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President's Corner

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and we wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year that includes a lot of "fun time" square dancing. Let's all have a 1999 goal of sponsoring at least one new prospective square dancer to join a class. If we are just 50% successful, it will be a banner year!



We certainly want to thank Julian & Flo Rosdick, Chairman of the 1998 Northwest Roundup, Fred and Shirley Cornett as past President of Northwest and the many, many others that made the Roundup a very successful fun dancing weekend enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Pat and Rocco Torre, Chairman of the 1999 Northwest Roundup, are already busy planning and preparing the activities for '99.

The next meeting of the NWFSRDA will be on 20 February 1999 at 4:00 PM in Panama City at the Western Steer Restaurant, 232 South Tyndall Parkway. This will be during the time period between the FREE fun level (casual dress) afternoon dance (2:00 – 4:00 PM) sponsored by the Northwest Callers at Grand Square Hall, and their evening Sweetheart Swing Dance (7:30 – 10:30 PM). Plan on enjoying the buffet at the Western Steer with Northwest dancers immediately after the meeting. Also, we are sure many Northwest dancers are planning to attend the Sweetheart Swing Dance and support the Northwest Callers in their major dance of the year. It is always a FUN dance, a great opportunity to dance with some new Northwest Dancers and dance to all the Northwest Callers and Cuers. See you there!

Congratulations to Bill Jenner of Seaside Squares on being selected as the Northwest Dancer of the Year! It was encouraging that nine (9) other clubs took the time and effort to nominate a deserving member of their club for the Dancer of the Year Award. Those nominated were: Dick and Anna Mae Baughman, Swingin' Saints; Frank and Nancy Branton, Pensacola Twirlers; Sam and Martha Coker, Country Squares; Jim and Mary Laird, Chautauqua Squares; Jack and Pat Larusso, Emerald Coasters; Deloyd and Sara Loveless, Capital Squares; Bobby and Shirley

McGraw, Wnirlaways; and Fred and Becky Tunnington, Merrymates. It is always great to see hard- working Dancers get recognized for their efforts for the furtherance of Square and Round Dancing activities. It is really hard for us to believe that

the other fifteen (15) Northwest Area Clubs could not take the time and effort to nominate someone from their club that is worthy of this prestigious award. It really only takes about two hours of a club members time and effort to prepare a good write up to nominate your fellow dancers. Every one nominated is awarded a nice badge at the Northwest Roundup identifying that they were their clubs Dancer of the Year. Believe us, as being a receiver of this award, we wear it with pride because it was initiated by the dancers we spend most of our dancing time with -- our own square dance club! Your nominee would also be proud of the recognition.

We have given out many copies for distribution to dancers of "A survey concerning the feasibility of changing the date for the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention from Memorial Day weekend to an earlier date in the year." Also, there is a copy of the survey printed in this Panhandle Press. Please fill it out with your preferences and give to your Northwest Florida Club Delegate to turn in at the February Northwest Meeting. The completed surveys will be delivered to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers (FFSD) at the Working Weekend Meeting on 27 February 1999. This is an opportunity to get your preferences known to the FFSD committee and be counted.

The Northwest Florida FFSD Delegates are: Tom & Jean Hancock, President of the Executive Board; Cliff & Jean Allen, President of Northwest Association; Fred & Shirley Cornett, Delegate; Glen & Ann Price, Delegate; Tom & Shirley Constable, Delegate; Gene & Mary Hamilton, Alternate Delegate; and Fred & Joyce Collum, Alternate Delegate. Converse with these Dancers (your delegates) and give them any good/constructive ideas/comments regarding any square dancing activity that you think should be discussed at the State level. The primary purpose of the FFSD "working weekend" – to select a few areas of concern to concentrate FFSD efforts for the following year where it could make a difference in the success of future square dancing.

Cliff & Jean Allen
President

AH YES, IF YOU FIND MISTAKES
in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something, for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!

Bayou Shufflers

FT Walton Beach ... The Bayou Shufflers Christmas party on Dec. 12th began with dinner at The Summerhouse Restaurant in Ft. Walton Beach and moved on to Pasarda Hall for dessert and dancing. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and a large number of toys were collected for the Toys For Tots Christmas charity.

The officers for 1999 have been elected and are:

President:	Tom and Shirley Constable
Vice President:	Harry and Joan Murphy
Treasurer:	Ron and Gethyn Giordano
Secretary:	Les and Pat McBryde

We look forward to another year of good dancing with good friends and excellent callers.

Our schedule for the next several Saturdays is:

Jan. 16 - Bob Poyner (C-2)
Jan. 23 - Dark - Fl. Sunshine Festival (Lakeland)
Jan. 30 - Chuck Myers (2-2)

Feb. 6 - Pasarda Hall Valentine's (plus)
Feb. 13 - Bob Poyner (A-2)

For more information on our schedule or location, please contact our club president at 850-837-2356 or E-mail: Tcons@aol.com

The Bayou Shufflers wish all of our square dance friends a happy and prosperous year ahead with lots of happy dancing.

Submitted by Mary Ann Ellis

Canoe Squares

Milton ... After the Canoe's busy summer activities, the club settled back into every Monday night at Hobbs Middle School.

On October 26 we had a Halloween party. Among the costumes, there was an attractive red devil. Prizes were awarded.

Our 5th Monday potluck was on November 30. We had seven squares plus. The food was good--the guests were great. We thank all those who participated. Thanks go to Bob Poyner for making the evening a fun time. The next potluck supper will be March 29, 1999. Come join us. There are not many five Monday months in a year's time.

Two of our club members, Flo Dorsey and Jim Hendrix are engaged to be married. They are planning a private family ceremony in early spring. We congratulate them and wish them much happiness in this new phase of their lives.

Our 15th anniversary dance will be on February 27, 1999. Wayne Morvent of Silsbee, Texas will be on squares. June Leverette of Tallahassee will be on rounds. Our own Bob Poyner will be the "Emcee". Please join us for this occasion.

Submitted by
Mary Hamilton

Capitol Rounds

Tallahassee ... Our Capital Rounds Club has been averaging about five couples weekly. We have been working very hard on "Doolittle Cha", "Two Many Rivers" (slow two step), and "Nola" (foxtrot and jive). At the Merry Mates Christmas party we demonstrated these dances. Since Owen and Barb Hutchinson have been helping us, we feel much more confident in trying these new dances.

Ann and Norman Booth spent a week at Copecrest learning new rhythms such as the "Paso Doble" and other dances such as the "Dancez Merengue" and the "Doolittle Cha" and brought back many ideas for the club to try.

Pete Levy and Bill Weber are heading further south for the months of January and February. We hope they bring back some new dance moves too. There is much to learn and we are willing!

Our president, Jim Hinson, was away for awhile due to knee surgery and his work schedule but he and Anne are now back and dancing away.

Owen and Barb have such enthusiasm and are so willing to help us and encourage us. With their help, we are going to keep improving!

Our dance place is Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe St., every Tuesday from 7:30 till 9:30 p.m, in the auditorium. We have a wonderful wooden floor....nice and roomy too....so come and dance with us anytime.

For further information, please contact the Hinson's at 386-3606, the Booth's at 385-8566 or the Blackburn's at 997-0737. We keep trying to include any special dances or steps that the groups is interested in learning. Owen welcomes suggestions.

Happy New Year and Happy Dancing to All.

Submitted by
Rose Blackburn

Country Dancin

Panama City ... Thanks to the NWFSRDA for the \$100.00 in Advertising Funds. The funds helped recruit new dancers for our new classes.

Having good times every Friday. Lots of ballroom dancers and line dancers really enjoy finding a place to dance on a big hardwood floor with no smoke in the air or alcohol around.

We teach everything we do, and that includes basic ballroom, two-step, easy round dance figures, polkas and contra dances. We are a fun group, and welcome any visitors and new dancers.

Submitted by
Bill & Madelyn

Emerald Coasters

FT Walton Beach ... It was one year ago that we introduced the Emerald Coasters. Our club is still going strong thanks to the great leadership we had throughout 1998.

Our Tuesday night class is just finishing Mainstream lessons and will begin Plus after the holidays. We are looking forward to their graduation and having them as club members.

Our Chuckwagon dance was well attended and a great time was had by all. Our club outdid themselves when it came to decorating the hall; made you feel like western days for sure. Thanks to all who came and supported our dance. Tim Marriner was his usual hit and will return next year, so be on the lookout for flyers.

The students are coming along really well and our club has been very supportive as "angels." We had a Christmas party and invited them to join us; a good time was had by all. Again, the hall looked super – all decorated for the holidays. Thanks to all of you who did that great job too.

The new officers for 1999 are as follows:

President - Jim and Pauline Waters

Vice President - Bill and Nina Zylak

Secretary - Jack and Pat Lorusso

Treasurer - Bob and Sally Taft

PASARDA Reps - Bill Brune and Carole Ross

We plan to make banner raids quite often, and we look forward to having other NW Florida area clubs come to visit with us.

The Emerald Coasters are expanding their dancing schedule as follows:

Jan 99: Wednesdays - 6th & 20th; Fridays - 15th & 29th

Feb 99: Wednesdays - 3rd & 17th; Fridays - 12th & 26th

Mar 99: Wednesdays - 3rd & 17th; Fridays - 12th & 26th

Apr 99: Wednesdays - 7th & 21st; Fridays - 16th & 30th

Bob Poyner continues to do a great job calling for the Emerald Coasters on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, as well as teaching the class on Tuesdays. We will have guest callers on Friday evenings.

Our thanks to Tom and Dorothy Kracht for doing such a great job as our President. Tom did a wonderful job; especially with the calendars. His expertise with his new camera and computer made for a very unique calendar.

Thanks also to the other officers who supported them so faithfully.

Our "Snowbird" friends from the north should be joining us after the holidays for the next few months. We are looking forward to seeing them again.

Happy dancing,

Submitted by
Pat Lorusso, Secretary

Pensacola Twirlers

Pensacola ... I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that this New Year will bring you all happiness and good dancing.

The Twirlers have been busy this past quarter with exhibitions and special dances throughout the Panhandle and Mobile.

We would like to take time out to express our thoughts and wish for a quick recovery to some of our Twirler Family. Sharon Butler had to have surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery. Gwendolyn Olson had surgery and we hope for her continued good health. Arlene Somerville had eye surgery and we are happy to have her back with us. Jane Shallue has had surgery and we are happy to have her back with us. Rose Lord has had surgery and she is recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery. Nora Brunegriff has had surgery and she is back dancing. We wish all of our members and friends a happy and prosperous New Year and continued good health.

During the first weekend in October, we had the privilege of dancing at St. Ann's Roundup, held annually at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The first weekend in November a large contingent of Twirlers journeyed to Ft. Walton Beach to dance with Tim Marriner at their annual Chuck Wagon Dance. We celebrated our 13th Anniversary Dance on the 14th of November with Paul Marcum calling and Voncille Murphy doing the queing. I take great pride in the Twirlers efforts to put on a great dance

and provide the dancers with an abundance of refreshments and snacks. We had 18 Squares and a wonderful dance. The Twirlers journeyed to Milton and attended a Pot Luck Supper with the Canoe Squares on the 30th of November. On the eve of 11 December we had a square and more visit with the Swinging Saints at their annual Christmas Dance. The Annual Toys For Tots Dance was held on the 13th of December and many of our members attended this very worth while effort to raise money and toys for the underprivileged. We put on an exhibition at the Rosewood Manor Nursing Home in December. After the exhibition, Christmas gifts and a bag of candy were given to each resident present. Special gifts were given to the 2 ladies that our club sponsors . We had our Christmas Dance on the 22nd of December and again I wish to thank all the Twirlers for their generous support in bringing refreshments for our own crowd and our guests.

I have had the pleasure of leading the Twirlers for the past two years as their President and now it is time I bid you all goodbye as your president and present to you the new officers of the Pensacola Twirlers Square Dance Club. I am happy to introduce our new Board of Officers for the coming year: President - Flo Benton, Vice President- Frank Branton, Secretary - Joan Koile, Treasurer- Helen Murtaugh and our Sunshine Lady - Lili Cartwright. I know the Twirlers will be well served by these new officers and that we will continue to grow and enjoy each others company, led by our inexhaustible caller Patty Ping. Her goods works are appreciated by all whose lives she touches and appreciated by the Twirlers for leading them in exhibitions and other charitable efforts among the nursing homes and churches in our vicinity.

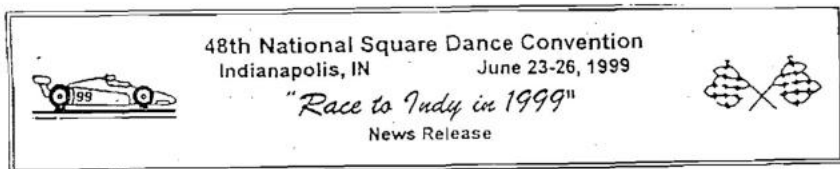
Submitted by
Frank Branton

Perdido Squares

Lillian, AL ... The Perdido Squares will host their second Anniversary Dance on February 2, 1999, at the Lillian Community Club, from 8:00pm to 10:30pm. Ben Williams and Bob Poyner will call both Mainstream and Plus dancing. All of you Square Dancers are welcome!

The Perdido Squares dance every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Lillian Methodist Church, 12270 South Perdido Street, Lillian, AL. Ben Williams calls both Mainstream and Plus dancing. Come and dance with us!

Submitted by Terry Reeves



TOUR INDY IN'99

There's more than corn and auto racing in Indiana. The Special Events Committee of the 48th National Convention has arranged 6 superb tours for your enjoyment when you're ready for a break from squaring up!

Come early for the Grand Victoria Casino outing in Rising Sun, Indiana on the mighty Ohio River on Tuesday. "Fun and games on a Grand Scale" can be enjoyed during this all-day excursion. Admission to the casino, river cruising, and a buffet are all included in the tour price. You'll have to spring for you own gambling!

The pioneers of Conner Prairie welcome you back to 1836 in the village of Prairietown, just north of Indianapolis. Besides touring the settlement, there is a hands-on adventure area. According to Good Housekeeping magazine, Conner Prairie is one of the "Top 10 places to relive America's past." This 4-hour trip is offered twice daily Tuesday through Friday.

Race fans will be attracted to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway tour. A narrated tour of the race track is included. Inside the 2-1/2 mile oval is the Hall of Fame Museum which displays one of the most diversified auto collections in the world. A historical portrait of auto racing is presented in the Hulman Theatre. Just spend 2 hours Tuesday through Friday to get a taste of the "greatest spectacle in racing."

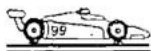
First-time visitors to the Crossroads of America will want to take the Indianapolis City Tour. In the 2-hour driving tour, you'll be introduced to many points of interest. Some of the places included are downtown Monument Circle, the RCA Dome -- home of Colts football, Union Station, Circle City Mall, the World War Memorial, Victory Field -- home of Indians baseball, and Market Square Area -- home of Pacers basketball. Other places of interest are the Children's Museum, Indianapolis Zoo, Butler University, and the Eli Lilly Corporate headquarters. This tour is offered twice daily Tuesday through Friday.

Visit the world's largest Children's Museum and the nation's first CineDome Theatre during this 3-hour outing. Over a million visitors annually enjoy interactive fun that excites kids and adults alike on the museum's five floors. CineDome is a round five-story film theater that "puts-you-in-the-action." Here is where children grow up and adults don't have to! Come to the museum any day Tuesday through Friday.

Get away during the day to beautiful Brown County in the hills of southern Indiana. You'll have time to explore the quaint village of Nashville for art, crafts, and antique shopping. Don't miss lunch at the Nashville House or one of the small cafes and be sure to sample the fried biscuits with apple butter. After this 7-hour trip, you may want to nap before the evening of dancing begins. Visit Nashville on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Reserved tour tickets can be ordered with the advance convention registration. Tickets for tours will also be sold on a space-available basis at the tour booth during the convention.

48th National Square Dance Convention
Indianapolis, IN June 23-26, 1999



"Race to Indy in 1999"

News Release



48TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Camping for the 48th National Square Dance Convention will be located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. We will have an unlimited number of sites available, all with electricity and water. There will be 300 sites that will have full hook ups. All sites are gravel and reasonably level, with paved access roads leading to them.

The typical site will accommodate up to a 40-foot camper, and a limited number will be available to accommodate larger units with slide-out rooms. Campers with pets will be grouped together as much as possible near a designated "pet walk area."

As noted on the Registration Form, electricity and water are available on each site. Showers and flush toilets are located near camping areas. Dump stations are available on site for use at any time without any additional fee.

The use of extensive roadway and paved parking area will give almost unlimited space to queue up arriving RV's, thereby causing minimal back-up in the check-in area.

CHECK-IN: Signs will be posted near the Fairgrounds directing campers to the main entrance and on to the parking lot where they will enter the "check-in area." Campers will be checked in without the driver leaving the RV.

PRE-REGISTERED: Badges, packets with items pre-ordered, plus an information sheet, trash bags and a site number card (to be placed in the windshield) will be issued. The parking attendants will then lead the camper to the respective site. Each camper will be asked to fill out and return an emergency contact information card.

NON-REGISTERED CAMPERS: The camper will be issued a site number card and parked. The camper then will be issued a one way bus pass to the Convention Center to REGISTER. They will have to purchase a bus pass to return to the campground. Upon return, the balance of the items (information sheet, emergency information card and trash bags will be issued).

All campers will be parked on a first come, first served basis. As stated on the Registration form, "Dancers planning to camp together must arrive together."

TRANSPORTATION: Buses to the Convention Center are planned to be "EXPRESS" rather than stopping at hotels/motels en route. The schedule will be adjusted according to the number of campers. Buses will pick-up and drop-off at designated bus stops in each camping area.

HOSPITALITY: The Hospitality Area will have an information center and refreshment table for the campers. This will include a map of services and shopping in the area.

ACTIVITIES: Activities will be based on the number of campers and developed as we get closer to the convention.

TRASH: Each camper will be issued trash bags and trash containers will be located conveniently throughout the campgrounds.

EMERGENCY COVERAGE: Plans are still being developed. Emergency Facilities are available nearby for all emergency needs. We will have a file system with emergency

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50/50 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ONE CLUB-ONE CALLER-50 YEARS

A Square Dance record will be changed in Oklahoma City during the 50/50 Celebration, March 26, 27, 28, 1999. The Silver Spur Square Dance Club of Oklahoma City is celebrating its 50-year anniversary and they have had the same caller, Gerald McWhirter, for those 50 years. The big 3-day celebration will take place in the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center on Lincoln Blvd., north of the state capital. Years in the planning, many dancers from throughout the nation and several 'national callers' are already registered.

Gerald and Sally, his wife of 54 years, have called Silver Spur their home club for all those 50 years. Gerald's colorful career as a club caller, area caller, and national caller has always revolved around Silver Spur, his home club. Oklahoma square dance calling and teaching and Gerald McWhirter have been synonymous for most of those fifty years. Gerald has always been the club caller for several clubs at the same time. He has always been active in Central District Callers Association, the Oklahoma Callers and Teachers Association and Callerlab. Gerald and Sally have handled large responsibilities in all three of Oklahoma's National Square Dances.

Gerald conducts at least one set of beginner lessons each year and always adds a plus section for the angels and others who want to learn plus. He plays golf regularly, and is active in several service, fraternal and professional organizations. He records on the Roofer Records label and the Cimarron Record label. Gerald and Sally own and operate a large roofing company.

Silver Spur's great celebration includes a Friday afternoon reunion time, an evening banquet, and two simultaneous dances. The Saturday program includes a talk session, billed as a seminar. There will be workshops for square and round dancing along with contra and line dancing. Another banquet will start the Saturday evening festivities. All dances are free. Reservations for rooms and meals are made at the same grand hotel. Several 'national callers' are already registered and others have announced plans to attend. General Chairmen Chet and Billie Ferguson are 45-year members of the Club. Their address is 5114 Miller Place, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. (405)942-6296 FAX (405) 942-6294 e-mail: chetferguson@hotmail.com

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MARDI GRAS 1'TIME IN '99

We know you can read the calendar, but have you given birth to the thought that the 1999 version of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is just a wee over FOUR MONTHS away?

That's right----Mardi Gras Time In '99 is just around the corner. It is rapidly approaching the time when you need to think about the various outfits you will be showing off and considering the many, many events you will be attending. May we give you an overview of what's in store for you and yours comes May 28th, 29th and 30th?

FRIDAY, May 28th is check-in day at the Hotel/Motel/Campground of your choice. (You have made reservations for your stay. I am sure!) As you look around for friends and fellow dancers and plan where and when you will enjoy your evening meal, remembering convention activities commence at 7:30pm in the Lakeland Convention Center. (Parking this year is \$3.00 per day, but you can get unlimited in/out privileges for all three days for \$7.00).

FRIDAY evening dancing offers the following Halls for your selection: Basic, Mainstream, Youth, Singles, Contra, Plus (All Singing Calls), Plus with Rounds between tips, All Rounds, and separate Halls for Advance One and Advance Two. If you need a little rest along the way, The Sewing Clinic will be in operation every hour that the Dance Halls are open, throughout the Convention (That's something new)! If you are in need of a new outfit or some "accent" accessory, your friendly vendors will remain open throughout the duration of the Convention, as well.

SATURDAY, May 29th will open at 9:00am with Workshops and Intros at all levels of dance from Basic to Challenge (Not to mention Country/Western and of course the Sewing Clinic). After a lunch break, all Halls will reopen at 1:00pm until 4:00pm for all levels of dance. The Florida Round Dance Council meets just after 4:00pm in the Rounds Hall. Your evening meal will be followed by special entertainment in the arena at 6:30pm. The Grand March starts at 7:00pm. All halls reopen at 7:30pm until we join together at 10:00pm for Musical Highlights. This is After Party Nite, so have fun with your new and old friends.

SUNDAY, the 30th, is a special day, with Morning Devotions at 8:15 am, just prior to the Florida Federation Meeting (all Florida dancers are invited to visit) and the Florida Callers Association Meetings. YEA great BIG Fashion Show starts in the arena at 1:00pm on the Mardi Gras Streets of our own New Orleans. This one is S-P-E-C-I-A-L and a must see! Following the Fashion Show, all Halls will reopen at 2:00pm until 4:00pm for dancing at all levels (Don't forget the Sewing Clinic). There will be entertainment for you at 6:30pm with the "Show Of Shows" and the Northeast Association KICK-OFF of the 46th Convention at 7:30pm. All Halls are once again offering dancing from 8:00pm to 9:30pm, with Musical Highlights featuring your favorite Florida Callers. This starts at 9:30pm.



Sure hope you enjoy your 45th edition of the Florida State Convention May 28th, 29th and 30th. We certainly 'aim to please'(If we don't, wow, you should 'look-up' Jim and Jan McConnaha and give 'em your ratiocination's. After all, that's one of the things General Chairmen do best....listen!)



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998 (ON THE PATIO AT THE FLAMINGO MOTEL)

7:00 P.M. - HOT DOGS - WE FURNISH
 7:30 - 10:00 P.M. - DANCING ON THE PATIO

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

7:30 - 8:00 P.M.	HALL 2	EARLY ROUNDS
8:00 - 10:30 P.M.	HALL 2	PLUS DANCE
8:20 - 10:10 P.M.	HALL 1	ADVANCED

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1998

9:30 - 11:00 A.M.	HALL 2	SQUARE DANCE FUNSHOP
11:00 - 12:30 P.M.	HALL 2	ROUND DANCE FUNSHOP
12:30 - 7:00 P.M.		PLAY ON THE BEACH
7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	HALL 2	CALLERAMA FEATURING GUEST CALLERS
8:00 - 8:30 P.M.	HALL 2	EARLY ROUNDS
8:30 - 11:00 P.M.	HALL 2	PLUS DANCE
8:30 - 10:40 P.M.	HALL 1	ADVANCED

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To the members of Seaside Squares, Inc., Pensacola, Fl and the Dancer of the Year Committee, officers and members of Northwest Florida Square and Round Dancers Association.

I would like to thank you all, for selecting me as the Dancer Of the Year 1997-1998. Although I had been sidelined due to a rare illness, I've still kept in touch with square dancing. This past year I've gotten better and became more involved with Seaside and Pensacola Clubs. As President of Seaside Squares, I have been quite busy keeping up with the running of the club, booking callers and scheduling dances. In September, we started a new class on Saturday nights. This, as usual has been a big challenge -- keeping students interested and angels standing by to help where needed. I'm very happy that I have gotten back to this level of working for the Square and Round Dance community. I also have been involved with a Clogging group and a Country Western group that meets at Ragon Hall each week. Like Square Dancers, they also are a great bunch of people to work with.

A couple of weeks ago I was telling one of the new class people that when I started class back 24 years ago, the first weeks of class I would say, "I can't get this stuff to work and I am going to quit class." The following week I'd be back. Then it hit me, if I had quit square dance class, what a treasure chest of friends and memories I would never have known in my life time.

I'm happy for square dancing. I'm happy to be a square dancer and proud to have been able to serve in capacities other than just a dancer.

Again, thank you for the Honor. Bill Jenner.



Your 1999 NWFSRDA Executive Board

Left to right: Jean Allen, Cliff Allen, Pat Torre, Rocco Torre, Ann Price, Glenn Price and Sandy Williamson. Jerry Williamson was off to the airport to pick up our caller Larry Letson for the Roundup.

Swinging Squares

Panama City - The Swinging Squares dance each Wednesday at Grand Square Hall. Visitors from Vernon and Sunny Hills have helped our club. Caller Ernie Griffin has been coming early to help those who need work on plus calls. If you are in Panama City, come see us. Thanks Ernie for your help!

Over the last several months we have had "Special Nights" with various members sponsoring the night. We have had Chili Night, Barbecue Night, Ice Cream Social, Birthday Night among others. Thanks to all who helped!

In promoting our Open House on October 21, we did a Demo at the Super Walmart in Callaway. Two squares danced for an hour and passed out flyers to any interested people. We also placed notices in papers and called people to promote the night. Thanks again Ernie for your calling!

Submitted by
Edmund Schaefer

TO THE DANCERS OF FLORIDA

This is a survey concerning the possibility of changing the date for the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention from the Memorial Day weekend to an earlier date in the year. Your opinion is important in determining the feasibility of such a change. It has been discussed at the Florida Federation meeting and at the Callers and the Cuers meeting that a change to an earlier date in the year would attract a larger crowd, particularly "snowbirds" that leave us before May first and do not return until after October first.

Attendance at the State Convention has decreased over the past few years making it difficult to meet the increased cost. It is thought that moving to earlier in the year would attract a larger crowd and produce a greater revenue to meet these higher costs.

The possible dates discussed were from the last two weeks of February to the first two weeks in March. Thursday, Friday, & Saturday is also being discussed in lieu of Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Your input on the attached form would give the Coordinating Committee looking into this matter the necessary data to consider a change. The earliest such a change might take place would be at least two, possibly three years from now considering the contracts with the Lakeland Convention Center for the coming years.

Please fill in the above form with your information and opinion as this will be taken into consideration when making this decision. Without your opinion "others" might make this decision for you. Return this form to your Associations and it will be forwarded to the Florida Federation to be counted in February, 1999.

FULL TIME RESIDENT

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I AGREE TO DATE CHANGE

I DISAGREE TO DATE CHANGE

WHICH DAYS ARE PREFERABLE TO YOU?

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

HOW MANY STATE CONVENTIONS HAVE YOU ATTENDED? _____

COMMENTS _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2, 1999 through June 12, 1999

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

1999 Indianapolis, IN
2000 Baltimore, MD
2001 Anaheim, CA
2002 Minneapolis, MN

NORTHWEST FL ASSOC. MTGS

20 Feb - Panama City

FEBRUARY

- 2 Perdido Squares 2nd Anniversary Dance. Lillian, AL. Caller Ben Williams and Bob Poyner.
- 6 PASARDA Hall Ft. Walton Beach. Valentines Dance. Caller: Dave Lightly, Cuer: Kit Woldorf.
- 13 8th Annual Mardi Gras Dance, Grand Square Hall, Panama City. Caller Ted Kennedy, Cuer Bill Bovard.
- 18 Merry Mixers 20th Anniversary Dance - Gulf Shores, AL. Caller Eddie Mayall and Cuer Dick Wheaton.
- 20 Sweetheart Swing - Panama City Grand Square Hall - NWF Callers Association. NWFSRDA Mtg 4Pm at Western Steer Restaurant, 232 So. Tyndall, Panama City.
- 27 Canoe Squares Anniversary Dance, Santa Rosa Auditorium. Caller: Wayne Morvent, Cuer: June Leverette.

MARCH

- 29 Canoe Squares Pot Luck Dance. Hobbs Middle School, Milton.

APRIL

- 29-30 Panama City Beach Ball - Frank Brown Park, Panama City Beach. Darryl McMillan, Tony Oxendine, Jack & Murial Raye.

JUNE

- 12 Fiesta of Five Flags - Sanders Beach, Pensacola. Joe Fioretti, Caller: June Leverette, Cuer.

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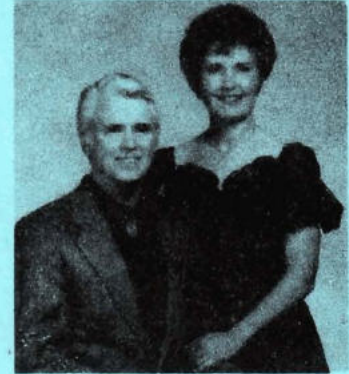


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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

ROUND DANCE WORKSHOP.....10:00 AM - 12 NOON
PLUS DANCE.....2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP.....3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
EARLY ROUNDS.....7:00 PM - 7:50 PM
SQUARE DANCE & ROUNDS.....8:00 PM - 10:30 PM
AFTER PARTY.....10:30 PM - 11:00 PM

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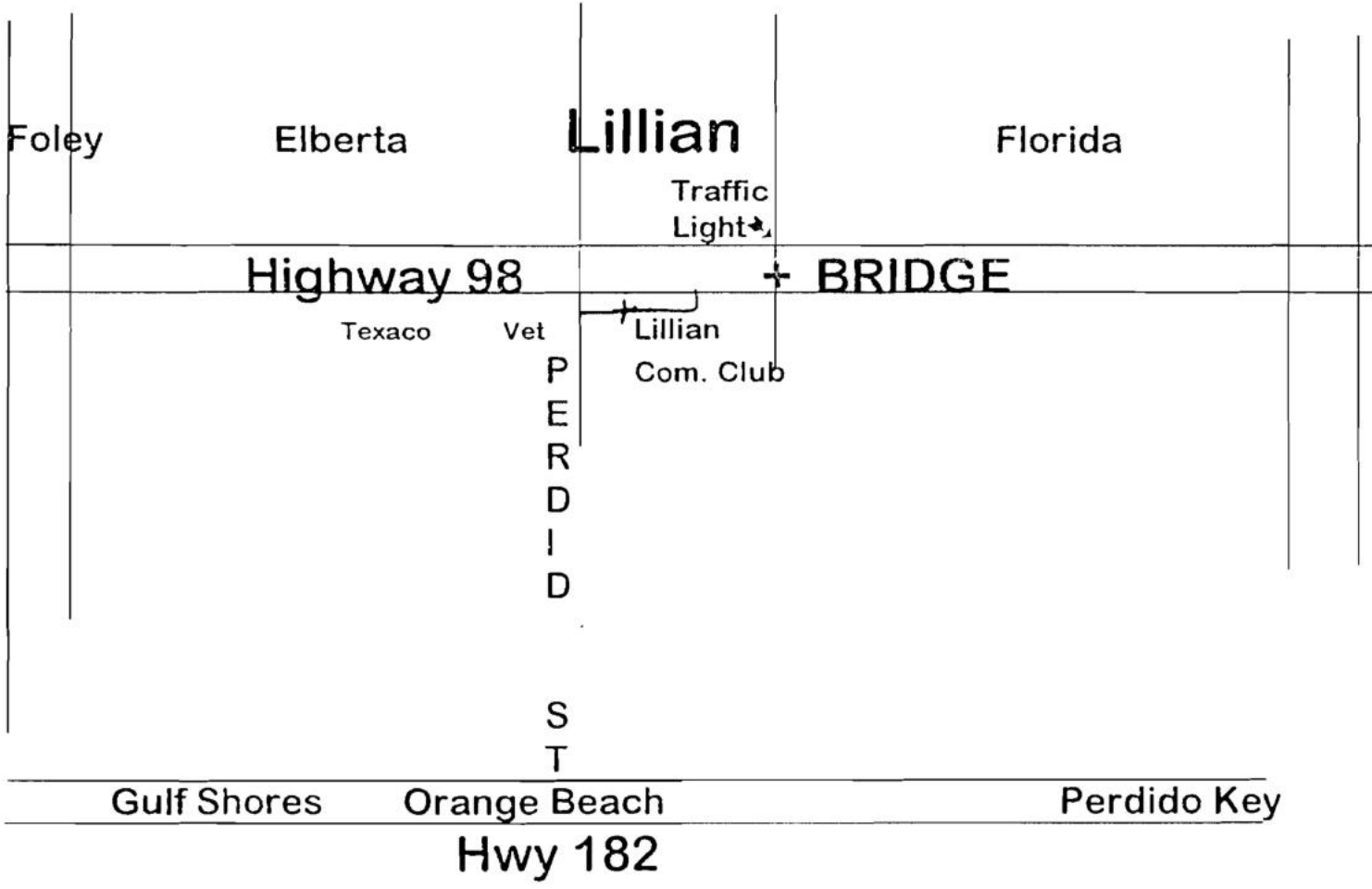


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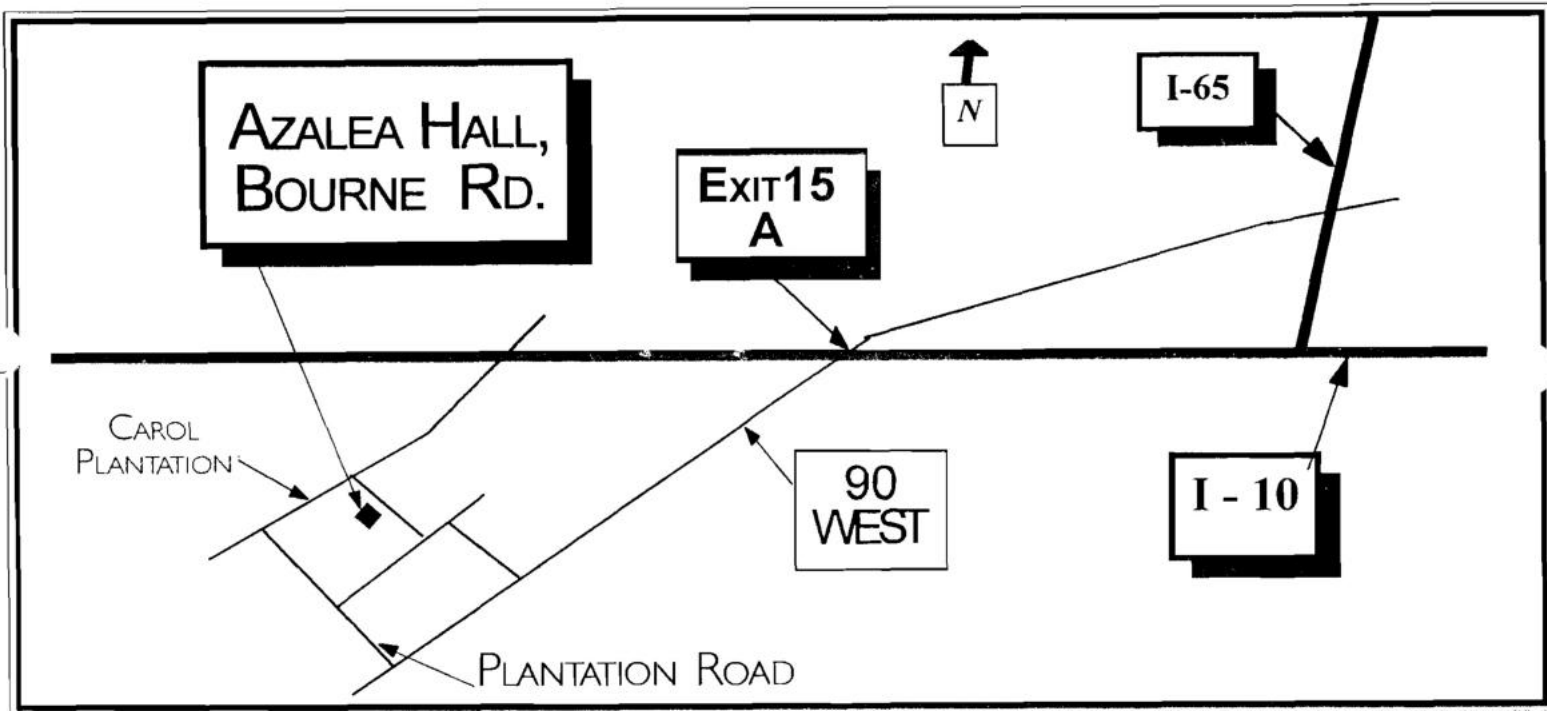
Tentative Schedule

Friday, March 19

Main Hall: 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM,
The Texas Po' Boys
Jack & Muriel Raye
 Square Dancing with rounds
 between tips, MC: Chuck Myers
 11:00 PM, After Party
 with Visiting Callers
 Fun Room: 8:00 - 10:30 PM,
Visiting Callers,
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Saturday, March 20

Main Hall: 10:00 - Noon, **The Rayes,**
 Round Dance Workshop
 2:00 - 4:00 PM, **The Texas Po'Boys,**
 Square Dance Workshop
 4:00 - 5:00 PM, **Chuck Myers,** Advanced Workshop
 7:00 - 7:50 PM, **The Rayes,** Early Rounds
 7:50 PM, Grand March, MC: Chuck Myers
 8:00 - 11:00 PM, **The Texas Po' Boys & The Rayes,**
 Square Dancing with Rounds between tips
 9:45 PM, **The Rayes,** Round Dance Exhibition
 11:00 PM, **The Texas Po'Boys,** After Dance Concert
 Fun Room: 8:30 AM, **Visiting Callers & Cuers Breakfast**
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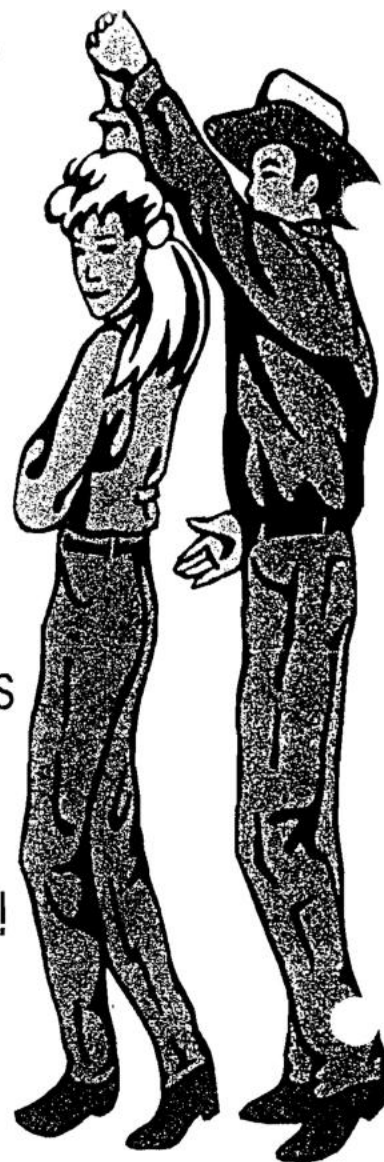
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