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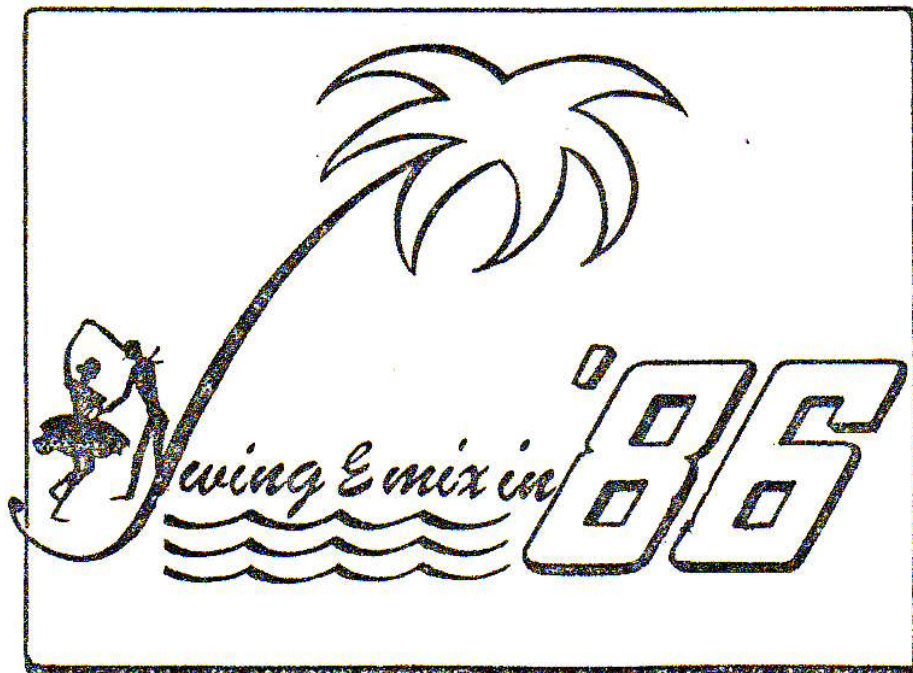
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How many times have you wanted to go to a special dance or festival to dance to a different caller and/or cuer, but couldn't because there was a conflicting dance activity scheduled in your area which you felt obligated to attend? The expanded Calendar of Events in this Newsletter is an excellent tool for clubs, associations, callers and cuers to use in planning and scheduling dances to avoid conflicting dates, and ensure that you get maximum participation at your special events.

Attendance at our Northwest Association meetings by delegates has been low over the past few months. We feel that part of the problem is that our meetings are too long with a lot of material covered that is not of great interest to delegates. In an effort to improve our meetings we will try to hold an executive board meeting before each Northwest Association meeting. At these executive board meetings we will accomplish routine items and paperwork. We hope that this "streamlining" will result in more delegates attending. We hope that delegates will take back information, material, and ideas to help their clubs, and associations as well as help the Northwest Association. If you have any other ideas that can make meetings more interesting & beneficial to you please let us hear from you. Let's all work together to make the Northwest a bigger and better Association.

I have just received information that phase I of the campaign to make "Square Dancing the Official American Folk Dance of Florida" has been successfully completed. We have obtained more than the required number of Initial Co-Sponsors, and our Resolution has been recorded in Tallahassee. A number has been assigned and our Resolution is now known as HCR740.

On a final note: The Northwest is sponsoring this year's State Convention at Lakeland on May 23,24,25,1986. Have you sent in your registration to get the advanced decreased rate? The deadline is April 30 for mail in decreased rate advance registrations. We still need Northwest members to help out at the Convention on various committees. Contact Frank & Betty McCallister if you can help. The Hospitality Committee is

still in need of door monitors. If you can assist them with an hour of your time stop by the hospitality station and let them know what hours you can work. Let's all go to the State Convention and Swing & Mix in '86.

-Ron & Cupie Knowlton-

SPECIAL STEPPERS;PENSACOLA

New Officers/Directors for 1986 are Helen Chapman,President; Nelson Taylor, Vice President; Joyce Young,Secretary; Edna Granger, General Treasurer; Marie Crown, Travel Treasurer; Directors- Nancy Cherry, Mac MacKenzie, Ernie Young, Duffie Anson, Ruth Ward, Mary L. Sanders, and Joy Crawford.

At the 7th Anniversary Dance, Callers and Cuers contributed their services to the event-Buddy Andrews, Arch Garlock, Don Jochum, Chuck Sample, and Johnny Sicuranza. Entertainment was provided by all three club levels-Exhibition Squares, Promenaders, the Fun Bunch and the Country Cloggers. Frank Cherry and Jim Robinett led the "Steppers" and David Spencer was in charge of the Cloggers.

The Committee for Handicapable Dancers, USDA, has added Bill McHardy from "down under" in Australia to the list of callers for Handicapable Dancers. This gives us a new continent to claim for our territory.

We recently heard from Caller Bill Barr, West Haven, CT who leads the STAR CENTER DANCERS OF NORWALK club for mentally Handicapable Dancers. He started two new Explorer Post Clubs in his area whose members are mentally retarded young men and women. He is receiving tremendous support from his BSA Council and is able to teach from the young to the middle age adults. There is no age restriction in the Scouting Program. A big Yellow Rock for Bill.

-Mac MacKenzie-

A BIT OF WISDOM

The older generation thought nothing of getting up at five o'clock in the morning, and the younger generation doesn't think too much of it either.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It is with greatest pleasure that I would like to announce that the NWFSRDA Directory has been completed and that you should be receiving your copy with the May-June of THE PANHANDLE PRESS. The computer has made a big difference in our ability to handle the amount of information contained in the directory. Any suggestions for improvement, corrections, deletions etc. would be greatly appreciated. To our knowledge, we are the only Association in the State that provides such a directory to its members.

Take some time to check out the advertisement rates on the inside cover of this issue. You will notice that I have instituted some new and innovative ideas to help support the Association and the Newsletter. It would really be ideal if THE PANHANDLE PRESS could be self supporting. The rates I am suggesting are very reasonable in comparison to other Newsletters and/or magazines currently in print and the benefits are many. Not only do you support your local Association, but you also generate funds to support your Newsletter as well as derive personal benefits for your club or business.

We are still planning on the Christmas Special Issue and hope that it will be more of a success this year than last year.

We are still looking for some people willing to serve as special reporters for areas in Northwest Florida. The work shared among many hands is much easier.

Should you have any ideas on ways to improve our Newsletter we certainly would appreciate hearing from you. Many individuals, clubs, callers and Associations have been sending in flyers for insertion into the Calendar of Events and we really appreciate their thoughtfulness and interest. It might help to alleviate some of the conflicts. We realize that never will all conflicts be eliminated, but we also feel that some can and will be eliminated.

We will continue to do our best to provide you with useful information on the local, State, and National levels in an effort to help our activity prosper and grow.

-Joy-

CLUB AND AREA NEWS

PASARDA CONSOLIDATED CLASS;F.W.B.,FL;

The students in the consolidated class have reached the final quarter and are preparing for graduation. They have been invited to many PASARDA clubs to join in the fun and fellowship of the Square Dance World. All students are looking forward to the Tenderfoot Twirl on Thursday evening prior to Billy Bowlegs. This has been an enthusiastic class and plans are currently underway for next year's consolidated class.

BELLES & BEAUX;F.W.B.,FL;

The Belles & Beaux of Ft. Walton Beach are making plans for a Ladies Night Special S/R Dance to be held on May 10th at PASARDA HALL. They are featuring Mary Ballentine as the Caller and Kit Waldorf as the cuer.

On April 5th, the Belles & Beaux joined forces with the Bayou Shufflers and had a potluck Square Dance at Liza Jackson Park in Ft. Walton Beach and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

BAYOU SHUFFLERS;F.W.B.,FL;

The Bayou Shufflers (formerly of Niceville) have applied for full membership in PASARDA HALL and have been accepted. They will now be dancing on Saturday evening in PASARDA HALL to the calling of, club caller, Cecil Hurley. Once each month Ernie Griffin from Bonifay calls for the Bayou Shufflers.

This is the second time that the Belles & Beaux and the Bayou Shufflers have joined forces for a potluck supper and square dance and it was truly a successful venture.

RAMBLING ROSE S/D CLUB;PENSACOLA,FL;

The Rambling Rose S/D Club of Pensacola is currently working on their 3rd Anniversary Dance to be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Pensacola on the 23rd of August. "Hoss" Waldorf and Johnny Sicuranza will be handling the Squares and Kit Waldorf will be handling the Rounds. Many couples from the Club will be attending the Florida State Convention and hope to see you there as well.

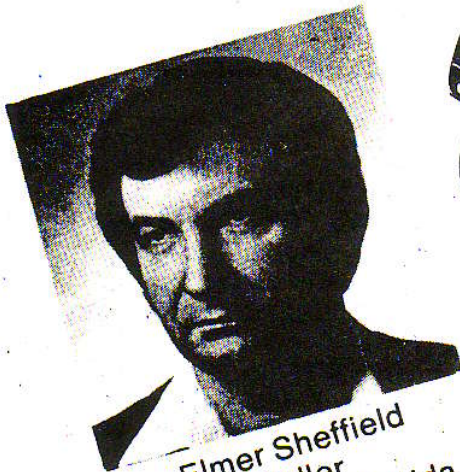
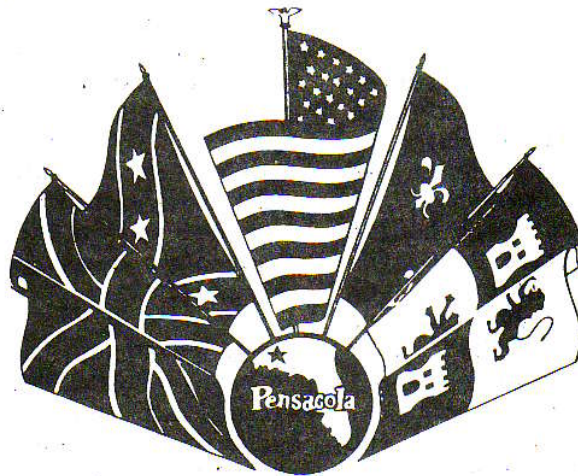


Pensacola Square and Round Dance Council Inc.
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May 16, 1986

at the

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Tallahassee, Florida



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\$ 4.00 per person

ADVANCE \$ 3.00 per person

7:45 p.m. Grand March

8:00 - 10:30 p.m. Square & Round Dancing

Square Dance Attire Requested

5:30 - 7:00 EARLY CLOGGING

7:00 - 7:45 EARLY ROUNDS

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CLUB NEWS CONT'D

PANAMA CITY S/R DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWS

We had our 28th Annual Festival on the 24th & 25th of January, 1986. The callers were Bobby Newman on Fri. and Wade Driver on Sat. The Peirces did an outstanding job including a Round Dance Exhibition. Many thanks to Bobby, Wade and the Pierces.

Now for the big news ! On Feb. 25th we received our new building. We should have it up and be dancing in it by late April or early May of this year. We will keep you posted as to dedication date.

The Association wants to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who worked so hard to make this dream a reality. We still have a long way to go and it will take a lot of dedication and hard work to complete the building.

All of the clubs in Panama City have been dancing on a regular basis with good crowds in attendance. Many Snowbirda have been in attendance throughout the winter but they will soon be leaving us. We hope they will all have safe trips home.

As it has been quite a while since there has been any news from us let me tell you about the clubs in Panama City. The Wheel 'N' Dealers dance on Tuesday nights with Jack White calling.. Next is The Ranch House Dancers with Darryl McMillan calling on Wednesday nights. The Square Eights Dance Club, which is our oldest club, dances on Thursday evenings with Ron Ray calling. The Tyndall Toetappers with Ron Ray calling are now dancing at the Parker Community Center on Tuesday nights thru March, 1986. All clubs at the Ranch House with the exception of the Tyndall Toetappers. Advanced dancing is on Tuesday nights with Darryl McMillan calling is on Tuesday nights at the Council on Aging Building.

We would like to invite all square and round dancers to come and dance with us any time you are in the area. It would be our pleasure to welcome you at any of our dances.

-Don Cornelius-

SWING & MIX IN '86
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GPASRDA;PENSACOLA;

The greater Pensacola Area S/R Dance Association is one of the newest members of the Northwest Association. We are presently finalizing plans for both the Fiesta of Five Flags Dance to be held on May 23rd, and the Pensacola S/R Dance Festival in June. Check the Calendar of Events and flyer insertions for more information.

The Annual Valentine Ball held in February was a huge success despite the fact that it was a dance that almost was'nt due to our insurance problems at the last minute. An enjoyable time was had by all in attendance. The 1986 Royal Court was introduced with pageantry and included a Queen and Escort from each Association Club.

TASARDA;TALLAHASSEE,FL;

The Tallahassee Area S/R Dance Association just completed hosting its 7th Annual TASARDA Festival at the Henry V. McMillan Armory in Tallahassee on March 7th and 8th, 1986. The turnout was excellent and the highlight of the programming was a Round Dance Exhibition by the Blackfords.

The Northwest Association also held its meeting in conjunction with the Festival and the Green and White costumes were very much in evidence.

Plans are already underway for next year's Festival. The flyers are out and we are busily promoting for successful dance. It will be held on March 6 & 7, 1987 with Marshall Flippo and Elmer Sheffield on Squares and the McCords on Rounds.

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL S/D FESTIVAL

August 1 & 2, 1986
MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM
CONVENTION CENTER & EXHIBIT HALL
MARSHALL FLIPPO.....FRIDAY
BERYL MAIN &
JERRY SCHATZER.....SATURDAY
JOHN & WANDA WINTER.....ROUNDS

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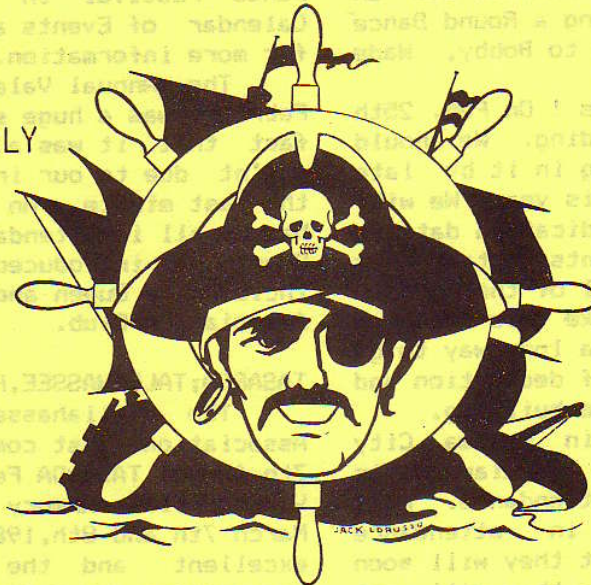
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TENDERFOOT DANCE
 STUDENTS & NEW GRADS
 8-11 PM

PRICES PER COUPLE
 THURS \$5.00
 FRI \$8.00
 SAT SQ WKSHP \$5.00
 SAT RD WKSHP \$5.00
 SAT EVE \$8.00

TRAIL-IN DANCE
 EARLY ROUNDS (WALDORFS)
 7:30-8 PM

*SQUARE DANCE (McMILLAN)
 8-11 PM
 *TWO ROUNDS BETWEEN EACH TIP

SPECIAL FAMILY RATES FOR
 ALL EVENTS FRI & SAT \$22.00
 ALL EVENTS (FRI & SAT) \$20.00

ROUND WORKSHOP 12-2 PM
 (WALDORFS)
 SQUARE WORKSHOP 2-3:30 PM
 (McMILLAN)
 INTRO TO ADV 3:30-4:30 PM
 EARLY ROUNDS 7-7:30 PM
 (WALDORFS)
 *SQUARE DANCE 8-11 PM
 (McMILLAN)

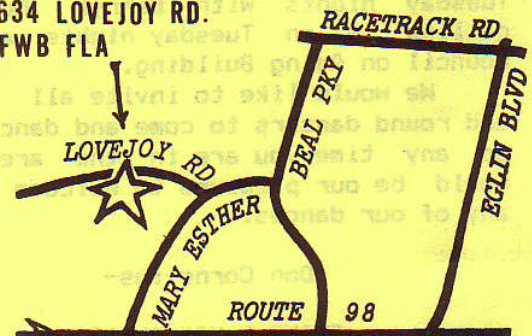


DARRYL McMILLAN



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SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE

The previous article on insurance pointed out why every Florida Square/Round/ Clogging/ Contra dancer club and association needs liability protection and accident/ medical benefits while conducting and sponsoring dance activities.

Several recent occurrences vividly bring the point home. We feel an obligation to let you know about them.

(1) The Pensacola Council with a membership of ten (10) clubs had scheduled a special Valentine's Dance months previously at the Municipal Auditorium. Two (2) days before the dance the city made it known they would no longer provide liability insurance as they had in the past. Local agents quoted a fee ranging from \$400-\$500 to cover the one night dance. If expedited action had not been taken by the Northwest Association, State and USDA Insurance Chairmen, this special dance would have had to be cancelled.

In addition, the city advised that all clubs using city facilities would have to show proof of liability insurance. Since the Council and clubs are members of the Northwest Association and participants in the insurance program offered by the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, all dances, regular and special, are being covered by a "Certificate of Additional Named Insured" at no additional cost in accordance with provisions of our policy.

(2) Another example occurred last Fall when a club scheduled a dance at the local National Guard Armory. At the last minute, the Armory advised that the club would have to provide proof of liability insurance. Unfortunately, the club was not a participant in the Square Dance Insurance Program and we understand they went on the local market for coverage at a cost of about \$300.00.

We may have a trend on our hands as more and more owners of public and private facilities are demanding groups to show proof of liability insurance before they will allow use of a

facility.

It is suggested that all association and club leaders give the subject of insurance serious consideration. Cancellation of dances for the lack of liability insurance could do great harm to the activity. If you desire more information contact your local Association Insurance Chairman.

The insurance program is provided for you by your State Organization as a service to its members. No Square Dance organization or insurance chairman receives any remuneration for managing the program. Five (5) cents of the \$1.15 dancer annual premium is retained by each organizational level (area association, State Federation, USDA) to cover administrative expenses.

Joe Vaccari

Insurance Chairman

Florida Federation of Square Dancers

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR
THE 35TH NATIONAL

While this is one service we hope you don't have to use, The 35th National Square Dance Convention will have an emergency number in effect, Monday, June 23 through Sunday, June 29, 1986. This phone will be manned during the Convention hours and will enable you to be notified in the event of an emergency by the use of television monitors located throughout the Convention Center or if you received housing through the 35th National Registration and Housing Committee, there will be a list available so you can be contacted at your hotel/motel. The number is:

(317) 634-1986

We suggest that you leave this number with all who might need to reach you in emergency.

EXHIBITION GROUPS

Forty invitations and questionnaires have been mailed out to special interest square, round, and clogging groups. Thirty of these will be selected to perform during the convention for your entertainment.

IN MEMORIAM
HUGH FULTZ

Hugh Fultz, Vice President of the Florida Federation of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, passed away suddenly on March 1st.

Originally from Ohio, Hugh and Jean started dancing in 1970. After Hugh retired from Ohio Bell in 1973, he and Jean moved to Florida and became deeply involved not only in dancing, but in the square dance movement as a whole. Hugh was deeply interested in the advancement of Square Dancing, and was devoted to helping it to present a good image to the public.

Among the many offices Hugh and Jean have held were President of Square Dance Clubs, President of the West Coast Association, Editors of the West Coast Dancer, Chairman of the 1982 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention, and presently Vice President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers.

Hugh himself felt he was a rather shy person, but said he never met a stranger. He, and his work will be sorely missed by the Square Dance World.

Ed. Note: Hugh and Jean were always ready and extending a helping hand whenever it was needed and never did they refuse a reasonable request when it was for the sake of Square Dancing. Jean asked me to print the following:

My Dear Square & Round Dance Friends:

Your thoughtful kindnesses and expressions of sympathy are a great comfort to me and will always be remembered with deep gratitude. Hugh would have been proud to be remembered by so many.

Sincerely,
Jean Fultz

FRANK GRUNDEEN

If this activity had a cartoonist - laureate, it very well could have been Frank Grunden. With the introduction of Sets in Order in November, 1948, Frank drew the first of his 444 cartoons that would appear on the back cover of each issue for the next 37 years.

Over the years Frank's ideas captured the joy and friendliness of the

activity. No phase of square dancing was spared.

With the closing of the magazine in December, 1985, (SQUARE DANCING Magazine) Frank's work with the magazine was complete. Somehow he must have known this for, barely three weeks into the New Year, Frank passed away suddenly without any lingering illness. He will be missed but, hopefully, future generations of square dancers will have occasion to enjoy his work.

!!! ATTENTION !!!
LATE CLUB NEWS

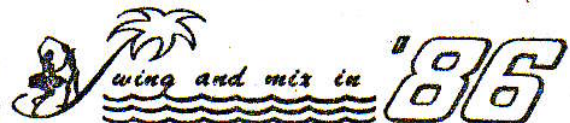
The Chatauqua Squares of DeFuniak Springs, FL will be holding their 5th Annual MDA Dance for Jerry's Kids on Saturday, August 2nd at 8:00 PM at the DeFuniak Civic Center.

The Civic Center is located on Highway 83 North and the Dancing will begin at 8:00 PM. Donation to MDA will be \$6.00 per couple.

Jack White and Johnny Sicuranza are donating their time at the microphone and the club members are providing refreshments.

Mark your Calendar NOW to come out on August 2nd, 1986 and DANCE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T.

-Mary Hutcheson-



PUBLICITY RELEASE
MAY '86 Issue of BOW & SWING
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The Convention Committee invites every dancer to attend the fun filled family reunion at the 1986 State Convention in Lakeland on May 23,24,25, 1986. The slogan for this year's Convention, "Swing & Mix in '86", promised fun and fellowship and the Committee has actively strived to meet this objective for you.

Following is a list of Committee Chairmen who have spent two (2) years preparing for the family reunion: perhaps, you would like to greet them with a "yellow rock" when you see them in Lakeland.

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Kick Off Chairman	Ernie "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf

In last months issue, we failed to mention a most important part of this year's Convention. There will be four (4) education panels that will be of interest to Association and Club Officers and all dancers. These panels are designed to present ideas and information to help your club and every part of our dance hobby to grow. They will be moderated by outstanding leaders from Florida and elsewhere. Subjects to be covered will be (1)Square Dance Insurance (2)Club Leadership (3)Square Dance Programs (4)Square Dance Classes. We urge all dancers to attend one or more of these sessions.

Again, a special invitation is extended to each of you to come and join us in the the dancing and fun of the 33rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. See you all there !

Joe & Joy Vaccari
Publicity Chairman & Secretary



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"City of Five Flags"

June 20 & 21 1986

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Squares



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10:00 - 12:00 A.M. CLOGGING--SATURDAY
4:00 - 7:00 PM
BUTCH ANTONE & LOCAL INSTRUCTORS

Friday	\$12.50 per couple
Saturday	12.50 per couple
Friday & Saturday	20.00 per couple
Clogging Workshop	3.00 per person

DONATION

CLOGGING--3.00 PER EVENT

Friday 8:00-10:30 P.M.	Dance - Art Springer
7:30 P.M.	Early Rounds - The Lawsons
Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 A.M.	Clogging Workshop - Butch Antone
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.	Round Dance Workshop - The Lawsons
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Square Dance Workshop - Joe Porritt
7:00 P.M.	Early Rounds - The Lawsons
7:45 P.M.	Grand March
8:00 - 11:00 P.M.	Dance - Joe Porritt
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PROGRESS-GROWTH-DEVELOPMENT: These words typify the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC., as they move into 1986 under the leadership of President Howard & Lorraine Backus of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The USDA held its largest and most successful Mid-Year meeting to date in Amarillo, TX, on January 25, 1986. This meeting was hosted by USDA affiliate, Top of Texas Square and Round Dance Association.

PROGRESS was evidenced in all the programs which have been undertaken by this, the largest of all square dance organizations. Special interest has been expressed in the USDA Handicapable Dancer Program under the direction of Mac & Chieko Mackenzie and Frank & Nancy Cherry, Handicapable Dancers Committee Co-Chairmen. This committee is working to further the interaction of handicapable dancer groups throughout the nation and to achieve recognition for the handicapable dancer as an integral part of the square dance activity. The economical dancer and club insurance program continued to attract interest from dancer organizations throughout the country. This program is operated under the direction of Charles Naddoo, Insurance Chairman and Parliamentarian. A continuing program of dancer education has been initiated by Jim & Peggy Segraves, Education Committee Chairman. Detailed leadership materials were developed for utilization in the presentation of club leadership seminars.

GROWTH was demonstrated by the interest in membership expressed by various state and area organizations. Through the efforts of Central Region Vice Presidents George & Judy Garland, the South Carolina SARDA was recognized as an affiliate of USDA. Western Region Vice President Jon Fischer, was instrumental in soliciting the membership of the Associated Square Dancers of Southern Nevada and the Old Pueblo Square Dance Association of Arizona. Orto & Rita Hoadley, Eastern Region Vice Presidents, enlisted the affiliation of the Worcester Area Coordinators Association of Massachusetts. The Kansas Square Dance Association submitted an application through the encouragement of Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink, Plains Region Vice Presidents.

DEVELOPMENT of a proposal was initiated for the revival of the entry level of square dance club to appeal to the interests of the mainstream dancer as proposed by the Crossfire Study Group. A resolution was adopted proposing that CALLERLAB restructure the entry program to not exceed 30 weeks and to not exceed 60 calls. USDA pledges to assist CALLERLAB in effecting this change through encouraging all its member organizations to support this new program. In accordance with the directive of the USDA Board of Directors, plans are moving ahead for the development of Regional Festivals. The Regional Festival Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Jim Maczko, is actively working on guidelines and policies for holding festivals in each of the four USDA Regions.

Operational funding of the world's largest square dance organization is a continuing concern shared by all officers and its 175,000 members. The Ways and Means Committee is constantly endeavoring to promote the ongoing fund raising processes through programs such as sales of square dancer bumper stickers (available for \$0.50 each) special nylon member banners in two sizes (8" X 11" at \$2.50, 24" X 36" at \$9.50 each), and attractive USDA jackets which may be ordered to size for both ladies and men (\$17.50 unlined; \$20.00 lined; and an additional \$5.00 for personalizing with individual names). USDA member badges are also available at a cost of \$2.00 each from Badge Committee Chairman, Ed and Mary Barber.

Interested square dancers are invited to attend the annual meeting of the USDA Board of Directors to be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 1986, in the La Petit Room of the Atkinson Hotel at the corners of Illinois and Georgia Streets, Indianapolis, Indiana, concurrently with the 35th National Square Dance Convention. Election of officers together with discussion of all of the above programs and more will be covered at this year's annual meeting.

For additional information about USDA or any of its programs, please contact the Director of Information, Jim Maczko, 3625 Earnsciff Place, NO. 16, San Diego, CA 92111, phone 619-569-8216.

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

The UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA serves to represent the Square Dancer in decisions which are made relative to the development and growth of the square dance activity. This representation takes place through the various State and Regional Dancer Organizations affiliating with the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA. As a united voice the USDA is able to express the views of the Dancer on a National level so that they might be relayed to the other National and International groups with whom the Dancers interact: Leaders; Callers; Instructors; Commercial Enterprises; Other Dancers, etc.

Membership is open to any organized non-profit Square Dance groups or other organized groups representing the Square Dancers within a State with each State being allowed a maximum of two votes. This affords the Dancer the opportunity to participate in the programs available through the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA.

- An Economical Dancer Accident and Group Liability Insurance Program
- Square Dancers Museum and Hall of Fame to Recognize Dancer Contributions
- A Forum for Encouraging the Benefits of Dancer Leader Interaction
- Assist Groups Desiring to Organize for the Betterment of Square Dancing

U. S. D. A. M E E T I N G

The United Square Dancers of America held their mid-year Board of Directors meeting in Amarilla, TX in January. The following agenda items were discussed:

Insurance - USDA is having difficulty in obtaining the \$1 million liability coverage due to the overall problems encountered by the insurance companies with the expensive malpractice suits. USDA will continue to pursue the desired \$1M coverage in lieu of the current \$500,000 coverage.

SD Postage Stamp - Still in the same Congressional Committee and being held pending the passage of the bill to make SD the national folk dance.

Badges - USDA membership badges are available for members to purchase by any dancer that desires one. Museum badges are also available.

Education - Samples of a typical USDA Club Leadership training materials packets were distributed to the attendees. This type of educational training data may be used in some educational seminars conducted by USDA leaders.

Decals - USDA decals are available for sale to the dancers at 50 cents each.

Jackets - White nylon jackets with the USDA logo are available for any dancer to purchase. Unlined - \$17.00, lined - \$20.00.

Code of Ethics - To be discussed at the meeting.

Handicapable Dancers - USDA insurance is now available to these groups. Most rewarding program undertaken by USDA and is gaining popularity and support throughout the USA.

Banners - USDA banners are available to clubs and dancers. Small - \$2.50 each, Large - \$9.50.

Membership - Approximately 175,000 dancers are now represented by USDA.

Crossfire - Jim White reported on the activities and the accomplishments of the Crossfire Study Group.

Square Dancers of America - A meeting will be held in March to determine if a square dance float will be placed in the next Rose Parade. SD of America is in the black now for the first time in 11 years.

National Folk Dance Committee - Still pushing to obtain Cosponsors for the bill to make the Square Dance the National Folk Dance of the USA. The activities of this committee will become part of USDA in 1987.

35th NSDC Afterparty - Still waiting for a hall assignment in Indianapolis.

Showcase Display - USDA display table will be available at the 35th NSDC.

Regional Festivals - A meeting will be held in Little Rock, AR in March to lay out plans and guidelines for the conduct of USDA Regional Festivals.

Circle of Friendship Badges - Presented by Joe Vacarra to Howard & Loraine Backus, Jim Maczko and Charles Naddoo for their dedicated service to the square dance movement.

Honary ASARDA Membership - Bestowed on USDA President Howard & Loraine Backus.

Rules of Order - A simplified set of Rules of Order was distributed to R00 for review.

The Top of Texas Square and Round Dance Association sponsored a special square dance that night in honor of the USDA R00. The hospitality of the leaders, callers and dancers was outstanding. The people were very friendly, helpful and serve as superb examples of the desired square dancer image.

Attend the next USDA meeting at the 35th NSDC in Indianapolis - you are invited - it is YOUR Association - the largest in the nation - take care of it.

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JUNE 26, 27, 28, 1986
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UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NORTHWEST MEETINGS

April 26, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; 3:00 PM; Exec. Board Meeting 2:00 PM
Aug. 23, 1986; Pensacola, FL; Tentatively Scheduled; Time & Place TBA
Oct. 25, 1986; Chipley, FL; Nat'l Guard Armory; Installation Meeting

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

1986 - Indianapolis, Indiana
1987 - Houston, Texas
1988 - Anaheim, California
1989 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

OTHER EVENTS

April 11-12, 1986; Pensacola; RAGON HALL; Seaside Rounds FIESTA Weekend of Rounds; Featuring Jerry & Barbara Pierce
April 18-19, 1986; Panama City Beach, FL; Park Place Campground and Motel; Hwy 98; Springtime Square & Round Dance Campout; Ron Ray & Foley Wood-Squares; "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf-Rounds
April 18-19, 1986; Dothan, AL; Spring Fest-All Plus Weekend; Horace Newberry & Lamar Fillingim
April 26, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Anniversary Dance; Darryl McMillan-Squares; Jim & Dottie McCord-Rounds
April 27, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Dance hosted by the Sandpipers; Darryl McMillan; 1-3:30 PM; floor level-Advanced
May 2-3, 1986; Panama City, FL; Municipal Auditorium; 10th Annual Ranch House Roundup; McMillan, Terrell and Oxendine
May 3, 1986; Pensacola, FL; RAGON HALL; Mac Letson-Squares; George & Johnnie Eddins-Rounds
May 9-10, 1986; Gainesville, GA; Holiday Inn Convnetion Center; IDA Annual May Special;-Plus Level Festival-; Darryl McMillan; Blackfords
May 10, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; The Belles & Beaux present "Ladies Night" S/R Dance Special; Mary Ballentine-Squares; Kit Waldorf-Rounds
May 16, 1986; Pensacola, FL; Municipal Auditorium; Fiesta of Five Flags Dance; Elmer Sheffield-Squares; Jim & Dottie McCord-Rounds
May 16, 1986; St. Marks, FL; St Marks Educational Center; Honeybee JAYboree Square & Round Dance; Jay Wiggins-Squares; Marge & Earl Bagwell-Rounds
MAY 23, 24, 25, 1986; LAKELAND, FL; CIVIC CENTER; 33RD ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION hosted by The Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association
June 5, 6, 7, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; 27th Annual Billy Bowlegs Festival; Darryl McMillan; "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf-Rounds
June 15, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Dance with Art Springer hosted by the Sandpipers; 1-3:30 PM; floor level-advanced
June 20-21, 1986; Pensacola, FL; Municipal Auditorium; 34th Annual Square & Round Dance Festival in the "City of Five Flags"; Fri-Art Springer; Sat-Joe Porritt; Richard & JoAnn Lawson-Rounds
June 22, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Dance with Darryl McMillan hosted by the Sandpipers; 1-3:30 PM; floor level-advanced
JUNE 26, 27, 28, 1986; INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA; 35TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
July 11-12, 1986; Ocean Springs, MS; Royal Gulf Hills Resort; High Intermediate Round Dance Clinic with Jerry and Barbara Pierce
July 13, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Dance with Darryl McMillan hosted by the Sandpipers; 1-3:30 PM; floor level-advanced
July 18-19, 1986; Pensacola, FL; RAGON HALL; Seaside's July Jamboree; Tony Di George
July 19, 1986; Panama City; At The New Square Dance Center; 1105 Bob Little Road; The Wheel & Dealers present the 5th Annual Bob Poyner Dance

July 19, 1986; Dothan, AL; Civic Center; "Down Home Jubilee" presented by the Dothan Do Si Dos; Darryl McMillan-Squares; Bob & Kathy Dammert-Rounds
 Aug. 1-2, 1986; Mississippi Gulf Coast 24th Annual Square Dance Festival
 Aug. 10, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Dance with "Singing Sam Mitchell Hosted by the Sandpipers; 1-3:30 PM; floor level-advanced
 Aug. 10-25, 1986; Greece and the Aegean Islands Tour & Vacatrion & Square Dance with Darryl & Ann McMillan
 Aug. 16, 1986; Pensacola, FL; RAGON HALL; Seaside's 23rd Anniversary; Joe Robertson
 Aug. 23, 1986; Pensacola, FL; Municipal Auditorium; Ramblin Rose 3rd Anniversary Dance; "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf, Johnny and Linda Sicuranza
 Aug. 22-23, 1986; Tallahassee, FL; Jackson, FL; Lovelace Fall Round Dance Clinic
 SEPTEMBER IS SQUARE DANCE MONTH
 Sept. 5, 1986; Pensacola, FL; Municipal Auditorium; National Square Dance Month Kick-Off Special
 Sept. 13, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Pasarda Autumn Fling; Vern Weese Squares; Chuck & Nancy Sample-Rounds
 Oct. 3, 4, 5, 1986; Jacksonville, FL; "Just For The Fun of It"; Darryl McMillan, Damon Coe, & Art Springer; Plus, Advanced, & Challenge; Blackfords-Rounds
 Oct. 4, 1986; Pensacola, FL; RAGON HALL; Johnny Who (Sicuranza)
 Oct. 10-11, 1986; Dothan, AL; Civic Center; 27th Annual Peanut Festival Dance; Lamar Fillingim-Fri; Bud Whitten-Sat; Jerry & Barbara Pierce-Rounds
 Oct. 24-25, 1986; Chipley, FL; National Guard Armory; 12th Annual Northwest Florida Round-Up; Darryl McMillan and Elmer Sheffield-Squares "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf-Rounds
 Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1986; Jackson, MS; Downtown Holiday Inn; ESP Square Dance Weekend; ESP Callers; McCords-Rounds
 Nov. 1-2, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Weekend of Dancing with Art Springer hosted by the Sandpipers; Sat. 1-3:30 and 8-10:30 PM; Sun 1-3:30 PM
 Nov. 7-8, 1986; Atmore, AL; Civic Center; 11th Annual Harvest Dance; Lee Swain and Darryl McMillan-Squares; "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf-Rounds
 Nov. 15-22, 1986; Caribbean Square and Round Dance Cruise; Mac and Lou Letson-Squares; "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf-Rounds
 Nov. 28, 29, 30, 1986; Eufala, AL; 7th Annual Lakepoint Funfest; Chris Vear and Horace Newberry-Squares; Wayne & Ruby Nicholson-Rounds
 Dec. 5, 1986; F.W.B., FL; Pasarda Hall; Gary Shoemake-Squares; "Hoss" & Kit Waldorf-Rounds
 Dec. 14, 1986; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Advanced Dance with Darryl McMillan hosted by the Sandpipers; 1-3:30 PM; floor level-advanced
 Dec. 31, 1986; NEW YEARS EVE DANCES; WHERE ???; WHAT TIME ???; WHO ???
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 Feb. 5, 6, 7, 1987; Lakeland, FL; Civic Center; Florida Sunshine Festival; All Professional Staff
 Feb. 7, 1987; F.W.B., FL; PASARDA HALL; Annual Who-Down; "Hoss" Waldorf and Johnny Who-Squares; Kit Waldorf-Rounds
 March 6 & 7, 1987; Tallahassee, FL; 8th Annual TASARDA Festival; Henry V. McMillan Armory; Marshall Flippo and Elmer Sheffield; McCords-Rounds

 Editor's Note

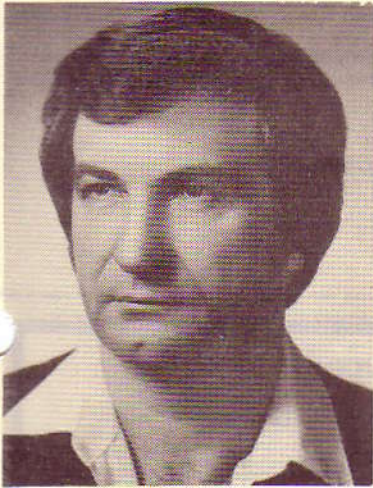
Thanks to those dancers, callers, clubs, and Associations who have taken the time to send me a flyer advertising their special dance. As you will note I have extended the Calendar of Events to include as many dances as possible up to and including 1987. It is hoped that this will help to some degree in avoiding the conflicts we so often experience.

ESP SQUARE DANCE WEEK-END



October 31-November 1, 1986
Downtown Holiday Inn, Jackson, Mississippi

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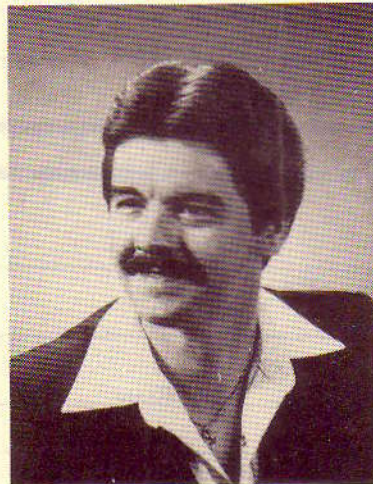
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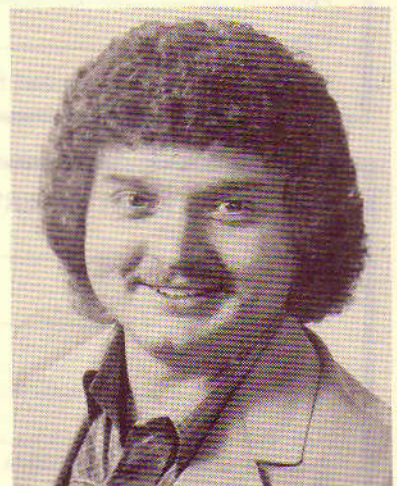
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October 31-November 1

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FRIDAY	8:00-11:00 p.m. Delta Rm.	HALLOWEEN COSTUME SQUARE & ROUND DANCE (You may choose to dress as a Square Dancer) AFTER-PARTY Snacks & entertainment by the ESP staff.
	11:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Delta Rm.	
SATURDAY	10:00-12:00 a.m. Delta Rm.	ROUND DANCE WORKSHOP SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP ADVANCED SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP BUFFET, Plantation Dining Room (Optional, not included in Dance package fee) ROUND DANCE PARTY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ADVANCED DANCE AFTER-PARTY Guest Callers
	2:00- 4:00 p.m. Delta Rm.	
	2:00- 4:00 p.m. Raintree Rm.	
	4:30	
	7:00- 7:45 p.m. Delta Rm.	
	8:00-11:00 p.m. Delta Rm.	
	8:30-10:30 p.m. Raintree Rm.	
	11:00- 1:00 a.m. Delta Rm.	

Complete Dance Package, Friday & Saturday
Friday night only, includes after-party
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Advance: \$15.00/person
6.00/person
10.00/person

Door: \$17.50
7.50
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