

DANCERgram

Square & Round Dance News for the West Coast of Florida
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"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"

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Words from the Editor

The next big square dance weekend to plan for is the Central Association Shamrock Swing to be held in Maitland (Orlando) March 7th & 8th. The scheduled callers are Tim Marriner and Whit Brown, and our own Jimmy & Carol Griffin will be cueing. Ribbons are \$16 per person in advance or \$18 per person at the door. I am selling ribbons if you would like to purchase yours in advance.

There will also be a Florida Federation Working Weekend that weekend. There will be more details on this in a future issue as I hope more of you will plan to attend a Federation meeting.



Press Release from American Callers Assn.

A Return to Square Dancing

The ACA Proposal

Today there is an uneasy consensus among dancers & callers which holds that square dancing is neither as it used to be nor what it ought to be. We all agree that, while there are not as many callers as twenty years ago, there are even fewer dancers. The one thing that none of us can deny is that we no longer have the once copious flow of new students into our square dance classes that we enjoyed in years past. The flow has shrunk to a trickle or none at all. The truth is that the one and two square clubs that we have today would not have been considered a good "basement group" in the 1970s. Beyond these areas of accord and mutual commiseration, we began to diverge and quibble. We can agree that something is wrong and in talking to people that have quit square dancing, it's not hard to figure out. We can agree on what is wrong, but not what to do about it. At the moment we are doing relatively little or nothing about it and the downward trend continues.

The sad truth is that there is a quick fix for the ills that have been building up over the past two decades while we waited for things to improve. It did not happen. Until all of us agree upon, and put into effect, an effective and workable course of action, the decline in square dancing will not only continue, it will worsen.

The American Callers Association (ACA) has applied logic, facts, experience and reason to the problem of our shrinking numbers and has come up with a workable and effective solution. Do away with existing barriers between dancers and return to the days of the undesignated dancer. In other words, we should discard the present Basic, Mainstream and Plus list. We should replace these levels, lists, programs or whatever with a program of square dance choreography that can be mastered in a reasonable amount of time and that will include the very best and most useful calls. By doing so, we can bring all dancers back together on one floor and put the fun back in square dancing.

No longer will dancers be labeled and categorized in a divisive manner. No longer will dancers be forced to spend inordinate lengths of time in classes to become a square dancer and not be welcomed by existing dancers. (This will put 95% of all dancers back together.) We should condense the current list of Basic, Mainstream and Plus into one single, sensible, and manageable program which need be called merely "Square Dancing." There will always be advanced and challenge, but we do not build from those levels. If we don't put them in at the bottom, they cannot take them to the top. With no new dancers the top looks very dim.

Using these analytical studies as a basis, American Callers has developed a recommended list of calls, including the order in which they can be taught during the learning cycle, that forms the keystone of the "One Floor Program."

Remember this is a recommended list and it can be improved even more. The "One Floor Program" can be downloaded from our web page <http://www.americancallers.com/>.

Obviously, this solution will require a degree of sacrifice and cooperation among callers and dancers that so far has never achieved. Everyone is going to have to give up something in the common cause. The rewards of doing so can be very great. The penalties of not doing so are even greater.

Persons wishing to know more about the "One Floor Program" may contact Mac Letson at mac@americancallers.com or write to American Callers at P.O. Box 2406, Muscle Shoals Al. 35662, or call 256-383-7583. Should you choose this as your program of square dancing (club, association or state), please furnish any caller that you have to call for you a copy of this list. . As more input comes in, we may have changes to this proposal. The dancers we talk with like what they hear. Callers that have been teaching by this list report they keep about 80% of their new dancers. Most of the callers we have talked to say that they think square dancing would better with just one program below advance and challenge.

Some of the Advantages of the Proposal:

1. Can now have more than one class per year.
2. Planning a special dance is made easier.
3. Brings about a better attitude and unifies the activity again.
4. Makes recruiting and the retention of new dancers easier.

These are just a few advantages of the one floor program, I am sure you can think of many more.

Please feel free to copy or forward this press release to anyone .

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American Callers Association is not only furnishing the concept, we have also worked out the details. Reviewing tapes of recent dances held in many areas of the country, the information showed that ninety-five percent of the dances were called with 50 or less calls. The calls were in terms of frequency of use and the popularity that dominates our square dance choreography. The determination of these calls was made in an entirely objective manner, with no preconceived bias toward or against any call.

## **Blue-Grey Dance**

This year's Blue-Grey Army Commanding General is Judge Tom Coleman. He and his staff - along with Columbia County Sheriff Bill Gootie with his wife, Bonnie, and Lake City Mayor Steve Witt with his wife, Jodi - will be assisting in leading our Grand March. President Abraham Lincoln and General Robert E. Lee will also be our special guests and will also be assisting in leading our Grand March. All of these special guests will be wearing period costumes. It makes a spectacular sight - visually impressive.

Our club caller, Bill Chesnut, will be exceptionally busy during Blue-Grey weekend. He is important to our Saturday night Blue-Grey Dance. We keep him busy at the dance wearing lots of different hats - among them the "Master of Ceremonies" hat.

In addition, Bill calls for the Friday night Trails End Dance and the Saturday afternoon Street Dance. At the Street Dance, he is assisted by our club's round dance cuer, Ralph Beekman. Ralph is also the club caller for the Vagabond Squares in nearby Live Oak, Florida. The Trails End Dance is sponsored by the Square Wheels Square Dance Camping Club. Bill is

also the club caller for the Square Wheels.

Special Note: We have been very fortunate to have use of a spacious and beautiful dance hall - the Rountree-Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom - for the Blue-Grey Dance. The Toyota Dealership's general manager, Ken Hazen, is gracious to us and a pleasure to work with.

Paul Place  
2008 Blue-Grey Square Dance Caller

Lisa Wall & Ralph Beekman  
2008 Blue-Grey Square Dance Rounds Cuers

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Looking for ribbons to a festival?

I am carrying ribbons to the following dances if you want to purchase any:

- March - Shamrock Swing, Orlando
- March - Fuzzy Navel, Jekyll Island, Georgia
- May (Memorial Day Weekend) - Florida State Convention, Lakeland
- September (Labor Day Weekend) - 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN

NOTE: If you see any flyers with my my name, email address and phone number stamped on them, I have the ribbons (or will be receiving them shortly) to sell. I always have the ribbons with me.

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NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's email.

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THIS WEEK'S DANCES

Monday - *Riverwoods Plantation* - Broadway, Estero - ER 7:00 p.m. plus/rounds - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: redbates@juno.com or 941-828-0481.

Harmony Hoedowners - Sebring Country Estates Civic Association, 3240 Grand Prix Drive Square, Sebring - 1st & 3rd Adv. dance Dec. - March 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; DBD/Adv W/S & dnc. Jan. - March 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; 2nd & 4th - MS/Plus/Rnds - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dec. through March plus W/S 6:30 - 7:30 starts Dec. 9 - square dance attire optional - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Linda Catey. For info: [Sam Dunn 863-382-6792](tel:863-382-6792) or samdunn@samdunn.net or <http://www.samdunn.net/>.

Hampton Promenaders - Hamptons Community 1094 US 92 W, Auburndale - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Clyde Stocker**, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

Sun-N-Fun - Sun 'N' Fun RV Park, 7125 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Burl Lally, cuer: **Bill Webb**. For info: 941-343-9720 or midgewebb@cs.com.

Twilight Twirlers - **NO DANCE** For info: hwcole@att.net.

Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary Dance - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com

Tuesday - *Betmar Bells & Beaus* - Betmar Clubhouse #3, Hwy. 54, Zephyrhills - A1 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., A2 Tip 9:00 p.m. - caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker at 813-780-8036.

Trailer Estates - **NO DANCE** For info: emuffin184@aol.com or 941-758-2304.

Ding-a-Lings - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 S., Riverview - mainstream/plus/rounds - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: chrounds@capital.net or 813-677-9179

R&R Gators - Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Rd., Punta Gorda - plus/rounds - 10:00 a.m. - noon - caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Russ Collier. For info: 941-575-0960

Maple Leaf Squares - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. (I-75 exit 170, go SW 1-1/2 mi., Queensway Bldg.), Port Charlotte - plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Ken Klumpp. For info: phonemoves@juno.com.

Woodmere Park - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - A2 Dance/Workshop - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - caller: Red Bates. For info: redbates@juno.com or 941-828-0481.

Suncoast Squares - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - **6:45 p.m. potluck** - Mainstream and plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info contact suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Square Line Dancing - **DISCONTINUED FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON**. For info: floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

Wednesday - *Betmar Bells & Beaus* - Betmar Clubhouse #2, Hwy. 54, Zephyrhills -

mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:00 - 9:30 - caller: **Walter Lougee**, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Russ Bunker at 813-780-8036.

Bayonet Point Enrichment Center - 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Hudson - mainstream/rounds (Ph. 1, 2 & 3) - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - \$5 per person - casual dress - caller/cuer: Paul Andrews. For info: 727-856-7185.

Riverside Rec Center - Riverside Rec Center, Riverside Drive, Ft. Myers - A2 - 2:45 - 4:45 p.m. - C1 - 2:00 p.m. - caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com

Palmetto Palms - Summerlin Blvd., Palmetto - ER 7:00 p.m. plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com.

Grande Squares - Camp Inn Resort Rec Hall, 10404 Hwy. 27, Frostproof - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire optional - mainstream/plus/rounds - plus workshop precedes dance at 7:00 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: samdunn@samdunn.net or 863-382-6792.

Strawberry Square Club - Strawberry Club, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - mainstream/easy plus - caller: **George Varney**. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

Timber Pines Twirlers - Timber Pines Lodge, Spring Hill - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - plus/rounds - first time guests are always welcome but please contact the club president at priddler@earthlink.net for directions and community gate access - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Judy Doanes.

Strawberry Square C1 - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>

Strawberry Square C2 - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. - caller: Art Springer. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

Port Charlotte Cultural Center - Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. mainstream/plus/rounds - caller: Art Miller; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday - Glen Haven Dancers - Glenhaven RVP, Chancy Road, Zephyrhills - plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: George Varney. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler at 813-782-9818.

King's Point Swingers - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), Rt. 674 (east of I-75), Sun City Center - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. , plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754 or hlhtfh@yahoo.com.

Snobirds - Citrus RV Park, E. Terry to first street west of I-75. North to gate. Tell guard you are going to the square dance. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. caller: Howard Code, cuer: TBA. For info: hwcole@att.net.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Pie Night - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1000 yds. east of US 27), Lake Placid - mainstream/plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

Charlotte Promenaders - Pt. Charlotte Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - ER 7:00 p.m. - plus/rounds 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: **Ben Rubright**, cuer: **Karen Haiflich**. For info: sqdbird@aol.com or 941-423-7228.

Citrus Squares - First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

Promenade Squares - Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:30 p.m. mainstream squares 8:00 - 9:45 p.m., caller: Dick DeMerritt; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

Huggables - Land O Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O Lakes Blvd., casual dress - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: settarose@aol.com.

Friday - Rainbow Squares - Rainbow RVP, Lane Road, Zephyrhills - mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. caller: George Varney, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: 813-780-7012 or 813-782-0885.

Curliques - Corkscrew Woodlands Hall (just west of I-75/Corkscrew Rd. exit), Estero, park on south side of Corkscrew Rd., follow signs to hall. - plus workshop 6:30 p.m. plus dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. caller: Howard Cole; rounds on tape. For info: hwcole@att.net.

Strawberry Square A2 - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates, cuer: Ruth Cunningham. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

Woodmere Park C1 Dance/Workshop - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - 10:00 - 12 noon - caller: Red Bates. For info: redbates@juno.com or 941-828-0481.

Spinning Wheels - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: HelenM720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., plus/rounds 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 - relaxed attire June to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net.

Snell's Bo's and Bell's Birthdays/Anniversaries - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - casual dress - callers: Allen Snell. Contact settarose@aol.com

Sun City Center Square Dance Club - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center - ER 7:00 - plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Mary Wiewiora. For info: lmicklatch@aol.com or 813-633-3986 or 813-633-1297.

Saturday - Reflections - Silver Lake, Avon Park - casual dress or square dance attire - time or dance level unknown - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: 863-452-5196 smonty14@embarq.com or 863-452-1068 or tbellis@tls.net.

Strawberry Square - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: www.floridanceweb.com/strawberry

Buttons & Bows of Venice - Woodmere Park, 1951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Sam Dunn, cuer: Charlie Hearn. For info: 941-473-2449 or 941-484-9823.

Palace Promenaders Cincinnati Chili - Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Circle (off 17 N.), Arcadia - plus/rounds 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 863-494-2749.

Strawberry Square Ph 5 Rounds Workshop & Dance - NO DANCE For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

Whirl & Twirl Red Hot Saturday Night - Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Hall, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando - mainstream with announced plus - limited to 20 **determined** squares! - dance til you drop - dangles for those who make it to the bitter end! - double your pleasure, double your with two Pauls - Paul Place and Paul Cote - 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. - \$16 per couple in advance, \$20/couple at the door - ribbons available at Whirl & Twirl or call Bruce & Debbie at 407-265-8872.

Sunday - Motivators - St. Cloud Sr. Center, 3101 - 17th St., St. Cloud - A2 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - C-1 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. - caller: Ron Libby. For info: 407-892-9665 or 417-344-9260 or loisdancer@aol.com.

Strawberry Square - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - A-1 and Easy A-2 dance with rounds - caller: Mary Van Wart, cuer: Sandi Everetts - 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

Happy Promenaders - NO DANCE For info: 239-793-8769 or playwalt@comcast.net.

Strawberry Square Phase 4 Rounds - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns - Cloverleaf Farms Heather House, 900 N. Broad St., Rt. 41 N., Brooksville - ER 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**, cuer: Judy Doanes. For info: jah46544@aol.com or 352-796-6714 or 352-797-5557.

B&S Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - A2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A2 Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - relaxed attire - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net.

King of Kings Church - 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey - casual dress - 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tips are alternated. Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose@aol.com.

Orange Blossom Squares - NO DANCE For info: sharonandron579@localnet.com

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## CLASSES:

**Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, mainstream, plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.**

January 20, 2008 - **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Beginner Class** - Cloverleaf Farms Heather House, 900 N. Broad St., Rt. 41 N., Brooksville - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Paul Place. For info: [jah46544@aol.com](mailto:jah46544@aol.com) or 352-796-6714.

January 31, 2008 - **Spinning Wheels Beginner Class** - Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Art Springer. For info: 813-348-1180 or 813-223-1958 or [aspringer1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:aspringer1@tampabay.rr.com).

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FUTURE PLANNING:

Please include dates, exact address of location where dances are held (including city), themes, level(s), if rounds are included, times, callers and cuers (exact names - not 'guest callers'), attire, contact information (include email and phone number). IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE DURING THE YEAR, I.E. CANCELLATIONS, CHANGE OF CALLERS OR CUERS, CHANGE OF DANCE LOCATION, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THE WORD CAN BE PASSED TO AS MANY DANCERS AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE ENSURE THE INFORMATION IN THE WEST COAST DANCER IS CURRENT AND ACCURATE.

February 8 - 10, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Multi-Level Weekend** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Jimmy Lee (Canada) - A2 w/rounds 7:00 - p.m. on Friday - plus w/rounds 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. on Saturday - plus w/rounds on Sunday - light refreshments will be served. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

February 9, 2008 - **Palace Promenaders Valentine's Dance** - Arcadia. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

February 9, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Sweetheart Dance** - caller: Paul Place, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

February 10, 2008 - **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** - Bartow Civic Center, 2250 South Floral Avenue, Bartow - 12:00 noon (immediately preceding the West Coast Membership Dance). For info: keithuns@yahoo.com

February 10, 2008 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance - Box the Gnat in Bartow** - Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow - MC: Clyde Stocker. **ANY CALLER OR CUER INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT CLYDE STOCKER (Stocker38@worldnet.att.net or 863-293-5947) PRIOR TO THE DANCE TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. IF THERE IS A FULL PROGRAM OF CALLERS AND CUERS FOR THE AFTERNOON, THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR WALK-INS TO BE INCLUDED BUT STILL FEEL FREE TO JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF DANCING. IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING**

YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

February 11, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Valentines Dance** - caller: Paul Place, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com

February 12, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Valentine's Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

February 13, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Dance Club Valentine Dance** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Jimmy Lee (Canada). For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

February 13, 2008 - **Square Dancing at the Florida State Fair** - State Fairgrounds, Hwy. 301, Tampa - MC; Doc Gray with Pat Hagen - all callers and cuers welcome to call and/or cue. Tickets will be distributed to West Coast clubs or you can purchase tickets at the fairgrounds and I believe at your local Publix store. For info: MLEWIS87@TAMPABAY.RR.COM.

February 14, 2008 - **Pine Ridge Promenaders Valentine's Dance** - Sunshine RV Park Clubhouse, south of the City of Lake Placid, 1000 yards east of US 27 on SR 70 - caller: Sam Dunn. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

February 15 - 18, 2008 - **Flip the Flamingo** - Walter Fuller Recreation Center, St. Pete - MS/plus/Advanced/Challenged - C2 and C3 star tips if enough dancers - presented by the Suncoast Squares - callers: Anne Uebelacker & Michael Kellogg - \$85/person for the entire weekend. For info: 727-215-3217 or <http://www.suncoastsquares.com/>.

February 15 - 17, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Multi-Level Weekend** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Tim Crawford (Canada) - A2 w/rounds 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. on Friday - Valentine Party plus w/rounds 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. on Saturday - C1 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday - Beginner Ball 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

February 15 & 16, 2008 - **Florida Knothead Konvention** - Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne - caller: Mac McCall; cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith - \$50 per Knothead couple or \$25 per single; includes all 5 sessions and parties; split package available at door - mainstream and plus - round dance phases II - IV. For info: 407-894-2227 or flaknothead@bellsouth.net. SUGGESTED HOTEL: Hilton Rialto of Melbourne, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL - 321-768-0200 - \$89 + tax/night - online price is \$209 so call directly for Knothead rate.

February 16, 2008 - **Blue - Grey Dance** - Rountree-Moore Toyota Showroom Lake City, FL - 7:45 - 10:30 p.m. - caller: Paul Place, cuer - Lisa Wall.

February 17, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Beginner Ball** - 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - caller: Tim Crawford (Canada). For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

February 21 - 23, 2008 - **58th NSDC Pre-Convention** - Long Beach, CA. For info: <http://www.58nsdc.com/>.

February 22, 2008 - **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Rounds** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Mike Jacobs (NJ). For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

February 23, 2008 - **Palace Promenaders Pie & Ice Cream Night** - Arcadia. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

February 22 - 24, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Floridian RV Resort, St. Cloud - caller: TBA. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

February 23, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Plus Dance w/Rounds** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Mike Jacobs (NJ) - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

February 23 - 24, 2008 - **Strawberry Square C-1 Weekend** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - lunch included - caller: Mike Jacobs (NJ) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

February 24, 2008 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** - Woodmere Park Clubhouse, Venice - MC: Red Bates (redbates@juno.com or 941-423-7143). **ANY CALLER OR CUER INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT RED BATES () PRIOR TO THE DANCE TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. IF THERE IS A FULL PROGRAM OF CALLERS AND CUERS FOR THE AFTERNOON. THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR WALK-INS TO BE INCLUDED. IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLER, CUER AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

February 25, 2008 - **Square Dancing at the Polk Senior Games** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales - 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. - FREE dance 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. - callers: Paul Place and Keith Stevens. For info: keithuns@yahoo.com or 8693-326-9774.

February 28, 2008 - **Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night** - Sunshine RV Park Clubhouse, south of the City of Lake Placid, 1000 yards east of US 27 on SR 70 - caller: Clyde Stocker. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

February 29, 2008 - **ARTS Dance America Benefit Dances** - Join Hands Across America. See web site for dance locations arts-dance.org/Dance America Dances.htm.

February 29, 2008 - **Dance America** - Join **Canaveral Squares** and **Tony Oxendine** for this history making event! Woody Simpson Community Center, 1590 Schoolhouse Street, Merritt Island, FL - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - \$5/person donation - all proceeds will be donated to ARTS - Dance) - with everyone across America dancing together for this special event, and by donating the proceeds to Arts - Dance, we will promote our dance activity and aid in the preservation and perpetuation of our most loved pastime. For info: Ailene Picheco at apicheco@juno.com or 321-652-0680 or Jerry Reed at jreedsdc@aol.com or 321-633-1306 or <http://www.canaveralsquares.com/> or <http://www.arts-dance.org/>.

March 1, 2008 - **Sun City Square Dance Club Square Dance Clothing Sale** - Community Hall, Room 3 - watch for details!

March 2, 2008 - **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Beginner Ball** - Strawberry Square - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. For info: kfs2@iname.com or <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

March 2, 2008 - **Orange Blossom Squares** - The Villages, Lady Lake - plus - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates.

March 4, 2008 - **Ding-A-Lings** - Rice Creek RV Resort, Riverview - **Allen Snell & The Good Times Band** - square dance to a live band - \$10/couple. For directions or questions: Char Rounds 813-677-9179 or charounds@capital.net.

March 7, 2008 - **Spinning Wheels Celebrate Art & Martha Springer's 40th Anniversary of Calling** - Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa. For info: von.barnes@verizon.net or helenm720@aol.com.

March 7 & 8, 2008 - **Central Association's 8th Annual Shamrock Swing** - First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, 341 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland (Orlando) - callers: Tim Marriner & Whit Brown; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin - mainstream & Plus - Finnegan's Place reopens!! - \$16 pp in advance; \$18 pp at the door; \$12 pp all Saturday; \$10 pp Friday or Saturday evening only. For info: Dick & Jeanne Lysobey at 386-789-8018 or rjl1013@earthlink.net. I have ribbons to sell. SUGGESTED HOTEL: LaQuinta, 626 Lee Road, Orlando, FL - 407-645-5600 - \$66 + tax/night (ask for Central FL Association rate).

March 7 - 9, 2008 - **Sounds of Sebring A2 Classic** - Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring - callers: Ron Libby & Johnny Preston - additional C1 star tips - A/C Halls - hardwood dance floors - after party with concert - complete package per person - double occupancy - lodge: \$17-, villa: \$185, efficiency: \$195 - full package includes: 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (2 hot meals, 2 full continental breakfasts) - deposit \$50 - balance due 2/8/08. For info: 352-259-3188 or ronlibby@aol.com.

March 8 & 9, 2008 - **Florida Federation Working Weekend** - - LaQuinta Inn, 626 Lee Road, Orlando - 9:00 a.m. each day - held during the day of weekend of the Shamrock Swing so we can attend the dances in the evening.

March 8, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Biker Bash** - caller: Keith Rippito, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

March 9, 2008 - **Beginners Ball for New Round Dancers** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Cuers: Charlie & Leona Lovelace - experienced dancers also welcome. For info: Charlie Lovelace at luvrds@earthlink.net or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 11, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland St. Patrick's Day Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Keith Rippeto, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

March 13, 2008 - **Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** - Sunshine RV Park Clubhouse, south of the City of Lake Placid, 1000 yards east of US 27 on SR 70 caller: Sam Dunn. For info: danshrm@htn.net

March 13 - 15, 2008 - **WASCA's 49th Square and Round Dance Festival**, "Dancing Thru the Enchanted Garden State" - Alexandria, VA. Callers: Mike Callahan, Tom Miller, Tim Marriner, Dave Walker, Mike Sikorsky, Jim Lee & Tim Crawford. Cuers: Carol & Allen Lillefield, Ralph & Joan Collipi, and Wayne & Barbara Blackford. For info: <http://www.wascaclubs.com/pages/wasca-spring-festivals/upcoming-festival.php>

March 14, 2008 - **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Rounds** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Lee Kopman (NY) - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

March 14 & 15, 2008 - **17th Annual Fuzzy Navel** - Oceanside Inn & Suites, Jekyll Island, GA - hosted by Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers (FASSRD) - all dancers welcome single, married, solo, couples - Caller: Sam Dunn (Sebring); cuer: Lisa Wall (Jacksonville). For info: apicheco@uwbrevard.org or me at sqdnxfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

March 15, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Plus Dance w/Rounds** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Lee Kopman (NY) - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

March 15, 2008 - **Palace Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance** - Arcadia. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

March 16, 2008 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** - Agri-Civic Center, Sebring - MC: Mike Doughty. **ANY CALLER OR CUER INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE DOUGHTY() PRIOR TO THE DANCE TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. IF THERE IS A FULL PROGRAM OF CALLERS AND CUERS FOR THE AFTERNOON. THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR WALK-INS TO BE INCLUDED. IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

March 16, 2008 - **Strawberry Square All Day C-1 w/C-2 Star Tips** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Lee Kopman (NY) - lunch included - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry

March 17, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers St. Patrick's Day Dance** - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

March 17, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Beginner Class Graduation Party** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 6:30 p.m. - instructor/caller: Roland Blanchette. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/>

March 21, 2008 - **Palace Promenaders Easter Dance** - Arcadia. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-1749.

March 21 - 23 - **#018 Sunshine Pioneers Square Dance/Camping Group** - Spanish Main, Thonotosassa - caller: Carl Rod. For info: callen@ij.net.

March 22, 2008 - **Hamptons' Student Dance** - Hamptons Community Clubhouse, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale - only the square dance calls the new dancers have learned up to this point - club members and angels invited - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. - \$3 per person - callers: Danny Miller and Sam Dunn. For info: Danny 863-665-3164 or Sam 863-382-6792.

March 26, 2008 - **West Coast Folding and Business Meeting. BARKSDALE CENTER, 1801 N. LINCOLN AVE., TAMPA. PLEASE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR CLUB OR FORWARD A REPORT TO BE READ AT THE MEETING! EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** . For info: brassy1012@yahoo.com

March 28 - 30, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla - caller: TBA. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

March 28 - 29, 2008 - **55th Alabama Jubilee - Fultondale, AL.** For info: 205-841-5675 or lydiazcozad@charter.net.

March 29, 30, 2008 - **Spring Weekend of Rounds** - Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City - presented by the Round Dance Council of Florida - round dance leaders: Don & Linda Hichman (Gastonia, North Carolina) - Phase 3 & \$+ weekend of dancing and clinics - \$60/couple for the weekend - continental breakfast provided both mornings - Round Dance Council Meeting Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for Council Members - host hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites, 2011 N. Wheeler Street, Plant City. For info: John & Lisa Wall, 904-241-0384 or ljwall@comcast.net.

April 1, 2008 - **Canaveral Squares 48th Anniversary Dance** - Cinderella's Ball - Woody Simpson Community Center, 1590 Schoolhouse Street, Merritt Island - \$6/person in advance; \$7/person at the door - ER 7:30 p.m., plus/rounds 8:00 p.m. - caller: Don Hanhurst, cuer: Loretta Hanhurst. For info: 321-652-0680 or 321-268-4450 or <http://www.canaveralsquares.com>.

April 4 - 5, 2008 - **60th Square & Round Dance Jamboree** - St. Ann, MO. For info: 636-942-4052 or gtevlin@sbcglobal.net or stlouis.squaredancemissouri.com

April 4-6, 2008 - **2009 Florida State Convention 2nd Annual Party Weekend** - Deerhaven Resort & Conference Center, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL. For info: carpoole@earthlink.net.

April 7, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Reunion Dance** - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

April 8, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Spring Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

April 11 - 12, 2008 - **46th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention** - Waterloo, IA. For info: <http://www.iowsquaredance.org/>.

April 12, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) IRS Rag Dance** - caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

April 13, 2008 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** - Palace Dance Hall, Arcadia - MC: Art Miller. **ANY CALLER OR CUER INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT ART MILLER (TBA) PRIOR TO THE DANCE TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. IF THERE IS A FULL PROGRAM OF CALLERS AND CUERS FOR THE AFTERNOON, THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR WALK-INS TO BE INCLUDED. IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

April 18 & 19, 2008 - **Spring Fling** - Ragon Square Dance Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL - true floating wood floor - callers: Larry Belcher of Alabama and Willis

Simmons of Alabama; cuer: John Williford of Alabama - weekend dance package - \$20 per person - one night (Friday or Saturday) \$10 per person. For info: Larry Belcher 334-215-8591 or larry.belcher@charter.net.

April 18 - 20, 2008 - **49th Annual California State Square Dance Convention** - Sacramento, CA. For info: 916-649-2714 or 916-359-5167 or castate2008@aol.com or <http://www.castate2008.org/>

April 25 - 27, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Theme World, Davenport - caller: TBA. For info: jleohart@hotmail.com.

April 27, 2008 - **Orange Blossom Squares** - The Villages, Lady Lake - plus - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates.

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<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)

<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Caller Sam Dunn's personal website)

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information & contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance & Western Wear Shop)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

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