimistic and Joyous about our future.

PAST PRESIDENTS VIRGIL & ELSIE GREEN

Virgil & Elsie Green were presidents of NEFSARDA in 1961 and until last month still continued to subscribe to THE GRAPEVINE.

We have just recently learned that Virgil is in the Alzheimer's Wing of St. Catherine Labour Manor, and has been there since March of 2002. Elsie had open heart surgery about one month after Virgil was admitted to St. Catherine's. Val spoke with her today and she says she is getting along pretty good, except that it gets very lonely at times.

It occurred to us that some of you might like to know about their situation and that is the reason for this article. We are sure cards would be most welcome. Elsie's address is 4741 Irvington Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32210; and cards may be sent to Virgil at St. Catherine Labour Manor, Room 1329, 1750 Stockton Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

The Editors

First Coast Rounds



Lisa Wall, Cuer

Dancing Phase II, III and IV

The format of the Club is:
EVERY SUNDAY

6:00 - 7:30 PM.....Beginning Waltz Lessons
7:30 - 8:30 PM.....Phase II and III, with a Teach
8:30 - 9:30 PM.....Phase III and IV, with a Teach

**Beginning Waltz Lessons started
Sunday, February 9th.
March 2nd will be the last evening
you may enter this class.**

**Peace Presbyterian Church
2300 Southside Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL**

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Cuer's Corner

By Val Newsome

(This article reprinted from the Dixie Round Dance Council Newsletter, May 2002.)

WALTZ AND MORE

This is a compilation of information from various personal contacts and is devoted to help promote comfortable dancing and confidence. It is not meant as an absolute.

HISTORY: The waltz swept out of Germany in the middle of the eighteenth century to conquer all of Europe. The name of the waltz is taken from the Italian "volver" - to turn, or revolve. It was an outgrowth of the handler, a country-dance in three-quarter time, and replaced the heavy hopping and jumping movements with more polished and graceful gliding. It was the rural community who first found these whirling steps so appealing, and so the waltz originally was decidedly lowbrow and provincial. In those days, there was something unsavory about a woman being gripped in a man's embrace while whirling in a frenzy around the dance floor. The close contact with one's partner's body contrasted sharply with the stately dances of the aristocracy - the minuets, polonaises, and quadrilles - in which one kept one's distance. Eventually the upper classes could not endure to have the lower classes having all the fun, and in time, the waltz finally achieved a degree of legitimacy.

RHYTHM AND TIMING: Waltz music is written in 3/4 timing with a tempo of 28-32 measures per minute using a timing count of 1, 2, 3 or Q, Q, Q.

The Waltz is a traveling and turning dance. Its movement is characterized by the use of sway, rise and fall, and accompanied by leg and body swing.

POSITIONS:

In International style ballroom there are only three dance positions:

Closed, Promenade (semiclosed), and Counter Promenade (reverse semiclosed). What we consider Banjo and Sidecar are actually Closed dance positions in which you are stepping outside partner. Promenade and Counter Promenade are Open positions. A position/figure that may appear to be an exception is the fallaway, but this is not the case as it actually moves backwards in Promenade Position.

Promenade (Semi-Closed) position is not much different from Closed position. The differences involved both partner's heads turned open (his to the left and hers to the right), and the bodies are slightly "veed" open enough to enable the trailing legs to barely get through.

The term "Open," as it applies to a turning action, means that the final step (usually the 3rd) is a passing of the feet, rather than a closing of the feet. Hence, a maneuver in Waltz is a closed turn because the feet close at the end of the figure. This figure is also referred to as a Half Natural Turn. The Open Natural is also a right (natural) turning movement, but the "Open" in the name indicates that the 3rd is a passing step.

HEAD POSITION: The woman's head position is generally not an independent function in most smooth dances. It generally depends on the lead given by the man in relationship to the position of the woman's body. With a very slight adjustment, sometimes not even noticeable by the man, he can switch the woman's head position. This is a wonderful skill for him to work on for when he has mastered it, the woman's head is at his mercy (most of the time). In many cases, head position is a



Cuer's Corner (Cont'd)

matter of styling rather than technique, though some head positions may be more natural for the type of action being executed if you use the laws of physics, mainly centrifugal force, as your guide (see the Sway section below for more details). For those adventurous ladies who like to challenge the laws of physics, be very careful not to allow your head position and orientation to influence the position and orientation of your body or else you can make the figure harder to execute and will probably get a dirty look from your partner.

THINK FORWARD: Men, some of the figures in waltz (and foxtrot) begin with a forward moving step, followed by a forward moving step accompanied by a slight body turn at the end of the step. So that at the end of the 2nd step, due

to the body rotation, the step taken was in reality forward and slightly side. These include: Whisk, Hover, Hover Telemark...A few more hints on these.

WHISK: Open only slightly for the 3rd step. The upper thigh should cross tightly and your weight should be forward. Lower slightly at the end of the figure to prepare for the next figure.

HOVER: To give the couple added stability (and a nicer look) after taking your 2nd step, bring/brush your free foot (man's left; woman's right) to your supporting foot, turn to semi-closed position and step forward taking weight.

HOVER TELEMAR: The hover telemark begins just like a hover, but in addition to turning to semi-closed position the figure rotates an additional eighth to fourth of a turn before taking the 3rd step.

(EDITORS' NOTE: This article will be finished in the May-June issue.)

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR

Feb. 14th-15th.....	Annual Blue-Grey Dance	Dixie Dancers
Mar. 1st.....	Hospice Benefit Dance.....	NEFSARDA
Mar. 22nd	Shriner's Kids Benefit Dance	River Ramblers
Mar. 29th.....	5th Saturday Dance.....	NEFSARDA
Apr. 5th.....	Charity Dance (City Rescue)	Seabreeze
May 23rd-25th	49th Florida State Convention.....	Lakeland, FL
Jun. 25th-28th.....	52nd National Convention	Oklahoma City

FLORIDA FEDERATION NEWS

Just to keep you informed: **Past President Ken Brasfield** and **Ken Brown, Parliamentarian (both from the West Coast Association)**, have recently undergone heart surgery for the placement of stints. We hope they both continue to improve and will be back on the dance floor real soon.

Presidents, George & Shirley Knapp(Central Association) presided over their first meetings at the Working Weekend on February 22nd and 23rd. A dance was held in their honor on Saturday evening at the Whirl & Twirl Hall, with Ron Libby calling.

The **Northeast** representative on the Board, **Jack & Kathy McKinney**, have moved from Parliamentarian to **Treasurer**.

SOPHOMORE HOEDOWN

PRESENTED BY THE
GATEWAY CALLERS
ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003

7:30 till 9:30 PM

CLASS LEVEL MAINSTREAM

ADMISSION: \$3.50 PER PERSON

JAX HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7750 S. Tempest Street
Jacksonville, FL



CALLED BY GATEWAY CALLERS

CONTRA LINES

By Val Newsome

The following article has been reprinted from the **American Square Dance, January 2003**. It was written by Paul Moore in his column titled "Moore On Contra."

THE PARADOX: LESS IS MORE

When CALLERLAB was founded back in the 1970's, they faced problems such as standard terminology, styling, and timing. Terminology took a lot of discussion and compromise such as "I'll give up Barge Thru if you will stop calling Star Thru Snaparoo." Styling ran into some of the same problems--in some regions of the country, ocean waves were hands up and in others hands down.

Timing had its own problems. One of the questions to be answered was what kind of dancing did we want people to do? Rush through figures as fast as possible, or dance smoothly to the beat and phrase of the music? CALLERLAB established a timing committee to solve the problem. The legendary Dick Leger headed the committee which came up with an ingenious plan: they recorded the dances of well known callers and then counted the number of beats those callers gave each figure. By averaging the data, the committee was able to publish the names of the calls, the definition, the styling, and the timing. When you have really enjoyed a dance, chances are it is because the caller is aware of timing and does not run you to death, or have you constantly stop and go.

One of the greatest proponents of good timing was Walt Cole of Ogden, Utah, and Yuma, Arizona. For many years Walt wrote a column for this magazine called "Timing's the Thing." Walt emphasized giving the first beat to the dancers and using proper timing. In one discussion, Walt said, "If you start your calls at just anytime, I will go home after one tip. If you take the first beat for yourself, I'll stay for the dance, and perhaps even come back. If you give



the first beat to the dancers, I'll dance to you for a lifetime."

When proper timing is used, and the first beat of the phrase is given to the dancer, there is magic in the air. One of the bits of magic is that the smoothness of the dance, the floating in time to the music, takes away the need for more complex choreography. The joy of dancing well is enough. This does not say that we can call the exact same combinations every time because our minds want a change. But few figures arranged creatively and called with good timing will keep dancers coming back.

Walt, who is one of our legendary callers, used contras and quadrilles in their square dance classes to teach dancers good timing. Walt wrote a great dance called, "First Night Contra," which he designed to be used at the first night of a square dance class. I have modified it slightly to make it work a little better at open contra dances, but either version is excellent and lots of fun.

If you notice, the whole dance uses only seven basics, but they are so well arranged as to be interesting. The lively music makes the dance more fun also. One of the real benefits of this dance is that every figure starts on the first beat, or the down beat. By using dances like this, you can train your dancers to listen to the music and dance to the music rather than to the prompt of the caller's voice.

If, as callers, we train our dancers this way, we will have a whole genera-

CONTRA LINES (CONTINUED)

tion who are dancers and not just more complex choreography or to quit problem solvers. Problem solvers tend when they get bored. Dancers will stay either to climb the ladder to more and with you for a lifetime.

FIRST NIGHT CONTRA

By Walt Cole

FORMATION: Alternate duple
MUSIC: Shindig In The Barn (WW)

Intro: ----, -- corner dosado

1-8: ----, -- partner dosado (remember your partner is in the other line)

9-16: ----, -- corner swing (face across)

17-24: ----, long lines go forward and back

25-32: ----, same four star right

33-40: ----, -- back by the left

41-48: ----, gents move up and half promenade (your corner - the one you swung
- is in front of you in the star. Step up beside her in the star and
promenade her to the other line.

49-56: ----, -- right and left thru*

57-64: ----, -- new corner dosado

*Walt's original had a circle left one half, which is more in alignment with a first night.



HOSPICE CHARITY DANCE MARCH 1ST - 2003

Kim Keffer, Chairman

Gateway Callers and the Rural Callers from our NEFSARDA representatives in have really come through for this getting the word out has been important event. At this point we have wonderful. The Moose Promenaders Mike Akers, Jim Cosman, Art Wilson, donated the proceeds from their 50/50 Ken Miller, Lawton Smith, Bill Chesnut , at the President's Ball. Dee Dee Stovall John Robbins, Eddie Millan, Jack Herpy, was the winner and donated his John Wall and Lonnie Ligon calling and winnings back to Community Hospice Lisa Wall cueing, thus ensuring a great Fund for a total of \$175. CSX gave us a dance. Mark March 1st on your donation of \$300. So with the help of the calendars and please note the time clubs, individual donations and change. Early rounds will be at 7.00 and corporate donations, hopefully this will be one of the biggest fund raisers for the dance will start at 7.30. There will NEFSARDA.

so much going on with silent auctions Please remember that we are asking and all of our callers in attendance, that two to four couples to bring it was decided to extend the dance refreshments from each club to the hours. dance. We are hoping that you will have a wonderful evening and that you will Our dancers have opened up their heart to this worthy cause with pre-sales a wonderful evening and that you will high and donations for the silent auction open up your hearts and your pocket coming in at a rapid rate. The response books to this great cause.

HOSPICE CHARITY DANCE



**AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING CALLERS
AND CUERS COMMITTED TO SHARE THEIR TIME AND TALENT**

**MIKE AKERS, BILL CHESNUT, JIM COSMAN, JACK HERPY,
EDDIE MILLAM, KEN MILLER, JOHN ROBBINS, LAWTON SMITH,
LON LIGON, JOHN WALL, ART WILSON & LISA WALL**

**MARCH 1ST, 2003
7.00 - EARLY ROUNDS ... 7.30 - SQUARE DANCE
TYNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(1550 Tynes Blvd., Middleburg)
DONATION: \$4 PER PERSON**



**All proceeds will go to benefit The Hospice Foundation For Caring
at Community Hospice of Northeast Florida.**

We hope you will open up your hearts and your pocket books to this worthy cause.

**HOSTED BY NEFSARDA
INFORMATION: KIM KEFFER - (904)-771-5775**

ANNUAL CIRCUS DANCE

By Val Newsome

On January 31st the Silver Fox hosted their Annual Circus Dance with all the proceeds going to benefit the Dreams Come True Foundation. Thanks to all of you who attended, a grand total of \$1,858.50 will be presented to the Foundation.

This was an extra special dance for the dancers in Jacksonville as Paul Walker (who called for the Silver Fox before moving to North Carolina) and his lovely wife, Nita, returned to Jacksonville for the event. Paul assisted Ernie with the calling and they did a great job together. Nita just looked nice, socialized, and remained as sweet as ever. You will remember that Paul & Nita were former editors of The Grapevine, and they were a great help in getting us started.

There seemed to be no end to the food -- including the hot dogs just like at a circus.

Many of the dancers were seen to be spending a lot of time over at the Silent Auction tables. My guess is that they

were guarding and protecting their bids to make sure they got what they wanted. I bid on and won some lovely kitchen dish cloths -- the crocheted kind - which I love. I also got the Apple Coffee Cake made by Carolyn Blymiller. She has promised to share the recipe with me for The Grapevine so be on the lookout for it. I can tell you -- the cake was delicious!

The \$100.00 Picture which was raffled, was won by Maddy Chitko. Shirley White accepted it for her since Maddy was not at the dance.

Attendance Banners for the most dancers present went to the Rollaways, Moose, Yellow Rockers, and Seabreeze Singles. Congratulations to all.

As usual it was a great night filled with good dancing, good food, and lots of fun and fellowship.

The Silver Fox are to be commended for organizing and hosting this dance for the benefit of such a worthwhile charity. Thanks, Silver Fox!



Shirley White accepts the \$100.00 "Picture" for Maddy Chitko



Don't Billy & Maxine make a "lovely" twosome?



ANNUAL CIRCUS DANCE (Cont'd)



Banner winners were Moose Promenaders, Yellow Rockers Plus, Rollaways and Seabreeze Singles.



“Worrying about things you can’t change is like a rocking chair...it gives you something to do, but it doesn’t get you anywhere.”

Joy Seas Square Dance Club

Caller - Mike Akers

Coquina Crossing
St. Augustine

Every Monday Night

Class: 7:00-8:00 PM
Club: 8:00-9:30 PM

Mainstream Announced Plus
Rounds when available



Take 195 S to exit 94, Go **West** on SR207, 1 mile to Coquina Crossing, on the left. (NOTE: You **must** be there **BEFORE** 8:00 PM, or the gate will be **locked**)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mary & John Burzo, President 904 797-7530
Walt & Jean Skudlarek, Banner Chairman 904 797-2406

JACKSONVILLE GROUP BRINGS IN THE NEW YEAR



Several dancers from Jacksonville celebrated New Years Eve with the Sunshine Promenaders in Leesburg, Fl. Callers were Ron Libby and Paul Place, with Joanne Helton cueing rounds.

With Our Recent Sick

Bob Bennett.....illness
Vivian Bennett.....illness
Linda Blake.....surgery
Linda Brock.....illness
Bill Christman.....illness
Diane German.....accident
Lettie Giddens.....surgery
Sherry Gonzales.....surgery
Diane Harrison.....illness
Tom Hidding.....illness
Helen LaGrasse.....illness
Peggy Ligon.....illness
Preston Mays.....illness
Joann McCann.....accident
Tom Miller.....illness



Shirley Nihart.....surgery
Bill Summerhill.....illness
Bill Schnippert.....illness
Kathy Wiggins.....illness
Helen Williams.....eye surgery
Ezra Yocum.....surgery

Get well soon! We miss you!

We have just learned that a former dancer, Gordon Harkless, is quite ill and is now at Heartland Health Care, 3648 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32216. He is in room 100B, telephone 733-7440.

Cards and Prayers are always welcome.

Sincere Sympathy Is Extended To . . .



Macie Jackson, whose father passed away.
Donna Robbins, on the death of her brother.

Kate McCaul and the McCaul family on the death of Boyd (Rex's brother)



SHAMROCK SWING

Richard & Jeanne Lysobey
Publicity Chairmen



Are you ready for the **SHAMROCK SWING** on March 14 and 15, 2003? It will be held at St. John Vianny Church, 6200 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL. Callers are **TIM MARRINER** and **WHIT BROWN** and cuers are **JIMMY** and **CAROL GRIFFIN**. A great lineup for a great dance. There will be two halls, mainstream and plus, and vendors will have something for everyone.

Ribbons are \$12 per person in advance. To order ribbons now, send your name, address, phone number and a check to: Randy and Carol Poole, 1541 Lakeside Dr., DeLand, FL 32720, or you can get them from any area director. If there isn't enough

time to get your ribbons now, you can purchase them at the door for \$15 per person -- still a bargain price!!

Room reservations can be made at the host hotel, Baymont Inn, 3 miles south of the church. Identify yourself as a square dancer, and the price is \$48 per night and includes a hot and cold complimentary breakfast. The phone number is (407) 240-0500.

For further information, call Randy and Carol at (386) 734-5295, or pick up a green flyer which is available at your club or a club near you. Start packing, because this dance is worth the trip.

Hope to see you all at the **SHAMROCK SWING!!**



TEDDY BEAR SQUARES



Will be dancing at a new time
beginning March 8th, 2003

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Peace Presbyterian Church
2300 Southside Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL

Caller: Eddie Millan

Plus Dancing Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8th.....New Time, Don't Be Late!
April 12th.....Bunny Hop Dance!
May 10th.....Mothers Are Special Dance
May 24th.....Dark-See you at State Convention
June 14th.....19th Anniversary Dance

For More Information:

Jack & Kathy McKinney, Banner Chairman
Telephone: 249-3224

Insurance Report

Stephen Bigelow, Chairman

Membership Rosters have been received from the following clubs: Dixie Dancers; First Coast Rounds; Joy Seas; Mandarin Marauders; Moose Promenaders; Plus Fox; River Ramblers; Rollaways; Seabreeze Singles; Silver Fox; Teddy Bears; Touch Of Class; and Yellow Rockers Plus. Those clubs not listed are **not** currently covered under the USDA Insurance Program. This means that if you are a member of a non-covered club and injured, YOU are NOT covered.

Non-covered clubs need to send three copies of your club roster, 3

copies of the form you received with your insurance packet, and a check made out to Stephen F. Bigelow/NEFSARDA, for \$3.00 per member (a minimum of \$45.00 per club).

The following Special Dances are covered: Seabreeze Singles Charity Dance; Hospice Dance; 5th Saturday Dances for 2003; and the Fall Festival.

Remember, if you have a special dance **NOT** on your regular dance night, you need to request certification of **that** dance to be **covered** for that dance!

IT'S A "PET" PROJECT

By Charlie & Val Newsome

In the Metro Section of The Times-Union on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, there appeared an article titled "PET Project Helps Disabled," along with a couple of pictures. Upon glancing at the pictures, we immediately recognized a square dancer who resides in Middleburg, and currently serves NEFSARDA as its Treasurer. His name is **Bob Raymond**.

"PET" is an acronym for Personal Energy Transportation. Bob donates his time helping build and ship these tricycle-like wheelchairs to Third World nations. These vehicles are hand cranked wheelchairs, much more durable than regular wheelchairs. Unlike the regular chairs with narrower wheels, the PET's 4 inch tires can grip over rough surfaces, making it easier for users to trudge along dirt or rocky

terrains. The handles work like the pedals of a bike. Polio and land mine injury victims can get around with much more ease.

The PET workshop. The PET Place, is one of three in the United States and is located in Penney Farms. They have produced and shipped approximately 326 PETs to 17 different countries since the workshop opened in May of 2000.

Bob tells us he really enjoys the work he does at The Pet Place. If you'd like to learn more about the program, just talk to Bob the next time you see him at a dance. You will very soon see it's a real "pet" project of his.

Hat's Off to Bob Raymond for volunteering his time and energy to this worthwhile project.

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IN YOUR SQUARE
FOR THE NEW DANCERS!**



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CALLER: ERNIE ROLLEN

*We are a Fun Club, Dancing "Plus"!
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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
8:30 - 10:00 PM**

**Rounds Cued by
Gary Murphy
Feb 28th, Mar 28th
and Apr 25th**

CLASSES: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Jax Heights Elementary School
7750 Tempest Street, Jacksonville, Florida

SPECIAL FUN DANCES

March 14th.....Shamrock Dance
April 4th & 11th ..Bring Personal Items for Homeless
April 25th.....GRADUATION
May 16thErnie's 3rd Anniversary
June 6th.....18th Anniversary Dance

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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President
Telephone: 269-9574**

**Stephen & Dorothy Gilliland,
Banner Chairman
Telephone: 264-3248**



**49th Florida State Square
and Round Dance Convention
May 23, 24, 25, 2003
Lakeland Center -- Lakeland, Florida
FOLK DANCE THE KEY IN 2003**

The West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association will host the 49th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention in Lakeland, FL, May 23 thru 25, 2003.

We are pleased to present the following features:

TRAIL-IN BENEFIT DANCE: Thursday, May 22, 2003, at Strawberry Squares, Plant City, FL, for the Pensacola Handicapable Dancers so that they can attend the 50th Anniversary in 2004 of the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.

DELUXE TRANSPORTATION: Bring a group and come by bus. Call Carol Lemon at (813) 662-6444.

'WELCOME TO MY WORLD': New dancer promo information. See our web page: www.floridadancing.com or E-mail Tomperry@tipiproductions.com. Win a Great Carnival Cruise for Two.

FASHION SHOW: There are a few openings left for participating in the fashion show. For information, please write or E-mail Denise E. Sherman, Fashion Show Chairman at 802 Thompson St., Georgetown, SC 29440 or E-mail dede@sccc.tv.

SEW AND SAVE: Hourly door prizes, many give-aways, major door prizes, how to make many things including things of interest to the MEN also.

Emory and Joyce Johnson

Publicity Chairman

**EVERYONE NEEDS TO SUPPORT
THEIR FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION**

If you need to register, Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors of The Grapevine, have registration forms and ribbons.

The price before April 30th is **\$20.00 per person.**

The cost of registration at the door will be
\$22.00 per person.

**Remember -- Refunds will be cheerfully made until the
doors open at 6:00 PM, Friday, May 23, 2003.**

FOR SALE

Square dance dresses, blouses, and skirts,
all handmade (size 12);
Pettipants; Crinolines.

Call Virginia Cook - 744-4443



**52nd National Square Dance Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2003**

"The Heartland is the Place to be in 2003!"

ATTENTION ROUND DANCERS

The 52nd NDCS's Round Dance Hall C will have 8,000 square feet of a new surface covering material. We are told that it is a super dance floor -- smooth, and easy on the feet. We haven't seen it ourselves, but it will overlay a carpeted floor. The underside of the material is much like most office mats -- lots of little spikes to grab the carpet and prevent the mat from "walking." The upper surface is smooth without being super-slick -- it is

reported to be as smooth as dancing on a good hardwood floor. Of course,, it takes interlocking units to cover 8,000 square feet of carpeted floor, but our largest Round Dance floor will have a great dancing surface!! Halls A & B will have parquet wood flooring overlays. We're ready for all you round dancers -- y'all come on in!

You will be thoroughly missed if you aren't here! Won't you join us for a really great event?

EDUCATION

The Heartland (Oklahoma City) is the place to be in 2003 -- **Education is the Key!**

The education committee members have been busy planning and designing interesting forums and displays for you to attend and to see while in Oklahoma City.

The Organizations Round Table Directors have assembled a top-notch forum. The Topic will be "The Key to Resuscitation of Square, Round and Contra Dancing is as Simple as ABC." **The Showcase of Ideas** Directors are expecting around 150 or more organizations and associations to show off how they promote our hobby locally, nationally and internationally. **Publications Display** Directors will present National Recognition Awards to publications submitted for outstanding displays.

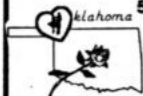
Several **clinics** to help the square dancers are being planned. The following clinics will be available: Square Dancing, Mainstream Dancers, Plus Level Dancers, A Level Dancers,

Round Dancing, Line/Western Swing Again, Contra and Clogging. A special **session on retaining dancers** who are developing hearing handicaps will be available.

Beneficial seminars will be held on all three days of the convention. **Seminars** will be conducted on issues advantageous to square dance callers, round dance cuers, contra prompters and dancers. You will not want to miss these seminars. **"Certificate of Achievement"** will be given to those who attend all the seminars in their profession (caller, cuer, prompter, and dancer).

Sew & Save will conduct a very interesting seminar daily. The logo "Catch the Rainbow Express to Fun & Fashion" has been chosen. Topics on basic sewing, proper fitting, alterations, embroidery designs, refurbishing existing garments, accessories and comfort in square dance apparel will be presented.

A series of **panels** for everyone will be held each day of the convention



**52nd National Square Dance Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2003**

"The Heartland is the Place to be in 2003!"

EDUCATION (Continued)

with a total of 24 overall. Eight different panels will cover **leadership** topics. A certificate of leadership will be given to those people who complete four of the

designated leadership panels.

There will be topics of interest available for all attendees

OPENING NIGHT EVENTS

Come to think of it, Opening Night is an event all by its lonesome!! And what makes it better--for everybody--is that everything is **ALL UNDER ONE ROOF!!!**

It all starts at 3:45 in the afternoon with a concert by the Texas Po' Boys, just inside the north side front entrances of the Cox Convention Center. Official Opening Ceremonies start at 4 PM, same place. Then at 4:45 PM, we'll all walk down the hall for some of the BEST BBQ (barbeque, to the uninitiated) in the southwest. After we're done with such fine finger-lickin' dining, at 7 PM, we'll walk across the hall into the arena and really enjoy a concert by the Bellamy Brothers. Can you imagine -- The Texas Po' Boys and the Bellamy Brothers in the same day?!

After the concert is over, around 8:30 PM, we scatter to the various dance halls (still in the same building, under the same roof!) to truly inaugurate the 52nd National Square Dance Convention in the Heartland -- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma! At least 6 different halls: one all-gospel mainstream hall; one hall with mainstream calling by father-son teams; one very large round dance hall with a really smooth surface; there will be a youth hall, a plus hall and an advance hall -- something for every dancer's favorite dance category.

So, you can see, you need to order your BBQ tickets and Bellamy Brothers concert tickets, so a **good time will be had by one and all.**

www.52ndNatl.com

Please visit our web site to check on any current changes. You can register on line or print a registration blank to mail.

Have you ordered your Wednesday Evening Special Event (**BELLAMY BROTHERS CONCERT**) Tickets? \$15.00 per person.

Have you ordered your Wednesday evening Barbecue tickets? \$10.00 per person!

COME TO THE 52nd NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA CITY IN 2003 AND ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE GHOST RIDERS...in the Mainstream Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Don't miss it!!!

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**Banner Chairs:
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A New Night Every Tuesday!

**Class
7:00 - 8:30 PM
Club
8:30 - 10:00 PM**

Special Nights Coming Up!

Mar 11th - St. Patrick's Day Dance
Apr 1st - April Fool's Dance &
Scavenger Hunt
Apr 15th - Graduation
Apr 29th - 18th Anniversary Dance

**Italian American Club
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Off San Jose Blvd., turn
at light onto Westberry
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NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 224

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Press Release #46-2

JOIN US IN SAVING AND RECYCLING SODA CAN TABS

What do you do with your pop or soda can tabs? Do you throw them away? Recycle them with the can? Or take the tabs off the cans to save? Hopefully it is the latter.

For almost a decade now, thanks to Dick & Anita Wheaton, members of Michigan Chapter #005 in Michigan, the National Square Dance Camper members have been collecting these little tabs and bringing them to its annual July International Camporee. While some chapters have kept their collections and used the recycle money for local charities, a large number of chapters have been bringing the tabs to the Camporee. A Tab Collection Chairman is then responsible for totaling the collection and recycling the tabs into cash which in turn has been donated to various children's hospitals and other charities.

Our goal for 2002 was 202 pounds. This past year when the NSDCA International Camporee was held in Douglas, WY it was a record setting year when the aluminum tab collection totaled just over 290 pounds!

For 2002, Don and Jane Coffey of

KauKauna, WI were in charge of the collection. They managed to get the various boxes and bags of tabs home to Wisconsin in their camper. But, considering it takes slightly over 1300 tabs to make a pound - one can understand why it took a pick-up truck to get them to the recycle station. This year the collection was used to defray the heart surgery of Erica Nackers. When the local newspaper ran a picture of Erica sitting on the back edge of the tarp piled high with all those tabs, one could hardly see the young lady. Question for your math class: If we counted 1309 tabs in a pound, how many tabs were collected?

Here is an easy, very worthwhile project, any club can adopt. Any Festival or Convention should be able to generate a goodly number of tabs. Make some signs to ask attendees to save the tabs, then put out containers for collecting and see how many pounds you can get in 2003. Maybe you'll top the NSDCA!

Please let us know if you accept our challenge and how you make out. Happy Collecting!!



HELP WANTED

Desperately need someone to create scenery for the 2005 Florida State Convention Fashion Show. Please contact Manny & Sherry Gonzales, Fashion Show Chairman, at (904) 908-9988.

MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME

DANCERS, CALLERS, AND CUERS.....The time is **NOW....**don't let it slip by. You have the opportunity to welcome new dancers into the family of square dancing. YOU can help get them get started into this "World of Square Dancing" which will give them many years of FUN, FRIENDSHIP and great DANCING (which includes lots of exercise). But, there is just one catch...you have to get out there and dance with them, invite them into your square, talk to them, include them in club plans, get to know them, etc., **MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME!**

When someone new moves into your neighborhood, don't you go over and introduce yourselves to them and welcome them to the neighborhood? This is NO different...you are merely welcoming them into an activity that you have enjoyed for years instead of a neighborhood. There is one difference though. If they aren't welcomed into a neighborhood, they will probably still stay since it is not likely they would go through the hassle of selling the home and moving again so soon. BUT, if they are not made to feel welcome into an activity

such as ours, they will soon stop coming every week. Then, it will be every month, and within six months we will have lost them forever!

Welcoming someone and making them feel comfortable and at ease should not -- IS NOT -- just the responsibility of the caller or the cuer or the dancer. It is the responsibility of ALL OF US. The **dancer**, of course, probably has the largest job, since they will be more closely involved with the new dancers. However, this does not mean that the **Caller and Cuer** should not put emphasis on welcoming the new dancers also. As **leaders** of the square dance activity, you must be reachable by the dancer.

If we, -- dancers, callers and cuers, -- want Square Dancing to survive and continue to grow, we must ALL accept the responsibility of making our new dancers feel comfortable, at ease, and Welcome into the activity. And, that means NOW. Don't wait for them to begin to disappear....talk to them, dance with them, make them **WELCOME NOW!**

**THAT'S OUR OPINION,
WHAT'S YOURS?**

The Editors

MISSING ITEMS... ...FROM THE FALL FESTIVAL

Please go through decorations that you had at the Fall Festival. We are missing a couple of items.

... A bright green Mexican Sombrero with designs & sequins (We have a faded green one that was left).

...A white burlap/cotton type material cover up that has hand embroidered cross stitched designs on both sides in various colors.

Also, for any committee member that was given a "Mexican Night Light" that does not work, please bring it back to us so we can get it fixed for you. These came from Mexico and we did not have an opportunity to check them.

Thank you.

Manny & Sherry Gonzales

Editors Note: Manny & Sherry brought us a great weekend of fun & dancing at the Fall Festival. Let's try to help them get the items that were loaned back to their owners.

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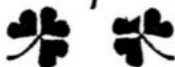
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Camp N' Dance

By Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

It's been cold this winter and we've had some rather cool campouts recently but warmer weather is certainly on its way. Many of us enjoyed the weekend at Lake City for the Blue-Grey weekend. We're looking forward to the festivities as I write this. I am sure many of our area camping dancers will have had good times to share with you.

The main event this summer will be the 2003 International NSDCA Camporee at Horseheads, New York. This is the time when all NSDCA campers convene for a grand time. It will be conveniently located at the Chemung County Fairgrounds just off of I-86. Tours around the areas are also planned. A dinner cruise on a paddle wheeler, complete with square dancing sounds especially fun. There are plenty of museums and areas of interest to visit. If you are not already a member of NSDCA then contact Dale or Gerry and we'll see that you get the necessary information.

The Gypsy Squares will also enjoy their March campout at Lake Oklawaha

near Fort McCoy on March 7th, 8th, & 9th. April 4th, 5th, & 6th, we'll be at Suwannee Valley in White Springs. They would love for you to join them for any of their campouts. John and Mo Barrett can't be beat. Keep up to date with the Gypsy Squares schedule and monthly details at <http://geocities.com/fansdc/gypsy/>.

The Square Wheels will also be at Lake Oklawaha R.V. Resort on March 14th, 15th, & 16th. On April 18th, 19th, & 20th, they will be at Three Flags near Wildwood. Bill and Mary Chesnut keep this group on their toes.

The Drift Rounds will enjoy a campout at Pacetti's RV Park in Orangedale on March 14th, 15th, & 16th, followed by April's campout at Old Mill Stream in Umatilla. Jim and Margaret Cosman enjoy calling for this club.

As you can see, there is never a shortage of camping opportunities combined with dancing! Contacts for all of the clubs may be found at <http://geocities.com/fansdc>.



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MONDAY

FUN N FROLICS: "A" Every Monday STARTING MARCH 3RD! Dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Jax Heights Elementary School (Temporary location). Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674.

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TUESDAY

BELLES & BEAUX: "M/P" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00 - 8:15 PM, Club 8:15-10:00 PM (1st & 3rd - Regular dance -- 2nd & 4th - Workshop).. J.C, Park Center on Jee Cee Shack Rd. **Valdosta, GA.** Call Bob & Vivian, 229 242-7321, or Parks & Recreations, 229 259-3507, for directions. Caller: Bob Bennett, 229 242-7321.

DIXIE DANCERS: "P/R" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dance 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 386 752-2544. Contact: Ouida Taylor 386 752-1469 or Annette Conk 386 935-1548. **New classes start March 4th, 7:00 PM**

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MANDARIN MARAUDERS: "M/P/L" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30 - 10:00 PM. Italian-American Club, Westberry Rd. Caller: Lawton Smith 904 389-3349. Contact: Rob & Jennie Harris 904 731-0795

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WEDNESDAY

PLUS FOX: "P" Every Wednesday. Club Dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St. Caller: Jim Cosman 912 882-4006. Contact: Steven & Marie Bigelow 771-7249.

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THURSDAY

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 & Doris Spears, President, 904 264-5524, Pat and Johnny McCabe, Banner Chmn. 904 771-6647. **Plus class starts May 1st**

RIVER RAMBLERS: "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 6:30-8:00 PM Club 8:00-10:00 PM. 112 Yelvington Rd., **East Palatka** (Just off US 17, Approx. 1/2 mile So of SR207) (Putnam County Shrine Club). Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335.

VAGABOND SQUARES: "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30-10 PM. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1391 SW 11th St. - **Live Oak**. Caller: Ralph Beekman 386 752-2544. Contact: Loyce Harrell 386 963-3225.

TOUCH OF CLASS "R" Phase III-V Club 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Cuer: Jim Winter 268-1369. Contact Barbara Winter 268-1369.

FRIDAY

GYPSY SQUARES: "M/P/L" 1st Full Weekend Each Month. **Various Campgrounds**. Caller: John Barrett 904 767-7775. Contact: Dale & Gerry Fredrickson 904 269-9717 OR Luther & Debbie Delp 904 642-0392.

SQUARE WHEELS: "M/P/R" Every 3rd Friday & Saturday. **Various Campgrounds**. Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582. Contact: Chuck & Aleen Breedlove 904 246-9545.

MAINSTREAM SQUARES: NOT DANCING!!

POGO SQUARES: "M/P/L" 2nd & 4th Friday. 8:00-10:30 PM. Wacoma School, U.S. 1 N., **Waycross, GA**. Caller: David Drake. Contact: Bob Farnham 912 283-9107 OR Arthur Murray 912 283-8886.

SILVER FOX SQUARES: "P/R" Every Friday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM; Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. Jax Heights elem. School, Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335. Contact: Bud & Diane German, 904 781-1532 **NO DANCE MAY 23rd**

SATURDAY

TEDDY BEAR SQUARES: "P" 2nd & 4th Saturday. 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: Eddie Millan 904 765-0296. Contact: Ed & Gloria Malin 642-2386.

NEFSARDA 5th SATURDAY DANCE: Every 5th Saturday at various locations. Please consult Special Events Calendar in the back of this publication.

SQUARE DANCE CLASSES
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Tuesday

DIXIE DANCERS: Starting **March 4th** 7:00 PM. Teen Town, 312 N. 6th St., **Lake City**. Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582: Contact: Ouida Taylor 386 755-7248 .

ON THE ROAD - - AGAIN

In spite of Val's foot not cooperating, we managed to make the entire schedule for January-February.

March & April are always busy due to anniversary dances and graduation. We hope to be 100 percent in attendance again, so look for us on the following dates:



March 1	Hospice Charity Dance	NEFSARDA
March 9	Delegates Meeting	NEFSARDA
March 11	Graduation	Seabreeze Singles
March 22	Shriners Kids Benefit Dance	River Ramblers
March 29	5th Saturday Dance	NEFSARDA
April 3rd	5th Anniversary	River Ramblers
April 5	Hawaiian Holiday Charity Dance	Seabreeze Singles
April 8	15th Anniversary	Rollaways
April 10	Graduation & 13th Anniversary	Moose Promenaders
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HAPPY NEW YEAR -- 2003

By John & Linda Saunders

Many of us make resolutions or promises to ourselves: to lose 20 pounds, never touch chocolate again, get more exercise, come up with more ideas on how to improve our activity.

New Year's resolutions are efforts to put bad habits behind us and make the coming year truly new -- in effect "to turn over a new leaf." That's why the old year is often pictured as a stooped old man; the new, a young baby.

Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices in the past. Your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and choices you make today. Life is a do it yourself project.

In our square dance activity we must have a positive attitude and make some resolutions for the coming year. We are enclosing a list of resolutions that we know will benefit the activity if we make the choices and encourage everyone in the activity to have a positive attitude.

Our resolutions for 2003 are:

1. Conduct ourselves as leaders at all square dance functions. Dancers, club officers, callers and cuers.
2. To maintain a positive and cheerful attitude toward all the dancers in your square, especially the newer dancers.
3. To be well groomed and pleasant in your manner and dress according to the square dance dress code.
4. Refrain from gossip about your club members.
5. To help with all beginning dancers, callers and club officers.
6. To be positive that our square dance activity will be around for many years to come.
7. To obtain more knowledge, accept criticism, work together to preserve the activity for all future square dancers.

There have developed many superstitions about whatever activity is done on that first day, you are apt to do the rest of the year. Some

superstitions are; Eating black-eyed peas ensures a year of good luck. If you're French you might have pancakes. The Swiss eat whipped cream, letting a little dab of it slip to the floor to guarantee a year of abundance. Those who hope to travel in the coming year, will grab a suitcase and run out of the house. Yellow underwear is supposed to work wonders for turning financial fortunes for the new year. Those with serious money concerns traditionally collect 12 coins from strangers on New Year's Eve to bring good fortune during the next 12 months.

We have New Year's Eve dances and celebrate our activity by coming together with the blowing of horns, bursting balloons, good music, lots of good food and the opportunity to welcome the New Year with lots of good wishes, hugs and sharing friendships. We think that if there is anything to superstition on that first day of the new year, it is celebrating our favorite activity, SQUARE DANCING, and we hope you will be apt to continue dancing and enjoying the coming months of 2003.

We have a great activity to work for. Our wish for you is for 2003 to be the year that we all work together for one common goal -- SQUARE DANCING.!

(EDITORS' NOTE: This couple writes a monthly column and we thought this message deserved repeating for our readers. It is reprinted from the **Square-Up Column in the January 2003 American SquareDance.** John is a national caller, residing in Ormond Beach, FL, and calls throughout the Central Association as well as other areas in Florida. He is fortunate to have such a lovely and talented wife as

HAPPY NEW YEAR -- 2003 (continued)

the other half of the team. In an earlier column, titled "Let's Give Thanks," John was speaking of the many people he would like to thank, and he began by thanking Linda for sticking with him for 43 years. He continued by thanking American SquareDance magazine for allowing him to visit with their subscribers each month. He then thanked all the dancers who had supported him for the last 40 years, and to all the callers and cuers who had helped him throughout the years, many of whom had become friends. He contin-

ued by saying, "Most of all I would like to say thank you to square dancing for a great run of 40 years of fun and friendliness. The activity has been great for Linda and me and looking back on it all, I could have changed some things,, but as Garth Brooks said in a song, 'I Would Have Had To Mss The Dance.'" We'd like to extend **our thanks**, as well as the thanks of many dancers, callers & cuers, to **John & Linda** for their continued support and dedication to Square Dancing!)



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STITCHIN' TIME

By Val Newsome



This article is reprinted from THE SEWING CORNER, CUES & TIPS, Ohio. It goes like this:

"The tiered skirt makes another change for the square dance wardrobe. Worn as a separate, or added to a favorite bodice, this skirt is very adaptable, also. Trims may be inserted in the seams as the tiers are joined or added on top of the seams. Try different colors for the tiers, too.

Four yards of 45 inch fabric will make the skirt. Since this is very full, light to medium weight fabric should be used. Also, look for fabric which will require little or no ironing. The measurements given will make a 22 inch skirt. For a 21 inch skirt, make the bottom tier 1 inch shorter, but if it needs to be less than 21 inches, take equal amounts from each tier, making each tier 2 inches smaller than the one above. Remember to add for seam allowances (1/2 inch to 5/8 inch) and hem (2 inches to 3 inches).

Cutting: Cut 2 strips 6 inches wide (crosswise) of the fabric (90 inches), 4 strips 8 inches (180 inches), and 8 strips which are 10 inches deep (360 inches). Before you cut the bottom sections however, cut a waistband - 2 1/2 inches to 3 inches wide - lengthwise along the selvage. The selvage edge can be used without the added weight from another fold and the lengthwise fabric does not stretch as much as the width. Make the waistband 4 inches to 6 inches longer than your waist measurement.

Assembling: Sew together the top tier sections, leaving one end open. If you would like a little less gathering at the waist, now is the time to cut these sections a little shorter. Join the sections of the middle and the bottom tiers, also. If you are certain of the length, hem the bottom tier. Otherwise, check the length when the skirt is finished. If you are going to trim the tiers, do it now while it is flat.

Close the seam on the bottom tier, and on the middle tier up to where the shipper will be. - - - Gather the top edge of each tier, marking tiers and using your favorite method. Adjust gathers, matching thus: 2 lower tiers to one middle tier, and 2 middle tiers to one top tier. When all are even, stitch in place. Work one tier at a time and stitch before starting the next.

Insert the zipper in side or back. The side seam usually proves to be better and does not draw down like the back opening. Adjust the gathers in the top tier to fit the desired waist size. The waistband may be lined with pellon for body and the skirt made to fit the exact size needed. Another idea is to make the waistband of the material without the stiffening and a bit longer than needed to fit. Adjust gathers to this longer size. When fastened to the skirt it will be like a casing. (Stitch the top edge of the band.) Before closing the ends of the belt, insert elastic which is the width of the band. draw the elastic until comfortable and finish the ends. Fasten with a large skirt hook. The elastic will mean a more comfortable fit and will keep blouses in place."

Blessed are they who laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused!

Square Dance Courtesies

Just Common Sense

This article came to us from Paul walker, a caller from Kannapolis, NC and the past editor of *The Grapevine*. Seems like a lot of things from the past are still appropriate for todays dancing.

From time to time there is a need to "remind" all dancers of some of the most common sense courtesies that square dancing has found useful over the years. It seems, that lately, infractions of these common sense courtesies are being observed more frequently than in the past. This is an attempt to remind all of us how we should treat others and how we want others to treat us as we dance.

CUTTING IN FRONT OF SOMEONE TO JOIN A SQUARE

At a dance one evening the dancers were beginning to square it up and there were three couples in a square with one lady "waiting" for her partner, another couple came and moved in front of the lady and took her place, this waiting lady and her partner left the dance. Always be observant of those who are "waiting" in a square and never jump in and take the position of another dancer. Another courtesy is that a dancer should not "walk" through a square to get to another square. Always walk around squares.

WHEN TO LEAVE A SQUARE

Once you have joined a square the only reason to leave that square would be in case of illness. A dancer who leaves a square sends a message to the other dancers that they may feel that they are not good enough for them to dance with you.

TREATMENT OF VISITORS

Visitors are the lifeblood (so are new dancers) of any club. Club members should ALWAYS make sure that visitors dance before a club member. Sometimes there just are not enough dancers to fill a square, when this happens, a club member should escort the visitor to their square and let the visitor take their place.

IT'S ANNOUNCEMENT TIME!

Announcement time is not the time for dancers to talk, it is a time for all to listen. A lot of good information is provided during this time. The quieter it is during the announcement time, the shorter the amount of time it takes to give the announcements.

TIME TO GO HOME

Very few clubs now dance until 10:30, most clubs have changed to end their dances at 10:00 PM, primarily because dancers are leaving by 10:00 PM anyway. A few clubs have now changed their dancing times to 7:30 to 9:30 and yet dancers are still leaving earlier. Those dancers who work shift work and get up at 4 or 5 in the morning to get ready for work, it is understandable why they need to leave a little early, but for the majority of us leaving a dance early is disrespectful to the club, those that are visiting and the caller/cuer.

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Recognized Guidelines Of Etiquette For Square Dancers

(Reprinted from the magazine *Your Caller*)

All dancers should refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages before and during a dance.

Men should wear long sleeves all seasons.

Ladies should wear full skirts. Personal hygiene is essential when you consider the proximity of eight dancers in a square.

When sets are being squared, step into the nearest one that is not filled. Others don't like to think that you do not like to dance with them.

It is a serious breach of decorum to walk out of a square while dancing. You are preventing seven other people from enjoying themselves.

Try not to distract other dancers when the caller is giving instructions. You may know what he is going to say, but they may not.

The clasping of hands and arms should be gentle, as they are used only as pivot points in square dancing.

Introduce yourself when entering a square and thank everyone when leaving.

Your only competitor in square dancing is yourself. It is a recreation of courtesy - not competition.

If you "goof", keep smiling. The other seven dancers might think you are frowning at them.

Name badges should be worn at all square dance occasions. Without one, you are placing the other dancers at a

disadvantage.

Originally it was conceived to keep the relationship on a first name basis. We all have this activity in common, and there are no strangers in square dancing. Remember your identity when "squaring up" - heads, sides, etc.

Support a club as a dues paying member, and try to serve as an officer or on a committee.

The club is the backbone of square dancing.

Thank your guests for coming to your club and when visiting, thank the caller for his efforts, the club president for inviting you, and everyone who contributed to your pleasant evening.

Let the caller be the instructor unless you are asked to help. Just dance as a student when in class.

There are many ways to offend the set or the club. Avoid them.

That extra twirl or swing may delay the whole set for the next figure.

It is nice to trade dances with guests and to see that the caller's wife is invited into a square when possible.

If you have complaints about the hall, sound, floor, etc., wait and contact some member of the host club tactfully, or, don't complain.

Prearranged squares for other than workshops are not in good taste. If you wish to dance with friends, square up as two opposite couples and allow any other two couples to complete the set.

A woman walked up to a department store manager. "Are you hiring any help?" she asked.

"No," he said. "We already have all the staff we need."

"Then would you mind getting someone to wait on me?" she asked.

What is a balanced diet?

A chocolate cookie in each hand!!



WHAT'S COOKING?

By Val Newsome

I put out a plea in the last issue for recipes NOT in the sweet category. Still haven't gotten but one. Come on ladies, let me hear from you.

Virginia Cook (Teddy Bears) contributed the first recipe I'm featuring this issue -- a delicious Lemon Jello Cake!

LEMON JELLO CAKE



1 Duncan Hines Lemon Supreme Cake Mix	3/4 Cup Hot Water
3/4 Cup Oil	2 Teaspoons Vanilla
4 Eggs	2 Cups XXXX Sugar
1 (3 ounces) Lemon Jello	Lemon Juice (or concentrate)
	Milk

Mix Jello in hot water, set in fridge to cool. Beat eggs, oil and vanilla well, add cake mix and Jello slowly and beat well. Pour in greased and floured cake pan. Bake 325 degrees for 45 minutes. Cool 10 or 15 minutes on plate then punch holes with fork. Mix 1 cup XXXX sugar with juice (thinner than for icing) and drizzle over cake. Then mix 1 Cup XXXX sugar with milk, same consistency and drizzle over cake. It's Moist and Good! An Orange Jello Cake can be made the same way, just use Orange Cake Mix instead of Lemon Supreme.

A recipe I've been meaning to give you is a favorite of my sister-in-law, Barbara Newsome. Hope you'll like it.

CURRIED SHRIMP CASSEROLE

12 Oz. Cooked Yellow Rice	3/4 Cup White Raisins
1 Small Onion, Grated	6 Slices Turkey Bacon, Cooked & crumbled
1 1/2 Sticks Margarine	2 1/2 Lbs. Shrimp, Cooked, Cleaned & Peeled
1 Tsp. Curry Powder	1/3 Cup Dry Sherry
1 Tsp. White Pepper	
1 Tsp. Celery Salt	
1/2 Cup Slivered Almonds	

Saute onions in butter. Add curry powder, pepper and celery salt. Add rice, shrimp and sherry to sauteed ingredients. Add almonds and raisins. Put into large casserole dish and cover with foil. Heat at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Sprinkle bacon on top before serving.

Here's the only non-sweet recipe received. Doris Raines (Yellow Rockers) shared this with us. Thanks, Doris!

SQUASH CASSEROLE

3 Medium Zucchini, trimmed & sliced 1/4 inch thick	1/2 Tsp Salt
2 Medium onions, thinly sliced & separated into rings	1/4 Tsp Black Pepper
3 Medium Yellow Summer Squash trimmed & sliced 1/4 " thick	8 Oz. Shredded American Cheese
	1 Cup Soft Bread Crumbs (about 2 slices)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 13x9x2 inch baking dish, arrange a layer of zucchini slices over the bottom, topped with a layer of onions, and then a layer of yellow squash. Sprinkle with a little salt and pepper. Sprinkle with 1 cup of cheese. Repeat layers, ending with cheese. Sprinkle top with the bread crumbs. Bake, uncovered, until the casserole is bubbly, the bread crumbs are browned and the squash pieces are tender...about 1 hour. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO
CONTRIBUTED RECIPES THIS ISSUE!!**



Club News! DIXIE DANCERS

Linda Yocum (386) 752-2970

By the time this issue of The Grapevine reaches you, we hope that everyone enjoyed the Blue-Grey Dance. Thank you all for sharing the evening with us. We're already making plans for next year! Mark your calendars for February 14, 2004 and bring your sweetheart to Lake City for a fun-filled evening of dancing to caller, Joe Fioretti at the 25th Annual Blue-Grey Olustee Festival Square Dance.

We'll be celebrating *Mardis Gras* in style, as always, on "Fat Tuesday", March 4th. Aubrey Parrish will see to it that Teen Town is decorated with purple, green and gold. Dancers will be wearing their elaborate *Mardis Gras*

masks; and who will be Queen and King?

New dancer classes will also begin on March 4th, and we're looking forward to meeting and welcoming some new friends to the Dixie Dancers. This should be a very fun evening for everyone.

Grab your boots, lasso your partner and join our Western Hoedown on April 15th. We're sure to have a hootin' and hollerin' good time!

Join us any Tuesday - classes 7:00 - 8:00 PM - dancing 8:00 - 10:00 PM - for fun and fellowship. We always like to see new faces!

FUN 'N FROLICS

Wannette Davis 772-1397

Due to recent vandalism of cars at Woodstock Park, Fun 'N Frolics will be changing their dance location. Effective immediately we will no longer dance at Woodstock Park on Beaver Street. Art Wilson is in the process of finalizing a contract with the City of Jacksonville Recreation Department for the new building located next to the library at 1565 Hendricks Avenue. We expect to be in this building around the end of April, 2003. This new location will be more centrally located to everyone than Beaver Street is, and we understand the hall will have wooden floors. **There will be no more dances at Beaver Street.**

Fun 'N Frolics is the only Advance level club dancing in Jacksonville and we are planning on starting a new class as soon as we can get ten couples to commit to lessons. We hope to start by March 3rd. If you or someone you know is interested in Advance lessons, call Art. He teaches six weeks of DBD before he starts on the A-1 and A-2

programs. This six weeks really reinforces your knowledge of the Plus program and enables you to dance, understand, and enjoy your beloved pastime of Square Dancing. In addition to the exercise we get from Square Dancing it also stimulates our minds and keeps us sharp as tacks! How about that for an extra bonus?

This March marks Fun 'N Frolics 47th Anniversary and we would like to celebrate by hosting an Open House/Grand Opening and inviting all Plus level dancers to come join us for our first dance at our new location. **Look for flyers at area dances.** The fact that Fun 'N Frolics has been around for 47 years is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our caller Art Wilson. We look forward to welcoming old members back, starting a new class and celebrating our 47th Anniversary at our new location. Please come join us.

Any questions? -- please call Art Wilson at (904) 225-5674.

FUN 'N FROLICS (Cont'd)

Editors' Note: Since receiving the above Club News, Art has added the following. He does not want the club to quit dancing until April and therefore has decided to start dancing on March 3rd, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at Jax Heights Elementary School. At this point in time, he says he is not sure if this will be a temporary move until the new building is ready, or a new permanent home.

GRAND SQUARES

Gerry "Scoop" Jesk 352 493-2842

March and St. Patty's day party/dance will be on Tuesday the 11th at Grand Squares and all the wearing and eating of the Green that is possible. We also will attend and support the Shriner's Benefit dance in Palatka on March 22nd.

April will bring our Easter dance and we again say farewell to our Northern dancers for a few months. We are also in the planning stage for a river cruise for the Grand Squares in May on the St Johns river.

Going back over the past couple of months to catch you up on our activities and concerns. We had a grand time on Party Night in January with a visiting caller from Virginia, Bob Scott and his Taw, Sandi, who is now calling in Beverly Hills. We also have had visits from caller Paul Campbell and his Taw, Angela. Over a square atten-

ded the Sunshine Festival. February was our Sweetheart dance on February 11th, with a lot of sweet tooth in the crowd. Next we attended the Blue/Grey with Mac McCall doing the calling. Good time, good food and I do believe I saw Abe out there trying to square dance - that's better than going to the theater!!

In our circle of concern these past months we have had Bill Christman, Diane Harrison, Kathy Wiggins, Helen LaGrasse, Peggy Ligon, Bill Summerhill (student), and Joann McCann. Some are back dancing some are not - we will keep you posted. We enjoyed seeing the Turners from Oregon who used to live in this area and danced with us regularly. We also look forward to seeing the Wrights from Vermont this coming month.

Happy Dancing.



The following item is printed in honor of anyone who is, or ever has been, an overworked and underpaid EDITOR!

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly. You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by.

Till the forms are off the presses, it is strange how still it keeps...It shrinks down in a corner, and it never stirs or peeps.

That typographical error, too small for human eyes...Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.

The boss just stares with horror, then he grabs his hair and groans...The copy reader drops his head upon his hands and moans.

The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be...But that typographical error is the only thing you see!!!

Art & Lucille Wilson...



.... invite you to join us for your dancing pleasure at either of the following clubs...



MOOSE PROMENADERS

Plus Level Dancing

Thursday Evenings

Classes:.....7:00-8:30 PM

Club Dance:.....8:30-10:00 PM

For Information Call:

Wendell Spears, 264-5024

Johney & Pat McCabe, 771-6647

FUN 'N FROLIC

ADVANCED LEVEL DANCING

Monday Evenings

Club Dance:.....7:30-9:30 PM

For Information Call:

Luther & Debbie Delp, 641-0392

Dale & Gerry Fredrickson, 269-9717

Richard & Elaine Wallerich, 276-3794

Jim & Beth Partin, 264-5427



Both Dances \$3.50 Per Person

GYPSY SQUARES #168

Dale and Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

We started our year as usual at Pacetti's Marina and RV Park on Orangedale. Ed Moody and Lil Peiron were our super hosts along with Maxine Thomas and Billy Luper. Maxine shared her homemade jam and jelly. Some lucky folks took home a jar after winning the door prize at the dance. The Gypsies enjoyed Saturday dinner at various restaurants. We had visitors from the Yellow Rockers, Rollaways, Moose Promenaders, Teddy bears, Seabreeze Singles, Silver Fox, Plus Fox, and Flagler Ocean Waves. We 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. This year they held a Texas BBQ. With the help of their friends from the Yellow Rockers they cooked the delicious BBQ while the Gypsies added a variety of side dishes and desserts to top off the meal. They also decorated for Valentines and helped us all

celebrate with our sweethearts. Lake Oklawaha has an obvious country setting which is the special charm of the area. We had a good time and enjoyed a visit from the FANSDC Presidents.

Next month we will again be at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort. We hope to have another good crowd and good times. We are sure to have a great time with Dicky & Linda Blake and Debra & Luther Delp as hosts. Details aren't available but it is sure to be a grand time this these folks as hosts.

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!

JOY SEAS

John & Mary Burzo 904 797-7530

The spaghetti dinner is really paying off. Each week we are getting more and more students. The only draw back is that we won't have a graduating class this year. I really can't see how we would be able to because of the time it takes to teach and reteach, but we are going to have the smartest angels in town.

We still have our banner raiding team. The Seabreeze Singles were glad to see us this month, we always have a good time there. We also visited

the Mandarin Marauders to retrieve our banner had a wonderful time. We were able to help out with their class because our angels are such experts. The Rollaways are lucky because we are going to visit them on their Love Boat Night - how lucky can a club be.

Our snow birds are flying in from all over. We are enjoying their company, stories and their ideas from their clubs of the north. One of our Birds, Gail Pflaster, loves it here so much that she bought a house. That's a good thing.

CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARDS

Charlie & Val Newsome, NEFSARDA Historians

We are appealing to the recipients of the Circle Of Service Award to help us maintain a current listing of those who have received the award.

This request is two-fold: (1) - please review the list below. If you have (or know of someone who has) previously received the award and are **NOT** listed, please call us so we can update the list; and (2) - If you **HAVE** received the award and would not mind sharing the citation that accompanied the award, for the history files, please either let the Historians borrow your copy so it can be scanned into the appropriate history book file OR make a copy and forward to the Historians for inclusion in the appropriate file.

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Dave & Shirley Nihart
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THANK YOU!



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If you are moving, please let the EDITORS know before you move. the Grapevine is sent by third class mail and **IT WILL NOT BE FORWARDED!** The cost of mailing a copy first class is more than the cost of printing the book, and we don't always have an "extra" copy to replace the one a subscriber did not get because we were not advised of their change of address.

Remember, if we don't have your **CORRECT** address, you won't get your issue(s)!!!

Thank you for your cooperation. *Thanks, The Editors*

MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Sergei & Karen Zelenkov 268-0369

For the club, the last two weeks in 2002 were quiet while we celebrated the holidays with families and friends. In January we celebrated our Mexican Dinner Dance with Tacos and in February, it was "Forever Chocolate" for Valentine's Day.

Upcoming events include the St. Patrick's Day Dance in March and an April Fool's Dance, our club anniversary, and class graduation in April.

We visited the Silver Fox Squares to retrieve our banner and the Yellow Rockers to steal theirs, and the Joy

Seas retrieved their banner and the Silver Fox Squares visited with us to exchange banners. Rob and Jennie Harris proudly displayed NEFSARDA's bronze award for 13 club visits in 2002. Thanks to all for the wonderful hospitality.

We are thankful for the return of many club members who were recovering from illness and our thoughts and prayers are with those who are still recovering.

We look forward to your visits to our club any Tuesday.

MOOSE PROMENADERS

Kim Keffer 771-5775

We ended our year with a great Christmas dance. There were over 100 dancers in attendance and with a lot of great food and great dancing how could we go wrong. Big yellow rocks to all who helped make this dance a success and thanks to Art and Lucille for being such a great asset to this club.

Our new officers for the year are President - Wendell and Doris Spears, Vice President - Jackie Hamlin, Secretary - Frank and Barbara Meyer and Treasurer - Kim Keffer. If it sounds suspiciously like the same board we had last year, it is. Guess we must have done something right. Anyway, congratulations to the new board and we wish you much success during the coming year.

The President's Ball is upon us and the Moose are out there feverishly decorating the hall in red, white and blue. This is the time of year we honor

our club presidents. They take the time to see that all runs smoothly and effectively within our clubs to help support our dance form. Where would we be without them? Hopefully the attendance will be as good as, or better than, previous President Balls. I am sure that with Art Wilson's calling and Jim Winter's cueing, it will be so.

Our class is doing well and looking forward to the Sophomore hoedown in March. Our class graduation and anniversary will be held on April 10th and we invite all graduates and seasoned dancers to join us. Our plus workshop will start on May 1st. All new dancers and dancers wishing to brush up on their plus skills are welcome.

Come join us on Thursday evening at the Moose Lodge on Collins Road. Class is at 7:00 PM and club starts dancing at 8:30 PM with Art Wilson calling.

DANCERS: After the tip, and **BEFORE** we take our bows and say our thank you's, let's all remember to **APPLAUD THE CALLER.**

NEFSARDA

VTH SATURDAY DANCE
THE IDES OF MARCH

ROMAN TOGA DANCE!



COME AS A ROMAN

OR



COME AS A SQUARE DANCER

PLEASE JUST COME....IT IS

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HOSTED BY: JOYSEAS & ROLLAWAYS

at Sandalwood High

MARCH XXIX, MMIII

7:30PM EARLY ROUNDS

8:00PM - 10:00PM DANCE

CALLERS: KEN MILLER &

LAWTON SMITH

CUER: LISA WALL



PLUS FOX

Stephen & Marie Bigelow 771-7249

Plus Fox would like to thank everyone who came to our 11th Anniversary party on January 15th. It was wonderful to look out and see a full dance floor. We had visitors from Silver Fox, Moose Promenaders, Fun 'N Frolic, Teddy Bears, the NEFSARDA Board and the great editors of The Grapevine.

The Plus Fox Dance Club needs your help. In the last 18 months we have lost 20 dancers through death, illness, physical problems, loss of partners and other reasons. Of the 24 dancers left, we have six who are out of town quite often, leaving us with 18 dancers who are pretty regular. We feel lucky when we have two full squares.

We realize that Wednesday is church night for many people, but for those others, we have a request to make of you: one Wednesday night a month or even every other

month, come visit Plus Fox. We are not asking you to come as a club, just as a couple. If we could pick up four to six couples every Wednesday night, we could have three squares dancing and not only would that make us happy, it would make our caller/cuer happy, too. We know you will enjoy dancing to our superb caller/cuer, Jim Cosman.

We received the Bronze Award from NEFSARDA for making 23 visits in 2002 ... that is pretty good for 18 people.



Charter Members Millard & Applean Brown and Charlene & Fred Brinson at their 11th Anniversary Dance.



Club members attending their 11th Anniversary Dance!

RIVER RAMBLERS

Jean Lee 386 649-5327

Don't forget our Annual Benefit Dance on March 22nd, 7:00 - 10:00 PM; all proceeds go to the Putnam County Shrine Club to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospital. There will be square, round and line dancing as well as live, silent and Chinese auctions. Come join in the fun.

On April 23rd, we will celebrate our

5th Anniversary, and on May 15th we'll be graduating our class of approximately 30 dancers. Hope you can join us for these memorable events.

Our club plans to hold an "old clothes nite" dance on April 24th. Put on your best (?) antique clothes and come join us!



**LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING
AT THE
MOOSE PROMENADER
SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

April 10th, 2003

GRADUATION & ANNIVERSARY DANCE

**Graduation — 7:00 PM
Anniversary Dance — 8:00 PM**

May 1st, 2003

PLUS WORKSHOP

**We invite all new graduates and dancers
who wish to improve their plus skills to join
with us at 7:00 PM every Thursday evening.**

**WATCH FOR OUR ANNUAL
PIRATE'S BALL**

May 8th, 2003

**Watch for flyers with further in-
formation and our pirates will be
out to steal banners in prepara-
tion for this event.**



ROLLAWAYS

Joe Seelhofer 223-4101

It is unbelievable that it is Valentine's Day. It seems like yesterday we were celebrating New Years Eve. I guess the old saying that time flies by fast when you have fun must be true...and here at the Rollaways we do have fun.

The Rollaways made their annual trip to a nursing home on December 19th. They took gifts and snacks to Heartland on University Blvd., and, of course, they danced for the residents. Thanks to Jack Herpy for a super job of calling. A special thanks to Bertha Crowson who knitted afghans as gifts, and an extra special thanks to Betty Longino for the beautiful lap robes she made. Betty started doing this when she and her husband danced with the Rollaways and she continues to make the lap robes each year even though they no longer dance.

Our January 14th Chili Cookoff was a very big success. A lot of chili from

burning hot to mild we had. If you were not here you just don't know what you missed.

On January 31st we attended the Annual Circus Dance. It was an extra special affair for the Rollaways this year. Not only did we win first place in attendance, but we celebrated our Banner Chairman's birthday, too.

February 11th will be our Love Boat and Valentine's Dance. It will be over by the time this is published. I'm sure it will be a very good dance.

We will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary on April 8th, and also will be graduating a nice group of new dancers in April.

If you don't know what to do on Tuesday evening, come over to Sandalwood High and join us for some good square dancing.

See you in a square!



The Rollaways "performed" at the Heartland Manor for the residents!



Club members also "helped" Virginia Bornhold celebrate her Birthday!



GRADUATION DANCE



**SPONSORED AND CALLED BY
GATEWAY CALLERS ASSOCIATION**

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003

7:30 TILL 9:30 PM

\$3.50 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

**JAX HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7750 S. Temptest Street
Jacksonville, FL**

**Square Dancers citywide are invited to come out
and support our new dancers.**

**Help WELCOME them to the
Square Dance Community!**

SEABREEZE SINGLES

Mary Lou Pelz 733-1869 (For Jackie Hamlin)

Everyone had a great time at the Mayor's Annual Christmas Party in December. There were 20 members from our club attending.

Thanks to Freda Story, our banner chairperson, and the support of our members, we received a silver award for 2002 from NEFSARDA.

Saturday, February 1st, we went on a litter patrol on Beach Boulevard. This area is our adopt-a-highway program. We had 12 Seabreeze members cleaning the area. Afterwards we all went to Woody's BBQ for lunch.

We will have a Sadie Hawkins dance on February 25th. We are serving 'possum stew, cornbread, and ham bone soup. Ya'll come!

Our annual charity dance to benefit the City Rescue Mission will be on April 5th at Jax Heights Elementary School.

This year's theme is Hawaii. Please support this fun and worthy dance.

The Sophomore dance will be March 15th at Jax Heights Elementary and we are all encouraged to support our new dancers.

On March 21st and 22nd the Florida State Singles and Georgia State Singles are co-sponsoring a dance in Jekyll Island. Tony Oxendine is calling. We welcome all singles, couples, and married dancers. If you want information, call Shirley at 388-1463 or Mary Lou at 733-1869.

We are proud to have the club officers that we had in 2002 remain in office for 2003. Thanks to all of you.

One of our members won the \$100.00 prize at the Circus Dance. Congratulations, Maddy Chitko.

SILVER FOX SQUARES

Manuel O. Irizarry, Jr. 266-1083

Greetings fellow square dancers. Here we are once again to share the news of the Silver Fox Club. First we would like to thank all who participated in our Toys for Tots during December. We all remember the joyous feeling of Christmas and having presents to open.

A wonderful time was had by all who chose to dance with us to ring in the New Year. We were dancing and kissing at the same time. What a way to end the old year and bring in the new one.

A big THANK YOU to all who donated items for the silent auction, bought tickets, brought goodies to eat and in general supported our efforts at the Annual Circus Dance that benefits Dreams Come True. Thanks to the generosity of all involved we were able to raise \$1,858.50. We would also like to thank our guest caller, Paul Walker,

who came all the way from North Carolina to assist Ernie Rollen. We would like to further thank Brenda and Larry Brown who were this year's Chairpersons for the Dance. Mark your calendars early because we have scheduled our next Circus Dance for January 30th, 2004.

Our new members, Gary & Bernie Murphy, that used to be a Callerlab caller and cuer in "another life", has decided to give us a helping hand cueing. We will have rounds cued by Gary on February 28th, March 28th and April 25th.

Speedy recovery wishes go out to Lettie Giddens who recently had surgery. We hope to see you back in a square soon. By the way, bring Manny with you!

Until next time, yellow-rock your partner!

FLORIDA CAMPING CLUBS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CHP #</u>	<u>LOC.</u>	<u>CAMP</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Sunshine State Pioneers	018	Tampa	3rd W/E Odd Months	Phil Bonczek	813 949-5189
Gold Coast Camping Dancers	080	Ft Lauderdale	1st W/E Even Months	Bill Moreno	561-792-0262
Tent-N-Trailers	081	Sarasota	1st W/E Not In Summer	Ed & Vi Davis	813-633-7015
Hitch-N-Go	082	Kissimmee	4th W/E Usually	Whitten	352 668-6819
Drift Around Squares	093	Jacksonville	2nd W/E Not In Summer	Moore	386 325-4118
B-Sharp Squares	126	Vero Beach	3rd W/E Not In Summer	VanDette	954 975-6103
Square Wheels	128	Gainesville	3rd W/E	Martha Zimmerman	352-336-5311
Limonaders	139	Lakeland	1st W/E Not In Summer	Janet Bowen	813-932-7014
Florida Wheelers	143	Brooksville	3rd W/E Even Mo. Not In Summer	Long	352-753-7045
Strawberry Travelers	153	Plant City	2nd W/E Not All Months	Henry	813-949-7539
Gypsy Squares	168	Starke	1st W/E	Fredrickson	904 269-9717



"Winter in Ohio"

Submitted by Jean Lee

**WHEN IT'S WINTER IN OHIO
AND THE GENTLE BREEZES BLOW.
ABOUT SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR
AND IT'S FIFTY-TWO BELOW.**

**YOU CAN TELL YOU'RE IN OHIO
'CAUSE THE SNOW'S UP TO YOUR BUTT,
AND YOU TAKE A BREATH OF WINTER AIR
AND YOUR NOSE HOLES BOTH FREEZE SHUT.**

**THE WEATHER HERE IS WONDERFUL,
SO I GUESS I'LL HANG AROUND,
I COULD NEVER LEAVE OHIO--
MY FEET ARE FROZEN TO THE GROUND!**

SQUARE WHEELS

Martha Zimmerman (352) 336-5311

The Square Wheels were at Suwannee Valley Campground in White Springs, FL Jan. 17th-19th. We had 3 squares plus several couples dancing. Dale & Gerry Fredricksons from the Gypsy Squares joined us for dancing both nights. On Saturday we all enjoyed a delicious covered dish supper. The weekend proved to be a good time by all.

February 14th-16th we were at Kelly's Campground. On Friday evening we hosted the Trails End Dance at Teen Town in Lake City, and then we all attended the street dance on Saturday afternoon and the big Blue-Grey Dance hosted by Dixie Dancers

on Saturday evening. If you missed those dances, you really missed a good time.

Special Early Notice: Our March campout will be the 14th-16th at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort in Ft. McCoy. We plan to be at Three Flags Resort in Wildwood, FL, April 18th-20th. We hope you can come and join us for some great dancing and lots of fun.

Hope you've marked your calendars for October 31st-November 2nd...and plan to join us at O'Leno State Park for the 50th Celebration of the O'Leno Hoedown.

See you soon!

TEDDY BEARS

Virginia Cook 744-4443

As I sat down to bring you up on Teddy Bears news tonight with a heater going full blast and a hot pot of tea close by, I truly feel I couldn't possibly thaw out until sometime in July -- and that coming from someone who lived in Michigan for 20 years. But, I promise, Spring will come.

If you missed our Valentine Dance, I'm truly sorry...it was a fun one! Art Wilson and a group of his dancers from Moose came to steal our banner, so between Art and Eddie -- but then you all know what a great evening is in store when those two get together. The McKinneys and Stovalls were our hosts for the evening. Need I say more on how lovely the hall was decorated and how delicious the food was -- I think not.

The Teddy Bears won "The Gold" for our Club Visitation efforts in 2002, thanks to Ed & Gloria Malin, who kept us on the go. Congratulations Teddy Bears!

"NEWS FLASH" -- Time change! Starting March 8th,

the Teddy Bears will begin dancing 7:30-9:30 PM, not 8-10:00 PM. Please make this notation on your calendar

It was so good to see John Wall, Bob Walker, Shirley Nihart and Val Newsome coming through the door again -- and off the sick list.

We did not dance on February 22nd since a lot of our members were in Orlando for the Florida Federation Meeting.

On April 12th will be our "Bunny Hop" dance. It looks like it's going to be a lot of fun, so come on and join us!

Now that I'm warmed up -- will sign off and into something else -- like buttons. That reminds me, if you aren't involved in the Fall Festival Dance later this year you had better get your wishes in to John & Mary Burzo before all the good jobs are taken. They are busy, busy getting their committees and ideas in line. Don't want you to miss that "New York, New York Fun City" 50th Fall Festival.

Hope to see you at Peace...soon!



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53rd NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
DENVER, CO
June 23, 24, 25, 26, 2004

Register now for the 53rd National Square Dance Convention and join us in *The Mile High City of the Rockies...in 2004*. This advance registration also serves as your admission to the Saturday evening dance during the Pre-Convention. **(This Form is void after Pre-Convention, April 2003) Visit our Website: www.53nsdc.com**

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YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS

The Grapevine Reporter 389-3349

Paraphrasing an old saying "When winters gone, can spring be far behind?" -- and every one is looking forward to our beautiful spring season. How in the world do those square dancers in the snowy north get out to dance -- guess they have to shovel their way out. So we are very blessed here in the sunshine state. Even our worst days are still good.

Our Bean dance in February was a success--all kinds of beans and rice and cornbread. Guess folks weren't to full of turkey after all.

The Circus Dance was a roaring (pun) success and the Yellow Rockers even brought home a banner. Those Silver Fox Folks really know how to put on a dance. Those involved with Dreams Come true are blessed that these dancers truly care about kids.

February is already on us but we knew there would be many Valentine dances so we decided once again to use Presidents Day, Feb. 17th as our theme dance for the month. Regardless of our political party I think we can all be proud of our current President. He has truly faced many difficult decisions in these years of his presidency. We will deck out in our red, white and blue and

see what we remember about some of our past presidents.

How blessed we are with such loyal, true blue Yellow Rocker dancers. The coldest Monday night of the year our dancers who have to come the greatest distance were there. We expected a couple of squares but had almost five squares.

March 17th will find us dressed in green looking for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and maybe even kissing the blarney stone. There is plenty of blarney spread around when our dancers get together.

Once again in April we will remember the old song "In Your Easter Bonnet" and we'll let our guys make an Easter Bonnet for their gal. Then we will have an Easter Parade.

We were all saddened by the deaths of the astronauts and it makes us realize none of us has the assurance of another minute in our lives so it behooves us to live each one as if it was the last. Our prayers go out to their families and all those at NASA

Parting Thought: To the World you might be one person, but to one person you might just be the world.

DOUBLE D's FOR GRADUATES

DO dance around the hall, try not to stay in a square of your fellow grads.
DON'T apologize for being a new dancer. You are needed and we welcome you.

DO concentrate on having fun, meeting new people, laughing at yourself and enjoy!

DO be a constant advertisement for Square Dancing - tell all who will listen how much fun you are having.

DON'T be afraid to ask the caller at a club dance to walk you through a difficult or mis-understood call.

DO concentrate on your "listening" it is a valuable asset.

Reprinted from Where n' When, May 1997

NEFSARDA DELEGATES MEETING

January 12, 2003

Meeting called to order and President led delegation in prayer and pledge to the flag. President welcomed new delegates and visitors.

Minutes of last delegates meeting accepted as written.

Treasurers report filed for audit.

President reported Joe Fitzmayer appointed as new Bylaws Chairman.

Committee Reports

Fall Festival (2002): Manny reported a nice profit from the Festival and thanked everyone who helped.

Fall Festival (2003): Buttons are done. First meeting March 2, 2002, Peace Presbyterian Church. Co-Chairs to be Delps and McCabes.

Fifth Saturday Dance: There will be three in 2003: March 29th (Rollaways/Joy Seas); May 31st (Seabreeze Singles/Gypsy Squares); and August 30th (Plus Fox/Teddy Bears). Callers not yet determined.

Hospice Dance: Flyers are ready. Need items for auctions. Each club asked to have 2-4 couples donate food. Jettie Crowe in charge of silent auction - clubs asked to donate 2 gifts for the auction.

Club Visitation: Chairman requested that visitation cards have names of visiting dancers be listed on the back and that cards be turned in at each delegates meeting. Last year total visitation was 269. This years winners: Rollaways, Teddy Bears, Moose Promenaders, Seabreeze Singles, Silver Fox, Yellow Rockers Plus, Mainstream Squares and Mandarin Marauders.

State Convention: Updated Chairman list presented. Volunteers still needed. Afghan raffle to start with winner announced at the 5th Saturday Dance in May. Full Committee meeting scheduled for February 9th

Grapevine: Deadline for next issue, February 10th. Anyone submitting pictures should submit them in a small version - copies not returned. Annual Financial report will be presented at the March delegates meeting.

Historian: Looking for old records. Please don't destroy - send them to Historian FIRST.

Education: Pamphlets for square dancing on back table. If more needed, see chairman. Keep thinking about classes in the Fall.

Publicity: Save Square Dancing Today magazine for jack if you don't want them.

SOS: No report

Dance Couple of the Year: Four nominations received. Winner was Kim Keffer.

Insurance: Clubs must get forms to chairman if they want dances/dancers to be covered. Dances NOT on regular dance nights need special coverage. Notify chairman.

Florida Federation: New State Dress voted in. Info in the January issue of The Grapevine. Contact Kathy McKinney for material.

Next meeting - March 9, 2003. Meeting Adjourned.

**May the
Easter Bunny
bring you everything
you are
wishing for!**



Planning For The Future!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH 2003

01.... Hospice Charity Dance.....	NEFSARDA
04.... Beginner Lessons Begin.....	Dixie Dancers
06.... Strawberry Social.....	River Ramblers
7-9... To Be Announced.....	Gypsy Squares
08.... New Dance Time.....	Teddy Bears
09.... Delegates Meeting.....	NEFSARDA
11.... Graduation Dance.....	Seabreeze Singles
14.... Shamrock Dance.....	Silver Fox
14-15. Shamrock Swing.....(CFSARDA)	Orlando
14-16.. Lake Oklawaha RV Resort... Ft McCoy.....	Square Wheels
15.... Sophomore Dance..... (Jax Hts).....	Gateway Callers
17.... St Patrick's Day Dance.....	Yellow Rockers +
19.... St Patrick's Day Dance.....	Plus Fox
21-23. Lake Oklawaha RV Resort - Ft McCoy.....	Square Wheels
18.... St. Paddy's Dance.....	Dixie Dancers
22.... Shriner's Benefit Dance.....	River Ramblers
29.... 5th Saturday Dance.....(Sandalwood High Sch.).....	NEFSARDA

APRIL 2003

02.... April Fool's Dance.....	Plus Fox
03.... Anniversary Dance (5th)	River Ramblers
04.... Bring Personal Items For Homeless.....	Silver Fox
4-6... Suwannee Valley Cmpgnd... Ft White.....	Gypsy Squares
05.... Annual Charity Ball.....(Jax Hts).....	Seabreeze Singles
08.... Anniversary Dance (15th)	Rollaways
10.... Anniversary (13th) / Graduation Dance	Moose Promenaders
12.... Bunny Hop Dance.....	Teddy Bears
14.... Anniversary Dance (12th)	Joy Seas
14.... Bring Personal Items For Homeless.....	Silver Fox
14.... Easter Bonnet Dance.....	Yellow Rockers +
15.... Western Hoe Down.....	Dixie Dancers
15.... Graduation Dance.....	Mandarin Marauders
18-20.3 Flags Resort - Wildwood.....	Square Wheels
24.... Old Clothes Nite Dance.....	River Ramblers
25.... Graduation Dance.....	Silver Fox
29.... Anniversary Dance (18th)	Mandarin Marauders

MAY 2003

01.... Ice Cream Social Dance.....	River Ramblers
2-4... Grand Lake Resort... Orange Lake.....	Gypsy Squares
03.... Graduation Ball.....(Jax Hts).....	Gateway Callers
04.... Delegates Meeting.....	NEFSARDA
08.... Pirates Ball.....	Moose Promenaders
10.... Mothers Are Special Dance.....	Teddy Bears
14.... Mother's Day Dance.....	Plus Fox
15.... Class Graduation Dance.....	River Ramblers
16.... Ernie's 3rd Anniversary Dance.....	Silver Fox
16-18.. Encore RV Park - CR 225 - Reddick, FL.....	Square Wheels
23-25. FL State Convention.....	Lakeland

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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 2003 (Cont'd)

25.... Florida Federation Meeting.....Lakeland

JUNE 2003

06.... Anniversary Dance (18th).....Silver Fox

6-8...Bulow RV Resort...Flagler Beach.....Gypsy Squares

14.... Anniversary Dance (19th).....Teddy Bears

18.... Father's Day Dance.....Plus Fox

22.... Anniversary Dance (28th).....Grand Squares

22-24. 27th ROUNDALAB Convention ...1-877-Y-I-Dance (943-2623)..Tulsa, OK

25-28. National Convention.....Oklahoma City, OK

30.... All Singing Calls.....Yellow Rockers +

JULY 2003

02.... 4th Of July/Ice Cream Dance.....Plus Fox

4-6...Grand Lake Resort...Orange Lake.....Gypsy Squares

07.... Watermelon Feast.....Yellow Rockers +

13.... Delegates Meeting.....NEFSARDA

25-27.Grand Lakes RV...Orange Lake.....Square Wheels

31.... Pink Cadillac Dance.....Moose Promenaders

AUGUST 2003

1-3.....Bulow RV Resort...Flagler Beach.....Gypsy Squares

11.... Ice Cream & Cake Nite.....Yellow Rockers +

13.... Watermelon Dance.....Plus Fox

15-17.SunCoast RV Resort...Lake Park, GA.....Square Wheels

29-31. Recreation Plantation...Lady Lake.....Gypsy Squares

30.... 5th Saturday Dance.....NEFSARDA

SEPTEMBER 2003

03.... Labor Day Dance.....Plus Fox

08.... Anniversary Dance (12th).....Yellow Rockers +

14.... Delegates Meeting.....NEFSARDA

19-21.Pacetti's Marina.(22nd Anniversary).Green Cove Prgs.Square Wheels

OCTOBER 2003

3-5.....Bulow RV Resort...Flagler Beach.....Gypsy Squares

24-26.State Camporee.....Okeechobee

27.... Halloween Dance.....Yellow Rockers +

29.... Halloween Dance.....Plus Fox

31.... O'Leon Hoedown (50th).....Square Wheels

NOVEMBER 2003

1-2...O'Leno Hoedown.....Square Wheels

7-9...Lake Okalawaha RV Resort...Ft McCoy.....Gypsy Squares

09.... Delegates Meeting.....NEFSARDA

12.... Honor Our Veterans Dance.....Plus Fox

14-15.Fall Festival.....NEFSARDA

14-15.Fall Fun Fest.....(WCSARDA).....Lakeland

24.... Thanksgiving Dinner Dance.....Yellow Rockers +

DECEMBER 2003

5-7...Grand Lake RV Resort...Orange Lake.....Gypsy Squares

15.... Christmas Party & Dance.....Yellow Rockers +

17.... Christmas Dinner Dance.....Plus Fox

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