

The Grapevine

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Square Dance!

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Note from the Grapevine Editors

We have not issued our weekly Newsletter since April 12th since not a lot has happened regarding new cancellations and rescheduled dances. When the restrictions ease and dancing starts again, we will restart the weekly letters to keep everyone informed. Governor DeSantis issued new orders on April 29th that allow retail establishments and restaurants in Northern Florida to reopen on May 4th, but with some restrictions. Hopefully, that will work well, and it will eventually lead to dancing being authorized too.



The only recent dance cancellation has been the 63rd NSDCA International Camporee that had been scheduled for June 29th in Lebanon, Tennessee. This event will not be rescheduled, but there will be an International Camporee in the summer of 2021.

The Grapevine continues to receive articles and pictures. These show how we are coping with the current shutdown. You will find many in this issue of the Grapevine. Please keep sending your input to us.



The Grapevine is a free email publication. It is sent at the beginning of each month via email to square and round dancers in the NEFSARDA community and to other interested parties.

We encourage you to send us your club news (past and planned), flyers and pictures. It is best to send us your input at your earliest convenience (multiple monthly submissions are encouraged) so that we can include it in the upcoming issue of the Grapevine. We prefer that your input be in Word, as an email, or as an attachment to an email - but not in PDF format. We prefer to crop your pictures for you when we layout the Grapevine, so send them in their natural size. As Editors we reserve the right to make minor changes to format, grammar and spelling, but we try to keep your basic content as you intended. Please keep us informed of email address changes and new members to your club.

We always welcome your suggestions to make this a better and more useful publication. Use squaredancejax@gmail.com for communication to us, or you can also call Laura Martin on 941-928-8994 or Jim Maroldo on 904-215-7922.

Monday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Mandarin Marauders
Mainstream & Plus Squares
Lessons – 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Club Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Mandarin Senior Center
3848 Hartley Road
Jacksonville, FL

Callers - Shane & Ken Perez

Presidents - Rick & Kim
Doucette

904-403-0003

Rickandkim@bellsouth.net

Banner chair - David Smith
904-655-1791

opdaves@comcast.net

Temporary Location

Henry T. Jones Community
Center
3856 Grant Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

GAINESVILLE

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers
Advanced Square Dancing
7:00 – 9:00 PM

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

Caller - Bill Chesnut

Contact - Gerry Jesk
352-493-2842

sparkandme@bellsouth.net

or

Bill Chesnut
352-256-8628

Tuesday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Rollaways

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Sandalwood HS Cafeteria
2750 John Prom Blvd
Jacksonville, FL

Caller - Mark Fetzer
Cuer - Susan Snider

Presidents - Erik & Robin Burton
904-738-7008
robnsnyder@yahoo.com

Banner chair - Virginia Bomhold
904-521-2754
Virginia.Bomhold@gmail.com

JACKSONVILLE

Seabreeze Singles

Mainstream and Plus Square
Dancing
Lessons – 7:00 - 7:30 PM
Club Dance - 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Arlington Presbyterian Church
1300 Sprinkle Drive
Jacksonville, FL

Caller - Jim Cosman

Presidents - Wayne & Laurie
Ballasso
904-725-8989
wb9669@aol.com

Banner chair - Vickie BeLue
904-707-8188
VBeLue02@gmail.com

STEINHATCHEE, FL

Salty Bobbers

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

Community Center
62 SW 812th Street
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

Caller - Charlie Pergrossi

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

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

Tuesday Clubs (continued)

LAKE CITY

Dixie Dancers

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Level Square Dancing
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:15 PM
Club Dance 8:15 - 9:30 PM

Teen Town
533 Northwest Desoto Street
Lake City, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut
Cuer - Ralph Beekman

President & Banner Chairman
Barbara Rosenthal
386-466-2984
rar123@comcast.net

ST. AUGUSTINE

Joy Seas

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing
7:30 to 9:15 PM
No dance on the second
Tuesday of the month

Coquina Crossing Clubhouse
St. Augustine, FL
Take I-95 to exit 311
West on SR 207 1 mile, on left
You MUST be through the gate
by 8:00 PM

Caller - Mike Akers
Contact - John & Mary Burzo
904-797-7530
burzom@bellsouth.net

GAINESVILLE

Grand Squares

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

Westside Park Recreation Bldg.
1001 NW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL

Callers - Lon Ligon & Jim
Duncan

Contact - Susie Moon Beachy
352-283-1296
susie.mck.beachy@gmail.com
grandsquares@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Club

Thursday Club

Sunday Round Dancing

CHIEFLAND

Clover Squares of Levy County

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing
3:30 - 5:30 PM

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
707 N. Main Street
Chiefland, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut

Contact - Gerry Jesk
352-493-2842

mignoncraig@yahoo.com
[Facebook](#)

JACKSONVILLE

Moose Promenaders

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing and
Occasional Round Dancing
Advanced Square Dance
Lessons 6:15 - 7:00 PM
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:30 PM
Club Dance 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Moose Lodge 2020
5051 Collins Road
Jacksonville, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut

Presidents
Jim Maroldo 904-215-7922
jmaroldo@gmail.com
& Laura Martin 941-928-8994)
whitedog67@netzero.net

Banner Chair - Kathleen Lovorn
katrinerober@aol.com

JACKSONVILLE

First Coast Rounds

Round Dance Lessons
4:00 - 5:00 PM

Phase 2-5 Round Dancing 5:00 -
7:00 PM

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church
4758 Shelby Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32210

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

Special Dances in Northeast Florida

2020

November 20-21 2020 Fall Festival – Catch the Wave of the Future, Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Fl. – cuers Earle & Carol Collins and caller Steve Holzhausen (see the section on NEFSARDA for more information).

Round Dancing and Cuers in the Local Area

Square Dance Clubs that Normally Offer Round Dancing with Each Dance

The Dixie Dancers in Lake City – Ralph Beekman cues round dancing at Tuesday evening dances.

The Rollaways in Jacksonville - Susan Snider cues round dancing at Tuesday evening dances. She also often offers round dance lessons before the normal nightly dance. There are no lessons being conducted currently, but classes will be offered in the future.

The Square Wheels Camping Club – Ann Hadsall cues round dancing at the Square Wheels campouts.



Ralph Beekman



Ann Hadsall



Susan Snider

Special Square Dances with Round Dancing

2020

June 11 Moose Promenader Tab's for Tom Dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

July 23 Moose Promenader Pink Cadillac Dance at 6:30 pm (early rounds and then square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

August 27 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

September 17 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

October 15 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

October 29 Moose Promenader Halloween Dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

November 12 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

December 3 Moose Promenader Kay Walker Toy Drive Dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

December 17 Moose Promenader Christmas Dance at 6:30 pm (early rounds and then square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

Camping Club - Square Wheels (Chapter 128)

Caller – Bill Chesnut Cuer – Ann Hadsall

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

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

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

2020

- June 29 - July 2 63rd International Camporee – see National Square and Round Dance Conventions in the section that follows. **This event has been cancelled.**
- August 21-22 Wild Frontier Campground, 3101 NW 16th Ave. Ocala, FL 34475 – phone 352-629-3540 – The campground is on US 441 N just behind American Choice RV. The rate is \$35.00 including tax. Please make your own reservations. All campsites are 50 Amps. Bring a 30 Amp reducer if needed.
- September 18-19 Southern Oaks RV Resort, 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL 34491 - phone 352-347-2550. The rate is \$34.00 (subject to change). Please make your own reservations.
- October 22-24 FANSDC 45th Annual State Camp-O-Ree – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL 32726. “Halloween Haunting” will be the theme.
- November 20-21 NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach - Camping at Hanna Park or the Mayport Naval Base
- December 4-5 Christmas Party at the Lake Oklawaha RV Park - 15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, FL 32134. 352-546-5500. The rate is \$29.70 including tax. Please call the campground to make your reservation, including one night’s deposit.

NEFSARDA and the Florida Federation

The 2020 Fall Festival, Catch the Wave of the Future, will be held on November 20th and November 21st at the Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The caller will be Steve Holzhausen and the cuers will be Earle and Carol Collins. Jane Dando (904-652-6002) and the Rollaways Chapter of Upsilon Sigma Delta are the Chairmen. Early registration is \$15 (\$20 at the door) which can be sent to Jane Dando, 5541 Bristol Bay Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32244. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn Oceanfront, 1515 1st Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250 904-241-2311. The host campground is Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park - hannapark@coj.net. Dancing on Friday runs from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Saturday has teaching rounds from 10:00 am to noon, square dancing with local callers from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and festival dancing from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Please bring food items to donate to the church’s food pantry.

Initiative to Attract New Dancers

The NEFSARDA Board has appointed a committee to investigate ways in which we can bring attention to our activity of square and round dancing and to attract new dancers. The board is amenable to allocating monies for this endeavor.

The committee would like to hear ideas from each club in our area. What would help your club? What would you need to support your idea? The committee has discussed ideas such as big banners to display at demonstrations, advertising, trying to get access to the schools, and signage where permits are not required.

Please contact Tom Herscha with your thoughts and ideas by emailing to tahpeh@comcast.net or calling 904-406-0275.

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers is a state-wide organization of square and round dancers that is organized into five regional associations and many clubs. Along with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, they host the annual state square and round dance convention. The Federation maintains a web site with information for the Florida square dance community - floridasquaredance.com/.



The monthly Grapevine publication is linked on this web site.

The picture above includes President: Linda Tester, Vice President: Ed Drexel & Terry Wetherby, Secretary: Terri Little, Parliamentarian: Barbara McDonald. Treasurer: Cal & Ann Maki are absent.

Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

LIGHTHOUSE #3

ALLIGATOR REEF LIGHTHOUSE

Interesting facts I will share as we travel around the State of Florida about our Fabulous Lighthouses will be distances between, where they are located, historical information and just curious things to know. For instance: our last stop was Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, there is only one other lighthouse between Jupiter and Miami – Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse. The next lighthouse is not until we reach Miami, the Cape Florida Lighthouse but from there to Key West there are 17 structures. Not all are on land, some were built on reefs, some on sand bars and some on piles of rocks.

Traveling south on US #1 from Miami to my next write-up, Alligator Reef Lighthouse, there are 7 lighthouses – most of which are built on reefs, (Alligator being one), 2 on land and 1 on rocks. There are names like Fowey Rocks, Bobo Chila, Molasses Reef, Hen and Chickens. But Alligator Reef sounded interesting to me. There are no alligators there and the reef is not shaped like one either. It was named for a ship, the *USS ALLIGATOR*. This ship successfully conducted missions against pirates in the early 1800s but, sadly, was lost when it ran on the reef in 1822. However, the crew was so dedicated to keep the ship from falling into pirates' hands, they actually destroyed it. It is said the ship still lies on the shallow bottom near the reef.

This lighthouse is 150 feet, top to bottom, with a focal plane of 136 feet of light, per official Coast Guard viewings. Built in 1873 at a cost of \$135,000, an almost unheard of amount of money in those days, it is extremely structurally sound as it weathered the infamous Labor Day Hurricane of 1935 with winds gusting from 200 to 250 miles per hour and with seas surging 30 or more feet above normal. It has been reported that over the years some brave lighthouse keepers even lashed themselves to the structure to avoid being washed away by hurricanes. Now that's dedication.

And it is with this same dedication that Carol and Richard Douget are going ahead with their plans for the 2021 State Convention, *Lighting the Way to Friendship & Fun*. It will still take place in Daytona Beach at the Daytona Ocean Center, same place as last year, on February 19 & 20, 2021. We all pray and

hope this nasty virus will be gone long before then and that square and round dancing will once again be the high-light of our fun. There will be more news about the activities being planned as well as the “how-to’s” in the upcoming months. In the meantime-----please bump elbows, keep social distancing and smile behind your masks!

Judy Anderson

Kudos to “The Firm” for a terrific Florida State Convention, they did a great job. If you did not attend, you missed out on some great dancing.

We hope you are making plans to join us at the 67th FSRSDC “Lighting the Way to Friendship & Fun in 2021. It will be on February 19 and 20, 2021 and held in Daytona Beach at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center. Purchase your ribbons to attend now. It’s always a great time for all. Please see the convention website (www.floridasquaredance.com/convention) for more information and make your plans now!



The 67th Convention is continuing the promotion to encourage our families to bring our dancing youth to the 2021 Florida State Convention. So, any youth under the age of 16 will get in FREE if the youth attends with a parent, grandparent or other family member who has purchased a ribbon to attend the 67th Convention.

Purchase your Convention Polo Shirts 1 for \$25 or 2 for \$45. Also, on sale are raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt made and donated by Terri Little and two 6 ft. Lighthouses built by Tom Leaf and Richard Douget (two winners). The quilt will add beauty to any room is 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. The lighthouse which will look great on your lawn is 3 tickets for \$5 or 7 tickets for \$10. Both will be awarded on February 20, 2021 at the Convention. Winners do not need to be present.

Don’t forget... you can get all the details for any square dance in the state by visiting the website www.floridasquaredance.com .

Keep dancing and we’ll see you at a square or round dance.

Richard & Carol Douget

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2020

June 29- July 2 63rd NSDCA International Camporee – Roaring into the 20’s in Lebanon, Tennessee at the Gladeville Community Center (June 29) and at the Wilson County Exposition Center (July 1 & 2), 945 E. Baddour Parkway – John & Dolly Ide 352-208-2980 or 352-598-7162 johndide2016@outlook.com, or Sue House 615-714-7153 **This event has been cancelled.**

July 20-22 17th US Handicapable Square Dance Association Convention, The Edgewater Hotel at the Aquarium and Conference Center, 402 River Road, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 800-277-0362 – Rick Yates 386-734-2110 – note the dates are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

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

September 3-6 50th Single Square Dancers Dance-A-Rama Festival, Cherry Valley Hotel, 2299 Cherry Valley Road SE, Newark, Ohio – Velma Doyle info@ssdusa.org, www.ssdusa.org

2021

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

2022

June 22-25

71st National Square Dance Convention, Evansville, Indiana, www.71nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com 765-662-2553

2023

June 21-24

72nd National Square Dance Convention, Mobile, Alabama www.72nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com 205-908-1058 registration@72nsdc.com - register online
at www.72nsdc.com

Dance Club News

Clover Squares of Levy County – Chiefland – Caller Bill Chesnut

The Clover Squares of Levy County have a new location!!

The First United Methodist Church in Chiefland, Fellowship Hall
707 N. Main St. (right off US19/US 98 with US 27 running nearby)
Chiefland, Florida
Scoop Jesk

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Other News

- None identified

Dixie Dancers – Lake City – Caller Bill Chesnut & Cuer Ralph Beekman

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

First Coast Rounds – Jacksonville – Cuer Susan Snider

The club has suspended dancing for the foreseeable future.

Grand Squares – Gainesville – Caller Lon Ligon & Jim Duncan

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

Joy Seas – St. Augustine/Elkton – Caller Mike Akers

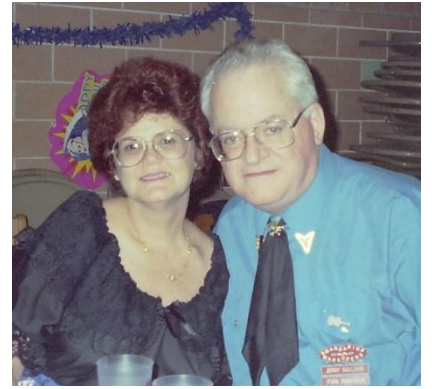
Mandarin Marauders – Jacksonville – Callers Ken & Shane Perez

When dancing resumes we will be dancing at our normal dance location.

The Mandarin Senior Center
3848 Hartley Road
Jacksonville, FL 32257

Use this link to view the Mandarin Marauders Square Dance website on “Word Press.”
<https://mandarinmarauders.wordpress.com/>.

Jerry Sullivan sent Pat Chidester some old pictures of Mandarin Marauders. If you look closely, you will see some current and recent square dancers that you might know.





The picture to the right is the Middleburg Mavericks with Ernie Rollen calling.
Lola Lastinger



Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Other News

- None identified

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers – Gainesville – Caller Bill Chesnut

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut

The Moose Promenaders' Second Annual Spring Fling has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day at our last dance.



Laura Martin

Carolyn Ueber sent pictures showing “living with the virus.” The first is Russell chatting with a neighbor while employing “social distancing.” The second is a from Jacksonville Beach after the ban was lifted.



Cynthia Mimms sent a picture that shows a beautiful scene from our local community. Jacksonville is a beautiful city. Mary Giera sent us a picture of jig-saw puzzle that is keeping the Giera family busy. Manuel Irizarry keeps busy with computer solitaire and his favorite music while Lilly watches (with a mask!).



Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- June 11, 2020 – Tabs for Tom Dance (with round dancing)
- June 18, 2020 – Ice Cream Social
- July 23, 2020 – Pink Cadillac Dance (with round dancing)
- July 30, 2020 – Bill Chesnut’s Anniversary Dance
- August 20, 2020 – Amateur Caller Dance
- August 27 - Round Dancing with Square Dancing
- September 3, 2020 – Dance Lessons start
- September 17, 2020 – Potluck Dinner (with round dancing)

Rollaways, Upsilon Sigma Delta (Kids) – Jacksonville - Caller Mark Fetzer

Emily Jones (Pictures by Joan Amarino and Jim Maroldo)

Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, Florida – Caller Charlie Pergrossi

Wow, what a month April has been! The Salty Bobbers have all stayed busy catching up on tasks at home. Bobbi and Allen love planes and spend a lot of time flying to nearby areas. I just saw a post in Facebook where Allen was looking for a companion to fly down to Williston from Steinhatchee just to get breakfast. Now that's enjoying life! Many of our members live near the Steinhatchee River or its' contributing feeder streams. It's not unusual to find interesting things floating up in their backyards. After our storm last week Chris Jenkins found a kayak without its owner looking to be rescued. Richard and Yvette have spent a lot of time with grandkids fishing in the bay and on the river. Don Stipp and Jessica Moore have a real snake farm. He raises snakes and sells them to hobby shops. As for the rest of us, I'm proud to say, we are all ready to get back into a square and DANCE. Although I just saw Florida is loosening up our social isolation restrictions, the halls and rec centers that we dance in are all still closed until the end of May! ☹ Here's hoping things will get better.... We'll surely let you know as soon as we get word that our halls are open and we can dance again... In the meantime, everyone stay SAFE!!

Charlie Pergrossi

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

Seabreeze Singles – Jacksonville – Caller Jim Cosman





The Seabreeze Singles were proud to graduate five of seven hardworking students on March 1, 2020. The other two students would have graduated except for an emergency. They will graduate when we return dancing.

The top picture includes Laurie and Wayne Ballasso, club presidents, with students Conley Zomermaand, Zoe Marino, Vickie Belue, Emily Pfohl and Bob Pfohl. The second picture shows the NEFSARDA board members who were present at the graduation ceremony. The bottom row includes Jane Johnson giving a graduation test for the students (teacup chain) along with Emily and Bob Pfohl, Vickie Belue and Conley Zomermaand.

Margaret Cahan, Club Reporter



Presidents Wayne and Laurie say "Hello" from the safety of their home.

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- May 26, 2020 – Memorial Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- June 2, 2020 – Pie Night
- June 16, 2020 – Father's Day Dance
- June 30, 2020 – Luau Dance
- July 7, 2020 – Independence Day Dance (red, white & blue)

- July 21, 2020 – Ice Cream Social
- August 25, 2020 – Hot Dog Night
- September 8, 2020 – Labor Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- September 29, 2020 – 43rd Anniversary Dance/Sock Hop
- October 13, 2020 – Breast Cancer Awareness (wear pink)
- October 27, 2020 – Monster Mash Halloween Dance (costumes encouraged)
- November 10, 2020 – Veterans Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- November 24, 2020 – Turkey Trot Dinner & Dance
- December 1, 2020 – Kay Walker Dance (bring an unwrapped toy-no stuffed animals)
- December 15, 2020 – Ugly Sweater Dance
- December 22, 2020 – Christmas Dance
- December 29, 2020 – No Dance

Square Wheels Camping Club (Club 128) - Caller Bill Chesnut & Cuer Ann Hadsall

News and Happenings

Cruzen for Bob #6 – A Square Dance Cruise with caller Bill Chesnut

The 2020 cruise to New England **has been cancelled** since the Carnival Ship Radiance will not be completed on time for our September 6th sailing date. The ship is being overhauled in Italy, and they were hit hard with the virus. By now everyone should have received their cruise cancellation. Carnival is offering a 100% refund of deposits plus a \$600 room credit for a future cruise. If you want to cancel completely, call Manny (800-819-3902 – extension 85172), and he will refund your deposit.

We have until December 31, 2020 to decide on our next square dance cruise. Please contact me on 904-264-9392 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you all and sorry for the disappointing news. Stay safe and stay well.

We now have a new cruise out of New York City on September 11, 2021. Carnival (Manny) is offering us a New England Cruise for about the same price as this year's cruise. The itinerary will be the same, however on a different ship. the Carnival Magic. We have until the end of December to make our reservations to use the full refund plus the \$600 room credit.

We have already opened a group number with Manny, and we have made our reservation. The only problem Manny is having right now with is refunding the deposit and applying it to next year's cruise. We had to pay \$50 yesterday in order to set up the new cruise. Just letting



you know that you may have to pay a deposit. The amount you paid for the last cruise will be credited to your cruise once they get everything finalized. They have so many cancellations I can understand the mess they must have on their hands.

If you want to cruise with us in 2021 to New England here are the details.

Carnival Magic 9/11/2021 - 9/18/2021 - Same itinerary but a 7 day cruise

Booking # H03JF0 - BOB 6 Square Dance Cruise

Deck 6 Mid-range

Interior: \$1311.00 + Insurance and Gratuities

Ocean View: \$1831.00 " " "

Balcony: \$2291.00 " " "

Manny is now working from home right now and has the same phone number - 1-800-819-3902, extension 85172. Please leave him a message and give him a couple of days to respond to your call. He is inundated with cancellations right now.

We look forward to another wonderful cruise with "BOB." If you have any questions please give us a call or email us. Thanks again,
Marilyn 904-264-9392

It is with great regret that we have to announce the cancellation of the 2020 NSDCA International Camporee. Your Board met on Saturday, April 25th to consider all our options, but felt that even with the slowing of the progression of COVID-19 virus it would not be sufficient to allow for a safe event. Many of the states, counties and municipalities are still unsure of their various reopening plans which makes it impossible for us to continue with preparations. Our biggest concern is that most of the NSDCA members, if not all, are in the "high risk" category which makes the health risk to our members too great. We felt that we had no other option than to cancel. The health, safety and wellbeing of our members is our highest priority.

Because of a year without our fun event, we're planning on some special activities for your enjoyment and fun. First, the Sunday before the 2021 Camporee is the 4th of July. We intend to celebrate that in a big way. We will also plan a special trails end dance for Monday July 5th. So, plan to come early. Details will be made available as soon as we can. In the meantime, we know there are lots of questions, many cannot be answered right now, but here are a few decisions that we have made going forward:

1. All plans for the 2020 Camporee will be moved forward to the 2021 Camporee to be held in Rayne, Louisiana from Tuesday, July 6th through Thursday, July 8th, 2021. That makes it convenient for you to attend the 70th National Square Dance Convention in Jackson, Mississippi from June 23rd through the 26th.
2. The registration fee and extra days camping rate will stay the same.
3. We encourage you to leave your registration in force. To do so, you need only contact Susan Wolford and let her know.
4. If you would like to change your reservation for extra days, also let Susan know. She will honor a refund for any days you cancel or accept \$25 for each additional extra day.
5. If you would like a full refund, please let Susan know. She will cheerfully refund your full registration amount.
6. For those of you who have signed up for the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville for Friday, July 3rd, please contact Ron Imus for your refund.

To contact Susan Wolford, call 256-673-0170 or email 2susanwolf@gmail.com. To contact Ron Imus, call 574-370-9169 or email rlius46@aol.com. Complete details and future plans will be distributed via E-Tree for your chapter to pass on to you, posted on the NSDCA website at www.nsdca.org, and published in the NSDCA Times.

We wish you all a safe and healthy summer and look forward to dancing and having fun with you in Rayne or somewhere in between.

John & Dolly Ide Presidents, NSDCA

Dance Club Fund Raising Projects

- Save your Plastic Caps (any kind – soda, detergent, etc.) for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Give the plastic caps to Shirley Wright of the Mandarin Marauders and Seabreeze Singles.
- Save your Pull-Tabs from aluminum beverage cans for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Give the pull-tabs to Tom Herscha of the Moose Promenaders and Square Wheels.

Farewells and Concerns

A note you might add to the Grapevine. Kathy McKinney is undergoing cancer treatments and is in a lot of pain most of the time - not doing well. Kathy has served as NEFSARDA President, Florida State Square and Round Dancers President, Fall Festival Chairman, Florida State Convention Chairman, you name it, she and her husband Jack have done it! Cards are appreciated.

Kathy McKinney
709 6th Ave N
Jacksonville Beach FL 32250-4605
Mary Giera

A note from Lorraine Picora, widow of Vinnie Picora.

I wish to thank all of the campers for their condolences regarding the passing of my dear husband Vinnie. I was overwhelmed by all the cards and very touched by the nice comments you wrote in remembrance of him.

Sorry I took so long to send this out, but Social Security messed up and used my social security number as being the deceased in lieu of Vinnie's. I happened to find out when I went to transfer funds from one account to another, and I was told my account was frozen. Then I attempted to make an appointment for a cat scan, and I was told my Medicare card was inactive. Also, I did not get my pension check. When social security kills you, they do a better job than the Mafia. Now imagine trying to get this all fixed when the offices are closed, and everyone is working from home. I am now on a first name basis with the bank manager. Luckily, the bank was still open at this time. Since they have drive-thru only, you have to call for an appointment. Good luck with them answering the phone.

I know the postmaster in the post office really well now. I spent a fortune on certified mail etc. And last but not least, I just picked up Vinnie's remains today. They had forgotten to engrave the urn, so that was on hold too because of the virus. Of course, you know that his memorial was cancelled, so all-in-all, I've been having one helluva time. Anyways, I'm on my way to returning from the dead.

I hope you all stay healthy and keep your distance.

Thanks again for everything, Lorraine Picora

Leila Lindsey is home from the hospital for the sixth time since October. She is doing better and has a new therapist. If you would like to send cards, her address is 1069 SW Shiloh Street, Ft. White, Florida 32038.

UPDATE as of April 1st - Leila Lindsey is faring a little better, she can walk a few steps without the help of her walker. The doctor is keeping an eye on Ellis' blood pressure. Leila says his pressure spikes when he gets stressed. Ellis says that he has been away from square dancing too long...Haven't we all...

Penny T. Green

Martha Zimmerman and Bob Jenkins were in a serious car accident on April 1st. Bob is doing well, but Martha received injuries to her neck. She had surgery a few days later. She is doing okay. If anyone would like to send get well cards her address is 6669 SW 106th Lane Ocala FL 34476.

I was called by Jackie Hamlin's daughter, Donna Gray. Jackie is in the hospital on a respirator. I thought it would be nice if some of her friends of old would send her a "thinking of you" card. She turned 88 last February. Please forward this note to others who may have been her friends.

Jackie Hamlin
3739 Rustic Lane
Jacksonville FL 32217-4235
Mary Giera

Dance Clubs that are near Northeast Florida

Anthony, Florida – Celebrity Squares / Prestige 55, Anthony United Methodist Church, 2396 NE 97th Street (8 miles north of Ocala), Activities Building (behind church), September thru May, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Plus Dance on Thursdays - Caller Rod Barngrover – email Cyrinfla@gmail.com, website www.ocalasquaredance.com

Barberville (Pierson), Florida – Wrangler Country Squares, Pioneer Art Settlement, 1776 Lightfoot Lane, 6:00 to 7:30 pm beginner class, 7:30 to 9:30 pm MS/Plus with Lines and Rounds on Fridays - Caller Rod Barngrover - phone: 386-749-4767, email rbarngrovercaller@gmail.com

Brunswick, Georgia - Jekyll Island Squares, College Place United Methodist Church, 3890 Altama Avenue, 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursdays - Caller Don Heins – phone 912-265-1504 or 912-269-7909

Ocala, Florida - Ocala Twirlers, Ocala West United Methodist Church Stanford Hall, 9330 SW 105th Street (off SR 200), 12:00 to 2:00 pm lesson/workshop, 2:00 to 2:15 early rounds and 2:15 to 4:15 Plus and rounds on Mondays – Caller Whit Brown - Cuers (1st & 3rd Wednesday) Bev Landwehr and (2nd & 4th Wednesday) Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick - rlius46@aol.com 574-370-9169

Oklawaha, Florida (Square Dancing) – Pilot Squares, Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce, 13125 East Hwy 25, 2:00 to 4:00 pm Advance Dance, 4:00 to 5:00 C-1 Dance on Wednesdays - Caller Ron Libby - phone: 352-409-1369, email ronlibby@aol.com

Oklawaha, Florida (Round Dancing) - L & R Studio, 13151 SE 120th Street, 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sundays, Phase III, IV & V Dance, Cuers - Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick, phone 352-288-4973, email dancewithlloydandruth@centurylink.net -Private lessons by appointment.

Ormond Beach, Florida – Grenada Squares, Denim & Lace, Ormond Beach Senior Center, 351 Andrews Street, 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Tuesdays, Caller – Rod Barngrover - Workshops from 6:00 to 7:00, Dance tips alternate with line dancing and rounds, contact is Pamela Kelley 386-671-6223, Website www.granadasquaresdenimandlace.com, email denimandlace-danceclub@yahoo.com

The Villages, Florida – Orange Blossom Square Dance Club, La Hacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central – 7:00 to 9:30 pm Plus Dance with rounds on Sundays – different callers each night, cuers Loretta Hanhurst, Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick – contact Mike & Wanda David 219-508-5846 or Gene & Sue Brown 317-403-9302 – square dance clothes November to April and casual May to October – website www.orangeblossomsquares.org

Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida

2020

- June 5-6 Sand Spurs Annual Billy Bowlegs Pirate Dance, PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial St. NW, Fort Walton Beach, Fl. – caller Larry Becher and cuer Miriam Merriwether – Miriam Merriwether 850-974-0091 singermimi@gmail.com
- July 10-11 2020 NWFSRDA 46th Annual Roundup, Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe – callers Darryl Lipscomb & Elmer Sheffield and cuer Sandy Sturgis – Libby Penrod 850-566-2117 or Laura Davis 850-354-2218
- July 18-20 56th Star Spangled Banner Festival “Lands on the Moon”, Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Md. featuring several callers and cuers – www.marylandsquaredancing.com - Carol Eyre 410-751-6382 vjcalum45@gmail.com
- August 6-8 46th Tennessee State Square and Round Dance Convention, W.L. Mills Conference Center, 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, Tennessee – R. G. Pratt 865-964-2091 rgr Pratt@peoplepc.com www.tnsquaredance.org
- August 28-29 42nd Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention, Oxford Civic Center, Oxford, Al. – lots of great callers and cuers – www.alabamasquaredance.com – Carol Varner civ883@gmail.com

October 16-17 Seaside Squares Spook-Tacular, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Fl. – caller Joe Saltel and cuers Terri & Tim Wilaby – Terri Wilaby 850-293-7720 terriwilaby@hotmail.com

November 13-14 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest (West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association), Carver Recreation Center, 520Idlewood Avenue S., Bartow, Fl. – callers Ted Kennedy & Jack Lewis and cuer Earl Collins – Don & Ann Slocum adsloc8@gmail.com

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January 16 January Shine, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Fl. – callers Nancy & Ted Kennedy and cuers Terri & Tim Wilaby - Terri Wilaby 850-712-5230 terriwilaby@hotmail.com

March 18-20 WASCA's 62nd Spring Square and Round Dance Festival - 2020 "Get Your Kicks on Route 66", Hilton Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia featuring several callers and cuers – Tom & Nancy Stafford 703-573-8378 www.wascaclubs.com

Square Dance Club Callers in the Local Area



Mike Akers



Rod Barngrover



Bill Chesnut



Jim Cosman



Jim Duncan



Mark Fetzer



Don Heins



Lon Ligon



Ken Perez



Shane Perez



Charlie Pergrossi



Bill Cassidy, Ellis Lindsey, Mary Ellen Ludeking, Ken Miller, Robert Padgett, John Robbins & Ernie Rollen

Helpful Web Sites

Instructional Aides

- www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations - instructional aides that illustrate square dance calls from Basic through Challenge square dancing
- <http://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/> - instructional videos that illustrate Mainstream and Plus square dancing
- <https://legakis.net/justin/Squares/anim23.html> - Instructions on Hex Square Dancing hover your mouse over the figures
- <https://legakis.net/justin/Squares/anim23.html>. Hover your mouse over the figures to see them dance as Hexagon (Hex) Squares

General Web Sites

- Florida DANCERgram by Penny Green - www.dancergram.com
- Florida Federation of Square Dancers – floridasquaredance.com
- Florida Callers Association – www.fcallersassoc.org
- National Square Dance Campers Association (John Ide) – johnide2016@outlook.com – www.nsdca.org
- Round Dance Council of Florida - <http://floridasquaredance.com/rdc/index.html>.
- Single Square Dancers USA - <http://ssdusa.org>

Places to Buy or Sell Dance Clothes and Shoes

Vendors Web Sites

- Brantley's Western and Casual Wear – www.brantleyswesternsupply.com – square and round dance apparel - 800-828-8091
- JL Custom Vinyl Store - <http://www.jlvinyl.com> (vinyl decals including dancing)
- Petticoat Junction, a wide assortment of square dance clothes and shoes - <https://petticoatjct.com>
- Resashay – Women's Dance Petticoats and Square Dance Apparel - <http://www.resashay.com/>
- Sheplers - www.sheplers.com (western stores and catalog)
- Suzie Q Creations - www.suzieqcreations.com - suzieqcreations1@gmail.com - Custom Engraving featuring badges, fun bars, dangles and much more - 407-894-2227
- The Traveling Hoedowners - www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)
- Tic TAC Toes - www.tictactoes.com (shoe vendor)

Stores and other local sellers

- The Boot Barn, 249 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida (904-264-3838) sells a large assortment of western wear and boots. www.bootbarn.com
- The Celebrity Squares of Anthony, Florida operates a Square Dance Thrift Shop at their Thursday club dances from September to May – 6:30 to 9:00 pm - Walter Cyr, PO Box 361, Anthony, Florida 32617 - 352-817-6961
- Margaret Cahan (a member of the Seabreeze Singles since 2006) sells gently used square dance clothes. Please contact her if you want to buy square dance clothes, or you want her to sell your gently used square dance clothes for you. Small fees are charged if the clothes need repairing or washing. After all fees and taxes, she pays the owner 50% of profit. - Margaret Cahan 904-777-1579 mcahan904@aol.com