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December 1, 2008 – Deadline for submissions to the Northeast Association *Grapevine.* For info:

thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

December 1, 2008 – Deadline for submissions to the USDA News. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

December 1, 2008 - Deadline for submissions to the January 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

### **From the Editor**



Fourteen West Coast dancers attended the Northeast Association Fall Festival over the weekend – the Brasfields, Slocums, Haars, Baxters, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg,

Michael Ziegler, Betty Cherie, Marlene Hughes, Jenny Green and me. Unbelievably, Dixie Dancers in Daytona Beach loaded up a full size charter bus with dancers and came to the festival! Now, that's showing support!

This was the first Federation meeting for the Baxters, Haars and Jenny so it was quite an experience for them.

This time of year is when new officers are taking over and seasonal clubs are starting; we need to remember to notify all the right people of the changes in leadership, get the schedules printed and if you have a website, don't forget to update that too. If you don't have a website, you might consider having one designed. Most people these days look for dance information on the internet; so if you don't want to be left out, you'll want to check this out.

Did you know you can list your club in the back of the *Bow & Swing* under the Where

to Dance by Region section for only \$15 a month?

And of course always make sure your information in the *West Coast Dancer* is accurate, i.e. ensure that the phone numbers and email addresses are in working order and that they are checked on a regular basis. There's nothing worse than publishing an email address that is never checked and responded to!

Getting back to the *Bow & Swing*, did you know that when you start graduating your new dancers that you can obtain free copies of that magazine as well as the *American Square Dance Magazine* to give to your graduates? Just contact Randy Boyd at <u>rgboyd@earthlink.net</u> and he will make arrangements to get copies to you.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving and that you are able to spend time with family and friends.

### **Health Updates**

**Dan Wilkerson** – caller in the Tampa Bay area – I was forwarded an email from his wife on the 19<sup>th</sup> that Dan had his knee replacement surgery which ended up being an all day affair. He was bumped from the 8:30 slot to the 11:30 slot so they didn't have to be there until 9:00. He headed toward surgery around 12:15, went to recovery around 3:15 and to the fifth floor ICU about 6:15. Patty (his wife) reports he is doing fine but naturally in a lot of pain. He said to thank all of you for your well wishes.

He is at Brandon Community Hospital Room A 521 - He may not be able to reach the phone but he will be there till Monday. Patti will keep us posted.

**Tom Tripp** will be buried at Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell. The date of his service hasn't been arranged yet.

**Maggie Tripp** is showing some improvement and was to be discharged late last week to Gainesville Health Care Nursing Home. It is hoped that she will continue to improve and become strong enough to return to Harbor Chase. She has her good days and bad.

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### Awarding the Best!

Volunteers in square and round dancing are paid such handsome salaries<sup>1</sup> that there is no need to say thank you or to recognize them for their hard work, the many miles they put on their cars to visit your clubs/special dances and attend meetings, the toner and paper they use to print off flyers and newsletters, their time to come to the dance early to set up and stay late to clean up, to be at the classes to angel, etc. You hear the names of some volunteers all the time and others you never know their name; some have danced for many years and others are new dancers. If it weren't for our volunteer workers, there wouldn't be any dances because you wouldn't have anyone to advertise, set up and clean up at the dance or recruit new dancers.

Many times we get busy and forget to even say thank you to those many people who work to make our activity possible. Have we lost some dancers because they have worked so hard and they didn't feel appreciated?

Let's talk about the various forms of recognition/thank you available in square and round dancing.

A simple "thank you" can always be done on the spur of the moment and requires no prior planning. At the dances we want to be sure to thank all the members who help set up for the dance, who greeted, who set up refreshments, and who will help clean up after the dance. We also want to thank the dancers for coming to the dance, as well as the caller, cuer and their spouses/partners.

If there are any "VIPs" in attendance, i.e. other callers/cuers (and their spouses/partners), West Coast Officers, County Reps, West Coast Dancer Editor,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LOL = laugh out loud

other Association officers, anyone along these lines, they should be recognized. I recommend introducing these guests at the beginning of the dance so that everyone has a chance to greet them during the evening.

Below are the awards that are available along with the guidelines, nominating procedures and the nomination deadlines. As you read through them, is there anyone you can think of that should be nominated for any of them? (NOTE: The nomination due dates are also listed below under "What's on the Calendar?").

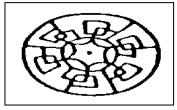
**Circle of Service** – The Circle of Service was the brainchild of Mori Soglow of [Strawberry Square in] Plant City, Florida, during the spring of 1985. Mori, who at that time had been asked to be a moderator of a LEGACY panel on Awards and Recognition, conferred with Chet Vetter, also of [Strawberry Square in] Plant City, Florida, who at the time was chairman of LEGACY's leadership and education committee and coordinator of Legacy Panels to the National Convention to be held in June 1985 in Birmingham, Alabama.

The original title of the circle was "Wheel of Progress", but while Kit Waldorf of Pensacola, Florida, who was asked to design the emblem, was completing her artistic enterprise, the title was changed to the "Circle of Service". The new title, together with Kit Waldorf's original design was more than acceptable and ready for presentation by Legacy in June 1985. This award for DANCERS ONLY was introduced to the panel on awards and recognition conducted by Legacy at the 34<sup>th</sup> National Convention held in Birmingham, Alabama in June 1985. The "Circle of Service" presentation was acted upon with favor, being made part of the Square & Round Dancing activities by the committee.

Those initially receiving this honor at the Panel meeting were: Brock and Mary Brockwell, vice chairman of panels at Birmingham; Bob and Dottie Elgin, chairman of Legacy from Pennsylvania. The following day at the Legacy Board meeting, Don and Mary Martin of Georgia, Ernie and Barbara Stone of Indiana, Bill and Colleen Wilton of Wisconsin, Gordon Goss and Partner Valarie of Mississippi, Vivian McCannon of Texas and Vera Chestnut of Wisconsin were all presented the "Circle of Service".

The citation accompanying the presentation reads: This circle is a symbol of service to Square and Round Dancing. It is designed to be worn with PRIDE by dancers who, for three or more years are determined to have made a significant contribution to the Square and Round Dance movement.

The stellar hub of the Circle, formed by a pattern of ARCS, symbolizes the importance



of each such individual to the total picture. The same circular

shapes flow outward to help define

interlocking squares and stylized musical symbols. This linear interplay suggests the strong bond between the two "sister" dance activities, Square and Round Dancing.

A certificate and a small dangle are presented to each recipient.

This award must be presented by someone who has already received the Circle of Service award. The dangle can be purchased from any badge vendor.

West Coast President's Choice Award – This award is presented by the current West Coast President at either the President's Ball or at the Annual Fall Fun Fest. A deserving square or round dance couple or single is selected by the president(s) for extraordinary effort in promoting Square and Round Dancing in cooperation with the West Coast Square and Round Dancers' Association. An engraved plaque is presented to the recipient(s).

West Coast's Distinguished Service Award<sup>2</sup>

The purpose of this award is to recognize
a member(s) of the West Coast Square &
Round Dancers' Association (WCSRDA) who
has given service to the (WCSRDA) above
and beyond the average dancer.

The committee shall consist of the five most recent recipients of the award. Each year a new member will come on and the longest serving will resign (unless someone else has to resign). They will elect a chairman from within. A quorum, a simple majority, is required to transact any business. This committee will review all nominations and select a winner by vote of the majority attending the meeting. The recipient(s) will not be revealed until the presentation.

Any WCSRDA member may make nominations. Nominations will be submitted in the form of a resume. The resume shall include, but not be limited to: (1) number of years dancing; (2) number of years member of WCSRDA; (3) club membership; (4) offices held or holding at all levels. List the special contributions which you believe qualifies the nominee for the award.

Nominations shall be submitted no later than July 20<sup>th</sup> of each year.

The award (an engraved plaque) will be presented annually at the Fall Fun Fest.

#### Extra Mile Award

The purpose of this award is to show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square and round dance activity. The criteria for the award is that the caller or cuer be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida.

The procedure for nomination is (1) the board of the Florida Federation shall be the selection committee, with current president as chairman of same. New members coming on will replace one going off; (2) any dancer may submit a name of a caller/cuer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Each Association has their respective awards by other names.

to the selection committee prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the nominee is to be selected. The choice should include a brief autobiographical sketch and at least (3) events at which the caller/cuer has demonstrated his or hers contribution to the square dance activity; (3) the selection committee to meet during the February working weekend to review the nominee(s) and arrive at a final decision. UPDATE: It was just announced at the Federation Meeting that a nomination form has been created and it will be posted on the Florida Federation website shortly. The nominations should be submitted to the Federation secretary.

The award(s) should be presented at the following Florida Sate Square and Round Dance Convention by the current president of the Florida Federation. The award(s) presented shall be a framed document and an "Extra Mile Award Recipient" bar or dangle.

#### Hall of Fame

Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years statewide involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just one or two areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. Being an Area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough. The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have affected the majority of the State of Florida. The fact that one is nominated is a very high honor, whether or not they enter the Hall of Fame.

Preparing a nominating resume will take some time and investigation to make it complete. Talk to other dancers, callers and/or cuers for dates, places and times the nominee was involved in <u>statewide</u> participation. Follow the who, what, when and where rules as you investigate and prepare the resume. The more information submitted, the better.

The Resume Outline contains the following information: Nominee Name(s), Full Address, Phone Number, Email, Began Dancing-Year, What Dance Club(s) do they belong to, Held Club Office(s) & Dates, Member of which State Association(s), Office(s) Held & Dates, Please explain what the Nominee(s) has done using this format:

Who (Names), What (They did [This can be done in resume form or as a story], When – Dates [IF the exact date is not available please give the year], Where – Area of the State.

Once the résumé(s) is finished there are two ways in which to present the information to the Hall of Fame Committee. The resume(s) may be submitted to the Board of Directors of any of the Five Associations, Callers Association or Cuers Association. The Area or Association Board of Directors will review the resume(s) and vote to reject or pass it on to the Hall of Fame Committee chairman. **The resume(s)**  must be received by the Hall of Fame Committee by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. It is suggested that any association **not** submit more than two resumes for consideration per year. The Hall of Fame Committee shall meet and review all resume(s) presented and vote by secret ballot before forwarding such resume(s) to the Selection Committee

Did you know that the West Coast Association has approximately **70 dances listed in the West Coast** Dancer, but only 10 West Coast Association clubs, for a total of 435 dancers, are insured through the USDA Square Dance Insurance Program?

for the final vote.

### **Tips for an Effective Flyer**

Do you have effective flyers for your dances and/or classes or are they just getting lost on the flyer table? Following are some tips:

#### Proofread

- Is everything spelled correctly?
- Is punctuation correct? Apostrophe s ('s) i.e. Susan's is possessive as in Susan owns something. If there is more than one girl named Susan, it is Susans. More and more I see the improper use of 's.

- Cuer is spelled with a "C", not a "Q".
- Are the phone numbers correct? Did you include the area code?
- Did you include the full address, including city and state? You never know when your flyers will be picked up and taken to another dance.
- Do you have the full date (with year) and the time?
- Did you include a contact name with working phone number (with area code) and working email address? I recommend that you use an email address that is checked frequently.
- Did you include the level of the dance?
- On your new beginner class flyers, are you using terminology that they will understand?

#### Appearance

- Does it look professional?
- If you taped or glued clip art on the flyer, can you see the outline when you make copies?
- Is the flyer typed? This looks more professional. Taking a typed flyer and then handwriting changes on it looks very tacky.
- Use colored paper when you make copies; this will make

your flyer stand out on the flyer table.

- Ensure you make clean copies and don't have a dirty background or a lot of marks on your copy.
- If you're able to obtain pictures of the caller and cuer, this helps the dancers identify who they are.

#### Hope these tips help!

One other quick thought; when you are laying flyers out on your table, take a quick look at them and throw out the "expired ones".



Did you know you have to be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Florida Round Dance Council to be programmed for the Florida State Convention?

### **Fla. Federation Meeting**

The Federation Meeting was held the same weekend (on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.!) as the Northeast Association Fall Festival. Having the meeting the same weekend as a festival reduces the amount of travel we have to do as many of us also attend the various festivals.

It was a very long meeting at which we heard the secretary's and treasurer's reports, as well as reports from each of the Association presidents (six of them), three publication editors, four convention chairman, nine committee chairmen and had the installation of new officers.

The new officers are as follows: Presidents: Paul and Cheryl Miller (Northwest); Vice Presidents: Ray and Elsa Huddleston (Southeast); Secretaries: Charlie and Val Newsome (Northeast); Treasurers: Bob & Maria Spence (West Coast); Parliamentarians: Jack and Barbara Hoffman (Central). It is a five year commitment to be on the Federation Board and each association has a representative the Board. You start as on а Parliamentarian and move up a chair each year until you reach president and then you get to "retire".

Our next meeting will be at the Working Weekend February  $28^{th}$  – March  $1^{st}$  at the

Stardust Center in Plant City. This weekend starts with a meeting on Saturday morning, then breakout sessions in the afternoon on various subjects. We then have a dance Saturday night. The proceeds from this dance will benefit the 2010 Florida State Convention. We reconvene on Sunday morning to report back from the breakout sessions. We are usually finished around Everyone is welcome noon. and encouraged to attend. Since it is practically in your "backyard", this would be a good opportunity for you to plan to attend.

### Shamrock Swing 2009

Here we are in the midst of the Holly Jolly Christmas season. Let us talk to you about Shamrocks and St. Patrick for a bit. Well, we can combine these thoughts. You can think about purchasing a Shamrock Swing 2009 Ribbon for the stocking gift of a square dance friend or your partner or most of all for yourself.

Let's fill everyone in on the details of this upcoming weekend dance. March 20th & 21st, 2009 right here in The Villages in the LaHacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central you will find Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern calling Squares for your dancing pleasure. Joanne and Ken Helton will add to this enjoyment by cueing your favorite Rounds. There will be two halls of dancing featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advance and Rounds. You can purchase Ribbons in advance for \$17 per person. The Ribbons will be \$19 per person at the door. Daily admission is also available at the door; all day Saturday dancing for the price of \$13 per person. Admission for Friday or Saturday evening will be \$11 per person.

You can help support the Shamrock Swing also by being a Booster. You pay \$1 and your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing.

The Host Hotel is Microtel Inn and Suites --840 South Hwy. 22/441 in Lady Lake, FL. Their phone # is (352) 259-0184. They are approximately (3) three miles South of The Villages. Be sure and tell them you are with the Central Florida Square Dancers. Right next door to the Microtel is Oakwood Bar-B-Q restaurant. There are many restaurants in The Villages -- some within walking distance.

Talk to the President or Area Reps of the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association clubs to purchase your Ribbons or to become a Booster. You can also contact:

Bob & Jennie Courter, Chairpersons Phone (352) 751-1009 Email: <u>couril4720@thevillages.net</u>

Bob & Liz Wilson, Media

Callers and Cuers: Why not support your local regional and state associations by becoming a member today? No testing requirements. Be "in the know" about what's happening in Florida and network with other Callers & Cuers!

### **Bow & Swing Editorial**

By Bill Boyd

Are you still teaching "Levels"? I do not know how many years ago it was, but it was strongly suggested that instead of "Levels" we teach "Programs". What a difference a word can make. Level implies moving on to something better. Program means If my level is something different. "Mainstream" I feel that I must go on to the next level like climbing stairs or setting goals, what is my next level? If my program is "Mainstream" I may never feel the need to learn another program. How often have we heard a dancer say, "I only dance Mainstream."? Only, some dancers think that term because we feel the need, or

have been encouraged by friends to "strive" for a "higher level" – or as many callers refer to this, "rush to plus". A great many callers offer different opinions in simplifying the dance program, we have a simplified program; it is called "Mainstream." Callers can spend time teaching this program, making sure that their classes are fun, including a great deal of dance time, and gasp, dare I ay it, a variety of different dance positions. If the dancers are kept moving, having fun, and are moderately challenged, program level can lose its importance. So, what do you say when a dancer says, "I only dance mainstream."? My reply is usually, "We love that program, we dance Mainstream whenever we can find a fun club dancing the Mainstream program." A former Florida Caller, Henri Arsenault, used to have a dance every year where he only called the basic program, and he sold out every year he had the dance. (Henri moved to another state and we all miss this dance.) During the last two years he held this dance most of the dancers danced either the Challenge or Advanced programs, but they came and danced for a great weekend, filled with fun. A program is a program is a program, just like a dance is a dance is a dance.

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### **CALLERLAB** Viewpoints

By Clark Baker

#### **Revised Basic/Mainstream Definitions**

Each of our square dance programs comes with a set of definitions that explain how to do the calls. The CALLERLAB versions of these definitions were created soon after the particular dance program was established and have undergone little change. Recently, a major revision of the Basic/Mainstream definitions was published and is available at CALLERLAB'S website. 33 of our call definitions have received complete makeovers and more are on the way. Perhaps you are interested in learning more abut why and how this happened.

Before we can talk about the recent changes, we need to understand where our original definitions came from.

For calls that were being danced before around 1945, most books that described square dancing also contained a glossary of terms, which gave brief descriptions of calls and terms that were used in the dances described in the book. The book's author probably described each call as he understood it and as it was used in the dances he was presenting. For example, *Good Morning* (1941) says, "This manual was completed and descriptions were written by Benjamin B. Lovett. The material was taken from the most authentic sources and combined it many years of experience in teaching. An effort is made to preserve all that is characteristic and traditional in these dances, at the same time making the descriptions as clear and concise as possible."

For calls that were created after 1945, especially in the 1960's and 1970's, the author of the call may have written down his definition and communicated this to various caller note services and other callers. These note services would rewrite the definition using a more consistent language, and publish it for their readers. Of the over 5000 calls in existence, I have seen the author's original write-up on a call only a handful of times. Instead the knowledge of how the calls work was passed around among callers and dancers mostly by word of mouth and dance experience. They are also written down in caller note services, books of square dance calls, by organizations like CALLERLAB, and today on websites. In each case, the author of the definition, perhaps consulting other definition of the call that matches the language, audience, and goals of the document.

CALLERLAB members established the Mainstream dance program in 1975 and soon after started writing their version of those calls. Their objective was "to provide clear, concise, simple explanations of the terms a caller used in the Mainstream Program." Using the technology available at the time (typewriter and postal system), their committee went through 13 drafts and had the first half accepted in 1977, the second half accepted in 1979 and revision approved in 1981. It is these definitions that most of us think of as *the* definitions and therefore, the ones we use for teaching and dancing.

In the 1990's we received correspondence from individuals and ECTA (the European Callers and Teachers Organization) indicating that our definitions had problems. The discussions that occurred on caller and dancer email lists confirmed the problems and it was decided that the Mainstream definitions should be rewritten from scratch. The groundwork for this rewrite was started in 1997 and solid progress started in 2000. The first results of this effort were given to the Mainstream committee in 2003, approval in 2004, and recently published.

You may be wondering what kinds of things were wrong. After all, we have all been square dancing just fine using these definitions for many years. Consider the all Swing Thru whose starting formation is "ocean wave or Alamo". The definition says, "Those who can turn by the right one half, then those who can, turn by the left one half." Earlier the definitions state: Ocean wave is a formation of three or more dancers holding adjacent hands with each dancer facing in an opposite direction to that of the adjoining dancer(s). The question is how to dance Swing Thru from a Tidal Wave and do any dancers cross the center. We know the correct answer is "no, dancers do the Swing Thru in their own wave. The other move is called Grand Swing Thru." We know this from experience gained from how we were taught by our caller and from all the dancing we have done to other callers. However, someone whose only knowledge comes from our definitions would probably teach and dance this call incorrectly.

Without our realizing it, square dancing has changed over the past 30 years. Most callers attached little importance to definitions. It was the caller's job to teach and call so that the dancers succeeded. If dancers were confused, it was the caller's fault. This attitude has changed in some areas to a more choreographic and definition orientated style. Callers were taking our existing definitions and trying to apply them from unusual, never before seen, positions. While a few of these worked, many did not and something had to be done to reduce the spread of these improper applications.

In 1998 CALLERLAB created an Applications Review Committee to review the proper or improper usage of square dance calls. They answer questions like "From a Completed Double Pass Thru formation, the call given was All Eight Circulate. Does this application comply with the written CALLERLAB Basic Definition?" ARC's reply, "The Answer is NO, it does not meet the Basic definition; however, it would be proper at C-1 and beyond as it complies with the Challenge definition for 16 matrix. The ending formation would be Ocean Waves far apart and the right hand rule would apply to this application"

Finally, our square dance activity has become international with dancers and callers not having English as their native language and sometimes have to learn and dance in isolated areas of the world. The internet has been a big help here. Our definitions are available worldwide as is the ability to ask questions. As our square dancing has moved into the local populations with native callers and dancers, it has become more important to have accurate definitions.

The Basic/Mainstream rewrite tries to address all those issues. The definitions are a little longer, but they are a lot more complete. We now give command examples so dancers and callers can see some examples of how the calls are actually used. Each call ends with a section of comments. Not only can you call "Head Ladies Chain", but also asking the Head Ladies to Chain to the Right is also proper. The Head Ladies can also Chain <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to be Courtesy Turned by the Side Men. While these applications aren't in common use, they are now documented so those who want to expand in this direction can do so.

If you are at all interested in definitions, please go to the web and Google "CALLERLAB Mainstream Definitions". I hope you find the new definitions an improvement. There are many aspects in our lives in which people document technical areas. Consider the rules of baseball, local zoning regulations, the manual for your digital camera, the rules to a board game, and square dance definitions. Most of us get by just fine without having to delve into the details. However, when you do need an answer it is important that it is documented and unambiguous.

Clark Baker is the Chairman of the Definitions Committee of CALLERLAB and also serves on the Board of Governors and Executive Committee. Clark, his Vice Chairman, Michael Maltenfort, Lanny Weaklend, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Mainstream Definitions Committee, and their respective committees are to be congratulated for their incredible effort to make square dance calls easier to teach, understand and dance worldwide. This ongoing project also includes a historical perspective and a thorough analysis of each call that is long overdue.

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## American Callers' Assoc. Viewpoints

By Patrick Demerath

Earlier American Callers' Association's Viewpoint argued that the problem of the cumbersome dance program confusions caused dancer losses with all groups of potential dancers in every age basis demographic category including Seniors, Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Generation Y groups The American Caller's Association in its attempt to be of service to all callers, dancers, and associations provided current, timely, and effective information on new dancer recruitment, winning ways to retain club dancers, and pitfalls to drive square dancers away for most of 2000 to 2008. The American Callers' Association appreciates the positive comments, to encouragement continue, and contributions from callers and dancers all over the country and from abroad to continue these initiatives. The American Callers' Association will continue to provide information that will help the square dance community recruit, retain and retrieve square dancers as well as encourage the dancers and dancer organizations to speak out on the cumbersome and confusing dance programs.

This month's Viewpoint is dedicated to CLUB CALLERS everywhere who contribute so much to square dancing and receive very little recognition.

The American Caller's Association continues to recognize that many of today's dancers in the Seniors Generation, Baby Boomer Generation, Generation X, Generation Y and Generation Z, demand instant gratification for their time and money spent. The playing field has changed, but square with its dancing sacred COWS (programs/levels) has not. All groups of new dancers want a simple way to start having fun. They state by their absence that they do not want long-term sets of instructional programs. This apparent contradiction between the needs and wants of potential square dancers and the square dance product compounds the problem for club-caller survival.

How do we define the role of a club caller? The answer is very simple to describe and very hard to live. A club caller is more than being a part time employee. Some people may see the caller on the stage calling to his/her club and comment to the caller that it would be nice "to have your job. They come once or twice a week to stand up on the stage calling to his/her club and comment to the caller up on the stage calling, teaching, and having a great time." Many callers might shake their heads at this type of a statement and wonder how many people have similar impressions of the job of a "club caller". Perhaps, they don't know that the job of club caller is its own special category - long on duties, responsibilities, and time unknown by many people.

It is true that many people see the caller during his or her, two to three hour performance at a club dance. In reality, the club caller is very generous with his/her time behind the scenes supporting his/her club with great affection. When not up on the stage, many club callers are working full time jobs, raising a family, mowing the yard, helping in the house, and raising a family.

In addition to this, the club caller must prepare for each dance with a dance program, practice calling techniques, maintain and repair square dancing equipment, read/study square dance literature, assist in the preparation of class recruitment, attend callers and square association meetings, participate in fund raiser activities, schedule and attend square dance presentations for rest home patients, AND A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER DUTIES. Very often free times including weekends are preempted for various square dancing related activities.

The American Callers' Association argues that the CLUB CALLER is quite often the strength of the club and local square dancing. The caller teaches the classes, serves as a gentle advisor, confidant, diplomat, comforter of the conflicted, and visits the sick in hospitals. At the same time, the caller continuously calls the dances and teaches the students week after week, month after month, year after year.

In many ways, the caller becomes the charismatic leader of the club and puts out the fires of conflict. People come to the caller for information and direction. The caller may be described as the eyes and ears of the club and local square dancing. Club callers understand and practice altruism, favoring fun, friendship and service over monetary rewards. Callers training for club calling and teaching often extend over several years.

In their professional lives, local cub callers are military members, bankers, sales executives, public servants, teachers, university professors, business executives, plumbers, electricians, and computer experts.

One fact is certain, no matter the background the caller is a considerate and concerned servant to the square dancers dedicated to the health of square dancing, his/her club, and square dancers. TO SERVE AS A CLUB CALLER IS A PRICELESS HONOR AND AN EXTRAORDINARY AVOCATION. It includes so many obligations taken for granted. Remember the local club callers are the spirit and backbone of square dancing. Just support them. They offer so much to the square dancing activity.

The American Callers' Association is honored to present this tribute and extend the blessings of this joyful season to the local club callers and wish them a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

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### **Point of Order**

From Kappie Kappenman

#### **Diamond Jubilee**

July 13, 1950- - Sets in Oder – August 1950 Bob Osgood, Editor's Note: Post mortem accounts of news events usually get pushed into the background. However, the dance that was advertised as "The Largest Square Dance in the World" developed into such overwhelming proportions, that even the most optimistic were surprised beyond description.

#### FANTASTIC

That's the description of the Diamond Jubilee used by the Santa Monica Evening Outlook the day following Santa Monica's Diamond Jubilee, July 13, 1950.

Estimators working for the Santa Monica paper made a conservative estimate of the dancers at 15,000, and approximated number of spectators somewhere around 35,000.

Although the original three block area had to be expanded another city block, and the entire area filled with square dancing in areas only six feet and seven feet across, the spirit of enthusiasm and gaiety was practically unparalleled in a square dance ever held.

A tight schedule ran each of the thirty seven caller one right after the other, with round dancing wedged in between every third dance.

The highlight of the evening came with the mass greeting of Dr. Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw as his shiny new convertible edged its way through a seething sea of dancers down the center of Wilshire Boulevard to the caller's platform as the band played, "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain". Dr. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw accepted the greeting of the crows, and "Pappy" took over with Master of Ceremonies, Bob Osgood, to introduce the callers that followed.

Another long to be remembered moment of the Jubilee was the entrance of California's Governor, Earl Warren to the tune of "California, Here I Come". Again Wilshire Boulevard was spaced momentarily so that the Governor's car and escort could find its way to the caller's stand. Amazed, as were the rest of those at the event, Governor Warren stayed in the stand until the last caller had finished his call.

Most amazed of all, perhaps, were the officials of Santa Monica who may have had tongue in cheek when preliminary figures of eight thousand attending were given out publicity. Their amazement was equaled by the City of Santa Monica's Police Department. Quote: "We've handled lots of dance crowds in our life. We've handled parking problems." Said one of the police officers, but never have we had so orderly a crowd. Many plain clothes policemen were out looking for something to do, only to find that the crowd was not the type that needed supervision.

The dancers were surprised at the smoothness of the asphalt pavement with its surface of powdered soapstone (talc) and the unusually clear sound system strung throughout the four block long area. As the dance was in its final stages, a young teenage couple leaned over the rail of the bandstand to ask the orchestra leader if he wasn't going to play some music for popular

dancing. Not sarcastically, the bandleader looked first at the youngsters, then out over the vast throng of thousands enjoying the World's Largest Square Dance, and said, "You may not know it, kids, but this is popular dancing."

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### Killing Square Dancing In Ten Easy Steps

- Don't Advertise! Just pretend everybody knows about square dancing and what it has to offer.
- Don't Advertise! Tell yourself you just don't have time to spend thinking about promoting square dancing.
- Don't Advertise! Just assume everybody knows about square dancing.
- Don't Advertise! Convince yourself that you've been square dancing and calling so long that people will automatically come to classes.
- Don't Advertise! Forget that there are new potential dancers who would be interested in square dancing with you if they were reminded and urged to do so.
- Don't Advertise! Forget that you have competition trying to attract new dancers away from you.

- Don't Advertise! Tell yourself it costs too much to advertise and you don't get enough out of it.
- Don't Advertise! Overlook the fact that advertising is an investment to selling – not an expense.
- Don't Advertise! Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for square dancing.
- 10. Don't Advertise! Forget that you have to keep reminding your dancers that you do appreciate them dancing with you.

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### Your Source for Ribbons

- January 22 24, 2009 Florida Winter Festival, Lakeland, FL
- March 20 21, 2009 Central Association's Shamrock Swing The Villages, FL
- March 27 28, 2009 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fuzzy Navel Jekyll Island, GA
- May 22 24, 20-09 55<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention Lakeland, FL

### What's Happening This Week?

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

**Monday** - *Twilight Twirlers* – Bonita Springs Community Center, corner of Reynolds & Old 41, Bonita Springs – Plus workshop 6:30 p.m., Mainstream dance 7:00 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, Rounds and lines on tape. For info: <u>hwcole@att.net</u> or 239-691-5670.

*Hampton Promenaders* – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: dmountain@tampabay.rr.com.

*Temple Twirlers* **Thanksgiving Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace – the club will provide the turkey, everyone brings a side dish. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

<u>Tuesday</u> – <u>Buttons & Bows of Lakeland</u> – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace – homemade pies – square dance attire preferred. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>. **Ft. Meade Squares Welcome Back Dance** - City Mobile Home Park, 1046 2nd St., Ft. Meade mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - casual dress – Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

*Ding-a-Lings* – Rice Creek RV Park, 10714 Hwy. 301S, Riverview – Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 813-677-9179 or <u>chrounds@capital.net</u>.

**R&R Gators** - Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda - Plus/Rounds 10:00 - 12:00 noon - caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Russ Collier. For info: Dave Magee at <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> or 517-646-0402

*Maple Leaf Squares* - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. 175 ext. 170, go SW 1 - 1/2 mi. Queensway Bldg, Port Charlotte - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dave Magee. For info: Dave Magee at <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> or 517-646-0402.

*Woodmere Park* – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates. For info: <u>redbates@juno.com</u>, 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987.

*Sun City Center* - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – Mainstream dance and Plus workshop - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Van Coble. For info: <u>gail3357@gmail.com</u> or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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

<u>Wednesday</u> – THIS IS THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING – DANCES MAY BE CANCELED – PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM IF THERE IS A DANCE. IF I HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF A CANCELLATION, IT IS INDICATED BELOW. IF I RECEIVE ANY UPDATES, I WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION.

**Betmar Belles & Beaus** – Betmar Clubhouse, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills – Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon and Carol Kelly, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Carol Kelly 813-783-7523.

**Strawberry Square Club** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – MS/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: George Varney – we are pleased to welcome all square dance clubs to join us and banner raid the Wednesday night club. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming. Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491

*Strawberry Square C2* – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 n – caller: Art Springer. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813—752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan/Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905/813-727-6210.

*Strawberry Square C1* – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Art Springer. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813—752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan/Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905/813-727-6210.

*Timber Pines Twirlers* – **NO DANCE**. For info: <u>foxtrotr@bellsouth.net</u>.

*Port Charlotte Cultural Center* - 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, <u>mdow@cyberstreet.com</u>, or 863-494-2749.



Thursday – THANKSGIVING DAY. I WOULD ASSUME THESE DANCES ARE CANCELED. I HAVE ONLY BEEN NOTIFIED ABOUT ONE. PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THERE IS A DANCE. IF I RECEIVE AN UPDATE, I WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION.

*Glen Haven Squares* – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: George Varney, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler 813-782-9818.

*Pine Ridge Promenaders* – **NO DANCE**. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

*King's Point Swingers* - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), CR. 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 <u>hlhtfh@yahoo.com</u>.

*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 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: <u>peto1936@yahoo.com</u>

**Friday** – *Strawberry Square A2 Dance* – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

*Strawberry Square C2 Dance and Workshop* – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – caller: Gary Brown. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

*Curliques* – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21500 Corkscrew Road, I-75 Exit 123, Estero – Rusty Hinge workshop 6:30 p.m., Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole – Rounds and lines on tape. For info: <u>hwcole@att.net</u> or 239-691-5670.

*Woodmere Park* – 3951 Woodmere Blvd., Venice – C1 – 10:00 – 12:00 noon – caller: Red Bates. For info: <u>redbates@juno.com</u>, 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987.

*Spinning Wheels* – **NO DANCE**. For info: <u>helenM720@aol.com</u> 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 - 9:00 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* - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - tastefully casual dress – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. – \$4 per person – finger foods - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u>

*Sun City Center Swingers* – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center – ER 7:00 p.m. – Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Mary Wiewiora. For info: <u>gail3357@gmail.com</u> or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Saturday** – *Palace Promenaders Pie Night* – 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin – finger food. For info: 863-494-2749. *Strawberry Square Ph 5 Dance/Workshop Dance* – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>luvrds@embarqmail.com</u> or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. *Strawberry Squares Thanksgiving Party* – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m. – Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/: <u>Bob Barnes</u> – square dance attire preferred. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

*New Port Richey* - New Port Richey Recreation Center, 6630 Van Buren St., New Port Richey, 34653 - 1:30 - 1:00 workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 Dance (Mainstream/Plus/Rounds) - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: <a href="mailto:settarose1@verizon.net">settarose1@verizon.net</a>.

**Sunday** – *Pioneer Village* – Pioneer Village RV Park, 7974 Samville Road (off of Bayshore/west of I-75), N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: <u>lenru@embarqmail.com</u>, 239-567-1320, 239-940-6121. *Happy Promenaders* – NO DANCE. For info: playwalt@comcast.net. *Strawberry Square Phase 4 Dance & Workshop* – NO DANCE. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. *Strawberry Square Sunday Classic Rounds* – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 p.m. – potluck – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

*Cloverleaf Leprechauns* – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: <u>slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 352-666-7433 or <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/</u> *B&S Flutter Wheelers* - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet

Point, Hudson - A 2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A 2 Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - relaxed attire - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or <u>bobbourassa@bellsouth.net</u>.

*King of Kings Church* - 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey - casual dress – lessons 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u>.

**Orange Blossom Squares** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages -7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Whit Brown, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

### West Coast Classes & Workshops

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.

November 11, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 Review** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. - caller: Keith Stevens . For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**RE-START** November 12, 2008 – **City of Auburndale Beginners Round Dance Class** – Recreation Center, 119 Park Street (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - \$3 per person per session – cuer/instructor: Carl Rod. For info: CARLSQRDROD@JUNO.COM or 863-293-9369.

November 12, 2008 – **Strawberry Square C2 Workshop** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – caller: Art Springer. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 13, 2008 – **Pioneer Village Mainstream Workshop** – Pioneer Village RV Park, 7974 Samville Road (off of Bayshore/west of I-75), N. Ft. Myers – 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 n – caller/instructor: Len Siegmann. For info: <u>lenru@embarqmail.com</u>, 239-567-1320, 239-940-6121.

November 13, 2008 - **Maple Leaf Squares Advanced Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. I64 ext. 170, go SW 1 - 1/2 mi. Queensway Bldg, Port Charlotte – 9:30 a.m. - \$4 per person per session - caller/instructor: Dave Magee. For info: Dave Magee at <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> or 517-646-0402.

November 14, 2008 - **Maple Leaf Squares Basic Square Dance Lessons** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. I75 ext. 170, go SW 1 - 1/2 mi. Queensway Bldg, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. - \$4 per person per session - caller/instructor: Dave Magee. For info: Dave Magee at <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> or 517-646-0402.

November 14, 2008 - **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. I75 ext. 170, go SW 1 - 1/2 mi. Queensway Bldg, Port Charlotte – 3:00 p.m. - \$4 per person per session - caller/instructor: Dave Magee. For info: Dave Magee at <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> or 517-646-0402.

November 24, 2008 – **Glenhaven Beginners Square Dance Class** – Glenhaven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – Beginning class 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – \$3 per person per session caller/instructor: George Varney. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler 813-782-9818.

December 8, 2008 – **Ft. Meade Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Ft. Meade City MHP Activity Center – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Russ Young. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

January 2, 2008 – **Strawberry Square C-3A Teach & Workshop** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. – caller/instructor: Keith Stevens. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

January 5, 2009 – **Sun-n-Fun Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Burl Lally. For info: <u>emuffin184@aol.com</u>.

**RE-START** January 6, 2009 - **City of Auburndale Basic & Mainstream Lessons** - Auburndale Senior Center, 109 Park St. (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per session – caller/instructor: Clyde Stocker. For info: <u>stocker38@worldnet.att.net</u> or 407-766-5659.

**RE-START** January 6, 2009 - **City of Auburndale Plus Workshop** - Auburndale Senior Center, 109 Park St. (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per session – caller/instructor: Clyde Stocker. For info: <u>stocker38@worldnet.att.net</u> or 407-766-5659. January 6, 2008 – **Intro to C-1 Class** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., caller/instructor: Keith Stevens. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

January 7, 2009 – **Corkscrew Woodlands Intermediate Square Dance Classes** – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21500 Corkscrew Road, I-75 Exit 123, Estero – 1:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Howard Cole. For info: <u>hwcole@att.net</u> or 239-691-5670.

January 7, 2009 – **Corkscrew Woodlands Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21500 Corkscrew Road, I-75 Exit 123, Estero – 2:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Howard Cole. For info: <u>hwcole@att.net</u> or 239-691-5670.

January 8, 2009 – **Pioneer Village Beginning Square Dance Class** – Pioneer Village Park, 7974 Samville Road (off Bayshore/West of I-75), N. Ft. Myers – 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – caller/instructor: Len Siegmann. For info: 239-940-6121 or 239-567-1320 or <u>lenru@embarqmail.com</u>.

January 8, 2008 – **C-1 Continuation Class** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – caller/instructor: Marty Van Wart. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

January 24, 2009 – **A Day of Plus Workshop** – Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Club House, 3240 Grand Prix Drive in Sebring, FL (down the street from Walmart) - \$25 per couple – only have room for eight squares – 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – no split sessions – as always casual attire – when you register, select the call you would like to workshop. For info: www.samdunn.net or 863-382-6792.

### What's on the Calendar?

### December 2008

December 3, 2008 – **Camp Inn Grande Squares First Dance of the Season** – Camp Inn RV Park, 3455 N. Hwy. 27, Frostproof, FL – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual dress. For info: <u>http://samdunn.net/camp\_inn.htm</u>.

December 4, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Toys for Tots Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: <u>peto1936@yahoo.com</u>. December 5, 2008 – Deadline for submissions to Keepin' Posted. For info: keepinposted@earthlink.net.

December 6, 2008 – Buttons & Bows of Venice First Dance of the Season – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. ( $1^{st}$  light north of U.S. 41, look for Woodmere Park sign on east side of the road), Venice, FL – Squares and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. For info: 315-525-9304.

December 7, 2008 - **Orange Blossom Squares Toys for Tots Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Don Hanhurst, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

December 7, 2008 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Citrus RV Park Club House, Bonita Springs – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the West Coast Membership Dance. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

December 7, 2008 - West Coast Membership Dance – Citrus RV Park Club House, 25601Trust Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Howard Cole with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

December 8, 2008 – **Harmony Hoedowners First Dance of the Season** – 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – FREE Plus workshop at every dance 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: <u>http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm</u>.

December 8, 2008 – **Sebring DBD/Advanced First Workshop & Dance of the Season** – 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn. For info: <u>http://samdunn.net/advanced\_dancing.htm</u>.

December 9, 2008 - **Ft. Meade Squares Christmas Dance** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second St., Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

December 12, 2008 – **Spinning Wheels Toys for Tots Dance** – Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – callers: Art Springer and Mike Cox, cuers: Charlie Lovelace and Mike Cox – entrance fee is an unwrapped toy(s) for an under privileged child or the normal admission – all proceeds will be given to the Toys for Tots – toys will be picked up at the end of the dance by a Toys for Tots representative. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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December 12 - 13, 2008 – **Strawberry Travelers Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Lakeland RV Resort, Lakeland, FL – 7: 30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome Squares/Rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-3253 (H) or 813-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

December 13, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS)** 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: Roland jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

December 14, 2008 – Happy Promenaders Hall, Rt. 41/Tamiami Trail East and Barefoot Mike Alexander. For info: playwalt@comcast.net. Home for the Holidays – Brandon Recreation Center, Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info:

**Christmas Party** – Hitching Post RV Park Recreation Williams Road, Naples, FL – caller: Don Smith, cuer: December 15, 2008 – **Hampton Promenaders Christmas Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

December 15, 2008 – **Deadline for submissions to the January edition of the Northwest Association's** *Panhandle Press*. For info: <u>terriwilaby@cox.net</u>.

December 15, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the February 2009 issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.



December 15, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Christmas Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

December 17, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Club Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Gordon Cumming – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - we are pleased to welcome all square dance clubs to join us and banner raid the Wednesday night club. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming. Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491.

December 18, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Christmas Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – covered dish dinner 6:00 p.m. - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.



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18, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Christmas Dance** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – caller: Carl Brewer. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

December 19, 2008 - **Sun City Center Square Dance Club Holly Dance** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. – caller: Van Coble - cuer: Mary

Wiewiora – Hors d'oeuvres, punch and eggnog. For info: <u>gail3357@gmail.com</u> or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

December 19, 2008 – **Snell's Bo's & Bell's Christmas Dance** – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – callers: Allen Snell, Sam Dunn, cuer: Pat Fiyalko – finger food appreciate -= wear your Christmas colors. For info: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

December 19, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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20, 2008– Palace Promenaders Christmas Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494**Dance** – 1627 NE Floridian caller: Art Miller, cuer: 2749.

December 20, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Plus Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Pat Hagen – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

December 21, 2008 - **Orange Blossom Squares Christmas Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Ron Libby, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

December 21, 2008 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Christmas Dance** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: <u>slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 352-666-7433 or <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/</u>

December 23, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Christmas Party** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

December 28 – 31, 2008 – **22nd Annual Holiday Round Dance Ball** – Ocean Dunes Resort & Villas, Myrtle Beach, SC. For info: <u>bharrelson1@juno.com</u>.

December 31, 2008 – **Palace Promenaders New Year's Eve Dance** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Circle (right off Rt. 17), Arcadia – 8:00 p.m. - ??? – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – callers: Art Miller and Wes Morris,

cuer: Jennie Martin - overnight dry camping available – be furnished - \$20 per couple – special \$92+ rate at Hwy. 70, Arcadia, refer to code PSD, rate expires or information: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary mdow@cyberstreet.com.



bring a dish to pass; meat will Holiday Inn Express, 2709 SE December 10<sup>th</sup>. For tickets Dow 941-380-5336 or

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2008 - **Ft. Meade Squares New Year's Eve Dance** – City Mobile Home Park, Street, Ft. Meade, FL – 8:30 p.m. – midnight - caller: Russ Young, cuer: Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

December 31, 2008 - **Snell's Bo's & Bell's 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner Dance** - Largo Community Center, 4th St. NW & West Bay, Largo, FL - callers: Allen Snell, SusaneElaine Packer & Lon Ligon, cuer: Pat Fiyalko - \$15 per person. Call Rosie for reservations at 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323.

December 31, 2008 - Strawberry Square A Hawaiian New Year's Eve - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - hot

buffet dinner - coffee and snacks all evening - Plus squares and an A-1 tip caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - reservations must be received December 15, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS - \$30 per person or \$25 per person if April 30, 2008. For info: 813-752-0491. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may



with Rounds no later than received by you need contact: Don

& Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

#### January 2009

January 1, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the February 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

January 5, 2009 – **Buccaneer Square Dance Club First Dance of the Season** – Buccaneer Mobile Home Park, 2210 N. Tamiami Trail, N. Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 239-997-7319 or 239-567-1320 or <u>lenru@embarqmail.com</u>.

January 5, 2009 – **Sun-n-Fun Squares First Dance of the Season** – Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Burl Lally, cuers: Bill Webb or Pat Hagen. For info: midgewebb@cs.com.

January 6, 2009 – **Betmar Belles & Beaus First Dance of the Season** – Betmar MHP Clubhouse, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills, A1 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., A2 tip at 9:00 p.m. – caller: Mary Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker 813-780-8036.

January 7 - 9, 2009 – Chapter 018 Sunshine State Pioneers Square Dance Camping Group – Ocala Sun RV Resort, Ocala, FL. For info: <u>philurs018@gmail.com</u> or 813-949-5189.

January 8, 2009 - **Promenade Squares Western Days Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: <u>peto1936@yahoo.com</u>.

January 8, 2009 – **Snobirds First Dance of the Season** – Citrus Park, Bonita Springs – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus dance 7:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: <u>howcole@att.net</u> or 239-691-5670.

January 8 – 10, 2009 – **Whale of a Dance** – Ocean Dunes, 201 – 75th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC – for a tradition of Big Fun on the Grand Strand – reservations must be made by December 15, 2008 – callers: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Biggerstaff, Jimmy Roberson; cuers: The Whetsells – Plus, Plus DBD and Advanced – Early Bird Special on Thursday – dance, eat, sleep...all under one roof – over 20 hours of scheduled dancing - \$235 per couple (Friday and Saturday) or \$285 per couple (Thursday – Saturday) – price includes all tax, lodging, and dance sessions – all rooms are ocean view - ocean front rooms add \$10 per night – no partial packages. For info: tony@tonyoxendine.comor 803-840-0746 or 704-377-5554.

January 10, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice Chili Night** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – square and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: Dick & Helen Rider 315-525-9304.

January 11, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares 50+ Anniversaries Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

January 11, 2009 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Bahr's Mobile Home Park, 39444 Dancers Lane, Zephyrhills, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Bob Barnes with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: <u>brassy1012@aol.com</u> or <u>Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net</u>.

January 13, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Snowball Dance** – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (NOTE: THESE ARE NEW TIMES!) – square dance attire – caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

January 13, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares 50's and 60's Night** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

January 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the February issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

January 15, 2009 – **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

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January 16, 2009 – <b>Strawberry Square A2 Dance</b> – Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Pat Hagen.

January 17 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin.

January 18, 2009 – Strawberry Square C-1 Day Long Special with C-2 Star Tips – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – includes lunch – see flyer for details and registration form.

January 21, 2009 – **Whirl & Twirl** – Whirl & Twirl Dance Hall, Orlando, FL - \$5 per person at the door – caller: **Tim Crawford**. For info: <u>minimercury@embargmail.com</u>.

January 22 - 24, 2009 - **Florida Winter Festival** - The Lakeland Center, Lakeland, FL – Plus, Plus DBD, Advanced, C1, Phase II – V Rounds – vendors from across the country – drawings for square dance weekends - \$200 award each to the Florida club and the out-of-state club with the most pre-registrations - callers: Jerry Story, Jerry Haag, John Saunders, Tony Oxendine, Tim Crawford, Dee Dee Dougherty and Bill Harrison; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin, Bill & Martha Buck, Jerry and Barbara Pierce - \$75 USD/couple in advance, \$37.50 USD/single in advance, Thursday night only \$25 USD/couple, \$12.50 USD/single, Friday all day and night \$45 USD/couple, \$22.50 USD/single; Saturday all day and night \$45 USD/couple, \$22.50 USD/single – tax included, parking and lodging not included – split packages can only be purchased at the door - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: johnnysa@aol.com

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January 23, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Dance** – Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Pat Hagen.

January 24 - 25, 2009 – **Strawberry Square C-2 Weekend** – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – see flyer for details and registration form.

January 23 – 24, 2009 – **34th Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dance Convention** – Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC – 843-315-7100, Ed & Joan Redman, 210 Jimbo Road, Summerville, SC 29485; 843-871-0323; edjoanredman@aol.com.

January 27, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (NOTE: THESE ARE NEW TIMES!) – finger food - square dance attire – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

January 27, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares Hobo Night** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

January 30 – 31, 2009 – **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown** - Ruston Civic Center, Ruston, Louisiana – callers: Jerry Story and Lottie Ainsworth, cuer: Sonny & Charlotte Ezelle. Host hotel: Sleep Inn & Suites – 318-232-1100. Flyer can be found at <u>http://www.lottieainsworth.com/2009flyer.pdf</u>.

January 31, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Cincinnati Chili Night** – 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749

January 31, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice Hat Night** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – square and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: Ron Reardon, cuer: Jeannette Bowles. For info: Dick & Helen Rider 315-525-9304.

#### February 2009

February 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the March 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

February 7, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Flea Market** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 8, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Valentine's Dance** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: <u>slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 352-666-7433 or <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/</u>

February 8, 2009 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral, Bartow, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Clyde Stocker with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person– wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

February 9, 2009 – **Harmony Hoedowners Special Square Dance** – Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Club House, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – casual attire - callers: Nasser Shukayr (Harlingen, TX) and Sam Dunn, cuer: Linda Catey (Michigan). For info: 863-382-6792 or samdunn@samdunn or <u>www.samdunn.net</u>.

February 10, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Valentine's Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (NOTE: THESE ARE NEW TIMES!) – finger food - square dance attire – caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

February 10, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares Valentine's Day Dance** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

February 11, 2008 – **Dancing at the Florida State Fair** – Florida State Fair Grounds, Intersection of Hwy. 301 & I4, Tampa, FL. For info: <u>mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com</u>.

February 11, 2009 – **Camp Inn Grande Squares Special Square Dance** – Camp Inn RV Park Community Building, 3455 N. Highway 27, Frostproof, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – callers: Nasser Shukayr (Harlingen, TX) and Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway (Ohio) – casual attire. For info: 863-382-6792 or samdunn@samdunn or <u>www.samdunn.net</u>.

February 11, 2009 – **Strawberry Club Valentine Dance Party** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Mainstream/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus Tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Clyde Stocker - we are pleased to welcome all square dance clubs to join us and banner raid the Wednesday night club. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming. Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491.

February 12, 2009 - **Promenade Squares Valentine's Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: <u>peto1936@yahoo.com</u> February 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Valentine's Dance** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net

February 13 – 14, 2008 – **Strawberry Travelers Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Lake Oklawaha RV Resort, Ft. McCoy, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – Squares/Rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 813-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

February 13 - 14, 2009 - **49th Annual Knothead Konvention** - Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL - caller: Nasser Shukayr, cuer: Anne & Earl Helm. For info: flaknothead@bellsouth.net.

February 13 -14, 2009 - **30th Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance** - Rountree - Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom, 1232 West U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL - Friday night: Trails End Dance: caller: Bill Chesnut - 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Town Recreation Center, 533 NW Desoto Street, Lake City - sponsored by the Square Wheels; Saturday afternoon: Street Dance as part of Olustee Battle Festival: caller: Bill Chesnut - Downtown Olustee Park - approximately 2:00 p.m. - sponsored by the Dixie Dancers; Saturday night: grand march: 7:45 p.m. - dancing until 10:30 p.m. -Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Poyner - cuers: Lisa Wall & Ralph Beekman - advance tickets - \$7 each, tickets at door \$8 each. For info: www.dixiedancers.net.

February 14, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Valentine's Dance** – 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

February 15, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Sweethearts Ball** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Tony Oxendine, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

February 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the March issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

February 15, 2009 – **Snowbird Dancearama** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – caller: Red Bates, cuer: TBA – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 20, 2009 - **Strawberry Square A2 Strawberry Night** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA - 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 20 – 21, 2009 – **11th Annual Grand Canyon Square Dance Festival** – Phoenix, AZ. For info: 602-222-9339 or harryedna@msn.com.

February 21, 2009 – **Southeast Association Snowflake Frolic** – Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach, FL – ER 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – callers: Jack Lewis and Scotty Sharrer, cuer: Jerry & Joyce Viola - \$10 per person at the door. For info: 954-484-4553 or rayelsa@aol.com.

February 21, 2009 – Palace Promenaders Pie & Ice Cream Night – 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

February 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Strawberry Night** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA - 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

February 21 - 23, 2009 - 58th NSDC Pre-Convention - Long Beach, CA. For info: www.58nsdc.com.

February 24, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares Pie Night** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

February 26, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

### MIKE JACOBS (NEW JERSEY) WEEKEND SPECIAL

#### STRAWBERRY SQUARE HALL 440I PROMENADE BOULEVARD PLANT CITY, FL 33563 813-752-0491

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February 27, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Dance** – Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Pat Hagen.

February 28, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin.

February 28 – March 1, 2009 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Weekend** – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – see flyer for details and registration form.

February 28, 2009 – **2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit Dance** – Stardust Center, 2405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:45 p.m., Squares 8:00 – 10:15 p.m. – callers: Bill Chesnut and Charlie Pergrossi, cuer: Lisa Wall – cost: donation at door – proceeds will benefit the 2010 Florida State Convention. For info: 850-939-6688 or <u>pe.miller@mchsi.com</u>.

February 28 – March 1, 2008 – Florida Federation Working Weekend.

#### March 2009

March 1, 2009 – **Suncoast Caller & Cuers Association Beginner/Mainstream Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. – callers: members of Suncoast Caller & Cuers Association. For info: <u>stocker38@worldnet.att.net</u>. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. March 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the April 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

March 1, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the April issue of** *The Grapevine*. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

March 1, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the SCCA Beginners' Ball at 2:00 p.m. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

March 2, 2009 - **Square Dancing at the Polk Senior Games** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales, FL - Games: 1:30 p.m. - FREE dance 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. – registration fee for Games – must register as a square - Polk County residency not required - events for Mainstream, Plus and Advance. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens - 863-326-9774 or keithuns@yahoo.com.



March 6 – 8, 2009 – **Chapter 018 Sunshine State Pioneers Square Dance Camping Group** – Ocala Sun RV Resort, Ocala, FL. For info: <u>philurs018@gmail.com</u> or 813-949-5189.

March 8, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Beginner/Mainstream Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. – caller: Tim Crawford (Canada). For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>.

March 10, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland St. Patrick's Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - square dance attire – wear your green! - caller: Keith Rippeto, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.



March 10, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

March 12, 2009 - **Promenade Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: <u>peto1936@yahoo.com</u>

March 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

March 14, 2009 - Palace Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance – 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

March 14, 2009 – **Buttons &** Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice Hearn. For info: Dick & Helen **Bows of Venice Anniversary Dance** – Woodmere Park, 3951 – square and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Charlie Rider 315-525-9304.

March 15, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares St. Patty's Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Ron Libby/Preston, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

March 15, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns St. Patrick's Dance** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: <u>slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 352-666-7433 or <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/</u>

March 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the April issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

March 15, 2008 – West Coast Membership Dance – NEW LOCATION United Church of Christ, 3115 Hope Road, Sebring, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Sam Dunn with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person– wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

March 16, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Anniversary Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker; cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

March 19 – 21, 2008 – **WASCA 50th Spring Square and Round Dance Festival** – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311; Anne and Andy Giancoli, 12204 Northbrook Dr., Glenn Dale, MD 20769, 301-262-1978; 2009FestivalDirector@wascaclubs.com.

March 20, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Ken Ritucci** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 20 – 21, 2009 – **47<sup>th</sup> Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Iowa State University, Memorial Union, Amex, IA. For info: <u>ci841@aol.com</u>.

March 20 - 21, 2009 – **Central Association's Shamrock Swing** – La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL. – Mainstream, Plus, DBD & Advance – callers: Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern; cuers: Joanne & Ken

Helton - \$17 per person in advance; \$19 per person at the door – daily admission available at the door: \$13 per person all day Saturday; Friday or Saturday evening only: \$11 per person – host hotel: Microtel Inn & Suites, 850 S. U.S. Hwy 27/441 Lady Lake, FL, 352-259-0184 – approximately three miles south of The Villages – rates: one queen bed \$72 per night + tax; two queen beds \$82 + tax, suite \$92 + tax – includes continental breakfast – ID yourself as a square dancer – code DFA – other area hotels: Marriott Towne Place The Villages; Holiday Express; Comfort Inn – Campgrounds: Recreation Plantation on 466 or Southern Oaks RV Resort on 27/441. For info: courjl4720@thevillages.net. I should have ribbons and flyers soon.

March 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square 30th Anniversary Party** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

March 21 – 22, 2009 – Florida Round Dance Council Spring Weekend of Rounds – Stardust Center, 1405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL – cuers: Ken and Irene Slater. For info: <u>ljwall@comcast.com</u>.

March 23, 2009 – **Harmony Hoedowners Final Dance of the Season** – 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: <u>http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm</u>

March 24, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares Final Dance of the Season** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

March 25, 2009 – **Camp Inn Grande Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Camp Inn RV Park, 3455 N. Hwy. 27, Frostproof, FL – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual dress. For info: <u>http://samdunn.net/camp\_inn.htm</u>.

March 28, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice Final Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (1<sup>st</sup> light north of U.S. 41, look for Woodmere Park sign on east side of the road), Venice, FL – Squares and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. For info: 315-525-9304

March 29, 2009 – **Crystal Lake Squares Duck Dance - Final Dance of the Season** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Rd., (off US Hwy. 17 - 2 miles north of Wauchula), Wauchula – workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – finger food – square dance attire optional. For info: 863-773-6110.

March 27 - 28, 2009 – **18th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance** – Oceanside Inn & Suites, 771 N. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA – Mainstream/announced Plus and Rounds – Caller: Bud Whitten (Georgia); cuer: Shirley Wilson (Georgia) – Friday: ER 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m.; Saturday: Rounds Workshop 10:00 – noon, Fun Square Dance 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:45 p.m., Grand March 7:45 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m.; Saturday: after parties (to be served in the dance hall) - \$25 per person in advance - \$30 per person at the door – Host Hotel: Oceanside Inn & Suites – 866-553-5955 - \$88 + tax until 2/20/09. For info: Mary Lou Pelz at 904-733-1869/maryloupelz@aol.com or Penny Green at 863-967-5004/sqdncfan@aol.com or Ailene Picheco at <u>321-452-7963/apicheco@uwbrevard.org</u>.

March 29, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Club Picnic** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Stern, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: <u>slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 352-666-7433 or <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/</u> March 30, 2009 – **Sebring DBD/Advanced Final Workshop & Dance of the Season** – Location TBA – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn. For info: <u>http://samdunn.net/advanced\_dancing.htm</u>.

March 31, 2009 – **Betmar Belles & Beaus Final Dance of the Season** – Betmar MHP Clubhouse, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills, A1 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., A2 tip at 9:00 p.m. – caller: Mary Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker 813-780-8036.

March 31, 2009 – **Betmar Belles & Beaus Final Dance of the Season** – Betmar MHP Clubhouse 2, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – guest callers, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Carol Kelly 813-783-7523.

March 31, 2009 – **Glen Haven Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: George Varney, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler 813-782-9818.

### **April 2009**

April 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the May 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

April 1, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Club** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Mainstream/easy Plus – caller: Jimmy Lee – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.



JIMMY LEE (CANADA) WEEKEND SPECIAL

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April 5, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Beginner/Mainstream Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Jimmy Lee (Canada). For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>.

April 5, 2008 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Red Bates with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or <u>Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net</u>.

April 6 – 8, 2009 -**36<sup>th</sup> Annual CALLERLAB Convention** – Airport Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, MO. For info: <u>www.callerlab.org</u> or <u>Callerlab@aol.com</u>.

April 9, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

April 9 – 12, 2009 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers DC Diamond Circulate** – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. For info: www.dcdiamondcirculate.org – <u>dcdcinfo@dcdiamondcirculate.org</u>.

April 10 – 11, 2008 – **Strawberry Travelers Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Theme World RV Resort, Davenport, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – Squares/Rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 813-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

April 11, 200908 – **Palace Promenaders Easter Parade**– 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

April 14, 2009 - **Ding-a-Lings Final Dance of the Season** – Rice Creek RV Park, 10714 Hwy. 301S, Riverview – Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 813-677-9179 or <u>chrounds@capital.net</u>.

April 14, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Spring Hat Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - square dance attire – wear your spring hat! - caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

April 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the May issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

April 17 – 19, 2009 – **FSSRDC Party Weekend** – Deerhaven Retreat, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL – Friday night: pot luck dinner – 5:30 p.m., bingo – 7:00 p.m. - \$5 per person; Saturday: full breakfast – 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. - \$5 per person, lunch served at noon - \$5 per person, bar-b-q pork dinner – 6:00 p.m. - \$10 per person, square and round dancing – 7:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – callers: Bill Chesnut, Charlie Pergrossi and Whit Brown calling Mainstream/Plus, cuer: Lisa Wall; Sunday: full breakfast \$5 per person; gates open at noon on Friday – come for the evening, stay the night or the weekend – all proceeds benefit the 2008 & 2010 State Conventions – tent and RV camping available as well as rustic type dormitory and motel type rooms. For info: <u>carpoole@earthlink.net</u> or 386-734-5295 – www.floridasquaredance.com/central/convention/deerhaven.html.

April 24 – 25, 2009 – **51<sup>st</sup> New England Square and Round Dance Convention** – Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. For info: <u>www.nesrdc.org</u> or Jay and Sandi Silva 603-942-7226.

April 25, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

April 26, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Final Dance of the Season** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: <u>slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 352-666-7433 or <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/</u>

April 27, 2009 – **Sun-n-Fun Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Burl Lally, cuers: Bill Webb or Pat Hagen. For info: midgewebb@aol.com.

April 27, 2009 – Hampton Promenaders Final Dance of the Season – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: George Varney. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

April 30, 2009 – **Charlotte Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Port Charlotte Cultural Center, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: 941-423-6243.

#### May 2009

May 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the June 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

May 1 – 3, 2009 – Chapter 018 Sunshine State Pioneers Square Dance Camping Group – Travelers Rest Resort, Dade City, FL. For info: <u>philurs018@gmail.com</u> or 813-949-5189.

May 3, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – time TBD. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

May 7 - 9, 2009 – **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Panama City Beach Ball** – Thursday: hot dogs & dance on the patio of the Flamingo Motel, 15525 Front Beach Rd., Panama City, FL – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: dance at the Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, FL – callers: Tony Oxendine, Bill Terrell & Darryl McMillan, Cuers: Sandy & David Sturgis – for a full flier or info, please call Darryl McMillan 256-227-0908 or dmcmillan@aol.com.

May 7 – 9, 2009 – **48<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian International Square and Round Dance Convention** – Brock University, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharine's, Ontario. For info: Ken and Rose Marie Robinson, 54 Kensington Ave.nue, S. Hamilton, Ontario L8M 3H2; <u>k.j.robinson@sympatico.co</u>.

May 8 – 9, 2009 – **49th Buckeye Dance Convention** – Northern Kentucky Convention Center, One W. River Center Blvd., Covington; Ron and Emily Henry, 513-256-2605; emilyh2@fuse.net; www.so-nkysdf.com.

May 8 – 10, 2009 – **62<sup>nd</sup> Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival** - Grand Sierra Resort, 2600 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Reno, Nevada – callers: Tim Marriner (South Carolina), John Marshall (Virginia), Dan Nordbye (Arizona), cuers: Kay and Joy Read (Texas and Arizona) - \$40 per person prior to April 7, 2009, \$25 for youth 18 & under; \$45 per person after April 7, 2009 – split sessions available. For info: <u>silverstatesquaredancefestival@hotmail.com</u>.

May 10, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Mothers' Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

May 12, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 50's Party** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – get out those poodle skirts and jeans! - caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

May 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the June issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

May 27, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Armed Forces Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

May 22 - 24, 2009 - **55th Florida State Convention - "Rock & Roll Time in 2009"** - The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL. For info: John and Becky Cole, 1551 Lavilla Street, Deltona, FL 32725.

#### June 2009

June 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

June 1, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of** *The Grapevine*. For info: <u>thegrapevine@pergrossi.com</u>.

June 4 – 8, 2009 – **50th Australian National Convention** – Leederville, Western Australia; Anthea Mathews (08) 6278-1957; P. O. Box 237, Beechboro, WA 6063; antheam1@optusnet.com.au;' www.squaredance.org.au.

June 6 – 7, 2009 – **Watermelon Festival** – Chiefland, FL. For info: Peggy Ligon 352-377-1828 or Mary Chesnut 352-475-2550 or grandsquares@bellsouth.net.

June 7 – 11, 2009 - **Silver State Caller College** – Livingston, TX - complete CALLERLAB curriculum, covering all Essential, Important and Desirable topics. Classroom presentation and plenty of "Mike Time" for each student. Instructors: Guest instructors and Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. Tuition: \$350 per caller. A \$50 refundable deposit holds your place. For info: <a href="https://nshukayr@gmail.com">nshukayr@gmail.com</a>.

June 12 & 13, 2009 – Colorado State Square Dance Association's 54<sup>th</sup> State Festival – Greeley, CO – Friday and Saturday. THE THEME IS SAFARI SWING. FEATURED CALLER JERRY JUNCK & FEATURED CUERS LARRY & ADRIENNE NELSON. THERE WILL BE A TRAILS END DANCE ON JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>. REGISTER NOW AND SAVE MONEY, HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE MOTEL ROOM OR RV PARKING SPACE AS WELL AS RECEIVING FREE TICKETS TO THE TRAILS END DANCE. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2009 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE INCENTIVES. ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT www.squaredancing.com/safari2009.

June 12 – 14, 2009 – **GSI UK Festival** - St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU – Mainstream, Plus, A1, A2, Rounds, After Parties – callers: Tony Oxendine (USA), Paul Bristow (GB), Kenny Reese (D), Walt Burr (USA), Trevor Day (GB), Deborah Carroll- Jones (USA), Jon Jones (USA), Trudy Fielding (GB), Simon Fielding (GB); cuer: Martin Prufer (D) – sponsored by Grande Square Inc. and Triple A Squares – First Ever GSI Caller & Cuer School Sunday – Thursday June 7 – 11, 2009 - payment in Pounds Sterling payable to Grand Square UK. For info: www.gsi-england.co.uk.

June 14 - 18, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Darryl Lipscomb** & **Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - **A2 Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: ........\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:.......\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .......\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: <u>squaredance@pridervresort.com</u>.

June 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

June 21, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Father's Day/Pie Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Don Hanhurst, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

June 21 – 24, 2009 – **Roundalab Convention** – Knott's Berry Farm Conference Center/Theme Park, Buena Park, California - \$215 per person includes convention fee, all printed materials and 6 meals (breakfast on your own) – early bird drawing for \$100 refund if registered by 11/20/08 reduced tickets to the me park will be available – room rates: \$104 per night + tax –. For info: <u>roundalab@roundalab.org</u>.

June 23, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Western Party** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – casual attire – wear your western duds! - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

June 24 -27, 2009 - **58th National Square Dance Convention** - Long Beach, California. For info: 1220 Caleta Way, Palm Springs, A 92262 or <u>www.58nsdc.org</u>.

# July 2009

July 5, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Red, White & Blue Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bobby Keefe, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

July 12, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Ice Cream Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

July 14, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Red, White & Blue Dance** – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – wear your patriotic colors! - caller Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

July 20, 2009 – Deadline to submit nominations for West Coast Distinguished Service Award.

July 21-23, 2009 – **52<sup>nd</sup> International Camporee** – Rayne, Louisiana. For info: <u>www.nsdca.or</u> or <u>www.rayne2009.9f.com</u>.

### August 2009

August 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the September 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net.

August 2 - 6, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tim Crawford & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **C1 Blast for A2 Dancers!** - **This week is for A2 dancers wanting to learn as much C1 as can possibly be covered during this week.** - **P**rices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: ..........\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: ..........\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .........\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: <u>squaredance@pridervresort.com</u>.

August 9 - 13, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party - snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore - the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .........\$495.00 Plus applicable tax Cabin Rental Package: .........\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .......\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com.

August 14 - 15, 2009 - **20th North Carolina State Convention "Salute to the Troops"** – North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center, Raleigh, North Carolina - all forms of dancing and other activities: Mainstream, Plus, DBD Plus, Advance, High Energy, Rounds, Line dancing, Contra, Education Seminar, Sewing Clinic, Fashion Show, Parade of Clubs, After Parties, Hard wood floors, 14,000 square feet in four dance halls, fully air conditioned - visit web site <u>www.ncfederation.org</u> for a downloadable registration flyer (Just click on NC State Convention) - General Chairman: Lesley & Debbie Green (919-598-1104) - NC Federation Publicity Chmn: Paul & Nita Walker (704-782-2616) <u>Goo627@aol.com</u>.

August 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the September issue of** *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: <u>AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net</u>.

August 16, 2009 - **West Coast VIP Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Kick-off for 2009 West Coast Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all square dance volunteers - Caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase - EVERYONE FREE - wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net</u>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

August 16 - 20, 2009 - Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations presents Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - Plus

August 25, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Ice Cream Sundaes** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

# September 2009

September 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the October 2009 issue of the** *Bow & Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

September 1, 2009 – Deadline for submissions to the October issue of *The Grapevine*. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

September 3 – 6, 2009 – **39th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, IA – callers: Bill Harrison (MD), Matt Worley (VA), Mike Hogan (NE), Ken Burke (IN), Curt Braffet (IL), Don & Doug Sprosty (IA), cuers: Adrienne & Larry Nelson (IA), Tony Speranzo (TX), Natalie Sprosty (IA), Lines: Joe Saffel (IA), For info: <u>dar2008@ssdusa.org</u> for general questions; <u>reg2009@ssdusa.org</u> for registration questions.

September 6, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Patriot Day** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bobby Keefe, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

September 13 - 17, 2009 - Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations presents Bob Asp, Curt Braffet, and Jerry Story - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town). - "Plus" Dancing - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: ..........\$495.00 Plus applicable tax Cabin Rental package: .........\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax Park Model Package: ................\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com

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September 19 - 20, 2009 - **Nebraska State Convention** – Adams County Fair Grounds, Hastings, NE. For info: bcnu@gpcom.net or <u>nstairs@hotmail.com</u>.

September 20, 2009 - **West Coast President's Ball** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

September 20 - 24, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Johnny Preston & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina - I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **A2 Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .........\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - cabin Rental Package: ........\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: ........\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: squaredance@pridervresort.com.

September 22, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Mexican Fiesta** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – dress for a Mexican fiesta! - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>. September 25 - 27, 2009 – **Chapter 018 Sunshine State Pioneers Square Dance Camping Group** – Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL. For info: <u>philurs018@gmail.com</u> or 813-949-5189.

### October 2009

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October 4, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Anniversary Dance/Past Presidents** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

October, 4 - 8, 2009 - Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations presents Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - Plus

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October 17, 2009 – **Florida Callers' Association Clinic Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Plus w/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Tom Miller (Pennsylvania), cuer: TBA. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

October 22 – 25, 2009 – **Florida Camporee** – Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL. For info: johnide@embargmail.com.

October 23 – 24, 2009 – **30th Florida Singles Single** – Rama – Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: TBA. For info: sqdncfan@aol.com.

October 25, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Halloween Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dee Dee Dougherty, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> or 352-753-2325.

### November 2009

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November 2, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

November 5, 2008 – **Strawberry Club First Dance of the Season** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Mainstream/easy Plus – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

November 6 – 8, 2009 – 56th O'Leno Hoedown – O'Leno State Park, High Springs, FL – details TBA.

November 13 - 14, 2009 - West Coast Fall Fun Fest - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - caller: Tim Marriner and Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: anndonslocum@juno.com.

November 13 - 15, 2009 – Chapter 018 Sunshine State Pioneers Square Dance Camping Group – Location to be scheduled. For info: <u>philurs018@gmail.com</u> or 813-949-5189.

November 14, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 First Dance of the Season** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Bob Barnes. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>.

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November 20 – 21, 2009 – Northwest Association's Fall Festival – "Walk on the Wild Side" – Jacksonville, FL – caller: Tom Roper, cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton. For info: Sam & Mary Starling at 904-786-3311.

November 24, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Pie Night** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire – caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

November 30, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Sunday Classic Rounds (and Pot Luck)** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Phases 2 – 4+ - 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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December 22, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Christmas Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – square dance attire – wear your Christmas colors! - caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

### January 2010

January 15, 2010 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

January 21 – 23, 2010 – Florida Winter Festival – The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – sponsored by Grand Square, Inc. For info: johnnysa@aol.com or 386-428-1496.

January 29 - 30, 2010 - Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown 8th Annual Square & Round Dance Weekend at the beautiful Ruston Civic Center in north central Louisiana featuring Lottie Ainsworth and Mike Seastrom calling squares and Patti and Ray Wheelington cueing Rounds - Mainstream w/Announced Plus, II-IV Rounds - Friday & Saturday - Early Rounds each night at 7:30 PM, Squares with Rounds at 8:00 PM., Squares & Rounds workshops on Saturday – join us for a full weekend of FUN festivities!!! - PRIZES!!! - VENDORS!! - Rounds WORK SHOPS!!! – Squares WORKSHOPS!!! AFTER PARTY!!! - Shopping, Dining, RV and lodging locations nearby!!! - Registration \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) - Limited Admission - No split sessions - \$5 cancellation fee - No cancellation after January 1, 2010 - Be sure to mention LOTTIE'S LOUISIANA HOEDOWN when you make reservations at these hotels: DIRECTIONS TO CIVIC CENTER: Interstate 20 Exit 85 - go south on Hwy 167 - Civic Center is on west side of Hwy 167 about one mile south of Interstate 20 at 401 North Trenton Street (plenty of free parking). For more information, call (318)249-4157 or email <u>lotTNray@centurytel.net</u>.

### June 2010

June 22, 2010 - **Mid-America Square Dance Jamboree REUNION Trail In to the 59th National Square Dance Convention** - Crown Plaza (formerly Executive West Hotel), Louisville, KY - LIMITED SQUARES - \$10 donation per person. For info: JELZY@aol.com

June 23 - 26, 2010 - **59th National Square Dance Convention** - Louisville, KY. For info: 96 Floyd Street, Carrollton, KY 41008 or <u>www.59thnsdc.com</u>.

# July 2010

July 1 – 4, 2010 – International Association of Gay Square Dancers – Chicago, IL.

### January 2011

January 15, 2011 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

### June 2011

June 2011 - **60th National Square Dance Convention** - Detroit, Michigan - Great Lakes Great Dancing. For info: luckeyracer@comcast.net or nsfriedlander@comcast.net

June 30, 2011 – International Association of Gay Square Dancers – Atlanta

### June 2012

June 27 – 30, 2012 – 61<sup>st</sup> National Square Dance Convention – Seattle, WA. For info: <u>www.61nsdc.com</u>.

#### Links

http://www.floridadanceweb.com/ (Florida Dance Web)

http://floridadancing.com/html/west\_coast\_squares.html (West Coast)

www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)

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 web site)

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

http://floridadanceweb.com/suzieq/ (Suzie Q Creations)

<u>http://www.nsddirectory.com/</u> (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)

http://www.tictactoes.com/ (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores & catalog)

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