



Florida

West Coast Dancer



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WEST COAST SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2017

NAME: _____
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I have received my 2017 bars Please send my 2017 bars

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West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association
Mail to
John & Lynne Scott, 6647 Crescent Lake Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813

Become a member of the
West Coast Square & Round Dance Association



WEST COAST

Complete the above application and you will be helping promote square and round dancing in 16 counties served by the West Coast area association.

You will also receive a West Coast badge and free admission to all dances in the area that are sponsored by the association.

And, you may vote on any motion before the association board at the Association meetings (times and places to be announced). See you there!

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JUNE 17 - 20, 2020	SPOKANE, WA	www.69nsdc.com

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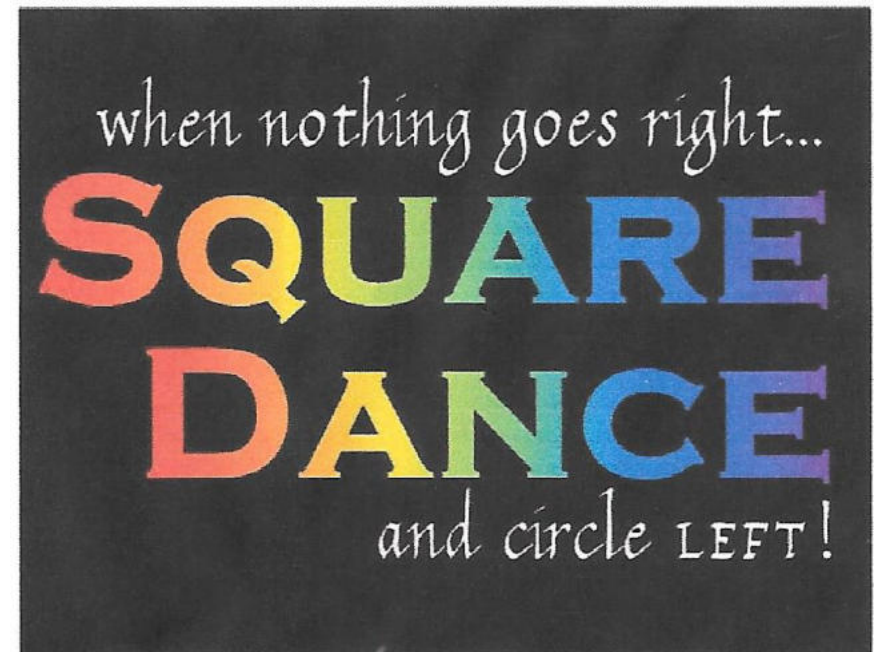
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**October 21 - 2017
FCA FALL CLINIC DANCE**

**Strawberry Square Dance Hall
7:00 – 9:30 pm**

Early Rounds starts at 7:00 with Susan Snider

4401 Promenade Blvd. Plant City, Fl. 33563

\$5.00 per person (including callers) this is a fund raiser for FCA.

**Directions to Dance: From I-4 Exit; Branch Forbes Rd.
(exit17) Turn Left onto Branch Forbes Rd., Turn Left on
Beauchamp Rd., becomes Boot Bay Rd., Turn Right on
Promenade Blvd. to 4401.**

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FLORIDA CALLERS ASSOCIATION



Lets all join hands in friendship

For everyone to see

Remember that a stranger

Is just a friend to be

Hold fast our hands in friendship

For many years to come

This friendship ring will always bring

Good fun for everyone

Square Dancing is Friendship set to Music!

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1/8 page 8.00	7.00	1/2 page 20.00	18.00
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		Full page 40.00	5.00

DEADLINES !!! Issue — Deadline date
For all updates, additions, changes, Ads and articles for the Dancer.
January / February / March, 2018 — December 10, 2017
April / May / June, 2018 — March 10, 2018

NEXT WEST COAST ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING
December 3, 2017 at Palace Dance Hall
1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL

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Square Dance



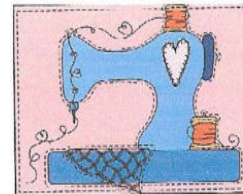
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Moore Haven	No clubs at this time	

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68NSDC Sew & Save Committee needs some things. Each visitor to the “Sew & Save” room at the convention will receive FREE raffle tickets. We need 50-60 donated items for our raffle tables. For example: Square Dance outfits, Western wear, household items, candles, paintings, sewing notions, fabric, craft items, gift baskets. Please contact Bill & Julie Jarrett with your questions or donations at ed-



chair@68nsdc.com, 770-354-5968.

Also we have many volunteer positions that need to be filled. Education and Social and Special Events can use your help as well as the Business Committee. We will find a place for you! We need those that want to help to call us now, Angie and Louis McClure, General Chairman, 678-956-0287. Let’s make this a GREAT convention we can be proud of and talk about for years!!

Connie and Brian Keener,

Publicity Chairman 68thNSDC

68th National Square Dance Convention

June 26-29, 2018



“COME DANCE AND EXPLORE GEORGIA”

The “Peach Pits” (Convention committee volunteers) want you to know that all things are moving forward and going well for the National convention in Atlanta. We are so excited we’ve lined up all types of entertainment for your enjoyment in 2019.

The opening performance on Wednesday night will be by the famous singer, song writer John Berry. John has too many hits to list but you can go to his website johnberry.com and check him out. Listen this Holiday season for his “O Holy Night” performance it’s a treasured classic!

Registration count is 1500+. If you haven’t pre-registered you need to do it now, the long forms will be issued in January and that gets you into the pre-convention festivities on March 8th of 2018. “Money Saving” idea you need to know, the cost goes up the closer to the convention we get. Don’t miss the current \$50 rate for 4 days of dancing. Say “Yes” because we are makingHistory and you should be a part of it!

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Fort Myers Beach	Indian Creek	Jack & Pam Revette revettejp@gmail.com

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St. Petersburg	Suncoast Squares	Dan Mutschler mutschlerdan@yahoo.com 678-656-2523
Polk County		
County Representatives: Don and Ann Slocum – anndonslocum@juno.com – 863-533-6665		
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Frostproof	Camp Inn	Larry Corder larrycorder50@gmail.com 740-502-3371
Sarasota County		
County Representative: (Vacant)		
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Venice	Jacaranda Trace	Caller-run club Mike Cox mc8152@verizon.net 941-408-2627
Venice	Woodmere Park	Caller-run dances Red Bates redbates@juno.com 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987

For Additional Information
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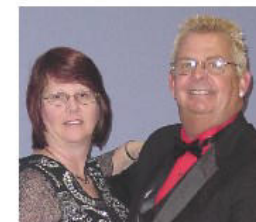
FALL FUN FEST

November 10 & 11, 2017

Bartow Civic Center, 2250 Floral Ave, Bartow, FL 33830



Don Mojer
Caller



Jimmy & Carol Griffin
Cuers



Bob Stern
Caller

RIBBONS	
In advance:	\$18
At door:	
Fri & Sat	\$20
Split Fri or Sat after 6 pm	\$10
Saturday all day	\$15

There will be 2 halls
for your dancing
pleasure.

One hall will be
Mainstream/Plus
alternating with
Rounds, Phase 2-4.

The other hall will be
A2.

For more information go to:

www.shufflinsquares.com

or email: sailaway@tampabay.rr.com

FALL FUN FEST REGISTRATION

Name (1): _____ Name (2): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Club Name: _____

Make checks payable to WCSRDA and mail to Lynne & John Scott, 6647 Crescent Lake Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813-4653

The next week August 21, was our solar eclipse dance. Robert Arias called and Charlie Lovelace cued providing a good time for all.

Despite the persistent rain on August 28th, we had a fun dance with three squares on the floor. Our caller was Marty Vanwart.

We are planning some banner raids so you may be seeing us soon. The rest of the year will be filled with many special dances and activities and of course dancing. Let's have a great turnout bring your friends.

October 2, We are having a Breast Cancer Awareness Dance. Pink is the color to wear. Ron Reardon will be calling. We will be collecting quarters to be donated to Breast Cancer.

On October 16th, we will have an Oktoberfest Dance. Do we have any Germans out there? Ron Reardon will be calling.

On October 31, we will have our Halloween Dance and Birthday/ Anniversary Dance. Ron Reardon will be calling.

November 13, is our Veterans Day Dance. Ralph Peacock will be calling.

November 20, will be our Thanksgiving Day Dance. Come and bring a covered dish to go with our turkey. Ron Reardon will be calling.

December 4th, we are having a Toys for Tots Dance. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child. Ron Reardon will be calling.

December 11 will be our Installation of Officers Dance. Our club colors are red and white.

December 18th is our Christmas Dance. Please bring party food. Will see if Santa Claus shows up.

December 25th is Christmas. No Dance.

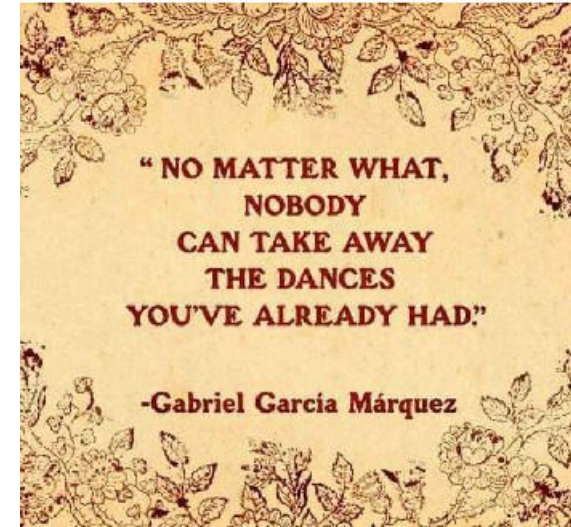
Check here for next year's Dances until then have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Ron Reardon is our club caller and Charlie Lovelace is our club cuer.

Hope to see you in a Square.

You can find us on the web at www.templetwirlers.com or on Facebook. We dance at Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Tampa every Monday night 7 PM –9:30 PM.

Yellow Rocks, Kathy



DANCERgram Newsletter and Website

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Receive current and informative information directly to your In Box!

- 1 Every Monday morning
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Penny Green, Editor, sgdncfan@gmail.com 863-224-3393

NOTICE! The officers of the West Coast Square and Round Dancers' Association and the editors of the West Coast Dancer do not necessarily agree with all views as presented in the articles: However, they will print any article submitted as long as it is square dance related and tastefully written. The editors reserve the right to edit all articles including Club News. A limit of 150 words or approximately 15 lines (No. 8 font) of Club News is requested. Note that Club News is not a repeat of the club listing or Ad but news of club activities of interest to dancers. Dance Listings are printed at no charge and limited to City (area), Club name, Place and Address, Time, Caller/Cuer, Level/Phase and Contact information. If a more detailed description is desired, such as Themes for future dances, Guest Callers/Cuers, admission fees, and varying schedules, please make use of the Ad schedule.

WEST COAST 2017 – 2018 DANCE SCHEDULE

BETTER THAN EVER

The Best Callers

The Best Facilities

The Best Dancers

The Best Dances

**When it comes to Square Dancing in Florida
You Gotta GO WEST !!!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>	<u>Location</u>
9/17/17	Bob Stern Ron Reardon	Carol Griffin Jimmy Griffin	Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City
10/22/17	Mike Cox Marty Vanwart	Mike Cox	King of Peace Church 3150 5th Ave. N, St. Petersburg
12/3/17	Sam Dunn Mike Gormley	Russ Collier	Palace Dance Hall 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia
1/7/18	Keith Stevens Ted Hughes	Cindy Bunn Tom Bunn	Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Blvd, Plant City
2/18/18	Allen Snell Bob Ormsbee	Carl Rod	Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City
3/4/18	Robert Arias Red Bates	Russ Collier	Palace Dance Hall 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia

**All this and MORE included in your 2017-2018
WEST COAST MEMBERSHIP**

For all the above dances: Pre-Rounds: 1:30 pm—2:00 pm
Squares: 2:00pm—4:00 pm
Free to WCA Members Non-Members: \$5:00 / person

Club News

Please note the description of what constitutes NEWS in the Notice on page 3. Note: A repeat of dance listing information, theme dances on regular club nights, regularly scheduled caller/cuer names is not news.



BUTTONS & BOWS — LAKELAND

During the summer of 2017 our turnout of dancers has decreased more than we expected. The decrease has hit both club members and guest dancers. We have hope for a good increase in dancers already this fall.

We will hold our annual meeting in October again this year. Already we have a complete list of candidates for officers. We have plans for new dancers to begin lessons in November. Our hopes are high for another new season. We remain irrepensible. We hope you are irrepensible too.

Jim Meier

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS — PORT CHARLOTTE

No club News

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS - LAKE PLACID.

The Pine Ridge Promenaders of Lake Placid FL will host two dances in December 2017, the 7th and 14th, at the Sunshine RV Resort located on RT. 70 (1000 yds east of US 27). The "Welcome Back" dance on the 7th will start at 7:30-9:30pm with MS/PLUS squares called by Robert Arias and the "Christmas Dance" on the 14th with Nelson Wakeman calling MS/PLUS squares from 7:30-9:30pm. Casual dress or square dance attire. Visitors always welcome. Come square up with us!

Contact: Sue/Bob Broderick [828-290-2147](tel:828-290-2147)



TEMPLE TWIRLERS—TAMPA



As we hope and pray for the victims of hurricane Harvey, we find hurricane Irma on our doorstep. I hope that this month will be better for all of us.

We are hoping some of our winter visitors will be back soon. We have had some fun dances these summer months. Although it has been hard to get all our members there on the same night. We had a ice cream social Aug. 14, which was fun and tasty. Marty Vanwart called a great dance.

SUN CITY CTR**Kings Point Swingers – Kings Pt . Main Clubhouse Studio Rm. 1902 Clubhouse Rd. Advance Rnds 5 - 7pm
Mike Cox 813-634-8212 or 813-642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813.649-0754
Wear your badge & tell guard you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio.

TUESDAY

PINELLAS PK*J & C Spin-A-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium – 7690 59th St N 6:30 – 8:15 PM — Ph III – IV - V
Jimmy & Carol Griffin 727-525-7809
Web: www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin

WEDNESDAY

BONITA SPRINGSCitrus Park Clubhouse, 25501 Trost Blvd. ~ Jan thru Mar.
Advance - 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Intermediate - 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Mike & Joyce Alexander 239-992-0207

PUNTA GORDA*PH II-III, 10:00-12:00pm
Cha review, 12:30-2:00pm
Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

PUNTA GORDA**So. County Regional Park, 670 Cooper St. (Should be dancing PH2 and some Ph3) 10:00 am - n ~ Nov. - Mar. Wally & Ione Wade, Instr.
941.505.1979 ionewade@centurylink.net

THURSDAY

BROOKSVILLE*Pot O' Gold Rd. Dancers Cloverleaf Farms Heather House, 900 N Broad St - Rt 41N ----- Nov. Thru April 9 AM Ph II, III some IV, 10 AM Basic I & II
Judy & Jake Doane ----- 351-797-5557

FRIDAY

FT. MYERS**At Shell Point, Social Dance Class 7:00– 8:15
Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

FT. MYERS BCH**Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd. – Jan. thru Mar. Rm.11
Ph III - III+ 12:00 - 1:30 pm
Ph IV - IV+ 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Joyce & Mike Alexander
E-mail:JTA440@msn.com

SATURDAY

Ft Myers BEACH**Indian Creek Resort, Social Dance Class 3:30 - 5:000
Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

SUNDAY

ARCADIA**Palace Promenaders - Sq. Dnc. Hall - 1627 NE Floridian Cir. Off Rt 17 N ~ 2:00 - 5:00 pm Phase II I- IV Round dance
Cuers to be announced.
Please call for schedule.

PINELLAS PK.**Pinellas Pk. Aud. 7690 59th St. N— Next to Police Sta. — "Third Sun. Rnds" Party – Ph. III – IV-V ~1-4:00 PM
Jimmy & Carol Griffin 727-525-7809
web: www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813-752-0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site

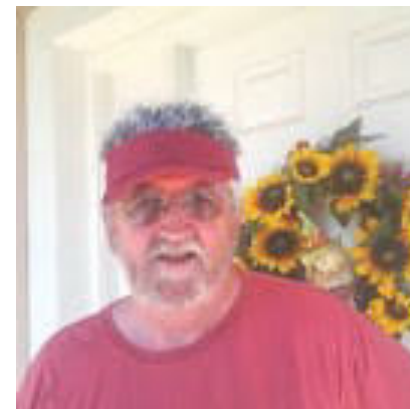
PUNTA GORDA* PH II-IV, &:7:00– 9:00pm
1/22/17, 2/26/17, 3/26/17, 4/9/17 Call for Directions. Dick Chase 239-770-5257

COUNTRY / WESTERN / LINE DANCE

TUESDAY

ARCADIA Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle – Off Hwy 17 N.
Lines 7–9 PM Jennie Martin 863-494-2749

THE 2017 WCSRDA PRESIDENT ED DREXEL

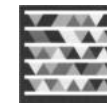


.As I write this, Florida has just been ravaged by Hurricane Irma. With the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma, we know our members are busy trying to return to normalcy. Whether it be no gas, no power, no water, home damage or personal injury, our West Coast activities pale in comparison. We wish all our members a speedy recovery and know it is times like these, that dancers band together to help each other.

As we look out on the horizon, the good news is that September is here! In many areas, Fall is in the air. That means two things: 1) Snow birds are planning their trip South, and 2) the West Coast is back and better than ever!! Clubs and Callers are busy planning the next round of lessons and dance schedules are finalized for the coming year. The cycle begins again. The West Coast is ready for another great season of Square dancing in the premier region of Florida to square dance!

Membership in the WCSRDA remains the best value in Square Dancing. Our membership fee of \$12 for a new dancer including badge, or \$6 for renewal includes admission to all 6 Association sponsored dances. A truly great deal!! We at the West Coast are busy getting ready for our annual Association Dance, the Fall Funfest. This year we have Don Moger from Montreal, Bob Stern, President of

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FCA, with round dance activities headed by the Griffins. We hope many of our Canadian friends will take advantage to see one of their own! Don Moger is a great caller and puts on a fantastic dance. Mark your calendars now for this great event the second weekend of November. Ribbons are on sale now! This year we are holding a raffle for an Amazon Echo. Buy your tickets early as this will be a popular item that everyone wants. "Alexa, How do you do Relay the Deucey?"

Many clubs in the West Coast have moved to a condensed lesson program for new dancers. Once again the West Coast leads the way in implementing changes to benefit dancers. This new 12 week program focuses on key Mainstream calls and allows dancers to get on the floor quicker. It also allows clubs to run two classes during the Florida square dance season. If you have any friends or relatives that have been eager to try square dancing, send them West! We have classes ready to go. The WCSRDA wants to remind clubs and callers of the Association's \$100 reimbursement for new dancer classes.

There's always a lot going on in the West Coast. We are the premier region in Florida to square dance. I encourage everyone to give us a try. From Strawberry Square, to Lake Ashton, to Lakeland, or all the way down the Gulf Coast you will find a club and get to meet a lot of fun people. Whether you are a new dancer or a veteran, there is no doubt the West Coast is the place to be. The callers, facilities and dancers make the West Coast what it is today. For Square Dancing in Florida, you gotta go West!!

Sincerely,
Ed Drexel,
President, WCSRDA

WEDNESDAY

WAUCHULA*Crystal Lake Sqs. - Crystal Lake Vil.,237 Maxwell Rd (on RT 17 - 2 mi. N. of Wauchula) ~ 01/04/17
Extended Ms. 1 - 2:30pm ~
Mike Gormley 419.376.0557 or
mike@mike-gormley.com Possible early
Nov./Dec. start time. Check start time.

THURSDAY

FT. MYERS BCH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340
San Carlos Blvd. - Rm 11 ~ Advance
2:45 - 4:45 pm Jerry Fell 5170603-6657

SEBRING**Buttonwood Bay Squares But-
tonwood Bay RV Pk, 10001 US Rt. 27S.
Nov. thru Mar. ~ 863-655-2634
1 - 2:30 PM Mainstream. Wksp
2:30 - 4 PM Beginners Wksp.

FRIDAY

FT MYERS BCH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340
San Carlos Blvd - Muskoegon Hall
1 - 3 pm Mainstream Wksp / Lessons
3 - 5 pm Plus Workshop / Lessons
Walt Courtney 859-967-9993
Tootscourtney@yahoo.com

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square - 4401
Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site
www.stawberrysquaredancing.com

VENICE**Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere
Pk. Blvd - (Off Jacaranda Blv.) Red Bates
Plus Review & teach Dec - Mar.~ 1 - 3pm
941.223-0987/redbates@juno.com

WINTER HAVEN**Dixie Grande Squares
Grace Lutheran Church Gym.
327 Ave. C SE
Plus 6:30pm ~ 1st, 3rd, 5th Fri.
Caller/Instructor - Carl Rod 863-293-9369

SUNDAY

HUDSON**The Huggables, Care's
Enrichment Ctr., 12417 Clock Tower Pky.
2- 4 pm MS/P workshop with Allen Snell
727-809-3429

LAKE WALES*Shufflin' Sqs. - Lake Ashton
Golf Club - 6052 Pebble Bch. Blvd. Winter
Haven, (HFC at Lake Ashton),
2-4:30pm, Adv. Wksp. All advanced and
wannabe advanced dancers welcome.
Info: 863.326.9774, keith@keithstevens.com

BEGINNER ROUND DANCE LESSONS

WAUCHULA*Crystal Lake Sqs. Day of the
week unknown at this time. Contact Mike
Gormley at mike@mike-gormley.com for
more information.

MONDAY

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square - 4401
Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site
www.strawberrysquaredancing.com

TUESDAY

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares—
King of Peace MCC Ch., 3150 5th Ave N.
GLBT club but all welcome. 6:30 - 7:30pm
No partner req'd. Mike Cox 727.599.1440
www.suncoastsquares.com

WEDNESDAY

PUNTA GORDA*Beginner, 12:30-2:00pm
Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

FRIDAY

FT. MYERS BCH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340
San Carlos Blvd. - Jan. thru Mar. Rm.11
10:30 am -11:30am Joyce & Mike Alexander
Email: JTA440@msn.com 239.992.0207

PUNTA GORDA** So. County Regional
Park, 670 Cooper St.
10:00 am—n ~ Nov. - Mar.
Wally & Ione Wade, Instr.
941.505.1979 ionewade@centurylink.net

ROUND DANCES & WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

N. FT MYERS*Rec. Center, social dance
class. 7:00 - 8:30pm, Directions:
Dick Chase 239-770-5257

PUNTA GORDA*So. County Regional Pk.
670 Cooper St., 1:00 - 3:00 pm, PH III & IV
Wksp. Nov.– Mar. Russ & Wilma Collier
941-505-0960 / 941-661-1920
Email: russcollier1@gmail.com

PUNTA GORDA*PH III-IV 1:30 - 3:30pm
Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257
Rnd. Dance Class

2017 West Coast Association 43rd Fall Fun Fest

PT. CHARLOTTE**Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & CC, 2100 Kings Hwy, I-75, Exit 170, go "SW 1-1/2 Mi. Queensway Hall—Starts Nov.: 2 ~ 1-3pm Dave Magee 941.235.1611 or callerdave@comcast.net Call for schedule. Beq.

WINTER HAVEN*Dixie Grande Squares Grace Lutheran Ch., 327 Ave. C SE 6:00 pm ~ Caller/Instructor - Carl Rod 863-967-5004 Beq.

SATURDAY

NOKOMIS*Royal Coachman Resort 1070 Laurel Ave. ~ Recreational Center **Mainstream** Class, noon -2:00pm Caller: Red Bates 941.223-0987 / redbates@juno.com

SQ. DNC. LESSONS (Plus - A - C)

MONDAY

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813-752-0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.strawberrysquaredancing.com**

TUESDAY

ST. PETERSBURG*Suncoast Squares - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave. N. GLBT club but all are welcome. Ms 7:30 - 9pm ~ Plus - 9 - 10 pm Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com

SEBRING**Button Wood Sqs., Buttonwood Bay RV Res., 41 Kingfish Dr. 3:00 - 4:30pm Plus: 586-610-8370 Caller: Nelson Wakeman

WEDNESDAY

ESTERO*Corkscrew Woodlands Pk - 21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd. — I-75 Exit 123 ~ Plus at 12:30pm ~ MS at 1:30pm 239-691-5670 / 239-560-2572 Jan thru Mar

THURSDAY

PLANT CITY*Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813-752-0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.strawberrysquaredancing.com**

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave. N. A GLBT club but all are welcome. A1-A2 have begun & are from 6:30 - 8:30pm C1 starts Nov. 6, 8:30 - 9:30pm (dancers must have completed A2) Caller: Mike Cox Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com

FRIDAY

PT. CHARLOTTE*Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & CC, 2100 Kings Hwy, I-75, Exit 170, go "SW 1-1/2 Mi. Queensway Hall—Plus ~ 3 - 5 pm Dave Magee 941.235.1611 or callerdave@comcast.net

VENICE*Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) MS 1:00 - 3:00 pm Nov. - Mar. Plus review 3:00 - 5:00 pm Nov. - Feb. Caller: Red Bates 941-828-0481 / redbates@juno.com

SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

DADE CITY*Travelers Rest - 29129 Johnston Rd — 6 – 7:30 PM - Plus – Bob Bourassa – 352-796-8254, 352-588-4433 Nov. thru Mar.

TUESDAY

ESTERO**Estero Rec. Ctr., 9200 Corkscrew Palm Blvd, Refresher Wksp. 6:30 – 7:30pm, ~~~ Basic/MS 7:30 – 9pm ~ Instructor Wes Morris 239-282-6322. For Registration 239-498-0415 or online at www.leeparks.org Jan. 5 thru Apr. 12, 2016

VENICE**Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd - (Off Jacaranda Blv.) Plus w/DBD 3 - 5 pm Dec.. - Apr. ~ Caller, Red Bates 941-223-0987 / redbates@juno.com

ZEPHYRHILLS**Betmar Clubhouse #3 – Plus Wksp 1-3 PM – Marty Van Wart –Info: 813.780.8036 – Nov. thru Mar. 813.788.2004

Here we are, half way through 2017 already! That means the West Coast Association's 43rd Fall Fun Fest is getting closer! We hope you are making plans to join us in Bartow on November 10 – 11, 2017 at the Bartow Civic Center for the time of your life. Advance ribbons are \$18 per person for the entire weekend. The ribbons increase to \$20 per person at the door for the entire weekend. If you can't make it for the entire weekend, you can come for different portions of the weekend, but you have to purchase those ribbons at the door. If you want to just dance Friday night after 6:00 p.m. or just Saturday night after 6:00 p.m., the price is \$10 per person, and if you only want to dance all day and into the evening on Saturday, the price is \$15 per person.

There are three hotels honoring the square dance rate: Hampton Inn ([863-535-5007](tel:863-535-5007)), Holiday Inn Express([863-533-8070](tel:863-533-8070)), and Stay Inn & Suites ([863-533-0711](tel:863-533-0711)). Be sure to ask for that square dance rate! All three hotels are in the same general area of north Bartow, near food and shopping and a short distance from the convention center.

In addition to all the dancing – dances on Friday night and Saturday night and workshops during the day on Saturday, there are so many other things to do in the area. You'll want to come a few days earlier or stay over a few more days to see it all! We will be entertained at the Fall Fun Fest by Don Moger, a caller new to our area, Bob Stern from Central Florida, and Jimmy and Carol Griffin from St. Pete, Florida. The main hall will be alternating Mainstream and Plus with Rounds, and there will be a separate room for Advance Dancing with numbers. Rounds will be Phase II – IV. On Saturday, we will have a street dance in downtown Bartow. This has become a tradition and everyone looks forward to it!

We look forward to welcoming you to the city of Bartow, which is the county seat of Polk County. Bartow has a population of

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less than 20,000 people but it's packed full of things to do while you are here. Just in Bartow alone, there are bed and breakfast inns, antique shops, lots of restaurants, and shopping. During the weekend of our Festival, the downtown Bartow streets will be blocked to traffic as they have their annual craft and antique fair. There is also

- **Main Street Bartow** - The Main Street Bartow community is an eclectic collection of restaurants with local and international tastes, boutiques, cafe's, antiques, salons, gift and home decor stores intermingled with professional services synonymous with a county seat. Main Street Bartow is also the home of Polk County's History Center, housed in the Historic Polk County Courthouse, which was built in 1908. The Museum collection includes natural and cultural objects related to Polk County and the greater central Florida area that represent the area's history from pre-European times through the present.

- **L. B. Brown House** - The oldest black residence in Bartow, this Victorian style building was built in the late 1800s by Lawrence Bernard Brown, a self-taught master carpenter and former slave.

- **Homeland Heritage Park** (south Bartow) - Homeland Heritage Park represents an early Florida historical community dating back to the mid 1800's. The historical buildings featured within the park are: Homeland schoolhouse and church, the Raulerson house, English Log Cabin, and Pole Barn

- **Peace River Paddling Trail** - The Peace River, true to its name, is a serene, slow-moving river with few signs of civilization. Due to its scenic nature, the Peace River is a designated Florida paddling trail. For details on these activities and more, go to www.visitflorida.com.

Randy Boyd

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ZEPHYRHILLS* Valley Dale Club House, Valley Dale Squares Jan. thru Mar. 7 - 9:30pm; Alt. Ms/Plus follows brief class Walter Lougee 352-437-4796

SUNDAY

NAPLES*Happy Promenaders – Hitching Post, S. Tamiami Tr. - Just E. of the Hitching Post Mall. Nov. thru Mar. PDR 7 PM ----- MS/P/Rns 7:30 – 9:30 PM Guest Callers / Mike Alexander Info: 239-642-8612 Call for schedule.

PLANT CITY*Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site**

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares— King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave. N. GLBTclub but all welcome. (2nd Sunday full level dance) Ms, P, A @ 4 - 6:30pm In Oct. 3rd Sunday 2:00 - 4:30pm In May 2016 on 3rd Sunday 4:00 - 6:30pm Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com

WAUCHULA**Crystal Lake Sqs - Crystal Lake Vil. - 237 Maxwell Rd. (on RT 17 - 2 mi N of Wauchula) Ms/Plus/easy Rds 7 - 9 pm 2017 Sched. 01/15 29; 02/19; 03/5, 19 Caller/Cuer: Mike Gormley mike@mike-gormley.com Dress optional Info: 419.376.0557 or ron.storms@gmail.com

BEGINNER & MS SQ. Dnc. LESSONS

MONDAY

DADE CITY* Morning Star Pk. **Beq. & Ms.** 1:30—3:30pm Walter Lougee 207-462-3989

NOKOMIS*Royal Coachman Resort 1070 Laurel Ave. - Pavilion 2 - 4pm Jan. - Mar. **Beq.** Caller: Red Bates 941.223-0987/redbates@juno.com

N. Ft. Myers**N. Ft. Myers Rec Ctr., 2000 N. Recreation Pkwy, **Basic / MS** Starts Oct 19, 2015 ~ 3 – 5pm. Instructor Wes Morris 239-282-6322 For registration 239-533-7200

WEDNESDAY

N. FT. MYERS**Heron's Glen, on US 41 at the Lee/Charlotte Cty. Line ~ Clubhouse Dave Magee, callerdave@comcast.net 941.235.1611 ~ 7 - 9pm, Nov. thru Mar. Call for schedule....Beg..

WAUCHULA**Crystal Lake Sqs—Crystal Lake Vil. ,237 Maxwell Rd. (on RT 17 - 2 mi N of Wauchula) **Beq.** Starts 01/04/17 ~ 4:00 - 5:30pm **Ms.** 2:30-4:00pm Mike Gormley 419.376.0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com Start time possibly early Nov./ Dec.

THURSDAY

DUNEDIN**Hale Senior Activity Ctr. 330 Douglas Ave. Ms class, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Ms dance 7:30 - 9:00pm Allen Snell 727.809.3429 or 727.809.0323

LAKE WALES*Shufflin' Sqs. - Lake Ashton Golf Club – 4141 Ashton Club Dr. ~ off Thompson Nursery Rd. 6-7:30pm **Beq.** Keith Stevens instructor. Info: 863-326-9774 or keith@keithstevens.com

PINELLAS PK**Promenade Squares -- Sr. Ctr. – 7625 59th St. N – 1 Blk N off Pk Blvd. at RR tracks. **Beq.** Lessons: 6 – 7:15pm **Beq.** When conducted. Call first. Instr. Bob Ormsbee ~ Info: 727-544-0227

PT. CHARLOTTE**Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & CC, 2100 Kings Hwy, I-75, Exit 170, go "SW 1-1/2 Mi, CanAm Clubhouse - A1, 9am -11. **MS** Rusty Hinge rev. 11am - 1pm Dave Magee 941.235.1611 or callerdave@comcast.net

SEBRING**Button Wood Sqs., Buttonwood Bay RV Res., 41 Kingfish Dr. **Beq.** 2:30 – 4pm **MS.** 1-2:30pm Nelson Wakeman 586-610-8370

TAMPA** Temple Twirlers, Lakeshore Villa Clubhs. 1540l Lakeshore Villa Blvd., 6:30 – 8:30 pm w/plus wksp. Ron Reardon: Inst. Info: Ben Kirkland BBKJLK@verizon.net PH: 813-986-2928 **Beq.**

FRIDAY

FT MYERS BEACH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd – Muskoegon Hall 9:00 - 11:00am 959-967-09993 Tootscourtney2yahoo.com **Beq.**

LAKE WALES*Shufflin' Sqs. - Lake Ashton Golf Club – 4141 Ashton Club Dr. ~ off Thompson Nursery Rd. –1st & 3rd Thurs. ER 7-7:30pm ~ 7:30–9:30pm – Alternating Plus and Adv. Tips. Guest callers
Info: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com
www.shufflinsquares.com
2nd, 4th & 5th Thurs. Ms & Plus tips
Keith Stevens caller.

PINELLAS PK*Promenade Squares -- Sr. Ctr. – 7625 59th St. N – 1 Blk N off Pk Blvd. at RR trks. 2nd & 4th Thurs. June thru Aug. Otherwise Weekly.
6 - 7:15 Beq. Les. ~ PDR 7:15 – 7:45pm
7:45 - 9:30pm Ms/ Rds/ some Plus
6 - 7:15pm Mainstream/Plus/DBD workshop
OR Class when being conducted
See Beginner Class schedule on Thurs.
Bob Ormsbee / Donna Huard
dhua7@yahoo.com / 727.544.0227
See Ad Pg. 11.

PT CHARLOTTE*Charlotte Promenaders
Pt. Charlotte Bch. Rec Ctr., 4500 Harbor Blvd. - PDR 7:00 PM — Plus 7:30 - 9:30 PM Guest callers & Dick Chase: Cuer 941.429.1311 or 941.575.8392 ~ Jan . thru Apr.

ST. PETERSBURG*Suncoast Squares—
King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave N GLBTclub but all are welcome.
A1-A2 Class in progress 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com
www.suncoastsquares.com and
suncoastsquares@gmail.com
Caller: Mike Cox

VENICE* Jacaranda Trace, 3600 William Penn Way, A2, 2 - 4 pm, Mike Cox
941-408-262

FRIDAY

DADE CITY* Morning Star Pk. MS & Plus
Jan. 20/ Feb/17/ Mar. 17, 2017
Ms / Plus 7:00-9:30pm
Walter Lougee 207-462-3989

ESTERO**Corkscrew Curiques, Corkscrew Woodlands Pk., 21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd. I-75 exit 123, Wks 6:30pm. MS w/ announced Plus, Rnds 7- 9 pm
2nd Fri. of each month Nov. thru April
Wes Morris, Recorded Rnds. 239-282-6322

PLANT CITY*Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site
www.strawberrysquaredancing.com

SEBRING* Buttonwood Sqs., Buttonwood Bay RV Resort, 41 Kingfish Dr.
Dancing MS/Plus/Rnds, 1st & 3rd Fri.
Caller: Nelson Wakeman and guest callers
Jan. thru Mar. Pres. Tim: 586-610-8370

SUN CITY CTR*SCC Swingers - Dance Studio in Atrium Bldg. North Campus, North Pebble Bch. Blvd., 1/2 Mi. N. of SR 674 —
Ph: 941-776-0477 or 813-633-9742
ER 7:00 PM – MS/Plus/Rnds 7:30-9:30pm
Rounds by: Alice & Gary Bubel
Squares: Ron Reardon: 1st, 3rd & 5th Fri.
Squares: Marty Van Wart: 2nd & 4th Fri.
Closed Apr. thru Oct.

VENICE*Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) ~ C1 (Cas.)
10 AM – noon ~ w/C2 tip ~ Dec. – Mar.
Caller: Red Bates Casual attire.
941-223-0987 / redbates@juno.com

SATURDAY

ARCADIA*Palace Promenaders - Sq. Dnc. Hall - 1627 NE Floridian Cir. Off Rt 17 N ~
MS / Plus workshop 6 - 7pm
MS / Plus & Rounds 7 – 9 pm
Robert Arias May thru Sept. /Jennie Martin
Sam Dunn will Call at announced dances.
863.494.2749/ 941.380.5336 Call for dates.

FT MYERS BEACH**Indian Creek Pk
17340 San Carlos Blvd – Iroquois Hall
ER 7:00 Sqs. 7:30 - 9:30pm Dave Mcgee &
Dick Chase 239-770-5257

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491.
Please check Strawberry Square Web site
www.strawberrysquaredancing.com

VENICE**Buttons & Bows - Woodmere Pk.
3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. (Off Jacaranda Blvd) - Plus/Rnds 7:00 - 9:00 pm.
Tina Ziomek (941) 493-6035 Jan. - Apr.
Guest caller/Cuers:

VENICE*Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) ~ Plus
Dec.9, 2016 3—5 PM
941-223-0987 / redbates@juno.com
Cuer: Karen Halflich

If you want to go out a little further, there is:

• **Lakeside Village** in south Lakeland, a large open-air shopping area. Stroll, Shop, Indulge and Enjoy! Located in Lakeland's upscale Grasslands area with beautiful landscaped courts. Whether you are looking for a casual eatery or a fine dining experience, a boutique for unique gifts or just a place to relax – Lakeside Village has it all!

• **Downtown Lakeland - It's no surprise that Downtown Lakeland has become a destination for food, entertainment, and shopping. With more to do than ever before, people are spending more time Downtown. Whether you head to Downtown Lakeland for work, food, nightlife, shopping, or entertainment, there is something for everyone.**

• **International Market World** in Auburndale - Explore a world filled with music, food, shopping, laughter and alligators!! Over 1200 unique vendors make up the International Market World family of shops!

Something new this year, raffle tickets will be sold soon for an exciting state of the art item. Details to be announced soon.

Again, the dates are November 10 – 11, 2017 at the Bartow Civic Center. Ribbons are available now!

A flyer can be found at
www.floridasquaredance.com, www.dancergram.com,
or www.shufflinsquares.com. If you have any questions, email the chairman at sailaway@tampabay.rr.com.



Penny Green
Publicity

Ok, I've had enough Summer! Fall, please hurry!

What does Fall mean? It's time for the West Coast Association's 43rd Annual Fall Fun Fest at the Bartow Civic Center on November 10-11, 2017! If you've been the Fall Fun Fest before, you know how much fun it is and what great staff we have. If you've never been, you don't know what you're missing.

We start with a dance on Friday night; one hall for Mainstream, Plus, and Phase II – IV Rounds, and a separate hall for advanced with computer squares. Saturday morning we start with a round dance teach, followed by a square dance workshop, then a square and round dance. Saturday evening is another dance. We have a very impressive staff of Don Moger (Canada), Bob Stern (Leesburg), and Jimmy and Carol Griffin (St. Pete).

Advance ribbons are available now for \$18 per person for the entire weekend (that's 12 hours of dancing!). Full ribbons for the entire weekend are \$20 per person at the door. If you can't make it for the whole weekend, split prices are available; Friday or Saturday after 6:00 p.m. is \$10 per person or Saturday all day is \$15 per person. Split ribbons are only available at the door.

Heads up! There's going to be a consignment sale at the Fall Fun Fest! Stay tuned for details.

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express at [863-533-8070](tel:863-533-8070). The alternate hotel is the Stay Inn & Suites at [863-533-0711](tel:863-533-0711). ALERT: The restaurant at the Stay Inn & Suites used to be a Denny's; it is now a Bread Board.

The flyer is at www.floridasquaredance.com, www.dancergram.com, or www.shufflinsquares.com. Please be sure you have the version dated May 11, 2017. The registration form is on the flyer or there may be someone in your area that is selling ribbons.

Penny Green

SQUARE DANCES

MONDAY

FT MYERS BEACH*Indian Creek Pk 17340 San Carlos Blvd – A-2 7:00 PM – Iroquois Hall Winter - Room 11 Summer. Jerry Fell ~ 517-403-6657.

SEBRING*Harmony Hoedowners, Sebring Cntry Est. Civic Assoc. 3240 Grand Prix Dr. Sq. (Cas. or Sq. Attire) Sam Dunn & Guest Cuers. 1st & 3rd Adv.dnc. Dec-Mar 7:30 - 9:30 pm DBD/ Adv W/S & dnc. Jan-Mar 7:30 - 9:30 pm 2nd & 4th – MS/Plus/Rnds – 7:30 – 9:30 pm Dec. thru Mar. Plus W/S 6:30 - 7:30 pm 863-382-6792 / www.samdunn.net

SUN CITY CTR*Kings Point Swingers – Kings Pt. Main Clubhouse Studio Rm. 1902 Clubhouse Rd. ER 7 - 7:30pm. ~ A2 7:30 - 9:30pm. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox: 813-649-0754 or George: 813-642-0900 Visitors tell gate you're attending this dance.

TAMPA*Temple Twirlers - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Ave. - PDR 7 PM - MS / Plus 7:30-9:30 PM Ron Reardon / 1st, 3rd & 5th Mon. & Guest callers/Charlie Lovelace on Rds.:Ad page 14 Info: Linda Roberts, 813.382.8621 e/m: lindarobertstempletwirlers@gmail.com

TUESDAY

LAKELAND*Buttons & Bows - Magnolia Bldg.- 702 E. Orange St. — PDR 7:00PM, Alt. Ms/Plus/Rnds 7:30 - 9:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Tues. - Info: -- 863-229-7756 All year See Ad on page 11.

PORT CHARLOTTE*Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & C.C., 2100 Kings Hwy. 1-75 exit 170, go SW 1-1/2 Mi., Queensway Hall ~ Nov. thru Mar. Ph 941-235-1611 callerdave@comcast.com 7: – 9:30 pm ~ MS/Announced Plus

PUNTA GORDA*R & R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Rd. — Plus/ Rnds 10 AM – noon — Dave Magee/Russ Collier 941-235-1611 - Nov. - Mar. Or callerdave@comcast.net

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.strawberrysquaredancing.com**

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares— King of Peace MCC Ch., 3150 5th Ave N. GLBT club but all welcome. ER 6:30-7:30pm MS 7:30 - 9pm, Plus Wksp. 9 – 10pm.~ Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com Caller: Mike Cox

VENICE**Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) ~ A2 1 – 3 pm ~ Dec. – Apr. ~ Red Bates (Cas.) 941-223 -0987 / redbates@juno.com

ZEPHYRHILLS**Betmar Belles & Beaus - Betmar Clubhouse #3, Rt 54 — A1– 7-9pm A2 Tip at 9 PM – Marty Van Wart – Russ Bunker 813-780-8036 – Jan. thru Mar.

WEDNESDAY

FT. MYERS**Palmetto Palms, 19681 Summerlin Blvd. ~ ER 7:00-7:30pm Sq. & Rnd 7:30-9:30pm Red Bates & Dick Chase, Directions: 239-7705257

PT. CHARLOTTE*Cultural Ctr. Sq. Dance Club – Pt. Char. Cult. Ctr. Centennial Hall 2280 Aaron St. 7-9:00 pm ~ MS/Plus/Rnds Caller: Robert Arias ~ May thru September Caller: Art Miller ~ October thru April Cuer: Jennie Martin & Russ collier 941-380-5336 or 863-494-2749

THURSDAY

BONITA SPRINGS**Snobirds, Citrus Pk. Clubhouse, 25601 Trost Blvd ~ PDR 7:00-7:30: MS/Plus 7:30 - 9:30 PM ~ Guest Callers/Cuers Jan. thru Mar. 239-948-8652 or 603-361-3009

DUNEDIN* Dr. William E. Hale Sr. Ctr., 330 Douglas Ave. Workshop 6:30—7:30 PM 7:30 –9 PM ~ Ms/Plus/Rnds ~ Allen Snell settarose1@verizon.net Rosie: 727-809-0323 ~ Allen: 727-809-3429

DUNNELLON*Citrus Squares – United Methodist Church, 21501 Hwy 40 – MS/ Plus 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Rick DuCharme 352.465.2142 H & 352.419.2504 C rickducharme@ymail.com

LAKE PLACID**Pine Ridge Promenaders Sunshine RV Resort- Rt 70 (1000 Yds E of US 27) 7:30 – 9:30pm - Guest Callers/Cuers MS/Plus – Jan. - Mar. 828.290.2147 or bobsue97@hotmail.com

Friday – 6/29/18: Kansas City on Display, Kansas City, MO

Saturday – 6/30/18: Battle of Westport, Kansas City, MO

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

Sunday – 7/1/18: Post Convention BBQ & Jazz, Kansas City

Sunday – 7/1/18: Post Convention Dinner Theater,
Kansas City, KS

Sunday – 7/1/18: Post Convention Tour, Branson, MO,
returns 7/3/18

Crow’s Creek Campground at Smithville Lake

Long form w/camping reservation Deadline: January 1, ‘18



Combination of 30 Amp and 50 Amp
Reserved Areas Are Loops C, E, and F
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Free Dumping Stations



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Must be received together no later
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Health and Sympathy

This may be old news but for those who may have missed it, Penny Green’s oldest daughter, Rachel, was killed on the way home from work July 20th, 2017.

Following is a thank you note from **Penny and Jenny Green**.

Thank you for all the notes, cards, emails, and prayers we received for the tragic loss of my daughter and Jenny’s sister, Rachel Rene Gunter on July 20, 2017. This has been and will be for quite some time a very painful time for Rachel’s husband and sons, as well as our families. Your condolences and prayers give us the strength to make it through each day as we mourn our loss.

Penny and Jenny Green

We lost **Ed Chartier** on Friday, August 11th. He was 95 years young. His service will be Saturday, August 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Ed and Grace were secretaries of Buttons & Bows of Lakeland several times. They had to stop dancing due to health issues for both of them.

Also, a member of Buttons & Bows of Lakeland, **Sherwood Smith**, 92.5 years old the Prior family moved to Michigan, where Larry continued his career as a lithographer and became interested in Square Dancing. He soon realized that Square Dancing was becoming more than just a hobby and began his career as a full time International Square Dance Caller. passed away August 14, 2017. He served as a Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

William Lawrence Robert (Larry) Prior, 91 years old, made his transition on August 2, 2017. He was born on February 20, 1926 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Prior family moved to Michigan, where Larry continued his career as a lithographer and became interested in Square Dancing. He soon realized that Square Dancing was becoming more than just a hobby and began his career as a full time International Square Dance Caller.

64TH Florida Square and Round Dance Convention

Summer is heating up in the Enchanted Forest, and the gnomes have been doing their best to calm down the dragons so they won't make as much heat. The saplings planted for the Convention's wood floor are growing well, and they have gotten their bark as well as their bite!

We would like to tell you about a new feature that your Ways and Means wizards will be bringing around soon. Wish trees are a Japanese tradition where people write their wishes on paper or wood and hang them from trees or wire forms resembling trees. I can't tell you how often the wishes come true, but I can say for sure that when you buy a wish, it will help our dreams of a great Convention come true by helping to pay for the flooring. We will have colorful paper and other materials to choose from, and you can decorate them any way you fancy. Make a wish, say Hi to that special someone, or share whatever philosophy happens to move you at the moment. Put anything you want (that would not be bleeped on broadcast TV) on the card, and we will display it for the duration of the Convention. Also, be sure to look through the wish trees during the Convention, because, who knows, there might be one for you! Here is an example: <https://www.travelblog.org/Photos/4064835>.

We have mentioned the Blast Class before, and we would like to remind you of the opportunity that is available for new dancers and dancers who will be taking classes in February. Wizards Bob [Ormsbee] and Keith [Stevens] are preparing a great weekend of fun and learning for folks who are new to square dancing. The class is intended for people who are completely new to square dance, and for people who are already taking lessons.

67th National Square Dance Convention

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

Sunday – 6/24/18: Dinner Theatre, Kansas City, KS

Monday – 6/25/18: BBQ & Jazz, Kansas City, MO

Tuesday – 6/26/18: Customs House to White House, Independence, MO

Tuesday – 6/26/18: Kansas City on Display, Kansas City, MO

CONVENTION TOURS

Wednesday – 6/27/18: Flowers, Fountains & the City Beautiful, Kansas City, MO

Wednesday – 6/27/18: Customs House to White House, Independence, MO

Wednesday – 6/27/18: Kansas City on Display, Kansas City, MO

Thursday – 6/28/18: Quilt Country, Hamilton, MO

Thursday – 6/28/18: The Wildest of the West, Liberty, MO

Friday – 6/29/18: Beverage, Anyone? Weston, MO

Friday – 6/29/18: Flash Mob Dance, Kansas City, MO

Friday – 6/29/18: Customs House to White House, Independence, MO

I'M NOT SURE IF THE
HAPPIER I AM, THE MORE
I DANCE,
OR THE MORE I DANCE,
THE HAPPIER I AM.....
EITHER WAY, I'LL BE DANCING



**BUTTONS & BOWS
Of Lakeland** 
PDR 7:00 pm ~ MS/P/Rd 7:30 pm
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Cuer at all dances: Charlie Lovelace

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Senior Center
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Dance every Thursday (Sept. thru May)
(June, July, August: 2nd & 4th Thursday)
6:00-7:15 PM Beg. Lessons (check first)

7:15 -7:45 PM Pre-Rounds
7:45 – 9:30 PM Ms / Plus Dance

Caller – Bob Ormsbee
Cuer - Donna Huard
Myrna: 208-369-6949

DANCE
as though no one is watching you,
LOVE
as though you have never been hurt before,
SING
as though no one can hear you,
LIVE
as though heaven is on earth.

The goal will be to teach about half of the mainstream program, but the focus will be on a fun weekend and a chance for learners to get some good floor time.

In the past, there was really nothing for people to do at a Convention until they had completed Mainstream classes. This class will give your friends a chance to experience the fun of dance as well as the fellowship and excitement of a whole convention of dancers. Please let your non-dancer friends know about this opportunity, and please ask your caller to announce it when your fall or winter square dance classes begin. Also, at the Convention, please stop by the class from time to time to be angels. Ribbons for Blast Class students will be \$35 no matter when they register.

Lastly, I have a few words about the dress code. Some folks have actually asked me what “clothing required” means. Many of us love getting all gussied up in our Square-Dance Finest. Nothing beats the sight of folks in their fancy outfits, skirts whipping and bolos flying. And some folks are a little put off by it. Wizard Linda and I frequently go out in square dance outfits, and never, not once, ever, has anybody told us “I just have to learn to square dance so I can dress up like that too!” So, what kind of clothing is required, you might ask. Go ahead, I’m listening.

Funny you should ask, because I actually have several answers for that: Dress as you wish to be remembered. You will be dancing with 6 or 7 hundred of your best friends, and they will remember. If you would wear it to the shopping mall, you can wear it here. If you would wear it to the gym, maybe not. Most important, don’t let clothing choices be a problem. Be comfortable. Be stylish. Be outrageous. Be traditional. Be unique. Be whatever makes this the best Convention that it can be for you! Any questions?

Until next time, be nice to the dragons. Summer is hot enough already!

Head Wizard Lewis Wasserman

Learn to Square Dance!



64th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention
February 23 & 24, 2018
 Daytona Ocean Center
 101 N Atlantic Avenue,
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We are having a "Blast Class" at the 2018 Florida Square and Round Dance Convention.

Come to Daytona Beach, have a blast, and learn an activity with benefits of fun, fitness, and fellowship!



To register, call 321-453-3438 or visit floridasquaredance.com/convention

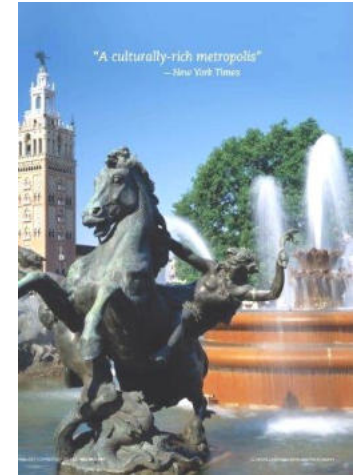
**FUN
 FITNESS
 FELLOWSHIP
 Mostly FUN**

This class is for new dancers or people already enrolled in Square Dance classes. Anyone is welcome. \$35 for 2 days of fun!

67th National Square Dance Convention Kansas City, Missouri June 27-30, 2018



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 Kansas
 City***



The City of Fountains is ready to strut its stuff come Summer of 2018 when the **67th National Square Dance Convention**® comes to the Heart of America - Kansas City, Missouri. The Host Committee is anxious to share with you the fascinating history, the Jazz Age memories, the splendor of this metropolis and the beauty of the city once called **The Paris of the Plains**. Come, join the party we are throwing for you!
 Arrive early and stay late. There is plenty for you to do on both ends of the convention. We have tours beginning on Sunday before, continuing throughout the week and lasting through the final weekend.

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 Clay County Parks, Recreation, Historic Sites
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64th FL Square and Round Dance Convention Update # 3

It's summer time in the enchanted forest, and the dragonflies are frolicking among the sage and lotus plants. The wizards have been busy finding a venue for the Trail-End Dance. Wizard Lewis divined that the best location is the Nova Community Center in Ormond Beach. It is located at:

440 N Nova Rd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

and has plenty of space with a wood-floored double basketball court. Clarence the Misguided Magician offered to visit, but Wizard Linda smiled sweetly and cast a forgetting spell so he would not remember where the place is. If you happen to find yourself strolling through the Enchanted Forest, and come upon Clarence, please be sure NOT to mention that the Trail End Dance will be at the Nova Community Center in Ormond Beach on Thursday, 2/22/18. And certainly do not let him know that there is no carpet in the place. You know how Clarence is about carpet.

We have heard from some folks who are having trouble getting the discounted rates at the host hotels, because they are filling up. While the wizards work with the host hotels to increase room availability, some of our apprentices are working to find a couple of other hotels you may wish to try. We do not have group rates, but their regular prices are pretty reasonable. We will have further information in the next newsletter. If you know a good place near the Ocean Center, please let us know, and we will make you an honorary apprentice!

When you arrive at the Ocean Center, you will probably want to park your car. Wizard Don wants to save you some money, so here is what you do: Ask for an "Exhibitor Pass" when you park for the first time. It is \$5 a day for in/out parking. The secret is that anyone can get these passes. You don't actually need to be an exhibitor, but you do have to use the Magic Words "Exhibitor Pass."

Remember to bring your Dance Passports with you and get them initialed each time you dance.

64th Florida State Square and Round Dance Association Trail End Dance

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Until next time, keep dancing and share the magic!

Lewis Wasserman, Chairman

2018 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention



**Time to register for
next year's convention,
Feb 23-24, 2018
in Daytona Beach.**



64th FL Square and Round Dance Convention Update # 2

Even though the Convention is many months away, the wizards are hard at work making preparations. There is a surprising amount of work that goes into making a magical weekend of dance. The seeds planted in the Enchanted Forest have sprouted to seedlings, and Wizard Lewis has been busy tending the delicate little plants which will become your dance floor next year. It is remarkable how quickly trees can grow in the Enchanted Forest.

Several of the wizards took a walk down Atlantic Avenue in Daytona Beach, and they were impressed by the variety of restaurants, the number of stores, and the smell of the salty air wafting over from the beach. Within a couple blocks of the Ocean Center, they found the Daytona

Lagoon which has a water park and a "Dry Park" for the young-at-heart. The Daytona Boardwalk and beach are right there as well. The wizards were talking about doing a "sand flea" dangle dance on the beach. Clarence the Misguided Magician was working on a spell to allow dancers to breathe under water so they can dance with the mermaids.

The Ways & Means wizards would like to remind you that they will be visiting your dance clubs with our magically soft t-shirts and coffee mugs. And be sure to pick up some raffle tickets so you can win the Google Home and bring the magic to your home. You can still order our embroidered polo shirts, and we have all kinds of buttons as well. Remember that our ribbons will be \$40 starting June 1, so you will want to get your early-bird \$35 ribbons right away. See the registration form at: <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/> (Click on Registration Form on the left.)

At the Convention Kickoff, Wizards Lewis and Linda received a statuette of square dancers from the Huddlestons, although they were unable to provide a good explanation of the history of the statuettes and their significance. So we delved into the history mystery, and we were surprised by what we were able to uncover. As many square dancers are aware, Henry Ford was a great proponent of square dance, requiring his many employees to participate. In 1924, he wished to employ Benjamin Lovett as caller and dance teacher in Dearborn, Michigan, but Mr. Lovett was under contract with the Wayside Inn. After failing to negotiate the release of Mr. Lovett's contract, Mr. Ford purchased the Wayside Inn, satisfied Mr. Lovett's contract, and hired him to teach in Dearborn. Lovett's contract was for 2 months, but he stayed in Dearborn for 26 years. What is little known is that back then, Clarence the Misguided Magician, at the time known simply as Wizard Clarence, was also involved in dancing. Clarence could see how happy people were when dancing, and he wished that he could find a way to record the joy of dance, and preserve the history of Square Dance for future generations. Clarence made a pair of happy dancing statuettes from clay, and he enchanted them to remember the happiness of the dances that they attended. He made them look just like his friends Kenneth and Barbara Dollander, and the other wizards thought that Clarence had actually turned his friends into statuettes. This got Clarence demoted to Magician, and he has been known as Clarence the Misguided Magician ever since.

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