

The Grapevine

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HELLO, HELLO, HELLO



IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE

I hear the Moose Promenaders are dancing every Thursday night at 7PM.



Note from the Grapevine Editors



Greetings from Jim and Laura. We are sad to announce that this is the final issue of the Grapevine with us as the editors. We will be replaced by Stephen Bigelow who will be the new Grapevine Editor. Stephen has been dancing in Northeast Florida for many years. He is a member of the Moose Promenaders. (See his picture to the right.)



Our first issue was published in September 2017. These three years have been a wonderful experience for us. We have met many interesting people, and we have genuinely felt like an important part of the square dance community. But it is time for someone else to take the reins from us.

Laura and I are also co-presidents of the Moose Promenaders. Bill Chesnut is our caller. The three of us jointly decided that we needed to begin square dancing again, which we did on June 18th. Our concern was that square dancing could easily vanish in Northeast Florida if people became accustomed to not dancing and staying home instead. We had a small group attending our first few dances, but we have now grown to where we have enough dancers for two squares each night. Our biggest crowd was on September 17th when we had 25 dancers.

We are the only club that is currently dancing in Northeast Florida. With rare exceptions, the dancers attending our dances are existing members of the Moose Promenaders. We recognize that some dancers may not be comfortable dancing at this time because of health concerns. Nevertheless, there should be dancers from the other Northeast Florida clubs who could attend our dances. We are trying hard to keep square dancing alive in Northeast Florida. We need your help and support while we navigate through these difficult times. Please join us at our dances which are held on Thursday nights at Moose Lodge 2020. You will not be disappointed.

We are certainly encouraged by the news that both the Dixie Dancers and the Grand Squares are working on plans to restart dancing at their clubs. We hope that they can return to dancing soon.

Jim Maroldo with Laura Martin

Dance Club News

(For clubs that are dancing or planning to dance)

The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut



The Moose Promenaders resumed our regular Thursday night dances on June 18th with Bill Chesnut as our caller (see picture to the left). We have now held fourteen dances since our restart. Dance attendance was relatively small at first, but we have grown. Our larger crowds have allowed us to have two squares dancing concurrently – one with masks required for all dancers (which some dancers prefer) and one with masks optional (which some dancers prefer). We plan to make this our normal format for each dance so that we can accommodate the wishes of all dancers. Our dances are open to all square dancers, so please join us on a Thursday night at 7:00 pm.

We have decided to cancel our Spring Fling for 2020 which was originally scheduled for May 3rd. We will have a Spring Fling Dance in 2021. We had presold almost 40 tickets to the 2020 dance when the virus started. We will be refunding these ticket purchases in October. We have a list of all purchased tickets, so you do not need to contact us to get your refund.

COME AND
SEE US!

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, Florida
Caller - Bill Chesnut

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We have three scheduled theme dances in October. The first is October 1st when we will celebrate all October birthdays. The next will be Part II of Amateur Caller Night on October 15th. We had an amateur caller night on August 20th, but some of our aspiring callers could not attend on that night. Our only requirement is that you coordinate with Bill Chesnut on your selected dance record. Our third theme dance will be our annual Halloween Dance on October 29th. We have decided to use a Cowboy/Cowgirl theme for our Halloween dance.

We did not have an opportunity to start a class for new dancers in September, but we are going to start a new class on January 7th. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning, please have them call Jim Maroldo on 301-215-7922.

We are also restarting our Advanced Square Dance Lessons on September 24th. These lessons are open to all interested dancers who are proficient in Plus Square Dancing. Lessons are offered before our regular dance. They typically start about 6:20 pm and end at 7:00 pm. There is no extra cost for these lessons other than our normal nightly dance contribution.

We were pleased to be visited by Margaret and Lenny Newberry of Palm Bay, Florida at a recent dance. Margaret is a cuer and Lenny is a caller. The following pictures are from the dance that they attended.





The following pictures are from our recent dances.





Dennis and Laura Ramsey hosted a picnic at their house for our club dancers in August. We had a pleasant surprise when Belinda Barker joined us from her new home in Ormond Beach, Florida.



Pictures and article by Jim Maroldo

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- September 24, 2020 – Advanced Lessons begin, about 6:20 pm
- October 1, 2020 – October Birthdays
- October 15, 2020 – Amateur Caller Night Part II (please coordinate with Bill Chesnut)
- October 29, 2020 – Halloween Dance – Cowboy/Cowgirl attire encouraged
- November 5, 2020 – November Birthdays
- November 19, 2020 – Club meeting at 9:15 pm (including election of officers)
- November 26, 2020 – Thanksgiving (no dance)
- December 3, 2020 – Kay Walker Dance and December Birthdays
- December 17, 2020 – Christmas Dinner Dance
- December 24, 2020 – Christmas Eve (no dance)
- December 31, 2020 – New Year’s Eve (no dance)
- January 7, 2021 – First Night of Lessons
- January 14, 2021 – Second Night of Lessons

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

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

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

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- December 4-5, 2020 - Christmas Party at the Lake Oklawaha RV Park - 15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Florida 32134 - 352-546-5500. The rate is \$29.70 including tax. Please call the campground to make your reservation, including one night’s deposit.

The Grand Squares – Gainesville – Callers Lon Ligon & Jim Duncan

Greetings Dancers! It has been so long since we have all been together. I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy!

Daddy (Lon Ligon) is chomping at the bit to get dancers back on the floor. He has gotten permission to use the Fellowship Hall of his church near Santa Fe College in Gainesville, at least until the Recreation Center is open for business.

At this time, all I want to know is who feels ready to return to dancing. If there is enough interest, I will facilitate a conversation between the interested parties to determine if there are enough people to dance, and to discuss the logistics of how this would work.

Please email me directly at robin.frazer@yahoo.com and let me know whether you are ready to engage in some dancing! You may also text me at (352) 317-1636. Please identify yourself if you text, because if I don't have your number programmed into my phone, I won't know who you are.

Robin Frazer

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

The Dixie Dancers are working on plans to restart their club. Stay tuned for future announcements.

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2021

- June 23-26 70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi www.70nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com 921-412-8140
- July 19-21 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
- September 3-5 The 50th Dance-a-Rama Festival of Single Square Dancers in the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines, Iowa. For further information contact the dance's chairman, Susan Lee, at rflxsue@aol.com or call 515-244-3247.

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

ULTIMATE FUN IN 2021 - WELCOME TO JACKSON!

HOME OF THE 70TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

Our Soul Team board was so looking forward to going to Spokane for dancing fun and getting more registrations for our convention. Also getting to sell all the Ways and Means we have because we



must raise money to put on our convention. Dan and I were looking forward to traveling this last year like we have for the last three years across the USA promoting the 70th NSDC. As all of you are stressed by all the Covid-19 issues so is our board. We want to get people registered and have a big "Reunion" dance next year in Jackson.

We sure hope we get to see all of you in Jackson because our board has been working hard to plan you a fun convention. They can hardly believe there is only ten months till our Convention. There are ten great tours planned to take you all over the state. The Everything Elvis

tour is a four-day tour before the Convention starts to take you into the life of Elvis that was born in Mississippi. You want to get registered for the Wednesday night special event that has an Elvis Tribute artist that has won Elvis contests. You will thoroughly enjoy his performance along with the great meal that will be right after the opening ceremony that occurs at 5:00 pm. After the convention you can make plans for Dancing Fun in the Sun on the "Glory" ship going to Eastern Caribbean with Justin Russell and Mike Hogan.

Our Education Chairman, Barbara Read, has developed a program that you will enjoy. The theme for the Education Program in Jackson will be Educate with Soul. She will help those that started the Leadership Certification Program (LCP) in Atlanta to get it finalized in Jackson. The Sew & Save program will provide Make & Takes with Beads & Buttons being the theme. Beaded zipper pulls, Beaded T-shirts, Beaded Pictures, and Jewelry. Look for more plans for Education programs in upcoming E-Magazine editions.

Our Convention center will have dance halls for all our regular dancing. There will be a clogging competition in the Hilton Garden on Friday and Saturday. Wood floors will be provided where needed. There are 6 dance halls on the first floor for different levels of square dancing and round dancing. The second floor has more dance halls for clogging, contra (with live band at night), line dancing, youth, and more squares and rounds, all the education rooms and storage areas for callers and cuers and exhibitions, the NSDC Archive room and the Showcase of Ideas. The third floor has more square and round dance halls and the theater that will be used for the USDA meeting on Wednesday, the Round Table on Thursday, the bid session and Key Note Speaker, Mike Seastrom, on Friday and the Fashion Show on Saturday. Our Vice-Chairman for the Fashion Show, Linda Carlile, has planned National Fashion Shows before so you know you are going to enjoy it very much.

In the next nine editions of the E-Magazines you will hear from our different board members all the plans they are making for you so that you can plan the dances, tours, special events, education sessions and all the other things that will be going on in Jackson the "City with Soul". So be sure to check out the E-Magazine each month to see what is available at the 70th NSDC.



Psst - have you heard Patsy Cline may be there along with Elvis?

Dan and Glinda Torvik

General Chairman - 70th National Square Dance Convention®

NEFSARDA and the Florida Federation

We still plan to have our annual Kay Walker Children's Christmas Gift Collection in December. If the local clubs remain closed into December, collections will be held at the December 3, 2020 Moose Promenaders' dance or at designated collection sites that will be identified later.

Susan Snider

Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

The 67th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention has been POSTPONED – *NOT CANCELLED* – *only POSTPONED!!!* But---the dates have been changed. The 67th Florida State Convention will now be held on March 4th and 5th of **2022**. Everyone has agreed to remain on board and everything will remain the same. Carol and Richard Douget have graciously agreed to continue chairing the convention, and they are carrying through with their original theme: "LIGHTING THE WAY TO FRIENDSHIP AND FUN" featuring Lighthouses.

Carol and Richard want to convey that there is no need to worry about having bought items that are "dated" as they will be not reordering replacements until the present inventory runs out. There are still plenty of shirts available – maybe they will become collector's items, you never know. Also, a reminder that if you have already purchased raffle tickets for the beautiful Lighthouse Quilt and/or the two (2) beautiful 5-foot Lighthouses, don't toss them away as the drawings will still be held at the convention in 2022. Remember your name and phone number is on the ticket half that the Douget's kept, so you won't lose out either way.

Hotel and campground reservations cannot be made now. Most places will not accept reservation this far in advance even under normal conditions. We will just have to wait to see what the future holds. There will be more information in the ensuing months. In the interim, please stay safe, as directed. Wear your masks, as directed. Keep social distancing, as directed. Wash your hands, as directed. And above all, keep in contact with your friends by phone, facebook or email, let them know you're thinking of them and wishing them well. A little LOVE goes a long way---so spread a little L-O-V-E!!!

Judy Anderson, Publicity

News and Happenings

Our next square dance cruise will sail from New York City on the Carnival Magic on September 11, 2021 and return on September 18, 2021.

- This is the same basic itinerary as the cancelled 2020 cruise, but it is a seven day cruise.
- The Booking number is H03JF0 - BOB 6 Square Dance Cruise.
- The Deck 6 mid-range price estimate (before insurance and gratuities) is \$1,311 for an interior cabin; \$1,831 for an ocean view cabin; and \$2,291 for a balcony cabin.

We have until the end of December 2020 to make our reservation and use the full refund from the cancelled 2020 cruise, including our \$600 room credit. The amount you paid for the last cruise will be credited to this cruise. Paul and I have already made our reservation. Manny is currently working from home, but he has the same telephone number, 800-819-3902, extension 85172. Leave him a message and give him a couple of days to respond. We look forward to another wonderful cruise with "BOB." If you have any questions, please give call me or send me an email. Thanks again,

Marilyn Scott 904-264-9392 mjanescott@bellsouth.net



Dances & Dancing Events That Have Been Recently Cancelled

(This is the first time that these cancellations have been reported in the Grapevine)
November 13-14, 2020 – The 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, Florida

February 20-21, 2021 – The Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Daytona, Beach, Florida

March 18-20, 2021 – The WASCA Spring Festival in Alexandria, Virginia

Farewells and Concerns

We have several dancers in our community who are not well. Their situations are sometimes temporary and sometimes serious. We ask that you keep these dancers in your thoughts and prayers, plus we hope for speedy recoveries for all. Please notify us about all dancers who should be on this list by contacting us on squaredancejax@gmail.com.

Dale Fredrickson of the Moose Promenaders

Linda Knapp of the Moose Promenaders

Bobbie Luke of the Moose Promenaders

George Tower of the Moose Promenaders

Chuck Breedlove of the Rollaways died on August 10th after a brief hospitalization and a stay at hospice. Chuck and his wife Aleen also danced with the First Coast Rounds, the Happy 2 Be, the Palm Valley Twirlers, the Square Wheels, the Teddy Bear Squares and the Touch of Class. Chuck served as the NEFSARDA Vice President in 1991.

Charles Eugene “Chuck” Breedlove was born on June 13, 1931 in Alkol, West Virginia. He married Aleen Fraser Snow on July 22, 1989. Chuck worked in the fire service his entire career, first in the United States Air Force and then in Civil Service at the Mayport Naval Station. He held multiple positions, starting as a Crash Rescue Driver and ending his 47-year career as Mayport's Chief Fire Inspector. During his time in the Air Force, Chuck was stationed in Greenland, Thailand, Okinawa, and Germany as well as several state-side locations. Chuck and Aleen enjoyed their RV, round and square dancing, cruising, and most recently living at Cypress Village where they made many friends and participated in many activities. Graveside services were held on August 14th. In lieu of flowers, the family



requests donations made to the [American Heart Association](#) in honor of Charles Breedlove.”

Cards of condolence may be sent to:

Aleen Breedlove

4513 Middleton Park Circle East

Jacksonville, Florida 32224-6605

Bobbie Luke of the Moose Promenaders continues to battle cancer. If you would like to send a card, her address is 6535 Shindler Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32222.

Dee Casteel of the Square Wheels and Moose Promenaders was in a head on truck collision. She is currently in the hospital in Gainesville. Her injuries included a badly broken forearm which has now been repaired with two metal plates.

Cards may be sent to Dee Casteel, 14829 SE 183 Avenue, Hawthorne, Florida 32640

David Smith

It is with a sad heart that we write to inform you of the passing of Sue Fogel's daughter, Laurie Kress-Durkalski, on Thursday 8/20/2020. Sue and her late husband were members of the Rollaways Square Dance Club. Cards of condolence may be sent to Sue Fogle, 209 Solano Woods Drive, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32082

Robert Padgett died on August 14th. He was a member of the Florida Callers Association, a past president of the Moose Promenaders, and the founding caller of the Clay Allemanders Square Dance Club of Middleburg, Florida. He had been struggling with his health after having a stroke. Robert was scheduled to have heart valve surgery. His daughter reports that he was having breathing difficulties and went back to the hospital where he died. Please keep his family in your prayers during a sad and difficult time.



A memorial service for Robert was celebrated on Friday, September 11th. A reception was held after the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church.

Cards may be sent to Christy and Jason Jones, 6139 Suwanne Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32217
David Smith and Pat Herscha

Bill Highsmith died on July 19th which was thirteen days prior to his 90th birthday. Bill was an avid square dancer, and he attended many, many conventions, festivals, etc. throughout the country. He is also remembered by the children as he fashioned balloon animals for a gift to them. Bill was originally from Texas but moved to Georgia to be closer to his family. The week before his passing Bill was out riding his motorcycle. Bill danced frequently with Seabreeze Singles. You can contact Bill's daughter, Susan Goehring, at goehring@bellsouth.net. He will be remembered by many friends.



Pam Newman, David Smith and Penny Green

It is also with sadness that we advise of the passing of Lisa Wall's daughter oldest daughter, Sara Noe. Before Lisa moved to Arizona, she was the cuer for the Rollaways Square Dance Club and she started The First Coast Rounds. Sara was a square and round dancer. Cards of condolence may be sent to Lisa Wall, 1443 W. Hull Ranch Rd., Bisbee, Arizona 85603

It is with heavy heart that Garland and I want to let you know of the passing of our daughter, Cynthia DeWitt, on Saturday August 22 at the age of 55. Cindy did dance for a short time, but not in recent years.

Carole & Garland McKenzie, 6600 NW 61st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34482

Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida

(Please check with the contact person(s) listed below for the latest information.)

2020

October 16-17

Seaside Squares Spook-Tacular, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Fl. – with a square dance caller and cuers Terri & Tim Wilaby – contact Terri Wilaby 850-293-7720 terriwilaby@hotmail.com

2021

January 16

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