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## NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

APRIL 3, 1976

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A New Year of Square Dancing is before us. This is an ideal time to make a serious, honest appraisal of one's own actions and attitude toward the local club square dancing.

The officers and callers can only do so much to make the club a success. It is the club membership, by their individual response, that make for a successful club dance. Often the smallest club is the most successful due to the club spirit of its members.

Are your individual attitudes and actions a sincere, honest effort to improve your club's regular dance? Do you add to or subtract from the festivities. A little extra effort may be the spark that ignites or enlivens the crowd. Give a warm welcome to everyone, and make an effort to square up with everyone during the evening. A friendly smile, a warm handshake can cause an avalanche of friendship. This makes a dance to remember, and after all, fun and friendship is what square dancing is all about.

Happy Dancing in 1976!!!

Joe & Doris Vaccari



## editors mail box

This is a new feature in the Newsletter to be used by dancers and callers to express opinions and comments regarding square and round dancing.

All letters must be signed (names may be withheld from publication upon request). The Editor can not answer letters due to time involved.

## N.W. FLORIDA ASSN. MEETINGS

The NWFSRDA meetings are held every other month, usually in January, March, May, July, September and November. They are always held in conjunction with a special dance. Following are guidelines for hosting these meetings:

1. Must be a special dance
2. Must take place on weekends
3. Should conform to local area or council policies
4. Any member club may host a meeting
5. Assn. delegates vote on location

The Association hosts ONE dance a year, our Annual Roundup. This dance is usually held in the Fall.

Future Meetings: April 3 Pensacola  
May 8 Tallahassee

# A Round the Square by Marty Lacker



Square dancing is fun and friendship set to music. But does this really tell the story? Is it just one big activity with beginner classes at the start and a high level club or workshop as the ultimate goal? Is it realistic to assume that square dancing means the same thing to all dancers?

First of all, square dancing must bring enjoyment and fit into many lifestyles. Square dancers range in age from busy youngsters in elementary school to retired people with time on their hands. Each person has differing physical, mental and financial capabilities. Each has varying amounts of time to devote to this fine social and recreational outlet.

For the youth, time is usually limited by school activities and what parents allow. Young married couples with no children may dance at every opportunity depending upon working hours and the pocketbook.

When babies and more demanding business activities come along, square dance time may dwindle to once or twice monthly. When sitters are no longer needed, more time is available but still is limited sometimes by business and other social activities. After retirement and the children are all grown, time for square dancing becomes limited only by its availability.

Therefore time available for square dancing, NOT merely individual intelligence, is a key factor in the ability to assimilate and respond to certain movements.

It takes time to learn the basics, time to reach a point of automatic reaction, time to learn new movements, and time to dance simply for the enjoyment of it.

It is crystal-clear that someone who is able to devote only 5 or 6 hours monthly simply does not have the same exposure or practice as someone who devotes hundreds of hours monthly to square dancing.

Trying to satisfy the needs of all these people and fit them into the single club concept creates a very difficult task for leaders and callers alike. Presently, the vast majority of clubs must depend upon variety to keep the interest and retain members. This is not easy.

If the needs of the new graduate, anxious to dance new skills, or those with little time to devote to square dancing and just want to dance what they know are met; the more experienced dancer may lose interest. If the needs of the more experienced are met, others may become frustrated and embarrassed as they fall behind.

Each dancer will seek his own level if given the opportunity. But every community can't always provide 50-basic clubs followed by 75-basic clubs, mainstream clubs, advanced and challenge clubs to serve as stepping stones.

There is no easy solution to this problem. Square dance leaders are studying the problem at Callerlab, Legacy and other meetings. Hopefully workable systems will soon be offered. Meanwhile let's all cooperate and continue to keep square dancing fun and friendship set to music.

# CLUB NEWS

SWINGSTERS, Pensacola, will begin dancing again Friday, Jan 9 at 7:30 PM, after a long holiday. New officers were elected with Marv Taylor President, Dave Action Vice President, Mary Yerst Treasurer, and Olena Taylor Secretary. Congratulations to George & Nancy Gregg on their new baby boy. Come visit us. Happy New Year!!!.....Olena Taylor

TYNDALL TOE TAPPERS, Panama City, celebrated Thanksgiving with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. All club members and students enjoyed the evening. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Charlotte Hall and Sharon Arteaga. A turkey raffle was held by the club. Caller Ron Ray donated the "bird". The Christmas season will bring forth a "White Elephant" gift exchange and if you haven't tried this you've missed some fun. New officers elected at our December meeting: Pres. Jack White, Vice Pres. Ed Bussey, Secretary Celeste Williams, Treasurer Peggy Freeman.....Charlotte Hall

PANHANDLE PROMENADERS, Chipley, have elected new officers as follows: President Joe Collins, Vice Pres. Richard Barnes, Secretary Debbie Collins, Treasurer Elaine Engram, Reporter Sue Birge and WASANDA Representative Marvin Engram. Board of Directors are Leslie Harrell, Margaret Freeman and Harold Smith....Twenty four members attended the New Years Eve dance in Marianna hosted by Chico's Grand Squares. 4 members attended a New Years Eve dance in Tallahassee....Plans are underway for a "Spring Fling" and a "Fall Festival". The Spring Fling will be March 20, '76 with Earle Williams of Mobile calling. Fall Festival to be held Nov 6, '76. Both will be at the National Guard Armory.....Elaine Engram

BELLES & BEAUX, Ft. Walton, will hold Open House Jan 9, 16 & 23. Christmas was celebrated with a delicious pot-luck dinner Dec. 19th with Jean Kendall in charge of arrangements.....

MODERN SQUARES, Crestview, are launching forth in our Bicentennial year with many activities planned. The first will be a class for beginners. The first night of Open House is January 15....Another big activity we are working towards is our second Annual Old Spanish Trail Festival square dance which will be held on April 3, featuring Elmer Sheffield, Jr..This will be a fantastic evening of fun for all square dancers.....  
Bob & Lois Ford

Circle Squares, Ft. Walton have temporarily moved to Okaloosa Technical Center, 1111 N. 1st St. Ft. Walton, Thursday 7:00 PM.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

- FEB 6-7 MONTGOMERY 16th Dixie Jamboree; Vaughn Parrish - Jon Jones  
 13-14 RAYMOND, MISS. Hinds Jr. College; Don Franklin - Jack Cloe  
 26 PENSACOLA Valentine Dance, Pensacola S.R. Dance Council, Municipal Auditor; Mary Lindner - Kit Waldorf Rounds  
 27 TALLAHASSEE Capital Squares, Kate Sullivan School; Mary Lindner  
 26-28 LAKELAND Florida Sunshine Festival; J. Lasry, J. Saunders, P. Pedell, E. Chapman, A. Springer, D. Robinson, S. Mitchell, E. Sheffield, Rounds by Kunde's and Stones  
 MARCH 5-6 MOBILE 23rd Azalea Trail Festival; Jerry Helt, Johnny Wykoff - Mita & Marlene Smith on Rounds  
 19-20 ALBANY, GA. Rebel Squares "Bicentennial Dance", National Guard Armory; Eric Albert Selcher, Sat. afternoon all callers, Sat. nite Elmer Sheffield  
 20 CHIPLEY Panhandle Promenaders Spring Fling; Eunie Williams, Nat'l Guard Armory  
 21-26 WAYCROSS, GA Callers College; Cal Golden - Dick Barker  
 APRIL 2-3 BIRMINGHAM Alabama Jubilee; Don Franklin - Cary Shoemaker  
 3 TALLAHASSEE TASARDA; Jay Henderson  
 3 CRESTVIEW Old Spanish Trail Dance, Modern Squares, National Guard Armory, Elmer Sheffield  
 3 PENSACOLA Swingers 16th Anniversary Dance, Bayview Community Center, Sat. Round Dance workshop by Samples, Sat. afternoon workshop and night dance "Singing Sam" Mitchell  
 3 PENSACOLA NW FLOPILA ASSOCIATION MEET INC., Bayview Community Center

FUTURE FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL DANCES

- MAY 8 14th Cotillion, Capital Squares, Tallahassee
- 23-30 Florida State S/R Dance Convention, Miami Beach
- JUN 4-5 Billy Bowlegs Festival, Ft. Walton Beach
- 17-19 24th Square & Round Dance Festival, Pensacola
- 24-26 25th National Convention, Anaheim, Cal.
- JUL 24 14th Annual Bob Poyner Jamboree, Valparaiso
- AUG 6-7 14th Annual Festival, Hloxix, Miss.
- SEP 10-11 2ND ANNUAL ROUNDUP, NW FLORIDA S/R DANCE ASSN.
- OCT 16 Peanut Festival, Dothan, Ala.
- NOV 6 Fall Festival, Chipley

FUTURE NATIONALS

- 1976 Anaheim, Cal. Jun 24, 25 & 26
- 1977 Atlantic City, N.J. Jun 23, 24 & 25
- 1978 Oklahoma City, Ok., Jun 22, 23, & 24
- 1979 Milwaukee, Wis., Jun 28, 29 & 30

If you are going to Miami, plan on staying at the Beauville Hotel with your fellow dancers--Register early!!!



23rd FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

Miami Beach Convention Center - May 23, 24, 25, 1978  
 Bob Fish, Cal.                      John Henderson, Miss.  
 Anita & Leroy Stark, Ariz. Rounds

REGISTER EARLY!!! This promises to be another great Convention, so make your plans now to attend. Dance registration 20.00 per couple. \$10.00 per person. \$5.00 per person. \$10.00 per person.

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

# CLUB NEWS

**CAPITAL SQUARES, Tallahassee:** Friday, Feb. 27. Mary Lindner of Artesia, Cal., will be calling for the Capital Squares. The dance will be held at the Kate Sullivan Auditorium, 927 Micosukee Rd., Tallahassee, 8-11 PM, Donation \$3.00 per couple. Hope all of you who can will come!!! On May 8th, John Saunders will be calling for our 14th Cotillion. Howard & Norma Smayda will be handling rounds. The dance will be at the Elk's Club, Magnolia Dr., workshop 3-5. night dances 8-11. Will let you know more details about buffet supper, etc., real soon...The Capital Squares wish all of their friends a happy and prosperous New Year - Come dance with us anytime you can.....Ernestine Roberts

**CASTOFFS, Valparaiso:** At the November 29th dance hosted by the Castoffs, live music was provided by the Mountain City Ramblers. Approximately 100 dancers attended and enjoyed the change of pace... Officers elected at the December meeting are: President Harry & Erna Nell, Vice Pres. R. A. & Linda Cross, Secretary Joan Shimmerly, Treasurer Johnny & Linda Sicuranza, Reporter Donna Bekala. Happy Dancing!!!.....Elsie Smith

**CIRCLE SQUARES, Ft. Walton:** Graduation ceremonies were held at the Circle Squares last month. Featured caller for this gala occasion was Foley Wood. Members awarded the degree and title of Bachelor of Square Dancing were Bill Henkener, Connie & Mike Brooks, Kathy & Dusty Austin, and Lori and Roy Hemoreki. Joining in the festivities were guests from area clubs. Five squares shuffled lively to the rapid pace set by Foley Wood's expert singing tips. There were fun dances for the graduating class and everyone enjoyed the merrymaking. It was an evening of square dancing fun greatly enjoyed by all...We had a fine evening of dancing with caller Archie Garlock at the Okaloosa Training Center. Since the retirement of Harry Harrison, it has been announced that Archie Garlock will be the new caller for our club. Anyone needing information regarding the Circle Squares, please call President Pat Joyner, 242-7236, Ft. Walton.....Rosemary Franklin

**FLYING SQUARES, Ft. Walton:** The Flying Squares club members and students danced their way right thru the hustle and bustle of the holidays without missing a single Monday night. We thank everyone, and especially our many guests, for making our dancing so enjoyable these past few weeks. We are looking forward to initiating our students as bona-fide members in the club...New officers were elected as follows: President George Nied, Vice Pres. Dick Eixby, Secretary Rosemary Franklin, Treasurer Jim Franklin. Come out any Monday night and join in the fun with us. We are planning another wiener roast as soon as the weather warms up a bit.....Geri Tardiff

Marty's PRAIRIE FIRE Dip

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 Medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 #? can Ranch-style beans  
(put through sieve)
- 1 stick margarine or butter
- 1/2 lb cheese, any kind, grated
- 2 to 6 jalapini peppers; a  
little of the juice
- Salt, just a shake or two



Sprinkle salt in empty skillet. Add beef, fry till it loses its pink color. Push beef to one side of skillet and saute onion and garlic till tender. Transfer to top of double boiler or crock pot. Stir in remaining ingredients. Heat until cheese and butter are melted. Pour into chafing dish to serve hot if made in double boiler. This may be made in advance and reheated. Serve with cracker, corn chips, etc. (Be sure to have a COLD drink handy if you use 6 peppers.)

When gathering ruffles for a tiered skirt, sew twice in your longest stitch - only 1/2 of the tier length at a time. This will provide an extra thread should one break.

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Material that claims controlled shrinkage of less than 1% should be washed in warm soapy water before cutting pattern. That small 1% may make the difference in that perfect fit we all strive for. Sure will save you a terrible headache later.

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Colored crayons work wonderful for touching up scuff marks on colored shoes.

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Before storing your petticoat, place it in your dryer on low heat and fluff dry. Removal of moisture will keep your petticoat looking newer longer.

New Officers of the NW Florida Callers Association:  
 Darryl McMillan, President  
 Archie Carlock, Vice President  
 Curtis Stokes, Secretary  
 Kent Bartlett, Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

July 24, 1976

4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOB POYNER JAMBOREE  
 OUTSTANDING PATER CALLER

CASTOFF CLUB      Addie Lewis School  
 VALPARAISO, FLORIDA

As the first featured Caller in the Newsletter we are happy to present:

DARRYL McMILLAN, Panama City

Darryl entered in the world of square dancing in August 1968 upon graduation with the Huffin Pubs of Opelika, Alabama. In 1970 with the assistance of Ron Ray, Darryl became a student caller. Dub Hayes also contributed to his calling career. In Sep. '71 he conducted his first class. This class is now the Swinging Squares. Darryl still calls for this club. He also organized the Sun-Shiners of Port St. Joe.

In addition to being a member of the Florida Callers Assn., and International Association of Square Dance Callers (CALLERLAB) Darryl is President Elect of the NW Florida Callers Association. In August 1977 he will serve on staff at Lions Head Resort, Montana.

Recently Darryl and Ann started the Ranch House Record Company. The company is off to a great start with one of their records - San Antonio Stroll - in the top four in the country.

Also, Darryl and Ann have constructed a square dance building. In December 1974 this building became the center of square dancing in Panama City.

While busy with his construction company, Darryl, with the help and support of his wife Ann, has found the time to be involved in all phases of Square Dancing.

## BRIEF OF ASSOCIATION MEETING

The NWFSRDA meeting was held 22 Nov 75 in conjunction with a special dance hosted by the Panhandle Promenaders and called by Darryl McMillan. Seventeen clubs were represented.

Charlotte Hall, Publicity, will keep a scrapbook for the Assn. Charlotte is making arrangements to promote square dancing on local TV and radio.

The Newsletter will now be published monthly. All clubs are requested to send in news and information on special events.

The 2nd Annual Roundup has been set for Sep 10-11. Roger Chapman will call Saturday. Members of the NW Florida Callers Assn. will call Trail In Dance.

The insurance program has been instituted and members will receive ID cards.

The Association will incorporate as a non-profit organization.

The next meeting will be Jan. 31, 1976, 12 noon in Panama City at the Auditorium.

**LOOK**

on page 32 of the December issue of ECW & WING for pictures of our 1st Roundup in Panama City on September 13, 1975

## BICENTENNIAL NEWS

In keeping with the Bicentennial year and the Silver Anniversary Convention, an official convention attire has been designed.

The ladies dresses are white with red and royal blue trim. Men will wear white shirts, blue trousers and red and blue bolero (vest).

Everyone is urged to make and wear this patriotic attire. Patterns and instructions may be obtained by writing to:

25th National S/D Convention  
P.O. Box 637  
Tempe City, Cal., 91780

Cost of pattern including handling charge is 75¢.

Material will be stocked or ordered by Sears. Material identification is:  
Polyester Crepe #3777 dress  
Double Knit #6032 trousers and bolero  
Colors: Brighton Blue & Ridge Red



If you missed the Square Dance Float in the Parade of Roses, check the January issue of Sets in Order. There is a sketch of the float on page 5.

YOUR NEWSLETTER IS NOW BEING PUBLISHED MONTHLY.....

Please take advantage of this! Help us keep the SPECIAL EVENTS current and accurate. This is only possible if the clubs and callers send information to us as soon as possible.

When scheduling a dance please check the Special Events Calendar to avoid conflict. As soon as a dance is firmed up, notify us! It will then be entered on the calendar and listed in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER. The Special Events calendar will be kept a year in advance.

Let's all cooperate and eliminate the conflict in scheduling dances so that we can support each others special dances.

Please make the work involved in a monthly publication worthwhile by keeping the Editors informed.

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Flying Squares.....Ft. Walton Beach  
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Jefferson Squares.....Monticello  
Modern Squares.....Crestview  
Panhandle Promenaders..Chipley  
Scootbacks.....Pensacola  
Shufflers.....Pensacola  
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Swinging Squares.....Panama City  
Swingsters.....Pensacola  
Tallahassee Twirlers...Tallahassee  
Tyndall Toe Tappers....Panama City  
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**CALLERLAB:** The Quarterly Movements Committee of Callerlab suggests one mainstream movement for the first quarter of 1976. The single selection is:

**LOCKIT** by Lee Kopman:

The Committee hopes that all caller/teachers will include LOCKIT in their mainstream and workshop programs during January, February & March.

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The PLAYGROUND AREA SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL started off 1976 in grand style with their Bicentennial Kick-Off dance January 7 in Crestview. We were very honored to have Congressman Bob Sikes lead off 16 squares in the Grand March. The caller for this special event was the fabulous Frankie Lane from Estes Park, Colorado. He did an excellent job and kept 18 squares moving at a fast pace all evening. Kit Waldori, Pensacola was on hand to cue the rounds. All area clubs turned out, along with dancers from Swingsters & Seaside Squares, Pensacola, and Chautaugua Squares, DeFuniak. Out-of-town guests included Congressman Sikes, Gene Wythe, Jacksonville, Fla., and Rose and Bob Lickfield from New York.....Geri Tardiff