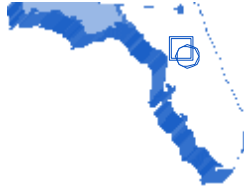


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January Shine January 16, 2016



**Ted & Nancy Kennedy
 Squares**



**Terri & Tim Wilaby
 Rounds**

\$5.00 per person

Workshops 12:30–2:30pm Round Dance Workshop

3:00–5:00pm A1 / A2 Workshop

\$10.00 per person

**7:00–9:30pm Mainstream & Plus Square
 Dance alternating with Rounds**

A1 / A2 sets will be offered during the evening dance

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 (850) 712-5230 terriwilaby@hotmail.com**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that we are moving into another year. 2015 was a great year to square dance, make new friends, see old friends, introduce others to the fun of square dancing and in general, enjoy life. We are grateful to all of you that helped during this past year with fund raising, dances, meetings, ideas and more. Thank you!!

We were fortunate to attend some really fun dances in 2015, our State Convention, being one of the highlights. Now we can look forward to 2016 with the same anticipation. We want to encourage all NWF dancers to make plans now to attend this year's State Convention, "Sweet 16" on May 27 & 28, 2016 at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland, FL. Registration forms should be available through your clubs or at our NW Florida Dance Halls. A Trail End Dance will be held at Strawberry Squares in Plant City the evening of May 26 to get the Convention started off on the right foot. Our neighbors over in NEFSRDA are this year's State Convention Chairmen so please support their efforts by offering your help and attending. It will be fun! The NW Association Roundup was held on October 30 & 31 at Lewis School. I think all who attended enjoyed square dancing to Jack Lewis & Bob Poyner and round dancing to Sandi Sturgis. Miriam Meriwether did a wonderful job as our Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations to David Parker who was voted as NW Association Dancer of the Year!!! 2016 NW Association Officers were installed at the 2015 Roundup. Your NW Association officers for 2016 are: Alec & Kay Schmidt, President, John & Libby Penrod, Vice President, Brian & Barbara McDonald, Secretary and Dave Henn, Treasury.

Get these 1st Quarter dates on your 2016 calendars: January 16, 2016 is the date of the Annual January Shine being held at Ragon Hall in Pensacola, dancing to two of our favorites, Ted Kennedy and Terri Wilaby. The NW Association in conjunction with NW Callers and Cuers are hosting an afternoon Luau at Ragon Hall in Pensacola from 2-4 pm on Saturday, January 23, 2016. This is a benefit dance to support the 2016 State Convention. Lets all come out and support our

State Convention! Our next NW Association business meeting will be held just prior to the Luau. This will be an important meeting so we need all NW Clubs to be represented. The Canoe Squares Anniversary Dance will be held on February 27, 2016 at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. Popular NW Caller, Dave Muller will be our caller and Terri Wilaby our Cuer for the Dance.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for July 29 & 30, 2016. This is the date of our 2016 NW Association Roundup which will be held at the Tallahassee Senior Center in Tallahassee, FL. Elmer Sheffield will be our featured caller and Larry Belcher the NW Caller for the Roundup. Susan Snider & Mark Fetzer will be our Cuers for the weekend. Patty Ping will be our Master of Ceremonies.

The Sand Spurs in Ft. Walton Beach just graduated a class of 8 Square Dancers. Way to go Miriam Meriwether!! Miriam also graduated a Waltz Round Class consisting of 11 dancers!! Way to go Miriam. Agape Squares in Niceville will graduate a class of beginning square dancers in early January 2016. Way to go Berlon Graham. Thanks so much to all the Angels who helped out with these classes!

Let me remind you to post or view upcoming dances in the NWF calendar. You can access it by going to Florida Federation of Square Dancers, @ (www.floridasquaredance.com). Scroll down and click on Northwest then Northwest Florida Website. You will see the calendar of events. While you are on the NW Association webpage, click on the Facebook icon at the top to join us on Facebook. You can post flyers of upcoming dances, pictures, and other square dance features on our Facebook page also.

We are grateful to each and every one of you for your friendship and dedication to square dancing.

Alec & Kay Schmidt
President(s), NWFSRDA

Swinging Squares 44th Anniversary

Blue & White Ball

April 2, 2016

**Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road
Panama City, FL 32401**

Darryl McMillan



Squares

Sandy & David Sturgis



Rounds

\$15.00 per person for workshops and dance

\$10.00 per person for evening dance only

Schedule

Saturday Workshops

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Rounds Workshop

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Plus Workshop

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - DBD Workshop

4:30 pm - NWF Meeting

Saturday Evening Dance

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Rounds

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Squares & Rounds

Soups and Sandwiches will be served after NWF Meeting

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Libby & John Penrod, Dave Henn,
Barb & Brian McDonald, Kay & Alec Schmidt



Editor's Note

REFLECTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

As we reflect on events of 2015 relating to our wonderful "friendship set to music", or as it is often called "dancing", here is what we've noticed:

Some clubs have folded; some have had some growth.

Dancers are willing to travel great distances to dance to "good callers & cuers", but seem to have trouble supporting their nearby neighboring clubs for their special dances or even regular weekly dances. Without neighborly support of regular dances, clubs are not financially able to bring in those "good callers & cuers" for the special dances. Wouldn't it be great to have some new and different talent at your own special dance or at least at one of your nearby neighboring clubs? If we provide local area support, maybe those "good callers & cuers" will appear at some nearby special dances.

Gas prices have waxed & occasionally waned but carpooling is always an efficient & fun means of travel. And what happens in the carpool stays in the carpool, well most of the time.

Yes, we are all feeling our age. But should we really let that be apparent to our new dancers? Dancers must support the clubs in their efforts to hold classes by willingly & regularly "angeling" classes.

As for resolutions for 2016, will you join us in resolving to: support not only your own club events but also those of your nearby neighboring clubs' events; offer to carpool a group of dancers to other clubs' events several times throughout the year; and angel new classes willingly and regularly?

Or how about if your club dances on the same night as another nearby club, arrange to go dark at least once during the year & prearrange to visit that other club as a group. Be sure to confirm they will be dancing on your planned date.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND
DANCE ASSOCIATION MEETING
Addie R. Lewis Middle School
Valpariso, FL
October 31, 2015**

Call to order- Alec and Kay Schmidt brought the meeting to order at 9:43 AM.
Invocation- The invocation was given by Dave Henn
Pledge of Allegiance_ Lead by John Penrod V.P.
Roll Call- Barbara McDonald. Six clubs represented and 20 members present.
Welcome- Alec Schmidt welcomed two guests and Tom Hancock.
Correspondence- Barbara mailed out one get well card and we have over 20 new members.
Minutes- The minutes were approved as written.
Treasurer's Report- Dave Henn. As of October 27th 2015 our income in from 8-4-15 was \$2,982.55; Expenses- \$648.36; Total income \$3231.00; Certificate of Deposit- \$7610.46; Money Market Account- \$909.03 (disaster fund); Total Assets \$11,750.52.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Relations- Miriam Merriwether was not present.
Panhandle Press- Tim and Terri Wilaby were not present.
2015 Round Up- John & Libby Penrod thanked every one for helping and bring food. Please let them know if you have any suggestions for improvement for next year. Cheryl moved to accept the report from Libby and John. It was moved and accepted.
Insurance- Tom Hancock was present. A discussion was held about the increase of insurance to \$4.75 per member. A question posed, do we needed to increase dues? We had a dues increase a short time ago, membership is down and the object is not to make money on the round up. We can discuss this at the next meeting. Tom has a packet for the clubs explaining the accident insurance. The insurance is mandatory for dancing here at the school and where ever we dance. We still must submit a form if a special dance is held or dancing at another facility. This is an accident insurance not a health insurance policy. As soon as students graduate they need to pay their insurance so they are covered to the end of the year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2016 Round Up- John and Libby Penrod Reported it will be at the Senior center in Tallahassee next July 29th and 30th, 2016. The center has a new elevator and wood floor. The motel is Best Western Plus on Monroe Street at \$89.00 per night, which 2.8 miles from the center. The flier is printed and distributed and available now. Flier is on the website. Ribbons have been approved and ordered.
2016 FSSRDC Benefit Dance: Glenn reported it will be January 23, 2016 at

Ragon Hall. Northwest callers will call. It is a Saturday afternoon dance 2 to 4 and the NWFSRDA meeting will be at noon. It is in the program book and fliers are out.

2015-16 Dancer of the Year (DOY)- Report from Terry and he asked to shred old records. It was moved and seconded to cull old DOY records, it was approved. He received 4 nominations from 4 clubs and the DOY year will be announced at the Saturday evening Dance on the 31st.

2017 Round Up- John and Libby Penrod- Will be in this area and the 27th and 28th October 2017. A contract has been offered to callers. Cuers will be Terry and Tim Wilaby, Northwest caller Larry Belcher, and featured caller Darryl McMillan.

Florida Federation- Cheryl Miller. The Florida Federation dance meeting will be Sunday, November 22, 2015, in Jacksonville Beach, Fl. at the Hampton Inn. It is in conjunction with the NEA 42 ed annual Fall Festival November 20-21, 2015. A new "business card" will be distributed to each Association at the upcoming Federation meeting. Cheryl has some for review. The exploratory committee will be meeting in Tampa. The Nationals Executive committee representatives John & Dimple Wilford will meet with a report at the November meeting.

The Florida Federation Executive board members and Delegates work very hard to promote square dancing throughout Florida. If you have an opportunity to attend a meeting you will be amazed at the information, ideas and plans that these meetings provide. Executive officers will change at the conclusion of the November meeting. Cheryl will move up to treasurer and we will welcome a new Parliamentarian from the Northeast Association.

OLD BUSINESS- Cheryl Miller made a motion to fund our disaster fund \$100 to put into the C.D. Cheryl explained how the fund originated after hurricane Opal to help square dancer families after a disaster. Cheryl and Barbara will research the minutes for the guidelines for the fund. It was moved and seconded to transfer \$100 to the disaster fund.

DOY for next year- Alec reported that the committee came up with a ballot. We would like the clubs surveyed what they want for DOY next year because of the early Round Up. Delegates will present the ballot and report back to Alec in January.

DOY – Terry wanted us to address the standing travel plaque with names and what to present to DOY. Terry also had the plaque repair because it had split. We could present an individual award. There is no home for the plaque and it is difficult to travel with the person who is selected as DOY. We may need to revise the guidelines. Terry and Alec will work on the proposal on a new board or a proposal at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS- Cheryl Miller and Wanna Caverly installed the 2015-16 NWFSRDA officers. Alec and Kay President, John and Libby Penrod Vice President, Barbara McDonald Secretary and Dave Henn Treasurer.

New club applications- none

Donation to Addie Lewis Middle School- It was discussed what to give the school for using their facilities. It was moved to give their playground fund \$300 for equipment, seconded and passed.

Constitution and Bylaws- Terry noted that there were grammatical errors which needed to be addressed. Cheryl Miller has copies and will review the minutes to assess if we need to have a committee to change our Constitution and Bylaws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Upcoming dances

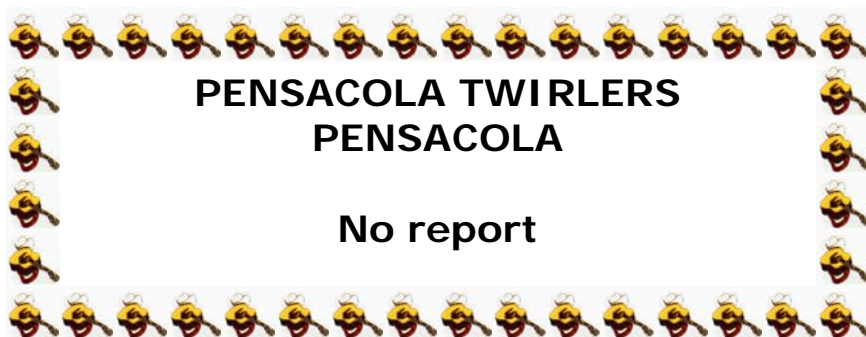
Nov 20-21, 2015 NEA Fall Festival @Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach, Fl. Chris Phillips (Squares) & Terri and Tim Wilaby (rounds).

January 23, 2016 State Convention benefit Luau/Dance 2-4 PM, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, NW Callers & Cuers!

NEXT MEETING: Saturday January 23, at 12:00 pm prior to the Benefit Luau at Ragon Hall in Pensacola.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara McDonald Secretary





CAPITAL TWIRLERS TALLAHASSEE

It seems long ago now, but, hopefully, the NWSRDA members who attended the 41st Annual Fall Roundup in Valparaiso have some good memories! Capital Twirlers were well represented at this dance and our members, Lin and Hilman Brannon received our club Dancer of the Year pins. Capital twirlers are looking forward to hosting the NEFSRDA 42nd Annual Fall Roundup on July 29-30th, 2016, at the Tallahassee Senior Center.

THE THEME FOR THE NWFSRDA 42ND ANNUAL ROUNDUP IS "Celebrate America!" So get ready to wave your flags and wear your red, white and blue dancing duds.

This will be a summer roundup so that we can enjoy dancing on our wonderful wood floor and so that we can avoid the high hotel prices which are predominant during the fall football season in Tallahassee.

Four Twirlers traveled to Jacksonville to attend the NEFSRDA "Prom". Six of us enjoyed dancing in Tifton at the Dixie Callers and Cuers Association Dance and one Twirler couple went all the way to Pell City, Alabama and on to Branson, Missouri for fun dancing. We are happy to welcome dancers from Georgia who come and dance with us regularly—from Valdosta, Moultrie, and Cairo.

The word is out now about new dancer classes offered by Capital Twirlers. We will hold free open houses on January 4th and 11th and will begin the lessons on January 25th, 2016. Of course, our fabulous caller, Elmer Sheffield will be teaching! Many of you dancers should now be aware of the person that we like to call our Square Dance Ambassador. She dances EVERYWHERE and she carries flyers and vital information to every dance that she attends. She fills out squares, she brings goodies for our refreshment tables and her enthusiasm for square dancing is quite contagious. She says that she lives in Cairo but she is on the road so much that, I believe that she really lives in her car! Of course, I am talking about RENEE GARRETT! When you see her, give her a special "Yellow Rock".

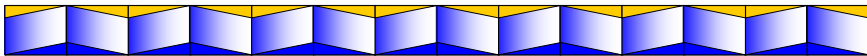
It's time for a swingin' good time!
Come join the revelry!!



Jive classes will begin on Sunday, January 3 at 1:30pm and on Tuesday, January 5 at 7pm. Come on out to Ragon Hall, located at 2600 Stratford Road in Pensacola, and learn to dance Single, Double and Triple Swing (a.k.a. Jive). The 2-hour classes will run for 15 weeks and costs a mere \$90.00 per person!

Join us having fun and learning a new pastime which will last a lifetime!

For more information, contact Terri at (850) 712-5230 or terriwilaby@hotmail.com. Make your reservations now!



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SUNDAY---GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

Easy/Intermediate Dance 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Intermediate Dance 3:30 - 5:30 PM
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis----- (850) 265-9488

MONDAY---BOP & SHAG DANCE CLUB

Doors Open & Lessons 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Contact: Pam Wiggins----- (850) 532-4130

TUESDAY---SLICK KICKERS

Country & Line Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Contact: Joe & Julie Gray----- (850) 258-9847

WEDNESDAY---OPEN

THURSDAY---SWINGING SQUARES

Early Rounds 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Class 7:00 - 8:15PM
Squares & Rounds 8:15 - 9:30 PM
Contact: Joe McLendon----- (850) 769-4218
Caller: Chris Burchfield
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

FRIDAY---BALLROOM DANCING

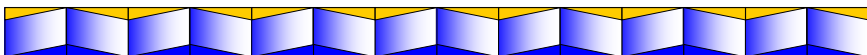
Ballroom with Basic Lesson 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Instructors: Dirk & Trisha----- (850) 277-0566

SATURDAY---OPEN FOR SPECIAL DANCES

Contact: Joe McLendon----- (850) 769-4218

IMPORTANT NOTES:

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SWINGING SQUARES PANAMA CITY

We have the date and the caller lined up for beginner square dance classes. The OPEN HOUSE will be January 14 at 7:00pm. The caller/instructor will be Hugh Gibbs. The first class will be January 21 at 6:30 until 8:00pm. Regular mainstream/plus/rounds will follow from 8:00 to 9:30. Larry Skipper already has three couples eager to begin dancing. Swinging Squares plan to place an ad in the NEWS HERALD and we are hopeful this will bring new dancers to the hall.

Swinging Squares Square & Round Dance Club is sponsoring an INTRODUCTION TO PLUS WORKSHOP, Bob Poyner will be the instructor. All mainstream dancers are invited to attend this workshop on Saturday, January 30, 2016, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at a low, low cost of \$7.00 per person. Flyer is included in Panhandle Press.

The Club is making plans for our annual Blue & White Ball. The dance has been changed from January to Saturday, April 2, 2016. We are looking forward to a packed dance floor with Darryl McMillan and Sandy Sturgis. Flyer is included in Panhandle Press. Print it, put on the fridge and mark your calendar.

We have been eating a lot!! Tailgate party in October, Thanksgiving dinner in November, and we are bringing food this Thursday for a Christmas meal. We also are bringing a wrapped gift to play "Dirty Santa". We have never done this before so we hope it turns out to be fun. We are sure that most of us will be dieting after the holidays. Square and Round dancers love to celebrate with good food.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Swinging Squares wish you a healthy, and fun filled New Year. Plan to come over to Panama City, Grand Square Hall, for an event in the New Year. Plus Workshop in January,

Sweetheart Swing in February, Blue & White Ball and Spring Fling in April.

See you soon,
Joe and Patricia McLendon, VP, Swinging Squares



62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention “Sweet 16” May 27-28, 2016

Did you know that the 2016 convention is less than seven months from now? Are you ready?

Did you know that Randy Poole, Housing Chairman, has already lined up the host hotel in Lakeland? It is not too early to make your reservations for May 27-28, 2016. The host hotel will be the Ramada Inn, 3260 US Hwy 98 North, Lakeland, FL. 863-688-8080. Be sure you say you are a square dancer so you will get the group rate of \$65 a night. There will be an ice cream social on Friday night for all those who stay at the Ramada Inn. Thank you, Randy!

Did you know that Joan Amarino, Northeast Ways and Means Chairperson, has been ordering the convention shirts and the colorful T-shirts and distributing them for sale? These are major fundraisers for the 2016 convention. She has also been coordinating the sale of raffle tickets in the Northeast. Thank you, Joan!

Did you know that Carol Poole, Assistant Registration Chairperson, has been busy typing up all the information from the registration forms on a spreadsheet? To help with registration, she attends dances around the state and sells ribbons, constantly

updating the registration spreadsheet. This continuous work occurs all year before the convention. Thank you, Carol!

Did you know that Susan Snider, Cuer Chairperson, is contacting all the cuers in the state to find out which ones will be willing to cue at the convention? Each cuer sends Susan a list of songs that they will be able to cue. Then she has to schedule all the songs for each square dance hall that will have round dancing and for the two round dance halls. Susan also puts together the teaches for the two round dance halls, making sure that cuers and the dances are not double booked. This schedule has to be done by February so that it can be sent to the Bow and Swing for publication in the May issue. Thank you, Susan!

General chairmen Kathy McKinney, Dianne Syphard, and Linda Tester have been travelling all over Florida and Southeast USA promoting the convention. They are selling new adorable t-shirts that say, "Strike Up The Music – We've Come To Dance!" The shirts are available in various colors and cost only \$12. Order one for yourself now by contacting Joan Amarino at jnorve@netzero.com. Thank you, Kathy, Dianne, and Linda.

You must be eager to get your Sweet 16 Convention ribbon, and they are only \$27 a person. Here's how to do it – Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to: Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net

Susie Moon
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Sweet Heart Swing

20 Feb. 2016

Grand Square Hall

1105 Bob Little Rd, Panama City, FL



Presented by Northwest Florida Callers & Cuers

\$5.00 per person



Schedule of Events

2-5 pm Alternating Mainstream/Plus/Rounds

5-7 pm Soup & Salad Provided (Advanced Level If Enough Dancers)

7-9:30 pm Alternating Mainstream/Plus/Rounds





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*Please enclose check for \$12 per person attending luncheon. Wrist bands will be in your registration packet.

Send Check to

65th NSDC, Registration & Housing Committee

**P.O. Box 18,
Preston, IA 52069**

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Joe McClendon (7/16) Patricia McClendon (7/16)

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Supplies needed: Paper, Brother toner tn-315, mailing seals. Supplies can be left at Ragon Hall or call (850) 712-5230 for other arrangements.





62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention “Sweet 16”

May 27-28, 2016

What does one wear to the Sweet 16 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention?

Thursday night, May 26, 2016, the Trail End Dance sponsored by Strawberry Squares, will be T-shirt night. If you purchased a “Strike up the Music - We’ve Come to Dance” T-shirt, (fund raiser for the 2016 Convention) you will want to wear it. Use some creativity to decorate it and make it stand out on the dance floor, making it your own style by adding decorations, bling, and dazzle to it.

By the way, it is certainly not too late to get one of those cool “Strike up the Music” T-shirts. Email Kathy McKinney at jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net, or Dianne Syphard at diannehall6@aol.com, or Linda Tester at lindactester@bellsouth.net. They have various colors and sizes, and they are ONLY \$12. You can see how nice the T-shirts are by visiting the Florida Federation website or use this website address.

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/62/T-Shirts.html>

Friday and Saturday for daytime dancing, casual attire is fine.

Friday night, you can wear the official Sweet 16 Convention colors of pink and/or black. However, you might have a convention association outfit, and Friday night is certainly the time to wear it. The association outfits are NE – peppermint; NW – gingerbread; Central – chocolate; WC – bubblegum; SE – lollipop.

Saturday night wear your club colors, or red-white-blue (for Memorial Day), or any dance outfit of your choice.

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The Sweet 16 Convention committee has set the goal of 1,000 dancers attending the convention. YOU can help make this happen. Get a group of your friends together and plan to go as a group. BRING CALLERS AND BRING DANCERS! Carpool together and eat meals together while in Lakeland. Everyone will have a LOT of fun! Life is short. Dance and have fun!

Susie Moon
Publicity



T—N—T Rounds

Sundays 3:30—5:30 pm
Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL

Quers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

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SAND SPURS NICEVILLE

First, we want to congratulate Miriam Merriwether and David Parker on their engagement. Also, congratulations to Molly and Dave Davis on their November 5th wedding. We wish both couples all the very best for a long, happy and healthy life together.

Prior to the 41st Roundup weekend, Miriam Merriwether had a great Trial-End dance at PASARDA Hall. Over three squares of enthusiastic dancers enjoyed a festive evening of square dancing with rounds in between the tips. The Hall was decorated in a Western motif. Thanks to Barbara McDonald who helped Terry and me prepare the Hall.

The Roundup was well attended with over 100 dancers filling the rooms at the Addie Lewis School. Dancers had their choice of venues, which included "Round" dancing, "Square" dancing, (Mainstream, Plus, DBD) and "A1/A2". Jack Lewis and Bob Poyner kept dancers moving at all levels. Miriam Merriwether did a fantastic job as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

However, as Chairmen of the DOY Committee, the highlight of the evening was the DOY Award ceremony. Of the ten Clubs making up the NWFSRDA, four of them chose to nominate their Dancers-of-the-Year for this honor. The nominees were:

Jackie and Fred Vogler - Agape Squares (Niceville)

Hillman and Lin Brannon - Capitol Twirlers (Tallahassee)

Brian and Barbara McDonald - Dancing Dolphins (Fort Walton Beach)

David Parker - Sand Spurs (Fort Walton Beach)

It was a great surprise to David Parker to hear that he had won the NWFSRDA DOY AWARD! Congratulations David!



Regrettably, the nominees from the Capital Twirlers (Hillman and Lin Brannon) were unable to attend the dance. However, our other nominees Jackie and Fred Vogler and Brian and Barbara McDonald were in attendance and we did get photos of them.



Many couples and singles have completed the phases 1 and 2 of the Waltz class; and beginning in January, the Two Step will be the dance of the quarter.

Changes! Changes! Changes!...Also in January, the Ballroom classes will be each Wednesday evening with the Beginner Classes starting at 6 P.M. each Tuesday evening.

On the 17th of December, a celebration was held for the graduates of both the latest Square Dance and the Cued Ballroom dance classes, in combination with our **Annual Holiday Party!** Eight Certificates were awarded to our new square dancers, and eleven Certificates were awarded to our new ballroom

dancers.

As she usually does, Miriam held a splendid formal ceremony with the music of Pomp and Circumstance filling the Hall. Both holiday and graduation decorations filled the Hall and kitchen. Miriam appreciated the special "Christmas Tree" that was given to her, while all enjoyed holiday refreshments. We look forward to the new year when we will have more Winter visitors joining us.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. See you in 2016!

Jackie and Terry Kramer



Florida State Square Dance Convention Fundraising Donations Need!

The cost for ribbons to the Florida State Convention held each May during the Memorial Day weekend costs \$25.00 (early bird) \$27.00 prior to the day of the Convention and \$30.00 at the door. The 2-day Florida State Convention provides Round & Square dancing Friday afternoon & evening, Saturday morning, afternoon & evening with many of our Florida Caller & Cuers. You can not beat the cost for this amount of dancing.

To keep the cost down for the current & future State Conventions the Ways & Means Chairman work hard to assist with fundraising. We need your help collecting some items to help fundraising. Please consider assisting with donating these items:

E-Bay Clothing Sales: We need Ladies dance attire (any and everything). If you have men's attire hold on to them as I am working on a "Special" Men's Clothing sale in the future.

Chinese Auction Items: On February 27, 2016 during the Federation Benefit Dance for the 63rd Florida State Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida. We need items you have been given as a gift (might have over bought and now it sits in your closet?) or something that you will never use and just can't throw it out.

Please bring you donation items to the upcoming Northwest 62nd Florida State Convention Fundraiser "Luau Benefit Dance" on January 23, 2016. We will need these donations prior to February 27, 2016. Please contact your Ways & Means Chairman to deliver or pick up you donations if you are unable to attend the benefit dance on January 23.

Thank you for your support!

Northwest Association: Cheryl Miller (850) 939-6688 Email: pe.miller@mchsi.com





Dave Muller
Enterprise, AL



Bob Poyner
Defuniak Springs, FL



Terri & Tim Wilaby
Pensacola, FL

Canoe Squares Anniversary Dance

February 27, 2016

Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford
Road, Pensacola, FL

Alternating Mainstream and Plus
with Rounds

7:00—9:30 pm

Well, most of you know already that The Florida Federation of Square Dancers gave us the go ahead to submit a bid to the NEC in order to bring the National Square Dance Convention to Tampa, FL in June of 2021. Since we have not been awarded the bid yet we cannot advertise or promote the 2021 National Convention at this time. But we have been given the green light to do some fund raising and soliciting for prospective personnel to fill some of the committee assignments. A copy of the Volunteer Information Form is included on the reverse. Please have everyone that you know fill this out and send it to us. Since we do not know the capabilities of every square and round dancer in the State of Florida we are relying on each and every one to get the word out. Forward this form to everybody that you know. They can fill it out on line and save it to their computer and then forward it via email to Colleen & I. Thanks for your assistance in getting this spread across the state. Colleen & I need a Volunteer Information Form filled out by each and every person or couple that would like to work on the committee.

In order to proceed with the processing of the requirements for the bidding process we will be needing some necessary funds to pay for everything. Therefore, we are open for any type of fund raising activity that you might think of. Get started immediately! All that Colleen & I ask is that you run any fund raising activity by us before proceeding. You can have dances, raffles, etc. Basically you can do anything you like as long as you follow the guidelines. The guidelines, at this time, are very simple but **must be followed exactly**. They are:

1. Before proceeding with any fund raising activity clear it with Colleen and I first
2. All advertisements of any type **MUST NOT** reference 70th NSDC® or National Square Dance Convention®. We do not have the bid yet so we cannot use any reference to the NSDC.
3. Use National Convention Bid
4. Forward all monies raised to Colleen & I. If you need our address let us know.
5. Please forward all details of the fund raising activity. (Club or Association, Name & Date of activity, etc.)
6. Forward a detailed outline of all expenses and profits from each activity.

If we are not successful in obtaining the bid to bring the National to Florida all monies raised will be donated to the current State Convention at the time of the Bid Committee being disbanded.

Thanks for your assistance in bringing the National Convention to the State of Florida.

Bruce Morgan

NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SHEET

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| Last Name: | | |
| His Name: | | Her Name: |
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| E-Mail Address: | | |
| Home Phone: | | Cell Phone: |
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| Bruce: Cell 407-758-6039 brucemorgan@embarqmail.com Colleen: Cell 407-230-3870 colleenmorgan@embarqmail.com | | |
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Northwest Association Clubs

Agape Squares

Caller: Berlon Graham, Mondays, 7—9 PM
Niceville First UMC Life Center
214 South Partin Drive, Niceville, FL
Berlon Graham (850) 609-3241

Canoe Squares

Caller: Bob Poyner, Mondays, 7:30—9:30 PM
Hobbs Middle School
5371 Glover Lane, Milton, FL
Bob Poyner (850) 834-3548

Capital Twirlers

Caller: Elmer Sheffield, Mondays, 7:00—9:30 PM
Tallahassee Senior Center
1400 North Monroe, Tallahassee, FL
Jack Taylor (850) 877-2459

Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Roy Bernier, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Saint Simon's Parish Hall
28 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Roy Bernier (850) 651-6356

Grand Square Rounds

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM
Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL
Sandy Sturgis (850) 265-9488

Pensacola Twirlers Square & Round Dance Club

Caller: Patty Ping, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Bayview Senior Center
2000 East Lloyd Street, Pensacola, FL
Patty Ping (850) 206-5084

Sand Spurs

Round Dance class, Tuesdays, 7:00—9:00 PM
Square & Line Dance class, Wednesdays, 7:00—9:00 PM
Mainstream/Plus club, Thursdays, 7:00—9:00PM
Caller/Cuer/Prompter: Miriam Merriwether
PASARDA Hall
17 Industrial Street, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Miriam Merriwether (850) 974-0091

Seaside Squares

Caller: Various, Fridays, 7:30—9:30 PM
Cuer: Terri Wilaby
Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Tim Wilaby (850) 512-5600

Swinging Squares

Caller: Chris Burchfield, Thursdays, 7—9:30 PM
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis
Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL
Joe McLendon (850) 769-4218

T—N—T Rounds

Cuer: Terri Wilaby, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM
Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230

For any further information, contact Terri Wilaby,
(850) 712-5230 or panhandlepress@hotmail.com.



David Parker

NWFSRDA's "Dancer of the Year" -
2015/2016
-AND-
Sand Spurs Dance Club's
"Dancer of the Year" - 2015/2016

David Parker took his first square dance lesson in 2007 from caller Berlon Graham at Agape Squares. The day before the class graduation, David got word that he was to leave for an extended time period (3 years!) for his job. Determined to obtain his certificate of graduation prior to his departure he told his employer, Unisys Corporation, that they would have to put off his travel plans until after his square dance graduation ceremony.

Moving to a new city and state was difficult on David, but it was lessened with the availability of dance opportunities and the "Friendship Set to Music" he found in the city he was visiting. He went on to dance with 3 different clubs while in South Carolina, not just as a visiting dancer, but joined all three clubs and supported them with a willing attitude to dance as an angel and to be an escort to some of the solo dancers who wanted to travel to other dances. As a solo dancer, he quickly became one of the favorite angels in all the classes.

With a goal to attend the Smoky Mountain Festival in Gatlinburg, TN, David purchased the DVD series put together by the late caller, Paul Place, and diligently studied the Plus moves all by himself. He learned them so well that when pulled

into his first Plus dance in South Carolina, it was thought that he was an experienced Plus dancer, even though he'd never danced Plus outside his living room!

Upon his return from South Carolina, David found that his dance partner was considering becoming a square dance caller and has since gone above and beyond to support her, the clubs they've started together, and all the dancers.


He is there early at every dance, setting up the sound, providing refreshments, dancing with solo dancers, and even finds himself dancing the woman's part on occasion! He stays late to clean up the hall and make sure that all the dancers are safely on their way before shutting out the lights. He spends countless hours researching music and sound equipment, providing input for the best methods to teach new dancers, and lending an ear to the caller, caller's mother, and dancers. He is always there to support anyone who needs it, to offer a warm smile, and a joke.

David learns about many of his upcoming duties while standing in a square listening to his caller/partner announce them to the rest of the club. He willingly, and lovingly supports all that being a caller's partner entails without ever uttering a word of complaint. He dances every tip, or gives up his spot in the square when necessary, looking out to make sure that all the dancers are having the best possible time. He helps them out between tips when questions arise and dances even when his feet are about to fall off. You'll never see him sitting at a dance!

And most recently, David has agreed to become a cuer's partner as his dance partner has taken on cueing as well as calling. He once again is spending hours and hours studying round dance steps and traveling to Panama City on Sunday afternoons for private round dance lessons.

David dances three to five times a week, every week, not just supporting his caller/cuer/partner and their club, but supporting other clubs and callers as well.

It is my privilege to recommend David Parker as 2015 Dancer of the Year for the Sand Spurs Dance Club and Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association.




Brian and Barbara McDonald
Dancing Dolphins Square Dance Club
"Dancers of the Year" - 2015/2016

With over 40 years of square dancing experience, Brian and Barbara McDonald have made countless contributions to the square dancing community. They are the ideal example of accomplished square dancers. They not only take part in the joy of square dancing, but also give of their time and effort actively supporting and promoting it.

As ready volunteers, Brian and Barbara are always there pitching in and lending a hand, assisting students as angels, helping set up and tear down equipment, providing refreshments, taking part in preparing for special dances, and traveling to square dancing events. Brian also represents the Dancing Dolphins and Barbara is the Secretary at Association meetings. Along with their many contributions, Brian and Barbara also demonstrate certain character traits often overlooked, but very much appreciated by both Callers and dancers alike: loyalty and dedication to their local dance square club.

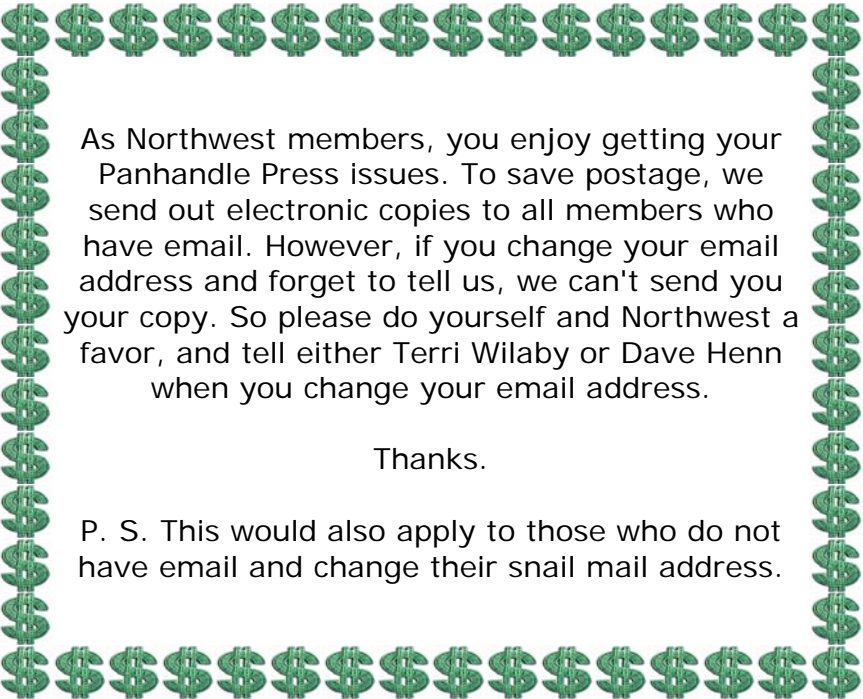
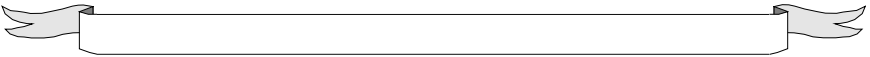
Despite today's unlimited entertainment choices, Brian and Barbara determined to make square dancing their top priority, setting the standard as they lead by example. Brian and Barbara understand the importance of commitment. As a mutually dependent social activity, with dancers' choices and options, as well as the spirit of the dance at stake. Brian and Barbara get it! They never miss a square dance evening or event without due cause or reason, often juggling their



personal schedule to attend.

This couple's loyalty and dedication at the "grassroots" club level serves as a refreshing role model for all square dancers. At the heart of their commitment is a clear perspective on "the more the merrier." They understand that more dancers creates more excitement which generates a festive atmosphere.

Brian and Barbara's commitment is an inspiration to us all who truly appreciate and want to preserve this fun, healthy, and friendly social activity. Countless times Brian and Barbara have "saved the day" through their unfailing loyalty and dedication to the Dancing Dolphins Square Dance Club.



As Northwest members, you enjoy getting your Panhandle Press issues. To save postage, we send out electronic copies to all members who have email. However, if you change your email address and forget to tell us, we can't send you your copy. So please do yourself and Northwest a favor, and tell either Terri Wilaby or Dave Henn when you change your email address.

Thanks.

P. S. This would also apply to those who do not have email and change their snail mail address.



Hillman and Lin Brannon

Capital Twirlers "Dancers of the Year" - 2015/2016

Hillman and Lin came to the Capital Twirlers as first-timers to take lessons in 2012. Since their arrival, they have been highly involved contributors to the Capital Twirlers Club. Both will step up to any task asked of them, they volunteer frequently and serve on any committee that they are invited to.

Hillman has served on the Executive Board and also, as treasurer, manned the front desk to greet dancers and visitors as they arrived, handling all questions and concerns. Lin has been a strong advocate of practice lessons for new dancers (and not so new); she has regularly organized a location and a teacher for Friday night practice sessions. Hillman and Lin also suggested their church recreation hall as an alternate dancing location when our primary location was not available and have made arrangements several times to use it.

We have been very fortunate to have this couple join our club and bring their cheerful and caring ways with them. It is a pleasure to "square up" with them!

Thanks for your consideration.



Jackie and Fred Vogler

Agape Squares "Dancers of the Year" - 2015/2016

The Agape Squares would like to nominate Jackie and Fred Vogler as Dancers of the Year for 2015-2016. Jackie and Fred started square dancing with the Val P Shufflers in the 1970's. They were one of the original couples who started dancing with the Agape Squares in 2004 when the club moved to the First United Methodist Church (now "Crosspoints") in Niceville. They have been very consistent in attending the club dances and are always willing to help out with club functions. Jackie will dance the man's part whenever it is necessary to form up a square, and both of them are very friendly and patient angels when a new class is started.

Jackie has also served as the Agape Squares recorder; keeping our roster up to date, and keeping the entire club informed about events with the e-mails she sends out. Both of them are very supportive of square dancing and are the mainstay of local square dances including the annual Round-up in October.

The Agape Squares would like to take this opportunity to recognize these two outstanding members of our club.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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(As it should appear on the badge, if a new member)

PLEASE PRINT. THANK YOU.

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ASSOCIATION)

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850-455-5160

E-MAIL: dwhenn@att.net

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

1. A Northwest Florida Association badge.
2. Four (4) issues of the Panhandle Press Newsletter.
3. Half-price admission to the annual Northwest Association Round-up in October.
4. Accident medical insurance (fee included in dues).
5. Representation at state and national levels.
6. Participation in Northwest Association functions.

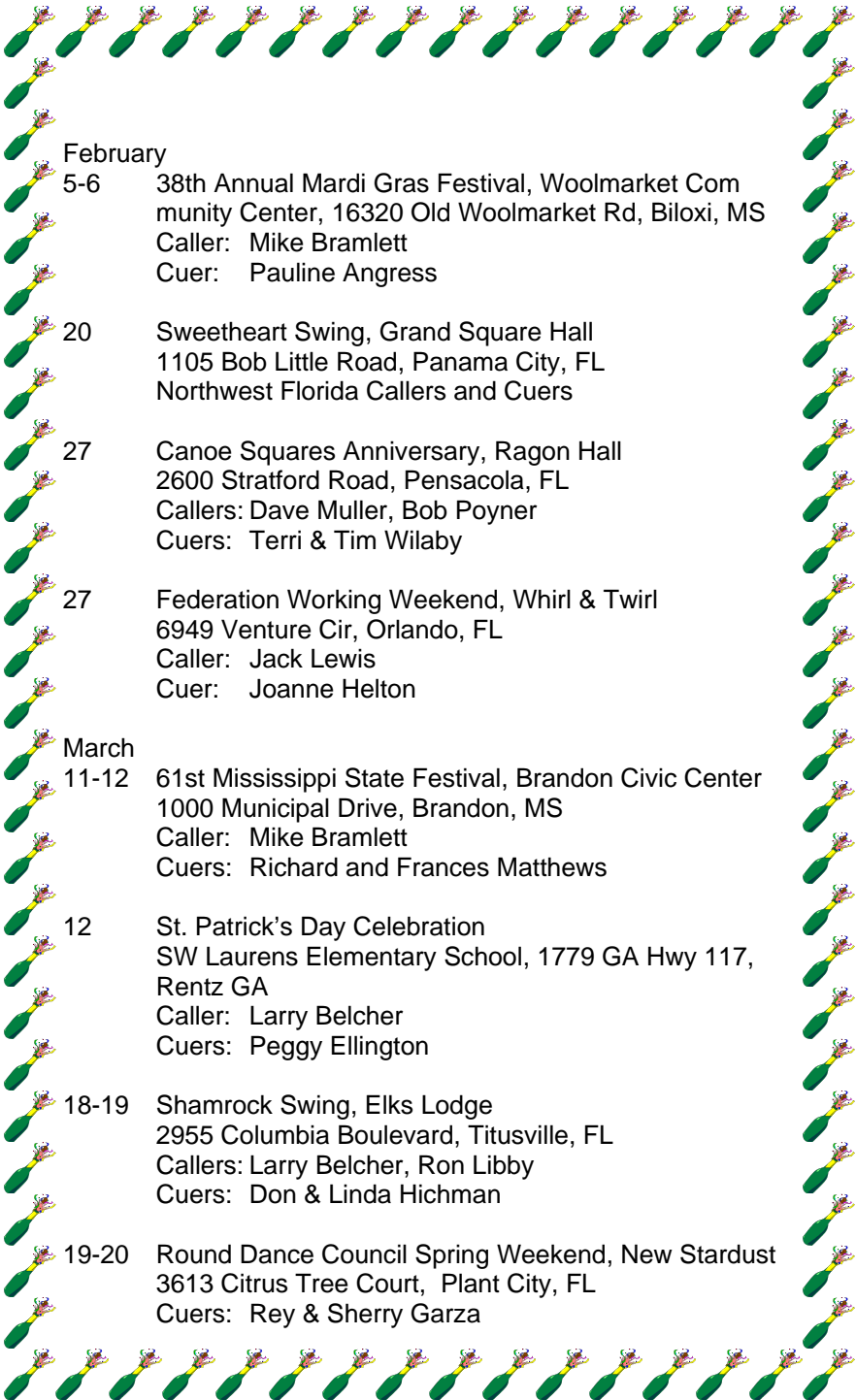


Calendar of Events

2016

January

- 16 January Shine, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Caller: Ted Kennedy
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby
- 16 Snowflake Frolic, Briny Breezes Auditorium
5000 N. Ocean Boulevard, Briny Breezes, FL
Callers: Jack Lewis, Scotty Sharrer
Cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton
- 22-23 41st SC State Convention, Springmaid Beach Resort
3200 South Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC
- 23 2016 FL Convention Benefit Dance, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
NWFSRDA callers and cuers
- 23 MSRDA South Council Dance
Jackie Dole Shirrell Community Center,
220 W Front Street, Hattiesburg, MS
Caller: Al Stevens
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby
- 23 Advanced Dance, Lake Ashton Clubhouse
4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL
Callers: Jack Lewis, Keith Stevens
- 28 Winter Festival Trail In Dance
Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive,
Lake Wales, FL
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, John Saunders
- 29-30 Florida Winter Festival, Lakeland Civic Center
701 West Lime Street, Lakeland, FL
Callers: Ted Lizotte, Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdy,
John Saunders
Cuers: Carol & Jimmy Griffin, Linda & John Hichman



February

5-6 38th Annual Mardi Gras Festival, Woolmarket Community Center, 16320 Old Woolmarket Rd, Biloxi, MS

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuer: Pauline Angress

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Sweetheart Swing, Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL
Northwest Florida Callers and Cuers

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Canoe Squares Anniversary, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL

Callers: Dave Muller, Bob Poyner

Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

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Federation Working Weekend, Whirl & Twirl
6949 Venture Cir, Orlando, FL

Caller: Jack Lewis

Cuer: Joanne Helton

March

11-12 61st Mississippi State Festival, Brandon Civic Center
1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, MS

Caller: Mike Bramlett

Cuers: Richard and Frances Matthews

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St. Patrick's Day Celebration
SW Laurens Elementary School, 1779 GA Hwy 117,
Renz GA

Caller: Larry Belcher

Cuers: Peggy Ellington

18-19

Shamrock Swing, Elks Lodge
2955 Columbia Boulevard, Titusville, FL

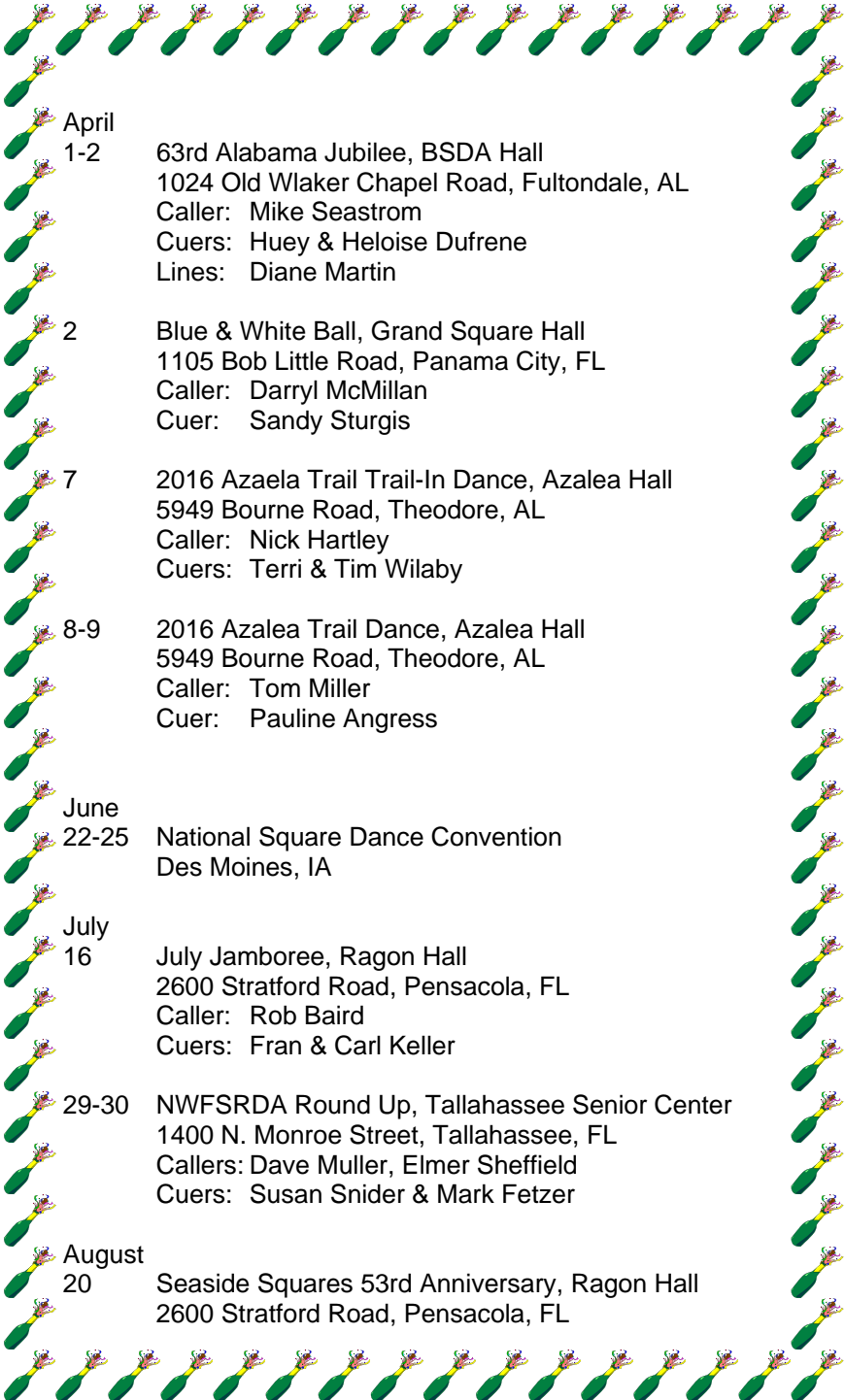
Callers: Larry Belcher, Ron Libby

Cuers: Don & Linda Hichman

19-20

Round Dance Council Spring Weekend, New Stardust
3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, FL

Cuers: Rey & Sherry Garza



April

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63rd Alabama Jubilee, BSDA Hall
1024 Old Wlaker Chapel Road, Fultondale, AL
Caller: Mike Seastrom
Cuers: Huey & Heloise Dufrene
Lines: Diane Martin

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Blue & White Ball, Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL
Caller: Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

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2016 Azaela Trail Trail-In Dance, Azalea Hall
5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL
Caller: Nick Hartley
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

8-9

2016 Azalea Trail Dance, Azalea Hall
5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL
Caller: Tom Miller
Cuer: Pauline Angress

June

22-25

National Square Dance Convention
Des Moines, IA

July

16

July Jamboree, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Caller: Rob Baird
Cuers: Fran & Carl Keller

29-30

NWFSRDA Round Up, Tallahassee Senior Center
1400 N. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL
Callers: Dave Muller, Elmer Sheffield
Cuers: Susan Snider & Mark Fetzer

August

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Seaside Squares 53rd Anniversary, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL

Introduction To Plus

Bob Poyner

Caller/ Instructor

This will be a workshop format for those wanting to learn plus
and for those who want to sharpen their dancing skills.

\$7.00 Per Person

Saturday, January 30, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Grand Square Hall

Panama City, FL

For additional information: 850-769-4218



SEASIDE SQUARES—RAGON HALL PENSACOLA

We sure hope everyone has had a wonderful New Year and your Christmas was one to remember.

The end of last year was very fun as we worked on bringing in new dancers. They are progressing nicely and have gotten half way through Basic.

Our Christmas party to finish 2015 was a smash. Thanks to everyone for coming and dancing with Ted Kennedy and Terri Wilaby. Such a great pair for a dance.

Now on to a new year. The class will be moving along at a nice pace. A heartfelt thanks go out to all the callers for assisting Terri and Tim get new dancers into our activity. Thank you also to the wonderful dancers who come out and work with the class both during the class time and when they get out for extra practice. I know they appreciate being able to dance with you.

Please join us as Ted Kennedy and Terri Wilaby bring back their January Shine on Jan 16. The flyer is in this issue of the Press. The following weekend on Jan 23 Northwest Association is presenting a benefit dance here at Ragon Hall, a wonderful luau, so wear your best Hawaiian.

Don't forget there are activities going on in the hall when there is no square or round dancing. The Riviera Band is in the hall on the first and last Saturdays of the month. The Gospel Opry is in the hall on the second Saturday of each month. Both activities have dinner before hand.

And remember there is a Jazzercise group meeting in the hall on Monday through Thursday.

There are a couple other dances coming later in the year. We sure would love to see you at Ragon Hall joining in the fun and revelry.

65th National Square Dance Convention

Des Moines, Iowa



June 22-25, 2016

“Do the Iowa Scene in 2016”

Portal for All Registered Dancers

by Jim Winslow on September 9, 2015

We now have a portal where dancers can log into and correct or change their registration information and see what other National Conventions there are registered for. Once you change your information for one convention it is changed for all other Conventions that you are registered for. This is a great step forward into the 21 century. Callers, Cuers and other dance leaders can now do their profiles online also using the same portal. You can find a link to the portal under the registration tab in the menu. This link can be found at:

<http://www.65nsdc.org/register-today/>

DANCING DOLPHINS FORT WALTON BEACH

The Dancing Dolphins held their annual Christmas Square Dance at St. Simon's on-the-Sound. Square dancers from our sister clubs, the Sand Spurs and Agape Squares, joined us for this festive gala as we danced the night away to the sounds of traditional Christmas music in the spirit of the season.



Along with lively Mainstream and Plus patters, Dancers moved to the sound of Christmas songs such as "Rock'n



Around the Christmas Tree", "The Christmas Song", "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas", and other seasonal songs. The evening of merriment included plenty of food, fellowship, and dance, making for a "Holly Jolly Christmas" celebration.

Here's wishing you all a Happy New Year!



Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Roy Bernier

When: Tuesdays, 7-9 PM

Where: Saint Simon's on-the-Sound
28 Miracle Strip Parkway, SW, FWB, FL

Contact: Roy Bernier (850) 651-6356
e-mail: rpbernier@cox.net



GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

No Report



**CANOE SQUARES
MILTON**

Though are members are few, we continue to dance on Monday night's, 7:30 to 9:30pm, at Hobbs Middle School in Milton. Hope to see everyone at our anniversary dance on February 27th, 2016 at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. Callers will be Dave Muller, and Bob Poyner. The callers will provide mainstream, plus, and A levels for our dancers. Terri Wilaby will cue the rounds. Fun time guaranteed.

62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention “Sweet 16” May 27-28, 2016



Lucky! Lucky! Lucky! Lucky! Fran Shoots from Winter Haven won the cupcake raffle with its \$516 worth of prizes. She is SO LUCKY!

But wait, there's another fantastic raffle called "A Road Trip." It consists of an adorable little suitcase with \$416 worth of prizes inside. (Are you noticing the frequency of the number 16?) It has everything you need for a fun-filled road trip for you and your special someone: \$100 for lodging, \$50 gas card, \$20 Starbucks card, \$25 Cracker Barrel card, \$25 Bob Evans card, \$25 Carrabba's card, two "Strike Up the Music – We've Come to Dance" T-shirts, toiletries, road snacks, wine glasses, bottle of wine, and \$100 spending money!!!! Everybody loves a road trip, and this one is a winner for sure! Road Trip raffle tickets cost \$5 for five tickets or \$2 for one ticket, and can be purchased from the association presidents. They can also be purchased from Joan Amarino jnorve@netzero.com, Cheryl Miller pe.miller@mchsi.com, and Kathy McKinney jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net

Did you hear about the FUN HALL? This is a new hall that will roll out at the 2016 Convention. You'll definitely want to check it out. There are activities in the FUN HALL to satisfy anyone looking for some fun. Look at this lineup – Zumba Fitness, Line Dancing, Contra Dancing, Dangles, Candygrams (more about that in the next issue of this magazine), Hot Hash, Mainstream Workshops, Plus Workshops, and Last Square Standing.

By the way, it is certainly not too late to get one of those cool "Strike up the Music – We've Come to Dance" T-shirts. Email Kathy McKinney at jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net, or Dianne Syphard at dianne-hall6@aol.com, or Linda Tester at lindactester@bellsouth.net. They have various colors and sizes, and they are ONLY \$12. You can see how nice the T-shirts are by visiting the Florida Federation website

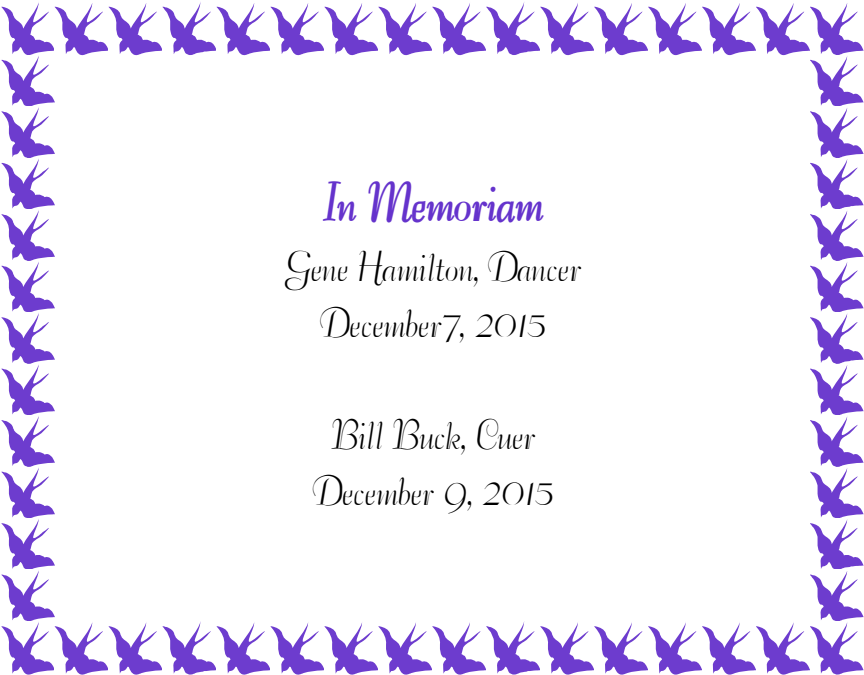
or use this website address.

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/62/T-Shirts.html>

I know you can't wait to get your Sweet 16 Convention ribbon, and they are only \$27 a person. Here's how to do it – Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to: Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net

The Sweet 16 Convention committee has set the goal of 1,000 dancers attending the convention. YOU can help make this happen. Get a group of your friends together and plan to go as a group. BRING CALLERS AND BRING DANCERS! Carpool together and eat meals together while in Lakeland. Everyone will have a LOT of fun! Life is short. Dance and have fun!

Susie Moon
Publicity



In Memoriam

Gene Hamilton, Dancer

December 7, 2015

Bill Buck, Cuer

December 9, 2015



TNT ROUNDS PENSACOLA

What a wonderful year it has been. We have made some new friends to replace those we lost (hopefully some of them will return). The Christmas party to end the year was quite a success. It was great having Bob Jordan back on the floor after having knee surgery earlier. Thank you to everyone for helping make it an afternoon to remember!



As usual, we jump right into the new year with beginner classes. This season's rhythm is Swing. And since it was so popular, the Tuesday night class will also be back. We already have several returning students and I have heard from some new folks who will be out.



Ted Kennedy will be teaming up with us again this year for the January Shine to be held at Ragon Hall on January 16. We always have such fun together! He and Nancy are great people!

The following weekend we are supporting the NWFSRDA benefit dance at Ragon Hall. The theme is a luau, so wear your best Hawaiian and get ready for fun. All proceeds go to this year's Florida Convention, so please come and have some fun. Then we are off to Hattiesburg later in the afternoon to cue at the Mississippi South Council Dance. Al Stevens is the wonderful caller we get to work with there.

And just wait, Canoe Squares is bringing Dave Muller to Ragon Hall for their anniversary dance and we get to cue with him on February 27! Everyone better bring their tissues as Dave will have everyone in tears laughing at his jokes!! Bob Poyner is also calling for this dance.

Check out www.tntrounds.com for more information.

Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL 32526
(850) 944-0322

Mondays

Jazzercise 4:30—5:30 pm

Instructor: Cindy Till (850) 232-0243, donaldhoffay@cox.net

Intermediate Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

Cuer: Tim/Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230, terriwilaby@hotmail.com

Tuesdays

Jazzercise 5:30—6:30 pm

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Gulf Coast A's A1/A2 Square Dance Club 7:00—9:00 pm

Caller: Bob Poyner (850) 834-3548, bnapoy@gtcom.net

Fridays

Seaside Squares Mainstream/Plus Squares with Rounds 7:30—9:30 pm

Various callers, President Tim Wilaby (850) 512-5600,
timwilaby@hotmail.com

Saturdays

Assorted activities, see our calendar @

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/ragonhall/index.html>

Sundays

T-N-T Rounds 3:30—5:30 pm

Cuer: Tim/Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230, terriwilaby@hotmail.com

Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association 42nd Annual Round Up



July 29-30, 2016

Tallahassee Senior Center
1400 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32303



Northwest Caller
Dave Muller



Featured Caller
Elmer Sheffield, Tallahassee, FL



Featured Cuers
Susan Snider/Mark Fetzter

Friday Evening:

7:00-7:45 pm Early Rounds & Fun Level Squares
8:00-10:00 pm Squares w/Rounds between tips
Squares dance levels: Mainstream/Plus/DBD/A1-A2
10:00-10:30 "Musical Highlights"

Saturday Morning & Afternoon:

NWFSRDA Meeting 9:45 am
Afternoon Workshops:
Rounds Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm
Squares Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm

Separate Dance Halls
Mainstream/Plus/Rounds
Advanced



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Weekend - \$10.00 Per Person NWFSRDA Member / \$20.00 Non-Member
Split Ticket-Non Member Friday Night \$10.00 Per Person / Saturday Workshop & Dance \$15.00 Per Person

**Information contacts: John or Libby Penrod (850) 566-2130 Email: penrod.jp@comcast.net
Alec or Kay Schmidt (850) 678-8711 Email: aschmidtmd@aol.com**

**Purchase "Advance Ribbons", Make check payable to NWFSRDA: Mail to: John Penrod, 2786 Pecan Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303
Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your ribbons.**

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of Ribbons # _____ Member per person \$10.00 _____ Non Member per person \$20.00 Check Enclosed: \$ _____

Request of Pre-Register ribbons received after: July 12, 2016 will be held at the door for pickup. Thank you for your support!

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

West of Tallahassee

Traveling East on I-10 towards Tallahassee
Take Exit 199 (US-27-Fairgrounds-Civic Center)
Turn Left on US-27 (N. Monroe St.) Stay in left lane.
Pass through one traffic signal and move to far Left turn lane.
In .1 mile turn Left and Left again after entering hotel area.
Best Western Plus is straight ahead.

Accommodations

Best Western Plus – 2727 Graves Road
850-562-7200
Ask for NW Square Dance rate: \$89.00/night
Includes complimentary hot breakfast
Reservation Deadline: July 1, 2016

East of Tallahassee

Traveling West on I-10
Take Exit 199 (US-27-Fairgrounds-Civic Center)
Turn Right on US-27 (N. Monroe St.)
Immediately move to far Left turn lane
In .1 mile turn Left and Left again after entering hotel area. Best Western Plus is straight ahead.

South of Tallahassee

Traveling North on US-27
Turn Right onto North Monroe Street in front of the Capital
Continue North on Monroe Street moving to the left lane before you cross over I-10: about 4 miles.
After crossing I-10 pass through one traffic signal and move to the far Left turn lane.
In .1 mile turn Left and Left again after entering hotel area. Best Western Plus is straight ahead.

North of Tallahassee

Traveling South on US-27.
Makenzie Gas station on right and Wal-Mart on the left hand side, move to the far Right lane.
Turn Right into hotel area just after passing Baymont Inn & Suites on your right
Turn Left and the Best Western Plus is straight ahead.

Directions to Dance

From the Best Western Plus: Turn Right onto US-27 (North Monroe Street)
Continue approximately 2.8 miles on North Monroe St.
Sr. Center is on the corner of 7th Avenue & N. Monroe St. on your right just after the SONIC Drive-in.

NWFSRDA 42nd Annual Roundup
Tallahassee Senior Center
1400 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Information: John or Libby Penrod (Voice or Text: John: 850-566-2130 or Libby: 850-566-2117)
Email: penrod.jp@comcast.net or libbypenrod@comcast.net

Advanced Registration

May 23, 2015 thru May 24, 2016 \$27.00 pp.
 Convention Box Office \$30.00 pp.
 Per Person-Includes Tax Cash or Check only

NO CREDIT CARDS

SPECIAL RATES FOR YOUTH

Those youth that have not reached their 16th birthday by June 1st, 2016 will be admitted at HALF PRICE when pre-registering for the full program on or before the May 24th cutoff date

Please indicate "YOUTH" by the name on your registration form!

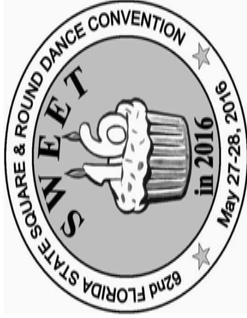
Please Note

Mail in registrations received after May 10, 2016; ribbons must be picked up at the convention center box office
 Service Charge for NSF on returned checks: \$30.00
 Cancellation Policy: Refunds will be cheerfully made until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016
 1 day ribbons sold at the Box Office

Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to:

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 709 6th Avenue North e-mail: jacknmemckinney@bellsouth.net
 Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

The Florida Federation of Square & Round Dancers
 invite all dancers to



A dancer who is not an Association Member will be a Provisional Member of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the duration of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention after acceptance of the registration form.

The application for registration signifies that the dancer will abide by the rules of the Convention, local Regulations and Laws.

Donations to the Florida Federation, the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida or their Conventions are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.

Square Dance Attire requested at all Evening Sessions

62nd Convention Executive Board

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May 27 & 28, 2016 62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Registration Form

Last Name: _____ (Please Print)

First Name _____ (His) _____ (Hers)

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Primary Dance Club _____

For Registration Only: Ribbon # _____ Ribbon # _____

MOTELS FOR THE 2016 STATE CONVENTION

THE FOLLOWING HOTELS, MOTELS & CAMPGROUND SUPPORTED
THE 2015 CONVENTION WITH ADS

The Host Hotel for 2016 is:

Ramada Lakeland Hotel

3260 US Hwy 98 North
Lakeland, Florida 33805
(863) 688-8080

\$65.00 + tax. Ask for Square Dance Rate
(Price includes 2 free breakfasts each morning)

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| Comfort Inn & Suites | 863-859-0100 |
| Holiday Inn & Suites | 863-595-4500 |
| Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites | 863-647-3000 |
| Stay Inn & Suites – Barrow | 863-533-0711 |
| Travelodge – Hwy 98 N | 863-858-4481 |
| Lakeland Carefree RV Resorts | 863-687-6146 |

Trail-End Dance

Strawberry Squares Hall
4401 Promenade Blvd
Plant City, FL 33563
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Early Rounds 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Squares 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Registration Form

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