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January 15, 2009 – Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations –

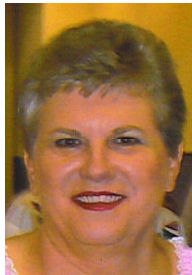
Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years **statewide** involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just 1 or 2 areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. **Being an Area president, Federation president, 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. For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

February 1, 2009 – Deadline for Extra Mile award nominations.

To show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and

talents to the square dance activity. Nominee must be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida. For info: pe.miller@mchsi.com

From the Editor



The New Year is almost here! Where did 2008 go?

There are plenty of New Year's Eve dances scheduled so you shouldn't have any problem finding one to attend.

The first week in January we will have many more seasonal clubs starting up; then we'll be in full swing until March or April when they start shutting down for the summer. So take advantage of all this dancing and try to visit as many clubs as you can; they all need our support.

Are you looking for a way to make a quick couple hundred dollars for your club? Did you know that one Florida club and one out-of-state club with the most pre-registrations for the Winter Festival in Lakeland will receive \$200 each? Club presidents you might want to start promoting this weekend and get your members pre-registered so you can be the Florida club that wins this \$200! Each of the Florida Federation officers has ribbons. Here in the West Coast area, Jimmy and Carol Griffin and I have ribbons and we would be happy to get you registered or you can mail your registration to Linda Saunders (address is on the flyer). When

you register, be sure to include the name of your club(s) on the registration form so that they receive credit for you.

If you've never been to the Winter Festival, you will want to make plans to attend. This is one of the largest, if not the largest, festival in the country. There are seven callers – Jerry Story, Jerry Haag, John Saunders, Tony Oxendine, Tim Crawford, Dee Dee Dougherty and Bill Harrison - and four cuers – Griffins, Bucks and Pierces - booked for the weekend, plus a room full of vendors and lots of door prizes and some of the largest 50/50 drawings you've ever seen at a square dance. Dancers come in from all over the country and even some from out of the country.

Singles, don't stay away because you don't have a partner. There are singles sections for us to gather at so we know who the other singles are. If you don't come because you don't have a partner, then there won't be partners for those of us who do show up!

If dancing from Thursday till Saturday night is too much dancing for you, there are split rates for you to come for one day or two days; whatever you feel like doing. You can only purchase these ribbons at the door so those registrations won't go towards the pre-registration award.

Health & Sympathy

Updates

Betty Binder – past West Coast Pinellas County Rep – we have just been notified that Betty has recently returned home from a nine day hospital stay. She was being treated for colitis. If you would like to send

a card, her address is: 1338 39th Ave. N.,
St. Petersburg, FL 33703.

Howard "Lucky" Shotwell – a caller from the Detroit, MI, area – I was forwarded this email from his wife, Connie: "It is with a heavy heart that I write to all of you to inform you that my husband, "Lucky" passed away today, 12/24/08 at 9 AM. His poor heart just quit beating. He was at home and had been up but not feeling well. Went back to lie down and subsequently passed away. As most of you know, he has been sick for over 5 years and not improving. He was very unhappy in his current situation since he could do very little and couldn't drive for the last few years. He is now at peace and is with the Lord and my sister Nancy who passed away 4/22/08. I will have a memorial service here in our Texas home in January and then take his remains (cremated) back to Mich. in the spring and have another memorial there in early May and he will be interred at the new Great Lakes Military Cemetery in Holly, MI. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 956-782-0031 or write Connie Shotwell, 501 W. Owassa Rd. #64, Pharr, TX 78577." (NOTE: I am reprinting this for all our snowbirds from Michigan.)

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Dolores Mahan Celebrates 90 Years!



Over 100 of Dolores Mahan's friends and family helped her celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, December 27th at Leisure Lake Mobile Home

Park in Palmetto where she has lived with her husband, Elvin, since moving to Florida 34 years ago.

Ken and Sandy Brasfield started planning the party with a buffet, but the residents decided to help. So Saturday morning after the coffee hour was over, they started working setting up tables, decorating, slicing cheese, making 600 sandwiches, making punch, coffee and tea. Plus there was a huge sheet cake and a small cake at the head table.

Ken also did a mini - This is your Life replaying the highlights of Dolores' life and then various people came up and related their memories of her.

There were about two squares of dancers there, including Bob and Shirley Barnes, so of course we had to do a tip!

Dolores has promised to be around till she's 100 and we're sure she will be what with all the spunk she has at 90!

Dolores and Elvin are past presidents of the West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association and were treasurers of the Fall Fun Fest for 11 years. Although they no

longer square dance, they still attend the Folding/Business Meetings and as many of the special dances as they can.

Scholarship Fund

Established in Memory of Paul Place

CALLERLAB Foundation recently announced the establishment of the Paul Place Scholarship in memory of Paul who passed away in 2008. He had been a member and supporter of



CALLERLAB and the Foundation for 25 years.

The Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing is a Non-Profit Corporation established by CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, as a way to safeguard the history and to promote the growth of square dancing.

Their Mission is to preserve and promote square dancing through the preservation of the heritage of square dancing, the establishment and enhancement of a positive perception of square dancing, and education regarding the benefits of square dancing to the general public. The

Foundation's purpose is to support the funding of projects that serve to accomplish the Mission of the Foundation. The Foundation operates through private contributions, public grants, and endowments. Goals and objectives can be met only if funds are made available. In order to ensure that the American folk art of square dancing will continue to flourish, the Foundation needs your support through your tax-deductible contributions.

The Foundation's goal is to promote square dancing, develop and encourage educational programs directed toward the mission of the Foundation, and provide funding through grants and loans.

The Paul Place Scholarship is one of several scholarships available to callers just learning the art, as well as seasoned callers who wish to improve their calling skills.

The CALLERLAB Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 and all donations may be tax deductible.

A Paul Place Memorial Dance has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009 at City Island Recreation Center (home of the Dixie Squares), 108 E. Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. The dance will be from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. and the Host Caller will be John Swindle. It will be programmed with guest callers and cuers.

Donations will be received at the door or they may be sent to: Paul Place Scholarship Fund, c/o The CALLERLAB Foundation, 467 Forrest Avenue, Suite 118, Cocoa, FL 32922. Make checks payable to The CALLERLAB Foundation.

All proceeds from the dance will be donated to the Paul Place Scholarship Fund which will be administered by the CALLERLAB Foundation.

For further information on the dance, please contact John Swindle at 321-636-2997 or johncaller@bellsouth.net or Lili-Ann Gallagher at 407-339-1499 or minimercury@embarqmail.com.

I have received a supply of flyers and will be distributing them at our dances. One is also attached to this issue.

Special Thanks from John Saunders:

John would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls & visits during his challenge with a broken leg. Calling from a wheel chair was a very humbling experience.

The callers who filled in for him deserve a special Thank You for being so gracious in filling in for him and doing a super job.

A very special thanks to the Florida Callers Association for being so understanding. The association did a great job of getting the very talented callers in the Association to work the Clinic in his absence.

Florida is very fortunate to have so many talented callers who keep our activity filled with lots of good dancing.

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The staff of the 3rd Annual Florida Winter Festival extends an invitation to only Active White Badge Florida Callers Association members...and the Active Members of the Round Dance Council of Florida to attend the Winter Festival in Lakeland, FL on January 22 – 24, 2009.

Please check in at the Registration Booth to sign in with your FCA or RDC badge to receive your free ribbons, so you can enjoy a weekend of great dancing. We look forward to having you as our guest...

Please note: This invitation is not extended to any other Caller's or Round Dance Association members.

The Florida Winter Festival Staff

Rock & Roll Time in 2009

May 22, 23 & 24

Happy New Year from Randy and Carol and all of the Committee...our time has come! The 55th Florida State Convention is just around the corner so you know it's almost time to rock around the clock. Get those tickets now. \$27.00 per person is a real bargain, and if you wait you will pay \$30.00 at the door. (That's some free raffle tickets right, so get them early.)

Mark your calendars, get your tickets, make your accommodation reservations, get out those poodle skirts and saddle shoes, and come dance away the weekend. CFA members and the convention committee have raffle tickets for only \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00...which gives you the opportunity to win a Hewlett Packard Laptop Computer. Add the purchase of raffle tickets to your list of "must have's" for this years convention. Check all the publications and brochure tables at the dances so you won't miss any of the pre-convention fundraisers and special dances. You all are really committee members and promoters...so talk it up and we look forward to seeing you in Lakeland.

Yellowrocks,

Joanne Engum, Publicity Chr.

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Shamrock Swing 2009

Here are all of the details of the upcoming weekend dance – Shamrock Swing on

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: courj4720@thevillages.net

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Keep dancing and having fun and we will see you in a couple months at Shamrock.

Bob & Liz Wilson, Media

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Knothead Knews

Can you believe it? Another year has just turned the corner and we are now into the year 2009. They say “time flies” when you’re “having fun”. I think I must be hysterical.

In a few short weeks it’ll be time for Knotheads to head toward this year’s Konvention. Can it be? It’s the 49th Annual Knothead Konvention! Wow! And wait till you find out what has been planned for your enjoyment. We’ll be dancing again at the Eau Gallie Civic Center in Melbourne.

The Florida Knothead Kallers and Kuers have a “spooky dance” planned for Friday, February 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. They have all been requested to check their stack of records for just the right songs. At 4:00 p.m. we’ll break for dinner and we’ll be back at 7:00 p.m. to start the rounds. And you are right, the spooky fun continues at 7:30 p.m. when our Guest Kaller, Nasser Shukayr, takes the mike. We’ve attended some of his dances and we can tell you, he does everything but stand on his head when he calls. Nasser tells us he has already packed his weird, funny and quirky songs just for our dance.

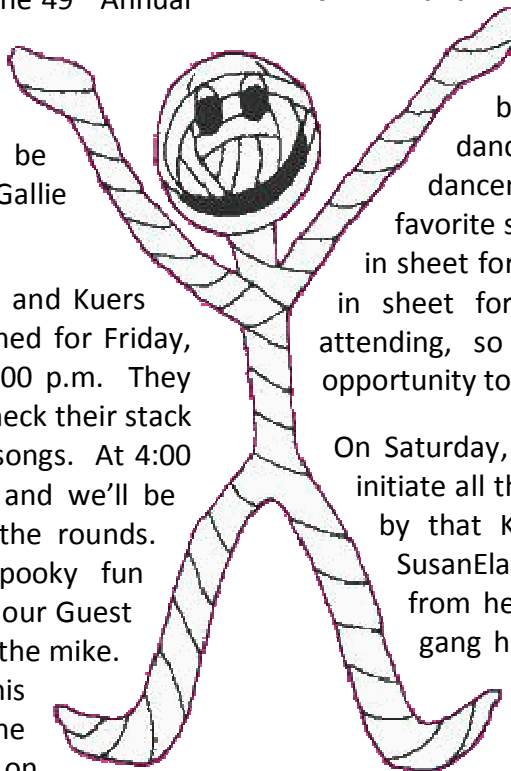
Joining him at the mike will be Florida Knothead Kuer Dick Nordine from Winter Springs, Florida. We have no idea what kind of “spooky” dances Dick and Darlene have found to go with our Friday the 13th theme. But we know it’ll be exciting. We promise you that the evening dance will be an explosion of FUN as you dance to the calls of this Texas dude and that other guy, the one with the dulcer (sweet and soothing) voice.

On Saturday, the 14th of February, we’ll change the theme. Of course, it’ll be a “sweetheart” of a dance – all day.

For those dancers wanting to learn a bit about round dancing – we plan to have teaches Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. till noon. The teach will be coordinated by Dick and Darleen Nordine. In the afternoon some of the teach will be repeated, but there will be other dances so that all round dancers can dance to their favorite songs. There will be a sign-in sheet for your requests plus a sign-in sheet for Florida Knothead Kuers attending, so they too will have the opportunity to cue.

On Saturday, right after lunch, we will initiate all the Knew Knothead dancers by that Knothead Initiator herself, SusanElaine Packer, with assistance from her “Knothead friends. This gang has “knotted” thousands of dancers. So come and join the FUN!

Our Knothead Kaller Allen Snell and his wife Rosie of Port Richey will handle the annual “donkey” initiation Friday evening. Last year there were 56 new



“donkeys” added to a long list. We have no idea how many more dancers will wish to be initiated this year. This FUN time is veiled in secrecy so don’t ask cause no one will tell.

An “Idiot Party” is scheduled for Saturday night at our host hotel. An Idiot? It’s where you can come in your pjs and dance till dawn. Or close to dawn. I’m not allowed to tell you what else is being planned for the IDIOTs. Again, remember this weekend is for dancers who want to enjoy and have FUN at their dances.

See you there!

Mr. I. M. Knotty,
SusanElaine and BettyLee

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American Square Dance Magazine Editorial

From Bill Boyd

As we embark on a new year, let us dedicate our lives to making the world, our country, and our communities a better place in which to live. We start by making ourselves and our lives better. We all know that everybody has to face problems and difficult times. Some people seem to enjoy them and discuss them to no end. Some people choose to ignore problems, while others see them as challenges to be overcome and opportunities to move forward. Let us consider this just from the

square dancing prospective. “I would like to be a better square dancer, but, I don’t want to dance to that caller, or I don’t want to go to that club, or I can’t get into that square, or there is something on television I want to watch, or I am just too busy to angel a class, it seems so futile to go over what I already know.” The club’s perspective, “I don’t want to raid that club, their dancers are not

good enough for us to have a good time; or we don’t need a greeter, everyone should know they are welcome; or I don’t know those visitors so I won’t dance with them,; or we don’t need to put on demonstration dances or public relation dances, those things never get any attention

anyway; or why advertise, it doesn’t do any good; or why should I put out any flyers, no one comes anyway.” If you see yourself or your club in anyone of these scenarios, it is time for a change. Look to the future and say, I will be a better dancer. I will greet and dance with visitors at my club. I will support and encourage newer dancers by dancing with them as often as I can. I will visit other clubs, both as individual and club “raids”. I will help my club by volunteering a little of my time to help set up or take down chairs, decorations, etc. I resolve that this year I will have fun square dancing and spread that joy and cheer all year long. Whether your club has one or one hundred squares you can have fun. As a club, go to convention dances and get together for after parties. As a club, visit other clubs and dance to different callers. As a club, plan a party or picnic and just get together for fun.

ALL CALLERS ARE REMINDED

All important information is provided to you in the Bow & Swing. Separate letters will not usually be mailed to each caller for each event! So let us each always keep up to date with what’s going on.

Pick one or all of the things that you want to do to make yourself a better person and a better square dancer.

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The Sky Is Falling, or Is It?

By Tim Marriner

There have been many articles written recently regarding concerns for our activity. Many have offered opinions based upon survey results without citing the source. This is very disconcerting because it leads one to believe the accuracy of their answer based upon gathered research. Statistical data can prove helpful, but it can be misleading or skewed leading us to false premises. It takes a great deal of time and money to professionally develop, obtain and interpret data. Often times follow up surveys become necessary to further rationalize results. Even still, there is a margin of error that should be taken into account.

It is irresponsible to site a survey without naming it and providing the supporting data. Stating claims that surveys indicate new dancers are turned off with traditional clothing does not describe the entire picture. Some new dancers might have negative feelings regarding the traditional forms of dress at square dances, but not all new dancers feel that way. Some new dancers enjoy the outfits. Painting a picture with a broad stroke does not make the statement false; it just does not offer a proper perspective. Making a claim that new dancers feel it takes too long to learn is very subjective. There are too many variables that could make this statement true or false; age, nationality, educator's

ability to name a few. A blanket statement like this referencing a survey without naming it and providing raw data does a disservice to our activity.

Our activity faces many challenges and problems that really never go away. Look back at any old issues of this magazine [*American Square Dance Magazine*] some ten, twenty, even thirty years ago and you will see many of the same problems that exist today. Lack of leadership, fewer volunteers, slow recruiting, drop outs, retention rates, cost of services, dress code, diminishing dancer abilities, poor teaching and bad callers are subjects that have been consistently written about in the last fifty years. One would think some of these issues would have been resolved by now. The fact is, every group faces all of these challenges some time or another and the leadership must steer the group around these problems. The problems really don't go away. The group is merely inoculated for a given time until the issue rears its head up again. Clubs thrive or starve depending on how each challenge is handled along the way. There is not a universal problem with one universal fix.

Stating a program or level is at fault for a global decline in numbers is outlandish at best. New dancers don't join a group because of the calls or group of calls being danced or taught. They join because of the fellowship and social networking offered. New dancers can be motivated to do anything as long as it is fun. They must feel welcomed into the dance community or they will become part of a statistical drop out rate on the next survey.

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American Callers' Assoc. Viewpoints

By Ray Brigrance, President

2009 Dedicated to New Callers

It is with the greatest of enthusiasm and optimism on behalf of the Executive Board of the AMERICAN CALLERS' ASSOCIATION that I would like to wish all square dancers and callers a very happy and prosperous 2009. This Viewpoints article is dedicated to new callers who work so hard to learn to call.

The American callers' Association was formed over ten years ago with a firm belief, supported by statistical data that new square dancers and their home clubs, and club callers were and are under too much stress as they attempt to learn and dance too many movements. The square dancing fun and friendship level just may be at an all time low as is evidenced not only by minimal recruiting of new dancers and a significant number of dancers leaving square dancing for a variety of personal and health reasons. At the same time, the number of callers is being reduced, but **very few new callers** are entering square dancing. Becoming an experienced caller requires **continuous practice and application for 4 to 5 years**. Each year the remaining number of callers continues to decline. Square Dance "Calling" is nothing short of a crisis survival situation.

The AMERICAN CALLERS ASSOCIATION has ceaselessly urged that the current stressful and lengthy dance programs must be simplified to allow for an easier entry and easier method for new callers to start calling. In addition, clubs and callers must

encourage new callers and give them ample and continuous calling opportunities and encouragement.

There are three golden rules for new callers to survive and thrive:

1. Allow continuous time for new callers and encourage them to call and teach new dancers.
2. Assist them in forming new square dance clubs.
3. Teach new callers to learn the Dr. Jay King "Fundamentals of Mental Image Calling" and teach them the fundamentals of sight calling.

Throughout the past ten years the American Callers' Association has a program of "Accredited Caller Training Specialists". The AMERICAN CALLERS' ASSOCIATION encourages square dance clubs to encourage and utilize these fine callers to train new callers. Please check the AMERICAN CALLERS' website for more information.

The AMERICAN CALLERS' ASSOCIATION's "One Floor International Square Dancing" can do the following positive actions to assist in new caller recruitment and training.

- Retain and support solid and workable dancing movements that can be taught in as little as twelve weeks with lessons one night a week
- Enable a club to have two "New Dancer" programs per year with extended breaks between the lessons.

- Reduce and all but eliminate the stress and strain on the new callers in a stabilized teaching environment.
- Increase fun, friendship and fellowship for new callers, current callers, dancers, and clubs.
- Line itself with what perspective non-dancers demographic age groups will accept considering life style changes and competition for their time.
- Eliminate the segregation, separatism, and division of callers and dancers.
- Confirm and enforce the “American Traditional Core Values.” All Americans strive to be equal and accepted and eliminate a “separate and unequal” system dividing the callers, dancers and clubs.
- Increase club membership increasing calling opportunities for new callers.

Today as we enter 2009 signs of a Renaissance Revival/Reforms are all around us as more clubs and associations are using one-floor programs. As we move through the revitalization, the executive board and the members of AMERICAN CALLERS’ ASSOCIATION are most willing to work together with all square groups to improve the word of square dancing and get square dancing more in line with the demands of perspective dancers. Lets move forward together to simplify square dancing, gain more dancers and eliminate separatism and segregation of square dancers and clubs, and pay the price for success not the price of failure. If we as an activity can do this

together, we can truly be optimistic and joyous about your future.

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Caller to Club Relationship

What is the position of the club caller in today’s square dance environment? Many dancers have varied opinions, but the following has worked for me for 40 or so years and I truly believe that it breeds success, not only to the club and caller, but to our square dancing activity.

Many people believe that the club caller is ONLY a paid entertainer and should have no bearing or input into the success of the club he is currently calling for, or that we have caller run clubs with no elected officers. All of my clubs have voted to make me a member of the club, to actually show that their caller is more than just a paid entertainer, but has the legal ability to be a part of the club function and activities. As dancers come and go, many clubs change officers each year and with the low numbers of active dancers, we sometimes get the new dancers elected as club officers, not having the ability to make decisions for the club since he has only been around for a short period.

All of my clubs have officers that manage day to day, month to month activities for their respective clubs. Once a year, the officers or the executive board meet to discuss the activities of the club for the rest of the year. I have 99% of the time participated in the meeting to give outside input and to be able to know if the caller is available for the events the officers select at

this meeting. We discuss new adventures as well as old adventures to be re-enacted for the current year. We talk about club lessons for the coming year and determine the best time and place for the club and the caller. We set the ground rules for the class and make sure that everyone knows that the caller is the instructor and totally runs the lessons with input from the officers from time to time. We create new activity with input from the caller as to how to make the club grow and prosper, and discuss non-dancing agendas that keep the interest of our club dancers and guests. All of these items are listed by the Executives Board and brought before the entire membership for approval or disapproval. Over the years we have had little disapproval for activity unless there is a date change conflict or something of this nature. Each member of the club votes, including the caller/member, and the club functions under these guidelines.

I, as a caller/instructor for 40 or so years, do think the caller and club membership have to function as one unit, communicating our good times as well as discussing our problems as a club group to resolve them and move forward. I truly believe that a club that "Plays Together, Stays Together". We plan many outside activities for not only each club, but all the clubs as a unit. We plan Christmas dinners (non-dancing), and picnics, exhibitions and other activities along with our regular club activities to keep membership interest at a high level. How can a caller not be a focal point in what happens to the club with his relationship to that club, other than a paid caller?

Callers should get involved with their clubs and help them grow and prosper if you are

for continuing our activity. Experience is a good tool for clubs and the Caller should be the "Greased Wheel" that makes the Club successful and strong. Get involved with your clubs, be an Advisor, Counselor, or whatever it takes to be a part of your clubs, and not just the CALLER!

Ronnie Purser, A.C.A. Caller and Rep. Alabama

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The Benefits of Dancing

1. **Forever Young.** Dancing is tremendously beneficial in keeping us young. It retards the aging process...immensely. It benefits our heart, cardiovascular system and increased our lung capacity.

Fact: The muscle exertion and breathing rates of dancers performing in one dance competition is equivalent to those of cyclists, swimmers and an Olympic-level 800-meter runner.

2. **Strong Bones/Lubricated Joints.** Dance aids in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. Dance also keeps joints lubricated, which helps prevent arthritis.

3. **Calorie Blaster.** Dance exercises our bodies to allow for increased circulation. It helps us to burn those calories away. It is estimated that dance burns anywhere from 5 to 10 calories per minute depending on speed and intensity. For example, you will burn

more calories square dancing than a slow waltz.

4. **Better Blood.** New research has discovered that it is necessary to measure both good and bad cholesterol levels when determining our health. Dancing aids in lipid control, which raises our HDL (good cholesterol), and lowers our LDL (bad cholesterol). Dancing is also great for diabetics because it aids in blood sugar control.
5. **Mental Mastery.** Dance improves our memory by making us recall steps, routines, and dance patterns making it a great mental exercise for our brains. The big benefit is that increasing mental exercise keeps your mind young, quick, alert and open.
6. **It's All About Balance.** Balancing yourself in one position may be easy, but balancing in the numerous types of positions involved in dancing is much more difficult. Dancers have mastered the ability to balance themselves in a number of positions. This strengthens our stabilizer muscles, while protecting our core and keeping us less prone to injury in our daily lives. Dancing also aids in coordination and helps strengthen our reflexes. It is a great way to keep our Central Nervous System and Peripheral Nervous System in tip-top shape by improving the connection of our bodies to our mind.
7. **Socially Satisfying.** Dancing is recreational and entertaining. It creates a social life for us, while affording us the opportunity to make new friends. Friends helps us grow, make us laugh and support us as we learn.

8. **Culturally Diverse.** Dancing has no cultural barriers. People from all parts of the world, with different ideologies, meet on the dance floor. Cultural interaction improves our health by expanding our mind and sharing our spirit!

9. **Groomed to Perfection.** Dancing is not only fun, but it helps promote good grooming because everybody wants to look his or her best while they dance. Good grooming keeps us healthy.

10. **A Happy Self.** Dance elevates our mood by raising our endorphin levels. This is what allows us to heal stress and depression – two of our immune system's biggest enemies! It helps us establish our self-confidence and self-discipline. It improves the harmony between our mind and body, giving us a sense of well-being.

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A Moment in History

January 1988 edition: Do you let your spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, date for the evening dance with a single dancer attending your club dance? They support our clubs, associations, conventions, festivals and are for the most part hard workers. They paid their way to the dance and don't you think they should get to dance? They do not want our square/round dance partner all they want to do is enjoy themselves and get to dance some.

REMEMBER, none of us know when we may too be without a partner through no fault of our own. Death or divorce... it does happen...Think about it! Then do it - dance with a single!

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[Note from Editor: I couldn't have said it better myself!]

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 – **18th Annual Fuzzy Navel** – Jekyll Island, GA
- May 22 – 24, 2009 – **55th Florida State Convention** – Lakeland, FL
- November 13 – 14, 2009 – **35th Annual West Coast Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow, FL

What's Happening This Week?

**MANY CLUBS ARE CANCELLING THEIR DANCES
DUE TO NEW YEARS. IF YOUR CLUB IS
CANCELLING A DANCE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW
SO I CAN NOTIFY THE DANCERS.**

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

Monday - *Harmony Hoedowners* – **NO DANCE**. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.
Sebring DBD/Advanced Workshop & Dance – Sebring Country Estates Civic Association, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn. For info: http://samdunn.net/advanced_dancing.htm.

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: hwcole@att.net or 239-691-5670.

Hampton Promenaders – **NO DANCE** For info: dmountain@tampabay.rr.com.

Temple Twirlers - **NO DANCE** For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

Tuesday – *Horizon Village* – **NO DANCE** For info: 239-567-1320 or lenru@embarqmail.com.

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 chrounds@capital.net.

R&R Gators - **NO DANCE** For info: Dave Magee at phonemoves@juno.com or 517-646-0402

Maple Leaf Squares - **NO DANCE** For info: Dave Magee at phonemoves@juno.com or 517-646-0402.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates. For info: redbates@juno.com, 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: gail3357@gmail.com 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: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.



Wednesday – B&S Flutter Wheelers – “Beacon Woods” Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12317 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson – covered dish dinner – 7:00 p.m. followed by Plus dancing – ballroom dancing 11:00 p.m. till ??? – hosts will bring party favors, coffee and tea, punch, champagne, fruit and cheese tray, cake and skits – dancers bring covered dish, snacks for table if you like, BYOB – price: \$40 per couple - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net.

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 – bring a dish to pass; meat will be furnished - \$20 per couple – special \$92+ rate at Holiday Inn Express, 2709 SE Hwy. 70, Arcadia, refer to code PSD, rate expires December 10th. For tickets or information: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336 or mdow@cyberstreet.com.

Ft. Meade Squares New Year's Eve Dance – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – 8:30 p.m. – midnight - caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

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.

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 with Rounds - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - reservations must be received no later than December 15, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS - \$30 per person or \$25 per person if received by April 30, 2008. For info: 813-752-0491. 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.

Camp Inn Grande Squares – NO DANCE. For info: http://samdunn.net/camp_inn.htm.

Betmar Belles & Beaus – NO DANCE For info: Carol Kelly 813-783-7523.

Strawberry Square Club – NO DANCE For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491

Strawberry Square C2 – NO DANCE For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813—752-0491.

Strawberry Square C1 – NO DANCE For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813—752-0491.

Timber Pines Twirlers – NO DANCE. For info: foxtrotr@bellsouth.net.

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, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – **Charlotte Promenaders** – **NO DANCE** For info: sgdbird@aol.com.

Glen Haven Squares – **NO DANCE**. 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 hlhtfh@yahoo.com.

Citrus Squares – **NO DANCE**. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

Promenade Squares - **NO DANCE** For info: peto1936@yahoo.com

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/cuer: **Bob Barnes**. 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 n – caller: **Gary Brown/Brown's Bunch**. 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; 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: hwcole@att.net or 239-691-5670.

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

Spinning Wheels – **NO DANCE** For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

Flutter Wheelers - **NO DANCE**. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net.

Snell's Bo's & Bell's – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – callers: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

Sun City Center Swingers Snowflake 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: Charlie Lovelace – everyone attending the dance must bring a genuine Snowflake from the frozen North – just kidding – but if you want, you can – finger food provided by the members and the beverages provided by the club. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – **Buttons & Bows of Venice** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., (1st right north of US 41, look for Woodmere Park sign on east side) – squares and rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Jeannette Bowles. For info: 941-484-8543 or 941-496-8516.

Palace Promenaders – 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 Blvd., Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: lurvds@embarqmail.com 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 Square – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m. – Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Art Springer**, cuer: **Pat Hagen** – square dance attire preferred. 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.

Sunday – **The Motivators** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th St., St. Cloud – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A-2, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. C-1 tips – caller: Ron Libby. For info: loisdancer@aol.com.

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: lenru@embarqmail.com, 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.

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: **Bob Bourassa**, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: slerner3@tampabay.rr.com or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>.

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 bobbourassa@bellsouth.net.

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 settarose1@verizon.net.

Orange Blossom Squares – The Villages, La Hacienda Center, The Villages – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Plus/Rounds – caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com 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.

Winter Haven Line Dance Class – Chain of Lakes Complex (north entrance), corner of Cypress Gardens Blvd. and Hwy. 17, Winter Haven – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – cost: WH residents \$4 per person per session; non-residents \$5 per person per session – instructor: Charlotte Miller. For info: 863-665-2678 or chraller56@aol.com.

December 18, 2008 - **Bartow Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – \$3 per person per class - caller/instructor: Russ Young. For info: 863-285-7864 or FMRLYoung@aol.com.

January 2, 2009 – **Strawberry Square C-3A Teach & Workshop** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. – caller/instructor: Keith Stevens. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com. 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 – **Strawberry Square A-1 Class** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com. 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 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Class** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com. 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: emuffin184@aol.com.

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: stocker38@worldnet.att.net 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: stocker38@worldnet.att.net or 407-766-5659.

January 6, 2009 – **Citrus Park Beginners Round Dance Class** – Citrus Park Recreation Hall, 22501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 n – cuer/instructor: Mike and Joyce Alexander – non-residents welcome – pre-register for gate entry - \$6 per couple – Rumba, Cha Cha, Waltz, Fox Trot. For info: 239-992-0207 or jta440@msn.com.

January 6, 2009 – **Citrus Park Phase 2 Round Dance Class** – Citrus Park Recreation Hall, 22501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – cuer/instructor: Mike and Joyce Alexander – non-residents welcome – pre-register for gate entry - \$6 per couple – Rumba, Cha Cha, Waltz, Fox Trot. For info: 239-992-0207 or jta440@msn.com.

January 6, 2009 – **Citrus Park Phase 3 Round Dance Class** – Citrus Park Recreation Hall, 22501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs – 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – cuer/instructor: Mike and Joyce Alexander – non-residents welcome – pre-register for gate entry - \$6 per couple – Rumba, Cha Cha, Waltz, Fox Trot. For info: 239-992-0207 or jta440@msn.com.

January 6, 2009 – **Citrus Park Phase 4 Round Dance Class** – Citrus Park Recreation Hall, 22501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs – 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – cuer/instructor: Mike and Joyce Alexander – non-residents welcome – pre-register for gate entry - \$6 per couple – Rumba, Cha Cha, Waltz, Fox Trot. For info: 239-992-0207 or jta440@msn.com.

January 6, 2009 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Class – Part 1** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., caller/instructor: Keith Stevens. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com. 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: hwcole@att.net 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: hwcole@att.net 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 lenru@embarqmail.com.

January 8, 2009 – **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: www.floridadanceweb.com. 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?

January 2009

January 5, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Tailgate Party** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

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 lenru@embarqmail.com.

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: Marty Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker 813-780-8036.

January 8, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds 15th Anniversary and Welcome Back Dance** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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: peto1936@yahoo.com.

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: howcole@att.net 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.com or 803-840-0746 or 704-377-5554.

January 9, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Mystery Pie Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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 10, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) 3 Ring Circus Dance** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Marty Van Wart, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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: brassy1012@aol.com or Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

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.

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January 16, 2009 – **Advanced A-2 Workshop** – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

January 16, 2009 – **A2 Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person –
cuer: Pat Hagen.

January 17 2009 – **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 – **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: minimercury@embarqmail.com.

January 22, 2009 – **Citrus Park Black & White Night** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL –
Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell
amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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 – **halls open on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. for registration and shopping** -
\$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 – **A2 Dance** – ER 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 – **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 23 – 24, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 at Olde
Mill Stream in Umatilla, FL. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

January 23 – 25, 2009 – **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082** – Old Mill Stream, Umatilla, FL - Caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers:
Pete and Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

January 27, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 57th 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: bevanlee@aol.com.

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 28, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and
Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon
as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman
are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome
and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative.

January 29, 2009 – **Citrus Park Clothing Sale Dance – Buy/Sell/Give Away** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL –
Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell
amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

January 29, 2009 – **Citrus Squares 50s Party** - First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL – 6:00 p.m. Class - Mainstream/Plus - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Ellis Lindsey – promoting the Florida State Convention – pull out those poodle skirts and saddle oxfords! For info: lalecl@aol.com.

January 30, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Winter Chill 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 – chili and fixin’s. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

January 30 – 31, 2009 – **7th 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 <http://www.lottieainsworth.com/2009flyer.pdf>.

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 5, 2009 – **Citrus Park Alumni Night** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander – former Snobirds our guests – pie night. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.


February 6, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Super Bowl Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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

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.com or www.samdunn.net 


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: bevanlee@aol.com.


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, 2009 – **Dancing at the Florida State Fair** – Florida State Fair Grounds, Intersection of Hwy. 301 & I4, Tampa, FL – **bring your club banners and your class flyers**. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

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 www.samdunn.net.

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 coming. Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or  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.

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: peto1936@yahoo.com

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, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Sweetheart Special** - 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 – chocolate fountain and bite-size dippers. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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 - Kaller: Nasser Shukayr, Kuer: **Dick & Darlene Nordine**. 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 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Hearts on Fire** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street,



Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Walter Lougee, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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.

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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 19, 2009 – **Citrus Park Red, White & Blue Dance** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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 20 – 22, 2009 – **Hitch ‘n Go Chapter #082** – Floridian RV Park, St. Cloud – caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pete and Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.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 – **Citrus Park 50’s Dance – Rock & Roll** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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.

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cuer: Pat Hagen.

February 28, 2009 – **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 – **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. This
dance is being held during the weekend of the Florida Federation Working Weekend so there will be several out of
town visitors at the dance. For info: 850-939-6688 or pe.miller@mchsi.com.

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

February 28, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to April/May 2009 issue of *West Coast Dancer***. For info:
evhenning@peoplepc.com.

March 2009

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 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 - \$4 per
person. For info: stocker38@att.net or 863-293-5947 or 407-766-5659 (cell).

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 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 – three categories: Mainstream, Plus and Advance. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens - 863-326-9774 or keithuns@yahoo.com.

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March 6, 2009 – **A2 Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Pat Hagen.

March 7, 2009 – **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.

March 7, 2009 (This is not a second Saturday) – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Luck of the Irish** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Dave Buys, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

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 Rippetto, cuer: Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.



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9:30 p.m. –
Charlie

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March 12, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds St. Patrick's Day Dance** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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: peto1936@yahoo.com

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 13, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Mad Hatter's Fling** - 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 – finger food and crazy hats! For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

March 13, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels St. Patrick's Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

March 13 – 15, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Chapter #093 at Three Flags RV in Wildwood, FL. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

March 14, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Annual Used Clothing Sale** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – details TBA. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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 & Bows of Venice Anniversary Dance** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – square and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Charlie Hearn. For info: Dick & Helen 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: slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

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

March 15, 2009 – **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 – **47th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Iowa State University, Memorial Union, Amex, IA. For info: ci841@aol.com.

March 20 - 21, 2009 – **Central Association's (Florida) 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 20 – 21, 2009 – **47th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Iowa State University, Memorial Union, Amex, Iowa. For info: ci841@aol.com.

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 – **Round Dance Council of Florida Spring Weekend of Rounds** – Stardust Center, 1405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL – cuers: Ken and Irene Slater – Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics – weekend package \$75 per couple – partial weekend prices available up to sellout – refundable until day of event – **Saturday**: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Warm-up Rounds with Council Cuers; 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Clinic/Workshop for all – conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided by the Round Dance Council of Florida; 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Warm-up Rounds with Council Cuers; 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Clinic/Workshop for all conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Round Dance Council Meeting for Council Members; 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Phase 3/4+ Dance conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; **Sunday**: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Warm-up Rounds with Council Cuers; 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Clinic/Workshop for all conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. Phase 3/4+ Dance with Ken & Irene Slater; continental breakfast will be provided both mornings. Mail check payable to RDCF to David & Sandy Sturgis, 163 Candlewick Circle, Panama City, FL 32405. Email: FinallyQuilted@aol.com Host hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites, 2911 North Wheeler St., Plant City, FL 813-752-3141 - \$69 + tax per night – alternate hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 2102 North Park Road, Plant City, FL 813-719-3800 - \$99 + tax per night. For info: ljwall@comcast.net.

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: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>

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 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative.

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: http://samdunn.net/camp_inn.htm.

March 26, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds Club Colors Night (Blue & White)** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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. – please bring finger foods for both 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/sqdnfcfan@aol.com.

March 27 – 29, 2009 – **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082** – Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pete and Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

March 28, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice Final Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (1st 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 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: slerner3@tampabay.rr.com or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

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: http://samdunn.net/advanced_dancing.htm.

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: Marty 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.

April 2, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds Happy Trails Dance** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander – casual attire – share your favorite snacks. For info: Ada Haskell amcch@juno.com or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

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DAN & THELMA OGILVIE (FOR CHALLENGE) - 813-752-1350
NICKI HORNE - 813-707-8905 OR 813-727-6210**

April 3, 2009 – **A2 Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen.

April 4, 2009 – **Plus Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin.

April 5, 2009 - **Beginner Ball** – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

April 5, 2009 – **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 Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net.

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

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 – dcdcinfo@dcdiamondcirculate.org.

April 10 – 11, 2009 – **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, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Tax Poor Party** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

April 11, 2009 – **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 chrounds@capital.net.

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

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

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: carpoole@earthlink.net or 386-734-5295 – www.floridasquaredance.com/central/convention/deerhaven.html.

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

April 24 – 25, 2009 – **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** – Theme World, Davenport, FL – caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pate & Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com

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 25 – 27, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 at Theme World, I-4 & Rt. 27 in Davenport, FL. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

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: slernner3@tampabay.rr.com or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

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 – **Spinning Wheels Anniversary Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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

May 1 - 3, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Cahpters 168/128 at Ocala Sun RV Park in Ocala, FL. Chapter 168 will be hosting the weekend. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

May 2, 2009 – **Paul Place Memorial Dance** – City Island Recreation Center (home of the Dixie Squares), 108 E. Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL – 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – John Swindle, Host Caller – dance to be programmed with Guest Callers and Cuers - Paul Place was a member and supporter of CALLERLAB and the CALLRRLAB Foundation for 25 years. This dance and the proceeds will honor Paul's commitment to square dancing and calling. Donations will be accepted at the door or can be mailed to Paul Place Scholarship Fund, c/o The CALLERLAB Foundation, 467 Forrest Avenue, Suite 118, Cocoa, FL 32922. Please make checks payable to The CALLERLAB Foundation. All proceeds from the dance will go to the Paul Place Scholarship Fund, which will be administered by the CALLERLAB Foundation. For info: johncaller@bellsouth.net or minimercury@embarqmail.com.

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 – **33rd 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 – **48th 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; k.j.robinson@sympatico.co.

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 – **62nd Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival** - Grand Sierra Resort, 2600 E. 2nd 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: silverstatesquaredancefestival@hotmail.com.

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: willowhouse@msn.com 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: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

May 15 - 16, 2009 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Sanlan Ranch, Lakeland, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pete & Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

May 27, 2009 - **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** - Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa - Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. - Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative.

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 - ribbons are \$27 per person until April 30, 2009; they are \$30 per person at the door. Refunds are cheerfully made until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2009. Cash or checks only accepted at the Box Office. One day ribbons sold at the Box Office. Spectator ribbons are free and can be picked up at the Box Office. For info: John and Becky Cole 386-532-8532 or jobeco@embarqmail.com.

May 30, 2009 (this is not a fourth Saturday) - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Biker Bash** - Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire preferred - finger foods - caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

June 2009

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

June 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of The Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

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: nshukayr@gmail.com.

June 7-11, 2009 -**Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Jimmy Roberson, Jim & Priscilla Adcock, Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road. Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - – **Plus Squares & Round Dancing**- Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights is 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) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

June 7 – 11, 2009 – **Silver State Caller College** – Livingston, Texas. For info: nshukayr@gmail.com.

June 7 – 11, 2009 – **United Kingdom Caller & Cuer School** – St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU. For info: www.gsi-england.co.uk.

June 11 – 13, 2009 – **50th International Squares & Round Dance & Clogging Convention “Dance and Shine in 2009”** – TCU Place, 35 – 22nd St. E., Saskatoon’s Arts & Convention Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. For info: Garry & Joan Wacker, GJ.wacker@sasktel.net or 306-374-1747.

June 12, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Ice Cream Social** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

June 12 & 13, 2009 – **Colorado State Square Dance Association’s 54th 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 11TH. 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: squaredance@pridervresort.com.

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

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: willowhouse@msn.com 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: roundalab@roundalab.org.

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

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

June 27, 2009 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance** - Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire preferred - finger foods - caller: George Varney, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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: willowhouse@msn.com 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: bevanlee@aol.com.

July 17, 2009 - **Spinning Wheels Luau** - 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire preferred - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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

July 21-23, 2009 - **52nd International Camporee** - Rayne, Louisiana. For info: www.nsdca.org or www.rayne2009.9f.com.

July 22, 2009 - **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** - Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa - Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. - Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative.

July 25, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Luau** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

July 26 - 30, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Randy Dougherty & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus DBD Workshop - This will be a learning week for Plus dancers who wish to explore more challenging choreography - Tired of "Plain Old Vanilla"? If so, this week is for you!** - 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.

July 29 – 31, 2009 – **17th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention (Halifax National Festival 2010)** – World Trade & Convention Center Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. For info: 902-543-5278 or rwjbrown@eastlink.ca or www.squaredance.ns.ca (press 2010 button)

July 31 – August 2, 2009 – **26th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** – Clarion Convention Center, 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, IA. For info: 309-799-3128 or bobkristie@mchsi.com.

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.** - 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 7, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Back to School Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

August 7 – 9, 2009 – **50th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention** – D.C. Everest High School, 6500 Alderson Street, Weston, WI (Near Wausau). For info: Joe & Phyllis Kretschmer at 715-536-2768 or jphyllis1@charter.net or Bernie and Carolyn Coulthurst at 715-824-3245 or heretic@wi-net.com or www.wisquaredanceconvention.org/2009.htm.

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 www.ncfederation.org 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) Goo627@aol.com.

August 14 – 15, 2009 – **20th North Carolina State Convention "Salute to the Troops"** -0 North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center, Raleigh, NC. For info: ncfederation.org or Lesley & Debbie Greetn at 919-598-1104 or Paul & Nita Walker at 704-782-2616 or Goo627@aol.com.

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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. 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 DBD Dancing - This week is for the square dance enthusiast.) BE WARNED! NO HOLDS BARRED!** - 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 20 – 24, 2009 – **NORCAL Callers School**, San Jose, CA. For info: Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.norcalcallerschool.com.

August 21 - 23, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be Chapter 128 at Wilderness RV Park in Ocala, FL. This is a location change; was scheduled at Old Colby Woods Campground. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

August 22, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Dog Patch** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

September 2009

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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: dar2008@ssdusa.org for general questions; reg2009@ssdusa.org for registration questions.

September 4, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Labor Day Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

September 11 – 13, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Chapter 093 at Blueberry Hill RV in Bushnell, FL. For info: philurs018@gmail.com or 813-949-5189.

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 17 – 19, 2009 – **Inaugural Kentucky Square & Round Dance Convention** – Lexington Convention Center, 430 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY. For info: 502-803-5719 or deerdancer55@yahoo.com.

September 18, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman

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

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

September 25 – 26, 2009 – **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** – Floridian Resort, St. Cloud, FL – caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pete & Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

September 26, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) School Daze** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

September 27 - October 1, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine, Marshall Flippo, and Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town - **Plus Level 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.

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: willowhouse@msn.com 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 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

October 8 – 12, 2009 – **Notheast Callers School** – Manchester, NH. For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallerschool.com.

October 10, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) 46th Anniversary** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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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.

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

October 24, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Halloween Dance** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods – caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.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: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

October 30, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Halloween Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

October 30-31, 2009 - **2009 NWFSARDA 35th Annual Round Up** - DeFuniak Springs Community Center 361 N. 10th Street, Defuniak Springs, Florida – Featuring Tom Miller and Northwest Florida Callers Berlon Graham, Ted Kennedy, Bob Poyner and Cuer: Sandy Sturgis – **Friday: Costume Contest, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds & Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares & Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced) – Saturday: 9:45 a.m. – NWFSARDA meeting, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Roundup cookout, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops – Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Intro Advanced – Saturday Evening: 7:00 – 7:45 Early Rounds & Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares & Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced – Best Western 850-892-5111 – Best Value Inn 850-892-3125 – Sunset King Campground 800-774-5454 – Super 8 850-892-1333.** For info: Muriel 850-549-5517 murielrsvpsrc@mchsi.com; Paul & Cheryl 850-939-6688 or Dave 850-455-5160.

November 2009

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

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, 2009 – **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, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Veterans' Day Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

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

November 8, 2009 – **MacDonald Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – callers donating their time: Art Springer, Sam Dunn, Bob Barnes, cuers donating their time: Charlie Lovelace, Jimmy and Carol Griffin and Pat Hagen. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com or grannyola@aol.com.

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 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: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

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

November 15 – 19, 2009 – **Poconos Caller School** – Lake Harmony/White Haven, PA. For info: 732-249-2086 or ugottadance.eboard.com.

November 18, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman

are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative.

November 19 – 23, 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: nshukayr@gmail.com.

November 20, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Thanksgiving Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** – Sanlan Ranch, Lakeland, FL – caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pete & Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

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 21, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Turkey Trot** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: SusanElaine Packer, cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

November 30, 2009 – **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: www.floridanceweb.com/strawberry. 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.

December 2009

December 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the January 2010 issue of the *Bow & Swing***. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

December 1, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the January 2010 issue of *The Grapevine***. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

December 11, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Toys for Tots Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer and Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace and Mike Cox. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

December 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the January 2010 issue of *American Square Dance Magazine***. For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

December 19, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Snowflake Ball** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Dave Buys, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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: bevanlee@aol.com.

December 31, 2009 – January 3, 2010 – **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** – Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla, FL – caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuers: Pete & Jan Shankle. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

January 2010

January 15, 2010 – **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – 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 1 or 2 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. 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 lotTNray@centurytel.net.

February 2010

February 1, 2010 – **Deadline for Extra Mile award nominations.** To show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity. Nominee must be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida. For info: pe.miller@mchsi.com

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 www.59thnsdc.com.

July 2010

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

November 2010

November 12 – 13, 2010 – **West Coast Association 36th Annual Fall Fun Fest** – 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Advanced/Phase 2 – 4 Rounds – callers: Tim Marriner and Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase – workshops – evening dances - Grand March – vendors – door prizes – after party on Saturday night - \$18 per person in advance - \$20 per person at the door - \$10 per person Friday or Saturday night after 6:00 p.m. - \$15 per person Saturday all day. Blue light special ribbons will be sold at the 2009 Fall Fun Fest.

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 – July 3, 2011 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Atlanta, GA

June 2012

June 27 – 30, 2012 – **61st National Square Dance Convention** – Seattle, WA. For info: www.61nsdc.com.

Links

ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

<http://www.flcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)
<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)
www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)
www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)
<http://www.callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)
<http://www.americancallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)
<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)
http://floridadancing.com/html/west_coast_squares.html (West Coast Assn.)
<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA®)
<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)
<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional & Square Dance [ARTS])

VENDORS

<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)
www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)
<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.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores & catalog)

WEBSITES

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

<http://floridasquaredance.com/> (Florida Federation)

SQUARE DANCE HALLS

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

CALLERS/CUERS

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://web.tampabay.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy & Carol Griffin)

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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