

The Grapevine

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Tuesday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

[Rollaways](#)

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Square Dance Lessons - 7 -
8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM
2750 John Prom Blvd
(Sandalwood High School
Cafeteria)
Jacksonville, FL
Caller, Mark Fetzer
Cuer, Susan Snider
presidents, Patrick & Joan
Amarino
(904) 629-4560
jnorve@netzero.com
banner chairs, Walt & Dianne
Syphard
(904) 221-1368
wlsyphard@aol.com
diannehall6@aol.com

JACKSONVILLE

[Mandarin Marauders](#)

Line Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Plus Lessons - 7 - 7:30 PM
Club Dance 7:30 - 9:30 PM
3848 Hartley Road
(Mandarin Senior Center)
Jacksonville, FL
caller, Ernie Rollen
contact, Tom Porwill
(904) 268-5368
nrund@comcast.net
banner chairs, David Smith
(904) 655-1791
opdaves@comcast.net

JACKSONVILLE

[Seabreeze Singles](#)

Mainstream and Pus Square
Dancing
Mainstream Lessons - 7 - 8:30
PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM
1300 Sprinkle Drive
(Arlington Presbyterian Church)
Jacksonville, FL
caller, Jim Cosman
(912) 882-4006
contact, Jane Johnson
(904) 564-2062
msjj18@bellsouth.net
banner chair, Betty Smith
(904) 610-2675
bettybsmith2002@yahoo.com

LAKE CITY

[Dixie Dancers](#)

Round Dancing, Plus Square
Dancing
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:15 PM
Club Dance 8:15 - 9:30 PM
533 NW Desoto St
(Teen Town)
Lake City, FL
caller, Bill Chesnut
cuer, Ralph Beekman
contact, Barbara Rosenthal
(386) 466-2984
rar123@comcast.net

ST. AUGUSTINE

[Joy Seas](#)

Mainstream and Plus Square
Dancing
every Tuesday except 2nd
Tuesday
Square Dance Lessons - 7 - 8
PM
Club Dance 8 - 9:30 PM
Coquina Crossing Clubhouse
St. Augustine, FL
Directions
Take I-95 to exit 311
West on SR 207 1 mile on the
left
You MUST be through the gate
by 8:00 PM
caller, Mike Akers
contact, John & Mary Burso
(904) 797-7530
burzom@bellsouth.net
call to verify dance availability

GAINESVILLE

[Grand Squares](#)

Basic, Mainstream and Plus
Square Dancing
6:30 - 9 PM
1001 NW 34st Street
(Westside Park Recreation Bldg)
Gainesville, FL
caller, Lon Ligon
(352) 377-1828

president, Susie Moon
(352) 283-1296
susiemoon@cox.net

grandsquares@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Clubs

WILLISTON

[Clover Squares](#)

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing
Square Dance Lessons - 6:30 -
7:30 PM
Club Dance - 7:30 - 9:30 PM
410 NE 5th Street
(Williston Crossings RV Resort)
Williston, FL
Various Callers
Contact, Mignon Craig
(352) 528-3323
mignoncraig@yahoo.com
[Facebook](#)

JACKSONVILLE

[Fun n' Frolic](#)

Advanced Square Dancing
6:30 - 8:30 PM
(dark June, July & August)
7750 S. Tempest Street
(Jacksonville Heights
Elementary School)
Jacksonville, FL
Caller, Jim Cosman
(912) 882-4006
Contact, Russ & Carolyn Ueber
(904) 223-9347
carolynu9@gmail.com

Thursday Club

JACKSONVILLE

[Moose Promenaders](#)

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Advanced Square Dance 6:30 -
7 PM
Square Dance Lessons - 7 -
8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM
5051 Collins Road
(Moose Lodge 2020)
Orange Park, FL
contact, Wayne & Debbie Miller
(904) 891-7016
dmliller0331@yahoo.com
banner chairs, Chuck & Mary
Giera
(904) 262-9907
maryvmusic@comcast.net

Friday Club

STARKE

[Silver Fox Squares](#)

Mainstream with Announced
Plus
Club Dance - 7:00 - 9:00 PM
1805 N Temple Ave (Senior
Center)
Starke, FL
Ken Perez - Caller
Shane Perez - Co-Caller
(904) 964-2917
dogcat@centurylink.net

Weekend Camping Clubs

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

[Gypsy Squares](#)

Mainstream / Plus / Lines
3rd Friday & Saturday
With Square Wheels
[Bill Chesnut](#) - Caller
352-475-2550
Gail LaRue
(352) 861-1583
glarue2775@gmail.com

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

[Square Wheels](#)

Mainstream / Plus / Rounds
3rd Friday & Saturday
With Gypsy Squares
[Bill Chesnut](#) - Caller
352-475-2550
Don MacGregor
(904) 375-1252
dmacgr@comcast.net

First Coast Rounds

JACKSONVILLE

[First Coast Rounds](#)

Round Dancing

Round Dance Lessons 5 - 6

PM

Special Teacher 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Currently Dark

4758 Shelby Ave

(St. Catherine's Episcopal

Church)

Jacksonville, FL

Teacher Susan Snider

(904) 908-5184

frausbs@aol.com

5th Saturday Dance

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NEFSARDA 5th Saturday

dances

April, July & September 2017

(details as they become

available)

contact, Walt & Dianne

Syphard

(904) 221-1368

wlsyphard@aol.com

diannehall6@aol.com

(904) 964-2917

dogcat@centurylink.net



Special Dances and Events

(See Flyers at the end of this issue)

NEFSARDA Dances

November 17-18 NEFSARDA Fall Festival at Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida
\$20 at door or \$15 in advance – buy tickets at your local club

Special Dances Hosted by Northeast Florida Clubs

2017

October 7 28th Annual Peanut Festival, Clover Squares, Williston, Florida
October 13 Friday the 13th Dangle Dance, Silver Fox Squares, Starke, Florida
October 26 Halloween Dance, Moose Promenaders
November 3-5 Ghosts of O'Leno Past, Wild Frontier Campground hosted by Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels, 3101 NW 16th Ave., Ocala, Fl. 352-629-3540
November 24 Black Friday Dangle Dance, Silver Fox Squares
December 1-3 Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels Combined Christmas Party, Lake Oklawaha RV Park, 15991 243rd Place Road, Fort McCoy, Fl. 352-646-5500
December 15 Christmas Dance, **Free Admission**, Silver Fox Squares
December 21 Christmas Dance, Potluck Dinner, Moose Promenaders

2018

January 19-20 1st of Year Camping Weekend in Lake Park, Georgia, Square Wheels (with Gypsy Squares)
Don MacGregor (904-375-1252) or Gail & Gary LaRue (352-861-1583)

Florida State Square and Round Dance Conventions

2018

February 23-24 64th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention at the Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida
floridasquaredance.com/convention - (purchase tickets at your local club)

Square Dance Cruises

2018

April 7-15 Cruisen for Bob 4 from Jacksonville to the Bahamas & Bermuda on the Carnival Elation
Marilyn Scott (904-264-9392) scottymjane@gmail.com

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2018

June 22-24 61st International NSCDA Camp-O-Ree in Sedalia, Missouri,
www.nsdca.org
John & Dolly Ide (352-208-5980) or Gary & Gail LaRue (352-861-1583)

June 27-30 67th National Square Dance Convention in Kansas City, Missouri
www.67nsdc.com
Jim & Edythe Weber (816-781-3598), registration@67nsdc.com

2019

June 26-29 68th National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, Georgia,
www.68nsdc.com Bob & Virginia Walker (828-349-0905),
registration@68nsdc.org

2020

June 17-20 69th National Square Dance Convention in Spokane, Washington
www.69nsdc.org
reg2020@comcast.net

Special Dances Outside of the Northeast Florida Area

2017

October 21 Florida Fall Dance Clinic in Plant City, Florida (fund raiser for Florida Callers Association)

October 26-29 Florida State Camp-O-Ree at Southern Palms RV Resort, 1 Avocado Lane, Eustis, Florida
Angela Brown (352-408-5721) & Tim Hill (352-205-0596)

October 27-28 43rd Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association Round Up in Pensacola, Florida
Jim (850-944-0322), jim.deecee@cox.net

November 3-4 55th Tammany Twirler's Square & Round Dance Festival in Slidell, Louisiana
Frances & Richard Matthews, fmatthews4@aol.com

November 10-11 West Coast Association's 43rd Annual Fall Fun Fest at the Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, Florida
Dan & Ann Slocum, sailaway@tampabay.rr.com

2018

February 2-3 40th Annual Mardi Gras Festival in Biloxi, Mississippi
Neil Knot (228-831-3127)

February 2-3 Space Coast Winter Festival in Titusville, Florida (Grand Squares)
(704-502-8097)

- March 8-10 28th All Western Smoky Mountain Ball in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
Johnny Chambers (931-248-2839)
- March 9-10 63rd Mississippi State Square & Round Dance Festival in Pearl,
Mississippi
Huggy Gaines (228-369-9523)
- March 16-17 59th Washington Area (WASCA) Square & Round Dance Festival in
Alexandria, Virginia
Tom & Nancy Stafford (301-351-7790),
festivalregistration@wascaclubs.com
- April 6-7 65th Alabama Jubilee (Square & Round Dance) in Gardendale, Alabama
Marie Rogala (205-525-5128)
- April 26-28 43rd South Carolina Square & Round Dancers Convention in Columbia,
South Carolina
Ken & Darlene Padgett (843-334-8357), D.Goley@yahoo.com
- May 18-19 57th Derby City (Square Dance only) Festival in Shepherdsville, Kentucky
Bob & Geri Jeffers (812-945-6374)
- August 2-5 44th Annual Square Dance Convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Shea Meincke (843-816-4061), meincke_us@yahoo.com
- August 23-25 40th Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention in Oxford, Alabama
Jim Purvis (251-653-5442), asardanews@gmail.com,



NEFSARDA - Northeast Florida Square & Round Dance Association

NEFSARDA President's Message for October 2017

I want to start this article by repeating my last 2 paragraphs of September issue. Why? Because one can NEVER EVER be reminded too often about the upcoming Fall Festival!

It is definitely time to start planning for the FALL FESTIVAL. "CARNIVAL"! Talk about a FUN TIME. This weekend will be everything you are looking for! Each club received a package with ribbons, basket raffle tickets, Ad forms and Directory Names plus other valuable information such as lodging, etc. If you have any questions, Erik & Robin Burton will be glad to help you.

To make this Fall Festival a financial success as well as FUN, we NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Please get Ads. The Fall Festival is basically our only income for our association! Ads can be commercial or personal. PLEASE HELP!

Did you read these paragraphs? Have you made your BEST effort to support our Fall Festival with purchasing your ribbons, putting your name in the directory and soliciting and/or putting a personal Ad in the Program Book? **Deadline October 15th**. If you plan on staying at the Host Motel, Hampton Inn Oceanfront, Jacksonville Beach, you MUST make your reservations now!

Until you have been Fall Festival Chairmen, you do not realize the appreciation of your support for this dance. Like I said, it is our only revenue for our Association. We do not want our association to fold as several clubs have. It is truly heartbreaking for us to see the clubs fold, and the support for our Fall Festival and State Convention decline. This does NOT need to happen. Dancers can keep this from happening with their support. **PLEASE DO!**

We want to increase Square Dance popularity. Bring a friend to a beginner class at your club! The enthusiasm from new dancers is very infectious! When new dancers come to class, let them know that this year ALL new dancers will be able to attend their very first State Convention before they even graduate! EXCITING! It'll be a BLAST!

With Fall upon us, there are several "Fall Festival" Dances around the state. Check out the calendar on this website and make plans to go to an out of town festival. If we attend theirs, they will attend ours! Visiting is not only FUN but productive!

Following the posting of this issue will be the NEFSARDA Association meeting, October 8, 2017 at 3:00PM at the St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 4758 Shelby Ave, Jacksonville, Florida. PLEASE make sure each club has a Delegate attend to bring information back to their club about area square dance news. Also, visitors are welcome to these meetings as well. It is fun to find out what is going on in your association including news of other clubs. There will be an election of new officers. SUPPORT THEM!

Kathy McKinney

NEFARDA Delegates Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the August 6, 2017 NEFSARDA meeting were included in the September Grapevine. The next NEFSARDA meeting will be October 8, 2017.

NEFSARDA 5th Saturday Dance on September 30, 2017
Richardson Community Center in Lake City, Florida

A great time was had by all with calling by Ken and Shane Perez and Cueing by Ed Hauck.



Toys were gathered for the Basketball Cop Foundation





All ages were in Disney Costumes



NEFSARDA banners were taken by Silver Fox, Rollaways, Dixie Dancers & Gypsy Squares

Notes from the Grapevine Editors

This publication is sent exclusively via email, so please let us know of email address changes, additions and deletions. There are many square dancers who do not have access to email. Therefore, it is recommended that one person from each club print the Grapevine and share it with the dancers without email access. Our goal is to issue the Grapevine on the first day of the month.

We welcome your input about your club activities so please send us your club notes, flyers, pictures and news. We prefer that your input be either in the form of Word, as an email or as an attachment to an email. Thus far our only limitation is that we are having problems with input sent in PDF format, so please avoid that. We also welcome general and specific comments on this publication, especially suggestions for making it better and more useful.

We have made a few changes beginning with this edition.

1. We have changed "Caller's Corner" to "Caller's and Cuer's Corner" in order to better include the round dance community. Our local cuer, Susan Snider, has provided an article for this month's publication.
2. We have reorganized and expanded the listing of Special Dances and Events. These are now divided into six sections for easier use.
 - NEFSARDA Dances
 - Special Dances Hosted by Northeast Florida Clubs
 - Florida State Square and Round Dance Conventions
 - Square Dance Cruises
 - National Square and Round Dance Conventions
 - Special Dances Outside of the Northeast Florida Area
3. We have moved the copies of the dance flyers to a separate publication, "The Grapevine Addendum." This issue of the Grapevine includes 20 flyers. Their inclusion would result in a Grapevine Publication that would be too large. The Addendum is being sent as a second email.

Please use the Grapevine email address, squaredancejax@gmail.com, for all communication related to the Grapevine. You can also contact Laura on 941-928-8994 or Jim on 904-215-7922.

We are somewhat still in our "start-up" mode, so please bear with us as we learn how to make this a better publication. We hope that you enjoy this edition and that it is useful to you.

Laura Martin and Jim Maroldo

Club News

Clay Allemanders

The Clay Allemanders held their last dance on August 21, 2017

Clover Squares

The Clover Squares and the Mixed Nuts (Bill Chesnut's Monday evening Advance Club in Gainesville) celebrated Bill's birthday at recent dances. The Mixed Nuts also celebrated their 25th anniversary at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

Clover Squares are also planning a Halloween costume dance on October 25th.

October 7th is the 28th annual Peanut Festival in Williston. The Clover Squares will be dancing in the Gazebo at the north end of Heritage Park (US 41/27 and SR 121) all day. We will be doing a square dance demonstration at 12:30 pm in the Pavilion near the south end. All square dancers are invited to join us.

Our new beginners' class will start Wednesday, October 11th. Classes or workshops begin at 6:30 pm and the dance at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays at the Williston Crossings RV Resort, 410 NE 5th Street, Williston. More information and photos are on our Facebook page or you may call Mignon at 352-528-3323.

Mignon Craig



Bill Chesnut Blowing Out a Lot of Birthday Candles

Dixie Dancers

The Dixie Dancers dance each Tuesday night.

First Coast Rounds

First Coast Rounds has closed for the summer and has not set a date for reopening. Susan Snider will keep everyone posted on future dances. Beginning Waltz classes are being taught on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Sandalwood High School before the Rollaway's dance.

Fun n' Frolic

The Fun 'n Frolics resumed dancing to our great caller Jim Cosman, in September. We dance on Wednesdays, at Jax Heights Elementary School in the cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Our caller, Jim Cosman, has been using this first month to get all of the club members up to speed with dancing at the Advanced level.

Jim will start a new Advanced Class on October 4th for those who are comfortable dancing Plus Level and want to learn square dancing at the advanced level. Jim is a great teacher and he

is very patient with the new dancers. This will be our last class for a while. Next year we won't have a class, and we will concentrate on increasing our proficiency and enjoyment of dancing Advanced.

Carolyn Ueber (904) 223-9347

Grand Squares

Grand Squares was dark much of the summer, but we resumed dancing at the Westside Park Recreation Building, 1001 NW 34 St., 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 15th We held our third annual BACK TO SCHOOL Dance on that night. Dancers wore their favorite school colors and brought in some school supplies for donating to the local Alachua County schools.

We are excited to start a new class on October 3rd. We have been advertising with business cards and running ads in the Gainesville Sun. We also had a booth at an event called Lifestyle 55 Plus on September 23rd on the University of Florida campus, sponsored by the Gainesville Sun. Some Grand Squares dancers plan to promote square dancing by participating in the Clover Squares Club's booth at the Central Florida Peanut Festival on October 7th in Williston.

We have a brand-new banner! It was designed by our own Margo Reese. Thank you so much, Margo. We can't wait to show it off. Please come see us so you can steal our banner. We also have new t-shirts, and they were also designed by Margo Reese. The orders were handled by Don and Kathie Frison. Thank you so much, Margo, Don, and Kathie. We love visitors!

Susie Moon 352-283-1296.

Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our September camp out at International RV Park in Daytona because Hurricane Irma interrupted our plans. We'll have to reschedule this location at another time. We look forward to getting back to camping and the next event is the NEFSARDA Camp-O-Ree at the Southern Palms Resort RV Park in Eustis, Florida. Get your ribbons now and we'll look forward to dancing with you in a square.

Don MacGregor

Gypsy Squares

Please also see Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

Joy Seas

Joy Seas plans to start dancing again in October.

Mary Burzo

Mandarin Marauders

Beginner square dance lessons are in full swing, and we have 5 new students. Our students are doing very well under the excellent tutelage of our caller Ernie Rollen. We are so happy to have them with us - Marcia, Dee, Tom, Jim and Arlene! We also have a new member to our club Shirley Wright. Shirley recently moved here from California, and she is an excellent plus level dancer. Welcome Shirley! Shirley's daughter Marcia is now one of our new students!



Marauders Dance with new students on September 5th

Tuesday October 17th will be our next dangle dance. Please join us!
Pat Chidester

Moose Promenaders

The Promenaders are having classes for new students each Thursday before the regular dance.



September Birthdays – Laura Martin, Bill Chesnut, Tom Herscha and Suzanne Tower



Moose Promenaders September Club Meeting

Rollaways

The Rollaways are back dancing after taking the summer off! We enjoyed visiting other clubs who dance on Tuesday nights that we don't get to visit often.

The month of September has been a GREAT month for us! We began our newest class. We are sooooo excited to announce that we have a whole square of kids ages 6-11! It is so much FUN watching their enthusiasm! But I don't think their enthusiasm is any larger than that of our new Adults!!! THIS is what makes Square Dancing the family activity we love to be a part of!

Also for September we checked out the "National Day" website and each Tuesday we celebrated that particular Day. We had National Cheese Pizza Day, National Talk Like a Pirate Day, and National Johnny Appleseed Day! We had planned on National Ants on a Log Day....however, Irma had other plans for that day. (Fortunately, we did have any of our

members hurt during that hurricane!) One of the absolute BEST parts of celebrating these days was the OUTSTANDING CAKE that Beth Sharkey brought to our dance each week! Beth is the daughter of Bill and Jane Dando. She is a professional baker. Look for the pictures to see these AMAZING CAKES! If you EVER want a special cake, please contact Beth. You will never ever find a better looking or tasting cake!



Beth's Pirate Cake and some Rollaway Pirates on September 19, 2017





The Johnny Appleseed Dance & Young Dancers at the Rollaways on September 26th

The Rollaways are doing amazingly well with visitation. In fact, I believe we are on top! That means you will see several Rollaways at your dances.....and guess what? We would LOVE to have you visit us!!! The visitation is what keeps the enthusiasm going in square dancing! Doesn't everyone perk up when visitors attend your dance?

We still have several members unable to attend for health and/or travel reasons and we truly miss them! If you get a chance, come visit us.

Kathy McKinney

Seabreeze Singles

September was a month to remember, thanks to wicked witch IRMA attacking the whole state of Florida. Several weeks later, many of us still have debris piled up out by the road, and are still waiting for repair workman to arrive. To me, one of the worst things to happen during September was the canceling of our special Tuesday night beginning square dance lessons on September 12th. We were expecting a good number of visitors to take square dancing lessons. Unfortunately, we had to contact those we knew of to tell them we were going to be closed due to hurricane. Of course, I am sure most of them understood and probably would not have come anyway because of possible after-hurricane conditions of flooding and trees down across roads. The next week, September 19th, we did have six people show up for lessons. It was fewer than had confirmed they would come. I wonder did the delay in lessons cause any of these prospective new dancers to decide not to learn to square dance? We will never know. Meanwhile, we are enjoying getting to know our new prospective dancers. We will take new dancers one more week, October 3rd.

Margaret Cahan

Silver Fox Squares

Please note that the Silver Fox Squares will not be dancing at the Bradford County Senior Center in the month of October 2017 due to FEMA using the hall. We have cancelled the dance for September 29th, and we are working on finding a new location for future dances. We will be dancing at the First United Methodist Church located at 200 N. Walnut St. in Starke beginning Friday, October 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We are uncertain if this will be only a temporary location or if it will be our new permanent location. Please sign up for our emails and follow our website and/or Facebook page for updates on dances and locations.

The Silver Fox Squares would like to invite everyone to join them on Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A list of some of our upcoming special dances follows.

October 13: Friday the 13th Dangle Dance/Special Guest Caller: Ellis Lindsey

November 24: Black Friday Dangle Dance (part of a special 'Double Header Dangle')

December 15: Christmas Dance - Free Admission!

Most of our dances end with a trip to Powell's Dairy Freeze in Starke for a quick bite to eat, ice cream, and lively conversations. A special thanks to everyone who has visited our club and supported us. Be sure to sign up for our email list if you haven't already done so. Also a big 'Thank You' to our club members for their teamwork and dedication to helping our club grow and prosper.

Be sure to "like" and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Also check out our webpage, <https://silverfoxsquares.wordpress.com/> for club news and upcoming events. We are working on some very exciting events and will post more information as it comes available.

Susie Kirby

Square Wheels

Please also see Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

News and Happenings

Thanks to Mary Giera and Linda Tester

Mary has been a tireless worker for the "Mary Starling Collection" of used square dance clothing. Mary Giera could not attend the 5th Saturday dance on September 30th so Linda Tester ran the sale in Mary's absence. The money raised will be given to "Dreams Come True" in accordance with Mary Starling's wish when she collected the clothing.

News about the Florida State Convention

Over 420 people are registered for the Convention already. So, when you see that person at your dance with a stack of shirts, mugs, and buttons, be sure to give them a yellow-rock and thank them for doing such a great job. And buy something. Please don't forget that part.

We would like to tell you about a new feature that your Ways and Means wizards will be bringing around soon. Wish trees are a Japanese tradition where people write their wishes on paper or wood and hang them from trees or wire forms resembling trees. I can't tell you how often the wishes come true, but I can say for sure that when you buy a wish, it will help our dreams of a great Convention come true by helping to pay for the flooring. We will have colorful paper and other materials to choose from, and you can decorate them any way you fancy. Make a wish, say Hi to that special someone, or share whatever philosophy happens to move you. Put anything you want (that would not be bleeped on broadcast TV) on the card, and we will display it for the duration of the Convention. Also, be sure to look through the wish trees during the Convention, because, who knows, there might be one for you!

We want to let you know about emergency services. In the past, the Lakeland Center has required us to employ a paramedic. They are expensive, and very rarely needed. Since the Ocean Center does not have this requirement, we do not plan on having a paramedic on site. We will have common first-aid items at the registration desk, and we will refer any true emergencies to the local 911 service. An AED is available at the Ocean Center. Since we are a private group, everyone attending in any capacity must be registered.

Free admission: Don't get your hopes up; if you come to dance, you gotta pay. But, we know that there are some dancers who can't dance any more, but would like to be included. We welcome those folks to help with areas such as registration and hospitality, and we will give you a volunteer ribbon for free. Also, spectators are welcome. They must register, but will not be charged for admission. Lastly, we need three special, rugged, helpful, downright wonderful individuals to help with set-up and tear-down of the flooring. No experience is necessary -- they will show you what to do. We need you from 6:00 am until 9:00 am on Friday, and from 9:00 pm until midnight on Saturday. Those folks will receive a refund of their admission after the Convention. Please contact Wizard Lewis if you are interested in being a floor helper.

lewiswasserman@gmail.com

Lewis Wasserman

Dance Couple of the Year for 2017

Nominations were due on September 30, 2017 so that the selection and the plaque could be presented at the Fall Festival in November. This date was later than normal this year. Each club should be prepared next year to submit nominations.

Bud & Anita Taylor, Chairmen

Benefit Dance

Caller Tom Miller has been experiencing some health issues, and he may have to have a foot amputated. He is scheduled to be in South Florida in October where he will be calling for the Shufflin' Squares on October 19th. Shufflin' Squares has announced that this dance will be a benefit dance to help Tom with his medical expenses. The dance will be alternating Plus and Advance by Tom and Rounds by Carl Rod. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$8 per person. Early Rounds will be from 7:00 to 7:30 pm and Squares will be from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. This is a regularly scheduled Shufflin' Squares dance night. It will be held at the Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, Florida.

Caller's and Cuer's Corner

Susan Snider

I am sure that most of you are familiar with Round Dancing. Just in case you are new and don't have any idea what I am talking about, I am going to give you a short synopsis.

Round Dancing is choreographed ballroom dancing. We use all the same rhythms as ballroom dancing such as Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Cha-Cha, West Coast Swing, Jive, etc. The big difference is that instead of having to memorize a set of figures or hoping that your partner can lead you through an amalgamation of figures, you have a Cuer who tells you what figures to do. Round Dancing is often done at Square Dances in between the squares or at a Round Dance Club. The round dance club in Jacksonville is called First Coast Rounds.

I had seen round dancing when I started square dancing in Kentucky in the 1980's. When my husband announced that we were going to learn to square dance, I told him that I would be happy to but that I really wanted to learn round dancing. There wasn't much that he could say. When I found cuer Lisa Wall, we began to take lessons. Mark was not convinced at first. When he realized that when we made a mistake we only messed each other up and not a whole square of dancers, he became a little more accepting.

I would love to see more dancers participate in round dancing. Some people think they have two left feet or that they can't dance in closed dance position, but I find that most of those issues are not insurmountable. I have classes going on most of the time, so I hope that you will consider taking them.



Susan Snider

Dance Classes

First Coast Rounds – see Rollaways

Fun n' Frolic – Advanced square dance lessons start on October 4th for dancers who are proficient in Plus dancing. The classes will continue each Wednesday thereafter. Lessons will not be offered next year so dancers who want to learn advanced dancing are encouraged to take lessons this year.

Grand Squares - Beginning square dancing lessons start on October 3th and October 10th. The classes will continue each Tuesday thereafter.

Clover Squares – Beginning square dancing lessons start on October 11th and October 18th. The classes will continue each Wednesday thereafter.

Mandarin Marauders – Beginning square dancing lessons started on September 5th and September 12th. The classes are continuing each Tuesday.

Moose Promenaders - Beginning square dancing lessons started on September 7th and September 14th. The classes are continuing each Thursday.

Rollaways – Beginning square dancing lessons started on September 5th and September 12th. The classes are continuing each Tuesday. (call for confirmation at 904-629-4560)

Beginning Waltz classes are being taught on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm before the Rollaway's square dance lessons and dance.

Seabreeze Singles - Beginning square dancing lessons started on September 12th and September 19th. The classes are continuing each Tuesday.

Silver Fox – They have not set a date for new classes. Call 904-964-2917 for information on their Friday classes.

Etiquette and Tips

Name Tags

You know your name. Your dance partner probably does too. Most of your fellow dancers might also know your name. But not everyone knows your name. Your caller probably does, but then he might not. Our new students probably don't know your name. Maybe some of the dancers in your square have been introduced to you, but they may have forgotten your name. This can be embarrassing for them (it happens often as we age).

Please help everyone by clearly displaying your name so that we all will know who you are. That will allow all of us to address you properly in a friendly manner. It will make for a more fun dancing experience for all. If you forget your name tag, you can normally get a temporary name tag when you pay your admission.

10 Reasons to Square Dance

1. Cardiovascular Fitness – Dancing is a safe way to exercise. The level of exertion is up to each participant. You can rev it up for a high intensity workout or take it easy for a relaxing, yet beneficial workout. Dancing regularly can lead to a slower heart rate, lower blood pressure, and an improved cholesterol profile.
2. Healthy Environment – Square Dances are smoke and alcohol free.
3. Body & Brain Boost – Square dancers react to calls as they are given. This forces the body and brain to be tightly coordinated. A number of the calls are memorized which keeps the brain sharp.
4. Calorie Burn – Dancing burns between 200 and 400 calories every 30 minutes of dancing. That's equivalent to walking or riding a bike.
5. Distance – The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports recommends 10,000 steps per day to maintain physical fitness. It is estimated that a typical square dancer can expect to clock 9,000 to 10,000 steps per dance.
6. Sturdy Bones – The side to side movements of dancing strengthen weight-bearing bones, tibia, fibula, and femur, and help prevent the slow loss of bone mass.
7. Rehabilitation – Dancing is a way to get back in the swing of things if you are recovering from an injury. Dancing keeps your joints moving, and is nice alternative to jogging or other high-intensity activities.
8. Social Aspects – Square Dancing is a great way to meet people in a non-threatening, relaxed social atmosphere. You never know who you are going to meet. Lifelong friendships are formed.
9. Stress Relief – Since Square Dancing is led by a leader giving commands, you become so focused on the "task at hand" that your other mental worries are forgotten, at least for a couple of hours.
10. Mental Health – Studies have shown that activities that involve both physical and mental activity at the same time help to slow the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

Bonus Reason - Balance – Studies have shown that adults who have a history of activities such as dance, tend to have less incidents of falling as they get older.

Provided by George Treiber and Pat Chidester of the Mandarin Mauraders

Clubs Outside of Northeast Florida – News and Dances

To be added in future months

Farewells

Ellie Koerner passed away on Friday, September 22, after a two-year battle with cancer. Ellie was with family in Pennsylvania when she passed away. Please keep her husband (Ed) and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Ed and Ellie were members of the Square Wheels. There are no local services scheduled at this time. If you would like to send Ed a card, his address is 8161 SW 196th Court Road, Dunnellon, Florida 34432.



List of Club and Dance Flyers
(Published separately as an Addendum)

2017

- October 13 Friday the 13th Dangle Dance, Silver Fox, Starke, Florida
- October 21 FCA Fall Clinic Dance, Plant City, Florida
- October 26-29 Florida State Camporee, Eustis, Florida
- November 10-11 WCSRDA 43rd Annual Fall Fun Fest, Bartow, Florida

2018

- January-December Square Wheels & Gypsy Squares Annual Camping and Dance Schedule
- February 2-3 Bells & Buoys 40th Annual Mardi Gras Festival, Biloxi, Mississippi
- February 2-3 Space Coast Winter Festival, Titusville, Florida
- February 22-25 Camping at the Florida State Dance Convention, Daytona Beach, Florida
- March 8-10 28th Annual Smoky Mountain Ball, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- March 9-10 63rd Mississippi Square and Round Dance Festival, Mississippi
- March 15-17 59th WASCA Square and Round Dance Festival, Alexandria, Virginia
- April 6-7 65th Alabama Jubilee, Fultondale (near Birmingham), Alabama
- April 7-15 4th Square Dance Cruise, Jacksonville-Bahamas-Bermuda-Jacksonville
- May 18-19 57th Derby City Festival, Louisville area, Kentucky
- June 22-24 61st International NSCDA Camp-O-Ree, Sedalia, Missouri
- June 27 Wednesday Event before the National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri
- June 27-30 67th National Square Dance Convention (2 pages), Kansas City, Missouri
- August 2-4 44th Annual Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

2019

- June 26-29 68th National Square Dance Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

2020

- June 17-20 67th National Square Dance Convention, Spokane, Washington