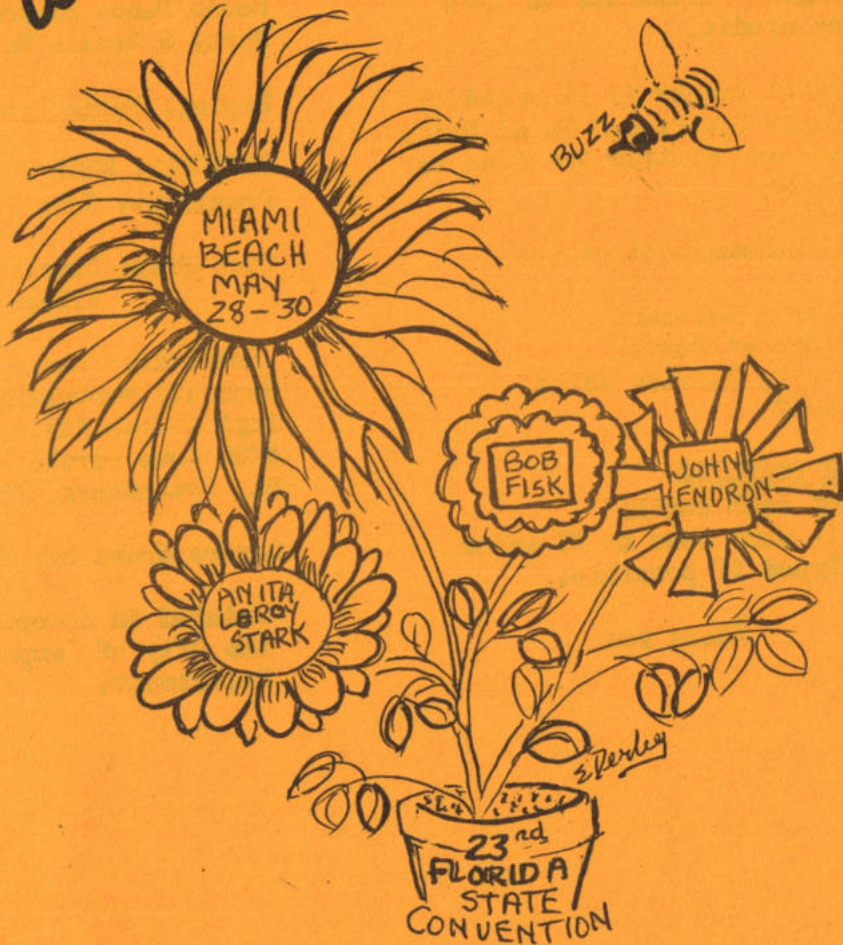


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Sarasota "Magazine Dance" was a great success, thanks to George Jabbusch, Fred Caulkins, Frank Michael, Bob Norton, Vickie Laverty, Wayne Russell, Hal Neitzel and Bob Mitchell, the callers and cuers who donated their services for a very pleasant afternoon.

A great group of dancers turned out for the Freshman Frolic in Largo, sponsored by the Suncoast Callers. We welcome our new dancers to the world of square dancing. You are square dancers hope for the future, it is you who will be the officers and workers in the years to come. We were all new dancers and learned, as you will, by getting out on the floor and dancing. Join a club, and your association, work with your club, be a willing club member and spread your happiness around. Square dancing needs you, as you need it...become involved..be a helping hand..and enjoy yourself!

The State Convention is this month, and we hope to see you there!! It will be a great week-end. Join in the fun!

Last but not least, the Fall Fun Fest is a little closer each month, and the excitement grows each month. This will be the first week-end dance for the West Coast Association, and it would be hard to find a better program anywhere in the country! Keep the dates in mind..Oct. 22,23, 1976!

John & Minnie Zellner

IN MEMORIAM

On April 4, 1976 Robert "Bob" Dawson passed away. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin Bob and his wife, Shirley have lived in Sarasota for many years. A member of "Callerlab", the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida, Bob was a square dance caller and round dance cuer, teacher and choreographer. Among the many square dance records he made, "Summer Sounds" was a great favorite. Our sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is our last edition as your Editors. We have tried for six months to find a replacement, but to no avail. Perhaps now that undecided person will step forward. Please???????

We have enjoyed our term as Editors, enjoyed meeting so many nice people, thru the mail. Thanks to all those who sent us a cheery word now and then we needed it.

The magazine has been revised to the best of our ability. It will stay the same size now every month, (or smaller). We hope this will make it easier for the new Editors.

We thank all the great folders who turned out every month...seems it was usually the same ones. If you would like to help out on folding nite, send your phone number to the President and some one will give you a call. Many hands make light work!

One of our fondest memories as Editors was the great support we received when the magazine had money troubles. It was indeed heartwarming to see the membership jump from less than 200 to over 900 last year. Did you renew your membership this year??

Thanks to the callers who kept their listings current..keep up the good work.

We looking forward to dancing with YOU in a square.

John & Susie

Elva Blythe writes she is anxious to get busy with custom designing of square dance dress.

Contact her at 8 Nancy Lane

Fort Myers Beach, Fla. 33931

Phone 813-463-4928

ROUND DANCE WORKSHOPS FOR MAY, 1976

MONDAYS

Largo-Hope Presbyterian Church-1698 Belcher-Int. 7:30 PM Walther

TUESDAYS

Tampa-Grant Park Rec. Cen.-32 Ave & 54th St. EZ 8 PM Lovelace
St. Pete-OXBOW-8451 49th St. No.-Adv. & Challenge Stone

WEDNESDAYS

Sarasota-Bee Ridge Rec. Cen.-Wilkerson & So. Lockwood Ridge Rd. 10 Am Leonard

FRIDAYS

Largo-Largo Comm. Cen. 65 4th St. W. 12:30-3:30PM Leiner
Largo-Largo Comm. Cen. 65 4th St. W. 7:30-10:00PM Gilberts

SARASOTA-Geo. Potter Bldg. 2900 Ringling Blvd. Int. 7-8:30 PM Leonard
Adv. 8:30 PM

SUNDAYS

Ft. Myers-So. Recreation Cen. EZ 8PM Heiss
Pinellas Park-OXBOW 8451 49th St. No. 6 PM Walther

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR FOR MAY, 1976

MONDAYS

Venice Venice Isle MH PK. 8-10 PM Int. Neitzels
Largo Oakcrest MH Pk., 1001 Ulmerton Rd., EZ 7:30 PM Rands
Clearwater Clwr. YWCA 222 So. Lincoln 7:30-8 PM PDR Mack
Holiday Beacon Square Rec. Cen. 7PM PDR Hulins
Pinellas Pk. OXBOW 8451 49th St. No. Int. & Adv. Gilberts
Tampa No. Blvd Rec. Cen, 124 No. Blvd., Int. & Adv. 7:45PM Lovelaces
Cape Coral Cape Coral Yacht Club 7:30PM Christoph

TUESDAYS

Holiday St. Vincent De Paul Church #595 East PDR Hulins
Bradenton Golf Lake Estates, Oneco Rd, between Hwy #41 & #301 Leonard
Basics 6:30-8 Int. 8-10PM
Clearwater YWCA 222 So. Lincoln, complete R/D program 7:30PM Mack & Martin
Pinellas Pk. OXBOW, 8451 49th St. No. EZ-Int. 1:30 PM Rands
Tampa No. Blvd. Rec. Cen. 214 No. Blvd. EZ-Int. 7:45 PM DuBois
Largo Oakcrest MH Pk., 1001 Ulmerton Rd., 7*7:30 PM Rands
Sun City Sun City Center, 8-10 PM Christoph

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR FOR MAY, 1976

SUNDAYS

Clearwater	Top of the World, 2410 Sunset Pt. Rd., 1 to 4 PM 2nd & 4th Sundays only	Hart
Bonita Springs	Comm. Center, EZ 6-8 PM Tamiami Steppers	8-10 PM Kastner
Plant City	Dort St. Recreation Cen. 2nd Sun. only 2-5 PM	752-0491 Martin
Sarasota	3rd Sun, 2900 Ringling Blvd. Int & Adv. 2 PM	Leonard
Seminole	1,2, & 5th, Ridgewood Activity Cen. 1:30-5 PM	Leiner
Dunedin	Stirling Hall 730 Broadway 5-7 PM	Rands
Pinellas Pk	OXBOW 8451 49th St. No., Int. 8-10:30 PM	Walther

*PDR DENOTES PRE DANCE ROUNDS

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SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOPS

Mondays

Port Richey	Hall Workshop 4922 Magnolia 8-10:30 PM	868-4594 Taylor
Sarasota	Tri Par Estates 10 to noon	Norton
Sarasota	Bar Nothing Hi level Ag. Bldg-2900 Ringling 8-10:30	Jabbusch
Tampa	Temple Crest Comm. Cen, Riverhills & 37th St.	Hurst

Tuesdays

Largo	Oakcrest MH Pk Int.	Schmakel
Sarasota	Tri Par Estates 10 to noon	Norton
Ellenton	Tide-vue MH Pk., 9:30-11:30 Am	Jabbusch

Wednesdays

Hudson	Beacon Woods Racquet Club 6 to 8 PM	Kessler
Sarasota	Ag. Bldg, 2900 Ringling Bar Nothing Int. 8:15 PM	Jabbusch
Pinellas Pk	OXBOW 8451 49th St. No., 1:30-4 PM	Spring

Thursdays

Venice	Venice Jr. High School 7:30 PM "Gypsy Squares"	Michae
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Fridays

High Point	Rec. Cen., 3 Mi. E. of Weeki-Wachee on SR 50 1-2-&4	Taylor
Sun City	Rec. Center 2nd & 4th only 7:30 PM	Jabbusch
Dunedin	Stirling Hall 730 Broadway Int. 7:30 PM	Schmake
Tampa	214 No. Blvd., Int. 2nd, 4th & 5th, 8 PM	Kessler

Sundays

Dunedin	Stirling Hall, 730 Broadway 7:30 PM	Schmal
Sarasota	Ag. Bldg., 2900 Ringling Blvd. EZ 8-10 PM	Jabbusch
Holiday	Square Dance Villa, 6921 State Rd. #595, 8 PM	Kessle

SQUARE DANCE DIRECTORY FOR MAY, 1976ARCADIA

"Arcadia Squares", American Legion Bldg.

AUBURNDALE

"Sunshine Swingers", Municipal Bldg.

BRANDON

"Brandon Squares", Methodist Church

CAPE CORAL

"Cape Coral Sqs.", Yacht Club Phone # 542-7253

"Caloosa Squares", Bavarian Club

"Sunshine Squares", Sportsmen's Club

BRADENTON

Casa Loma Park 111 53 Ave. W. (Oneco Rd.)

CLEARWATER

Top of the World, 2410 Sunset Rd. 1 to 4PM

Clearwater YWCA, 222 So. Lincoln "Y-Knots"

Clearwater Beach Auditorium "New Era Squares"

Ranchmobile MH Pk, 6800 150 Ave. No.

DADE CITY

"Square Hoppers", Civic Center 4th & Meridan

DUNEDIN

"Steeple Stompers", 1st Presbyterian Church

"Katch All 8's", Stirling Hall 730 Broadway

Dunedin Beach Campground, 2920 Alt. #19

EL JOBEAN

Community Center off Hwy. #771 Call 629-8513

ELLENTON

Tidevue Mobile Home Park

ENGLEWOOD

"Buttons & Bows", Lemon Bay School Call 426-2315

FORT MYERS

"Kriss Kross Squares", 7 Lakes Auditorium

"Orange Harbor", Palm Beach Blvd.

HOLIDAY

"The Swingers", So. Recreation Center, Golf Ave.

Square Dance Villa, 6921 State Rd. # 595

"Dixie Loopers", St. Vincent De Paul Church #595 E
call 842-3257HIGH POINT

Recreation Center, 2 mi. E of Weeki-Wachee on Fla # 50

HUDSON

Beacon Woods Racquet Club, Rt. # 52 East of US#19

Club Wildwood Mobile Home Park

LAKELAND

San Ian Campground, Hwy. #98

LAKE PLACID

"Gator Promenaders", Recreation Cen, Mass. Ave.

LAKE WALES

Masonic Hall, No. Main Street

LARGO

"Tower Swingers", Church of the Good Shepherd

LEHIGH ACRES

"Oakcrest Sqs.", Oakcrest MH Pk., 1001 Ulmerton Rd.

MANGO

LeHigh Community Bldg., call Pt. Char. 629-7196

MADEIRA BEACH

Recreation Cen., State Rd. #579 at Clay Pit Rd.

MULBERRY

Auditorium, 150 Ave.

NAPLES

"Buttons & Bows", Civic Center, 5th & 9th

PALMETTO

"Sunshine Shufflers", Avalon School call 642-5906

Piney Pt. Mobile Home Park

Colonial Manor MH Pk, US # 301

SQUARE DANCE DIRECTORY FOR MAY, 1976

PLANT CITY

"Strawberry Strollers", Dort St. Recreation Cen.

PINELLAS PK.

OXBOW 8451 49th St. No.

German American Club, 8098 66 St. No. "Wood-chips"

PORT CHARLOTTE

Pt. Char. Mobile Home Village

Peace River School, "Charlotte Promenaders" off Hwy. #4

Harbor Cove, No. Port Charlotte

Geo. Potter Bldg. (Ag. Bldg) 2900 Ringling Blvd.

Tri Par Mobile Home Pk.

SARASOTA

SEBRING

"Ridge Rollaways", New Civic Center

ST. PETERSBURG

"Shootin' Stars" Pilgrim Congregational Church, 6315 Cent

Azalea Adult Rec. Center, 22nd Ave. & 72 St. No.

SEMINOLE

Lake Seminole No. 10245 110Ave.

"Left Allamanders" Seminole Jr. Hi, 8701 131 St. No.

SPRING HILL

"The Whirlaways" Spring Hill Rec. Cen., 8 Mi no of Hudso

SUN CITY

Sun City Town Hall

TAMPA

Interbay Recreation Cen. "Gandy Dancers" "Bayside S

No. Blvd. Rec. Cen. 214 No. Blvd. "Crossroads Sqg",

"Bay Area Twirlers", "Spinning Wheels", "Curli-Q's"

Spinning Wheels phone 621-3194

Venice Recreation Center

VENICE

"Palms & Pines", Rec. Bldg. Riverside Drive.

PUNTA GORDA

"Yell-O-Rockers", Municipal Bldg; Also "Zephyrhill-Billies"

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SQUARE DANCE CALENDAR FOR MAY, 1976SUNDAYS

Holiday S/D Villa	Kessler
Sarasota Friendly Sqs.	Jabbusch
Matlacha Comm. Cen.	Hacking
Spring Hill Whirlaways	Swain
Dunedin Stirling Hall	Schmakel
Pinellas Pk. Woodships	Wood
Palms & Pines (Punta Gorda)	Livingston

2nd & 4th Sunday

Top of the World, Clwr.	Hart
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MONDAYS

St. Pete Shootin Stars	Harris
Colonial Sqs.	Caulkins
Orange Harbor	Sauls
Gandy Dancers	Kessler
Cape Coral Squares	Christopher
Lk. Wales Tower Swingers	Chapman
Beacon Square	Cucore
YWCA-Clwr	Mitchell

TUESDAYS

Holiday Dixie Loopers	Cucore
No. Pt. Char. Harbor Cove	Norton
Holiday S/D Villa	Taylor
Caloosa Squares	Hacking
Plant City Strollers	Guests
Sun City Swingers	Christopher
Lake Seminole	Springer
Largo Oakcrest Sqs.	Schmakel
Dunedin Steeple Stompers	Higginbotham

Tampa Bayside Squares	Kessler
Pt. Charlotte Village Squares	Livingston

Note: Lakeseminole May 18 only
Jim Baker

WEDNESDAYS

Ridge Rollaways	Livingston
Beacon Woods	Kessler
Venice Rec. Cen.	Michael
Sarasota Jaywalkers	Jabbusch
Cape Coral Sunshine Sq.	Hacking
Springers Swingers	Springer
Auburndale Sunshine	Swingers
	Chapman
Lakeland SanJan	Christopher
Crossroads of Tampa	5-Harris
	12-Newton
	19-Barker
	26-Newton

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Largo Holiday Ranch	Hart
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THURSDAYS

Kriss Kross-Fort Myers	Guests
Palmetto Piney Pt.	Norton
Ellenton Tidevue	Guests
Arcadia Sqs.	Livingston
Clwr.-New Era	Christopher
Holiday S/D Villa	Weade
Clwr-Y-Knots	Baker
Charlotte Promenaders	Guests
Club Wildwood	6-Springer
	15-Saunders
	20-Barker
	27-Springer

THURSDAYS 1st & 3rd

Zephyr-Hill-Billies	Mitchell
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SQUARE DANCE CALENDAR FOR MAY, 1976

FRIDAYS

El JoBean Yellow-Rocks Cox
Gator Promenaders Pettus
Stirling Katch All 8's Schmakel
Left: Allamanders

7-Harris
14-Christopher
21- Allison

Holiday S/D Villa Smith

FRIDAYS 2nd & 4th

Brandon Squares Harris

FRIDAYS 1st & 3rd

Spinning Wheels

7-Springer
21-Barker

LAST FRIDAY

Zephyrhills Yell-O-Rockers
Bob Bennett

SATURDAYS

Pinellas Pk OXBOW

1-Springer
8-Baker
15-Deeter
22-Crosby

Lake Placid Flutterwheels Bean
Sarasota Red Hots Guests
Englewood Buttons & Bows Guests
Sarasota Tri Par Norton
LeHigh Acres Livingston
Ft. Myers Swingers Sauls
Naples Sunshine Shufflers Guests

SATURDAYS

Dade City Hoppers J. Smith
Mango Yellowrocks Hurst
Tampa Curli Q's Kessler
Dunedin Beh. Campground

Christopher
Taylor
Hart

Holiday S/D Villa
Largo Holiday Ranch

SATURDAYS 2nd & 4th

Club Wildwood Kessler
Bay Area Twirlers

8-Harris
22-Crosby

Buttons & Bows Mulberry Guests
Clwr. Ranchmobile Christopher
Holiday S/D Villa Guests

Note: Highpoint Friendly Square
May 22 only..Jack Harris

STATE CONVENTION IN
MIAMI

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
May 28, 29, 30, 1976

Callers: check your listing for:
the summer. Keep it
current.

KITCHEN COLUMN
by Gimmy Walther

COPPER PENNIES

- 2 lbs. carrots, sliced, boiled & cooled
- 1 small green pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 1 can tomato soup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ sup salad oil
- 1 cup sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup vinegar
- 1 tsp. mustard
- 1 tsp. worcestershire sauce

Salt and pepper to taste...Alternate in layers and marinate overnight.
Looks as good as they taste.

\$100 Chocolate Cake

- 4 tbsp. cocoa
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla

- 1 sup salad dressing (or Miracle Whip)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cold coffee or water

Bake in a loaf pan at 350 degrees..35 to 45 minutes.

FROSTING

- 2 cups conf. sugar
- 1 square melted chocolate

- 2 tbsp. butter
- coffee(enough to make right consistency)

SQUARE DANCE NEWS FOR MAY, 1976

NOTE: Our thanks to the club reporters who limited their letters this month to 75 words. We know its not easy to limit club news, we appreciate your co-operation.

SHOOTIN' STARS OF ST. PETERSBURG...Our first anniversary dance is May 3 at our new hall, Pilgrim Congregational Church, 6315 Central Ave. Jack Harris and Elmer Hicks on rounds. The covered wagon lamp was donated to the Crippled Children's Hospital by Mr. & Mrs. Billups who won it at our raffle. Flowers to our president and all who helped organize our fish fry. Take care Ray Matthews and Frank Geiss (broken arms). Welcome to John and Minnie Zellner. Visit us every Monday at our new hall.

Amy Vogter

CAPE CORAL SQUARES...on March 15 held a green and white farewell party, replete with bobbie-pinned snowbirds, in honor of the visitors who have flocked here from all parts of this country and Canada. Several squares recently participated in the Cape Coral Women's Club Bicentennial Variety Show.

Edith T. Juhel

KATCH ALL 8's of DUNEDIN...Our Bonnie Friendship Dance March 26th was a huge success. We had 53 squares of former Friendships, Cardinals and our own dancers. Cliff Hendricks, retired from calling 2 years ago, called 3 singing calls. Jack and Marie Pierson were there and took some pictures that will be in one of the future Bow & Swings. We are graduating 17 squares of beginners and taking them to Maitland for Knothead trip. Come dance with us.

Fran Schmakel

TAMPA TAGGERS...A new kind of club has been formed with our favorite caller Chuck Kessler. We are looking forward to having a good time because this is a workshop, where we can learn and have fun too. We went to Villa Curli's and the Yellow-Rockers. We had fun and enjoyed both dances.

Carolyn Mercer

BAYSIDE SQUARES...We are including a few easy contras in our square dance program. If you've always wanted to know about contras, now is your chance. Come any Tuesday to Interbay Community Center, just below Gandy Blvd.

Ruth Wisson

SQUARE DANCE NEWS FOR MAY, 1976

DIXIE LOOPERS OF HOLIDAY... We are dancing in our hall at St. Vincent De Paul at 595 East in Holiday, and we now dance on Tuesday nights! This hall is much larger than Beacon Square. Thanks to all the winter vacationers that have been dancing with us, and a big thanks to all our kitchen crew and cake baking volunteers for our pleasing coffee breaks. Our pre dance rounds start at 7 so come dance with us.

Helen Dobracki

BAY AREA TWIRLERS OF TAMPA...we participated in a exhibition benefiting the Tampa Symphony on April 24th. Congradulations to Joe & Bee Waller, new presidents of NSDCA-018. Was great to see the Wilsons and Carolans at the camporee. While reminiscing about the Dawgpatch Dolly and our Sadie Hawkins Dance we're looking forward to our Mother's Day Dance, when the men will do the kitchen work and supply the food!!! Gil Crosby will call our May 22nd dance.

Pat & Art Fuxan

YELL*O*ROCKERS of ZEPHYRHILLS...will be dancing on the last Friday in May for all those dancers who are not going to the Convention. Bob Bennett from Georgia will be calling the squares. Ben & Hazel Hamilton will host the refreshment period. Plans are going great for the club's Bicentennial weekend July 2 and 3. Are you planning to be there? We have beautiful ribbons to wear that the members will see you. Get yours now!

Edith Peterson

WOOD-CHIPS OF PINELLAS PARK... The Woodchips have been reorganized!! We invite all our dancing friends and former "Woodchips" to our class graduation, and pot luck supper, May 23 ..starting at 6:30 PM Please bring a dish to pass and table service. Caller will be George Wood, and the rear hall of the German-American club at 8098 66th St. No is the place. Come join us.

Gwen Hoffman

SAN LAN SQUARES OF LAKELAND...The Irish stood out in March with all the green showing up for St. Patrick's Day. The attendance is still great with 12 to 14 squares. Our Northern friends will be leaving soon and we wish them a safe journey home and a quick return. Keep a watch for the announcement of our 4th Anniversary dance. A speedy recovery to the sick.

Mary Jo McHenry

SQUARE DANCE NEWS FOR MAY, 1976

CROSS-ROADS SQUA RES OF TAMPA...For the first time in many years we will miss the State Convention..hope you don't. We are California bound, but Cross-roads will be dancing every week thru the summer. We will have Dick Barker May 19. Bob George and Eva May Kays are on the recovery list, hope to see them soon. Charlie Lovelace keeps our round dancers on their toes every week, come visit us anytime.

Mori Sogolow

BUTTONS & BOWS OF MULBERRY...Isn't it fun to introduce square dancing to others? We had two squares dance to Danny Coffin's calling at a Pionette Bosses' Night in Lakeland & soon had a giant group "dancing" and wanting to know "where and when" they could take lessons. George Hinkel and Art Springs called for our March dances. Inez Watson did a beautiful job decorating for St. Patrick's Day. Spinning Wheels came for their banner and we stole Gator Promenaders' at their anniversary.

Mary Steels

NSDCA 018...64 units returned to Holiday Travel at Weeki-Wachee for our March Camp-O-Ree to enjoy Jack's good calling and Frank's fine cueing with Wayne Lundberg subbing early on Friday night. Nella Cole and Glenna Jackson put on a successful children's party. Crafts class continue to grow, Edith Peterson & Lee Thompson taught flower making, and Warren Raver, jewelry, Ellen continued macrame. Bring yarn and a crochet hook for next time. We welcomed new members and Petersons were recognized for their many years of service. New Officers have been elected, many thanks to our outgoing hard-working Presidents John and Harriet Lovelace. See you at SanJan in May.

Mary Steele

OXBOW NEWS...an old fashioned dance is being planned for the 2nd Sat. May 8. Jim Baker will be calling squares with Walther and Leach on rounds. We hope to see you all..dressed in whatever period of history you prefer. This celebrates the first year of our managing the OXBOW. Wayne Brooks will be our caller the 2nd Saturday of June, Bob Frye will call the 2nd Sat. of July. Happy dancing at the OXBOW all summer!

Mary Fasnacht

FRIENDLY SQUARES OF HIGH POINT...were host to the graduating classes of High Point, Brooksville and Spring Hill recently. A total of 73 freshman! Charlie Swain was the instructor for all three classes. A special dance on May 22nd with Jack Harris...all dancers are welcome. We have workshops on Fridays with Jim Taylor.

M. Gintzler

SQUARE DANCE NEWS FOR MAY, 1976

SQUARE EM UP SAMS...Our March Camporee at the American Outdoors campground had 15 recreational vehicles and 36 in attendance. We had games on Friday which everyone enjoyed. Saturday, our business meeting, workshop, and our spaghetti pot luck kept us busy til dance time. We had a short after party of songs etc. Anyone wishing information call president, Mildred Roberts, 542-1824.

Leroy Corcoran

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS OF PORT CHARLOTTE... We will be dancing thru May, and hope to have you for a visitor. We had our annual club dinner and election of officers, Herman and Helen King graciously consented to pilot us another year. 92 members enjoyed the scrumptious meal catered by Buffalo Bill and served by Kermit Reynolds and his able committee. We are sorry to report the death of our good member Oscar Hoffman. He will be greatly missed. Brownie Brownfield is up after open heart surgery, can't keep a good square dancer dow!

Jessie Reynolds

SUNCOAST CALLERS...The Bi-Centennial dance at Largo was successful with 30 squares in the afternoon and 40 squares in the evening. It was very colorful with the callers wearing Uncle Sam's Hats and the dancers in red, white and blue. We had 9 callers in the afternoon and 10 at night. Thanks to all who attended. It will be an annual affair.

SPINNING WHEELS OF TAMPA... looking forward to our anniversary dance on May 7th. Dick Barker will be our special guest caller May 21st. We welcome all new member dancers who have just graduated from our class taught by Art. Please treat all new dancers carefully-- remember when you were a beginner? scared you would break a square by making a mistake! Be charitable! Our sincere sympathy to Bob and Carol Campbell on the loss of his father. Come dance with us...the best in square and rounds.

Isabelle Ratliff

The biggest event in square dancing history takes place in Anaheim, Calif. June 24, 25, 26, 1976! The 25th Anniversary of National Conventions and the Official National Bicentennial Event will be a convention long remembered. Over 32, 000 dancers are expected, and there will be dancing to satisfy every desire. Plus clinics, panel, after-parties, trail in dances. Get your reservation in soon!

Write: P.O.Box 1141, Merced, Calif. 95340

FALL FUN FEST REPORT

In order to have comfortable dancing for both rounds and squares, the dance will be limited to 150 squares. Make your reservation early so you don't miss this one! The Committee is hard at work planning a fantastic week-end of dancing for you all.

Our round dancers will be kept happy and busy with rounds by Charlie Lovelace and Marty Martin...a round dancers dream! And our squares will have the melodious Ken Bower to put them thru their paces. As if that wasn't enough..the West Coast's own Jack Harris, Jim Baker AND Chuck Kessler will call the after party till the wee hours on Saturday night.

Send YOUR RESERVATION NOW to Cal Heinlen 5352 58th Ave. No., St. Pete, Fla. 33709

\$5.00 for all sessions for West Coast members, per person

\$6.00 for all sessions for non members, per person

SEND TODAY

DON'T DELAY

ANNOUNCEMENT

All Saturday square dances at the Clearwater YWCA have been closed for the summer. Hopefully, we'll re-open in the fall with a full schedule of called dances. Please watch for announcements in this magazine. Many thanks to all of you who helped make the building fund a workable project.

Ed & Kay Mack

Our cover this month reminds you of the STATE CONVENTION! The Miami area people have really worked hard on this one and have lots of surprises in store for you. Great callers, great round dance leader, promises to be a fun week-end!

SEND YOUR RESERVATION TODAY.. to P.O.Box 61-1164 No. Miami, Fla 33161

"PROPER SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE IS REQUIRED
AT ALL EVENTS!"

What happens to the new dancer?

Does he stay in square dancing? If not, why not? Could it be possible that he doesn't receive a welcome when he joins a square of experienced dancers? A new dancer can't have years of experience with only 20 weeks of lessons...but is that the whole problem.???

Does the caller teach all the basics ..does he teach them so that everyone of his class members understands??

Should the teaching term be longer than 20 or 30 weeks?

Should the new dancer be thrust upon a club that is not prepared to receive a dozen or more new dancers?

Perhaps a club could be formed for new dancers, with three or four classes joining together, with several callers rotating on dance night. Perhaps then the new dancer could dance twice a week, to a different caller, with people that he did not go to class with.

Would that solve the drop-out problem? We wonder, there are a lot of dancers who would like the answer to this question.

KNOTHEAD KONVENTION

Sept. 3 thru Sept. 6, 1976

20th Annual Florida Knotheads Inc. Konvention
Curtis-Hixon Convention Center, Tampa, Florida

Callers: John Hendron, Mass.

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ODDS & ENDS

by Irene McKown

Spring is in the air! The birds are singing and Kriss Cross swinging. That Joe has really been getting all his business ahead..we will be back at Seven Lakes for the summer, after traveling around thru the season when so much was going on! We were lucky to have had so many dances at the Exhibition Hall. Thanks to you dancers for always finding us!

Oh! its good to have Nita and Don back dancing with us again also Ken and Helen Mackey, they have been on the sick list, and now they look just great!

The Randolphins (Don & Lucille) have come home just for a short visit, they spend their summers in Minnasota and their winters in Arizona. There the square dancing is really great. They have been dancing with Johnny LeClair..its great to travel around and see how other areas operate. We real have missed them, but have enjoyed their short visit with us.

Lee & Earle Kastner had another one of their fun parties! Lee invited me to have a fashion show for the round dancers at the Teen Club..I let her choose the models and do the planning, and I furnished the dresses. She had 20 beautiful models featuring Bi-centennial Prints, nylon spring shiffons, hand screened prints, they looked lovely and Myrna Johnson did a super job as narrator. She looked so pretty in her hellow dacron voile. Wish I could tell you what they all wore!

Minnie did her usual outstanding job with her beautiful decorations! And that squa lace! Just terrific!

Its been a great season dancing both squares and rounds, we have enjoyed the snowbirds and sorry to see them go.

CONVENTION TIME! Something we've been talking about all year, and the time is here! Hope to see you there.

Bye,
Irene

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 3, 1976
Shootin' Stars 1st Anniversary
6315 Central Ave., St. Pete.
Caller: Jack Harris
Rounds: Elmer Hicks

May 7, 1976
Spinning Wheels Anniversary
No. Blvd. Rec. Cen., Tampa
Caller: Art Springer
Rounds: Marty Martin

May 8, 1976
Bay Area Twirlers Mother's Day
Special, No. Blvd. Rec. Cen.
Caller: Jack Harris
Rounds: Frank DuBois

May 19, 1976
Crossroads of Tampa Special
Caller: Elck Barker
Rounds: Charlie Lovelace

NSDCA 018 Camp-O-Res
May 14-15, 1976
Sanlan Campground, Lakeland
Caller: Jack Harris
Rounds: Frank DuBois

May 28, 1976
Zephyrhills Yellow-Rockers,
Caller: Bob Bennett

STATE CONVENTION
MAY 28, 29, 30, 1976

COMING EVENTS

June 5, 1976
Salute to America Bi-Centennial
Charlotte Promenaders
Caller: Art Springer
Rounds: Hal Neitzel

July 2, 3, 1976
Yell-O-Rockers of Zephyrhills
Bi-Centennial Week-end

July 2, 3, 1976
Cape Coral Bi-Centennial
Callers: Roger Chapman and
Fred Christopher

Sept 3, 4, 5, 1976
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Curtis Hixon, Tampa
Callers: John Hendron, Jon Jones
Rounds: Chaffee's

October 22, 23, 1976
FALL FUN FEST
Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland
Caller: Ken Bower of California
Rounds: Martins & Lovelaces
After-party Callers: Jack Harris
Jim Baker, Chuck Kessler