

DANCERgram

Square & Round Dance News for the West Coast of Florida

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"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"

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**Sunday, April 13, 2008 - West Coast Association Membership Dance** -  
Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia - Callers: Sam Dunn  
and area callers and cuers - ER 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - West Coast members FREE - guests \$4 per person. **IF  
THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR  
DANCE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS)  
SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).

**Words from the Editor**

It seems like we just started our dance season and already clubs are starting to shut down as the snowbirds start their trips back north! A lot of the clubs had their final dances last week and several more will close over the next few weeks. We hope they will have a safe trip home and will be back with us in the fall.

What a treat! Without even asking, two clubs have already sent me their schedules for the next dance season! If anyone else has their schedules ready, please forward them as soon as possible so I can add them to my master calendar. Sometimes I am asked to check for conflicts so it's great to have the information available as soon as possible. All of the major dances and festivals, as well as deadlines for submitting articles to the square dance publications and the dates for the Florida Federation meetings and the West Coast Folding/Business Meetings are always included in the DANCERgram. If the dates aren't in the email itself, you can find them on the attachment. The DANCERgram has gotten so long I had to find a way to shorten it and yet still include all the information. PLEASE - PLEASE watch for conflicts; especially when you are planning a celebration to honor someone or you are having a milestone anniversary. West Coast would like to attempt to have representatives in attendance; however, we can't be everywhere at once.

Please check the Future Planning attachment this week; I have made a lot of additions to the list as I found quite a bit of additional information in the material I was reading this month. I believe I may have been able to list every State's convention (that would be an accomplishment wouldn't it?)

**SPEAKING OF CONFLICTS** - I hope all clubs in the State of Florida will be dark in support of the 54th Florida State Convention! Many of the schedules I received at the beginning of the season showed NO DANCE - STATE CONVENTION. If I haven't received notification for your club, please let me know as soon as possible so I can get the word out to the dancers.

The second quarter square dance publications have been arriving in my mail box this week so I've been busy reading trying to find material for the DANCERgram. I always like to read what Bill Boyd has to say. Bill is a friend I made during the short time I lived and danced in Orlando and he is the editor of the *Bow & Swing* and the *American Square Dance Magazine*, and he has now decided to become a caller. I guess I enjoy reading what he has to say because we agree on so many things. If you have attended very many Florida State Conventions, you have probably heard him speak on occasion. The one presentation he does on what his wife, Joanne went through to get him started in square dancing is hilarious. But any way, this month he is talking about the fact that many of our Florida callers are in demand world wide. They have "retired" from the demanding schedule of world travel and have settled in Florida. He recalls a few years ago when Accredited Caller Coach, Daryl Clendenin did a Caller's Clinic here in Florida, and he shook his head and said, "There is over three hundred years of experience in this room and that is being conservative. You have your own accredited callers coaches, what can I show you?" He (Bill) stated that "our Florida Callers travel world wide calling and teach, we have just become accustomed to hearing them

call. So at this years State Convention in Lakeland dance and enjoy Florida's own callers. By the way did you know that several of the Florida Cuers are also in demand world wide? For you round dancers some of our cuers are featured Roundalab Instructors. Thank you Florida for having so many skilled people who want to live year." (Editor's Note: How many of you aware of this?)

**Callers and anyone wanting to become a caller:** You will note under the Class Section that I have listed two Caller Colleges. I found these in some of the square dance publications I have been reading and thought they might be of interest to you.



## Health Update

**CORRECTON Fred Cornett**, past **FEDERATION** President, has been quite ill with cancer and had his second chemo treatment on March 3rd.

**Paul Place** - I have been wondering, as have many of you based on the questions I have been receiving, what started Paul's health problems and when did they start? It seemed like we all kind of came in on the middle of it. I have been emailing his daughter, Christy, this week to get the "scoop".

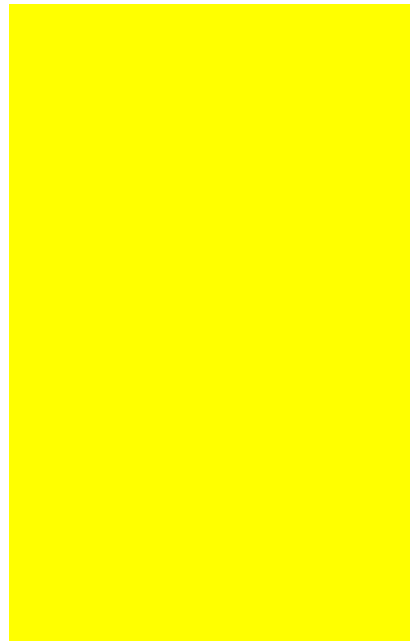
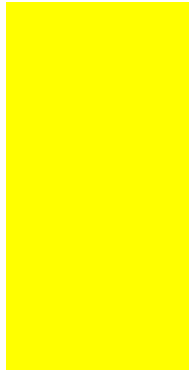
It seems we didn't come in the middle; his diagnosis was sudden. He was having a lot of gall bladder attacks so the doctor decided to remove it to give him some relief. That surgery was on March 12th. The following Monday the doctor called to give them the results from the pathology report.

The prognosis he has been given is that if they operate and take a portion of his liver, the doctor believes it will be a curative approach instead of pallative. They will know more after the surgery on the 11th after the doctor sees what's going on internally.

If I understood correctly, Christy and her family will be flying down Wednesday to be with Paul and Linda for the surgery. I believe Paul's son, Paul Russell is still in the service. I'm not sure where he is stationed right now. There is another daughter but I don't know she and her family live.

He has been calling up until this past week and has gotten substitutes until the end of May. I have asked the clubs in our area that had Paul scheduled to let me know who the substitutes are so I can make the changes to my master calendar.

I have been sending daily updates as his Care Page is updated by Christy. Some photos were added this week and I thought you might like to put some faces to the names. Here is his wife, Linda.



And here is his daughter, Christy.

I'm sure he would love to hear from everyone. I'm not sure if he's checking his email so his home address is: 2821 Falcon Ridge, Clermont, FL 34711.



## **Celebrate in 2008!**

### **ONLY 47 DAYS LEFT!**

**Callers and cuers** - are you promoting the State Convention to your dancers, including your new dancers? This is your convention too! There will be dancing for the new dancers' level too. There's nothing like attending your first state convention and you never forget that first one!

**Singles/Solos or those Dancers Without Partners** - That's what the Singles Sections will be called at the State Convention this year "Dancers Without Partners" and Florida Singles (FASSRD) intends to have those sections well marked so you can easily find us. Couples, if you want to dance and can't find your partner (maybe she's shopping, maybe he's hiding somewhere), come to our section and find someone to dance! For info: [apicheco@uwbrevard.org](mailto:apicheco@uwbrevard.org). On Friday night there will be a get-acquainted dance for dancers without partners, so take advantage of this opportunity to find out who else is there without a partner. There will also be solo ribbons available for the asking at the registration window.

**Youth:** If you have young people in your clubs and/or classes, please encourage them to come to the convention. They will have their own hall Saturday night and all day Sunday and Sunday night. Every time I talk to youth about coming to the convention, I am discouraged and dismayed to find out that they don't know anything about the convention or even what it is. Youth are the lifeblood of square dancing and we need to keep them involved. They need to find out there are other young people out there dancing and where better to find that out than at the State Convention where the other youth from around the state show up?

There will be a total of 20 hours of dancing in all of the halls. The Mainstream Hall will be open all of the time that dancing is ongoing. There will be a Mainstream, Plus, Plus DBD and Advance squares and Easy and Advance Rounds.

PLEASE NOTE that since the registration forms were printed, the **Best Western** has changed hands and is now a **Howard Johnson**.

The program book for the convention is now available at the link below or you can email me for a copy.

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/program.pdf>.

Please note: It takes a loooong time for it to open up so just click to open and go do something else for awhile!

**Watch for a future issue of the DANCERgram to find out who was nominated to be recognized at the Fashion Show on Saturday afternoon for their volunteerism in square and round dancing! You'll want to plan to be there to give them big round of applause to thank them!**

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## **2009 Florida State Convention**

The 55<sup>th</sup> (2009) Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention in conjunction with The Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association is giving away a 42" LCD High Definition Television Set. This set will be given away on Sunday, **May 25, 2008** during the evening ceremonies at the Lakeland Center during the 54<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.

The tickets are \$2.00 each or three (3) for \$5.00. You don't have to be present to win. You don't even have to be a square or round dancer to win. This raffle is open to anyone and everyone. We will be selling them at the State Convention in Lakeland May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Of course you can always pick up the tickets from any of the Convention committee members at any time between now and then.

Please visit the following web site for more information concerning this TV. <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/central/convention/tv.html>

If you need tickets please contact Randy & Carol Poole. They can be reached at [carpoole@earthlink.net](mailto:carpoole@earthlink.net) or 386-734-5295

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## **Emergency Call for Medical Aid**

E.C.M.A. is the abbreviation for Emergency Call for Medical Aid. This signal is designed for use by dancers to notify the caller of a medical problem in their square. When such a problem occurs, important minutes are often lost in the frenzy of waving arms and explanations which cannot be heard or understood across a crowded dance floor. The method of an ARCHED CIRCLE will assure the fastest possible response time by medical personnel to an emergency on the dance floor. In this way, precious, perhaps lifesaving minutes, can be saved.

**STEP ONE:** When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends him/her.

**STEP TWO:** Remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This allows the injured person and attendant room.

**STEP THREE:** Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.

**STEP FOUR:** On seeing this signal, the caller or club representative will immediately plan an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

This system was, to our knowledge, first introduced at the 33rd National Square Dance Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1977. It was their hope that callers and club leaders across the country would take the time to explain the arched circle E.C.M.A. signal to their dancers and familiarize them with both the procedure and its purpose. We feel that this is an important part of our being prepared in the event of an emergency.

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## Caller's Corner

This article is different than most you will see...The primary writer of the caller's article needed a "mental health day" so the pinch hitter stepped up to the plate. The pinch hitter has a secondary role at all events, be there, be ready to help in any capacity and always be pleasant to the customer/player.

Square dancing is like so many other events in life; paying the bills, being part of the team, whether it is work, play or relationships. Each activity has to have a leader, in charge, and then the support of the team. When the leader does not have the support of the team things get interesting. In our area our square dance clubs all have an active leader and followers. This is evident at all the charity dances and other events to support our activity.

Callers are unique as part of the team in that an important part of the caller is the caller's wife or support person. She/he is always available for the partner and the list of fun activities include: maintaining the schedule so no bookings are missed, listening to the practice sessions when new music is being chosen, debating if new equipment is needed, maintaining the wardrobe, showing up for events, gassing the vehicle, assisting in moving the equipment/supplies, tolerating stage fright, and being an "overall gopher" Now these duties are in addition to being a partner/friend, a parent, a grandparent (the most fun), work (out of the home), and maintaining a household.

As part of the move into the 21st century for our activity I am suggesting we let the support person for the caller be encouraged to change her/his title to business

manager. It is a standing joke at our house that the caller is the talent and the support person is the brains behind each event.

This article is tongue in cheek and not meant to offend anyone but encourage people to take square dancing back to a FUN activity. We take ourselves so seriously that we forget that square dancing is "fun set to music".

As a non writer I will probably not be asked to "sub" again but thanks for listening and see you in a square.

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By Berni Murphy, a guest author and Business Manager for Caller Gary Murphy

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: This was so good; I couldn't resist reprinting it!

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## **And Finally, How Things Have Changed! Square Dance Rules of 1876**

1. The music is to consist of a fiddle, a pipe, or a hurdy-gurdy. No chorus is to be sung until the dancing is over.
2. No lady is to dance in black stockings, not to have her elbows bare.
3. To prevent spitting, no gentleman will chew tobacco or smoke.
4. No whispering to be allowed. If anyone should be found to make insidious remarks about anyone's dancing, he or she shall be put out of the room.
5. No gentleman will appear with a cravat that has been worn more than a week or a fortnight.
6. Long beards are forbidden, as they would be very disagreeable if a gentleman should happen to put his cheek beside a lady's.
7. No gentleman is to squeeze his partner's hand, nor look earnestly upon her, and furthermore, he must not pick up her handkerchief provided it were to fall. The first denotes he loves her, the second, he wishes to kiss her and the last that she makes a sign for both.

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## **Graduations should be special!**

Charlie and I [Newsome] attended the Moose Promenaders Class Graduation last April (2007) and were so impressed with the Class Coordinators and what they had done for the graduating dancers, that we wanted to share the excitement with you!



To tell the story I'll have to start from the beginning. Bill Dando passed by the Moose Lodge one evening in April of 2005 and saw that they were starting Square Dance lessons; he went home and posed the idea of attending the classes to his wife, Jane. They signed up and took lessons from Bill Chesnut during the term 2005/2006. Now, during this time, they liked the dancing so much they also attended classes at Silver Fox, where Ernie Rollen was the instructor. They became such enthusiastic dancers, when I asked Jane about it, she said the Square Dance Bug hit Bill real "hard".

When it came time for them to graduate in April, lo and behold...they couldn't attend their graduation due to a scheduled business (?) trip to Las Vegas! Well, they got to Vegas and said to themselves, why not go square dancing? They made some inquiries and called the "Good Time Squares", whose caller is Andy Finch. When they asked about coming to dance with them, they were told well, you may come over, but it is our graduation night. Unbelievable!! Jane explained that they were supposed to be graduating from their club that same night in Jacksonville. That was all Good Time Squares needed to hear...they then insisted that Jane & Bill come on and graduate with their class. They were welcomed warmly and took the "exam" - Andy put them thru all the moves that had been taught - and passed. They were given the mortar board hats, and issued a diploma just like everyone of the other graduate there. They went through the candlelight ceremony and had pictures taken. They received the same Book that all graduates were given. Jane and Bill say that the club immediately laid "claim" to them and made them feel a real part of the club. They still keep in touch with Jane & Bill by email and a Newsletter, updating them on what's going on at the Good Time Squares. I'm sure, if given the chance, Jane & Bill would jump at the chance to again visit them one day.

(Note from the Editor: When I made a business trip to Las Vegas a couple of years ago, I too visited the Good Time Squares as a solo dancer and was given a very warm welcome. I danced more there than I sometimes do at my own home club. There were several solo men who moved around the room and made sure that all the solo women had a chance to round and square dance. That night had been designated as Pick on the Caller Night. One tip they dressed the caller in woman's clothing while he called. Another tip everyone had square up except for one woman in the very front square right in the #1 position in front of the caller. Everybody kept calling for her but she didn't come. All of a sudden she walked in with this straight face and walked right down through the center of the room with her skirt and crinoline tucked into her petty pants and walked right into her position. This other woman, not realizing what was going on, ran after her and started untucking everything. Everyone just started cracking up! Another tip when the caller called ping pong circulate, all the dancers started throwing ping pong balls at the caller. It had been many years since I had so much fun at a square dance! If I ever visit Vegas again, I will be sure to visit that club again. By the way, they dance on Friday night.)

They were so impressed with the "family" of square dancing, that when the Moose Promenaders were looking for Class Coordinators for the 2006/2007 Class, guess who took the job? You got it - Bill and Jane! They took it because they wanted to help make other beginner Square Dancers feel as welcome as they had felt.

And here's where we met them and I started wanting to put this article together. The book they were given in Vegas contained information about the club for each

graduate. So, Jane & Bill prepared a book for each graduate at Moose in April 2007. I asked to see one of the Books - it contained the club roster, club schedule of dances, information about the club, miscellaneous information about square dancing, etc. Well, I saw all kinds of possibilities...here is a ready-made way to let all the graduates know about The Association, The Federation, and so much more. Now, don't misunderstand, information about the club is IMPORTANT and NECESSARY. Dancers should always be LOYAL to their club; but, if we give them a little more knowledge, think how that might make them feel like an even greater part of Square Dancing.

So, I've talked with NEFSARDA Class Coordinator, Joe & Martha Hardcastle, who will be happy to furnish any/all clubs with information on NEFSARDA. We'll get the history of NEFSARDA, what the Association is and does, Association officers, etc. We will also get them the current officers of the Florida Federation, what it is. All of this material can be furnished to the clubs who want to really make their graduates feel special.

Jane is again preparing her Book for the graduates this year and she's asked for the information about the Association and the Federation. How about you? How would you like to really make your graduates feel special and a part of not only the club, but the Association and Federation as well? Just purchase some 1" binders and start getting the information together for them.

I need to let you know that Bill & Jane are also Class Coordinators for Moose again this year, and they are currently serving Silver Fox as Vice Presidents. Bill and Jane Dando are great promoters of Square Dancing and they say they hope to serve Square Dancing more as their time and energy affords them to do.

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By Val Newsome, Northeast Association



## Isn't it Funny?

FUNNY how little a \$5 bill will buy at a supermarket, and how much it buys at the square dance.

FUNNY how slowly thirty minutes pass at the dentist's office, and how fast 2-1/2 hours goes by at the square dance.

FUNNY how much it costs for a college credit, and how little it costs to learn to square dance.

FUNNY how many people long for a friend, while others make many new friends at the square dance.

FUNNY that you see no drinking and hear no foul language at the square dance.

FUNNY how "Dear Abby" thinks that everyone needs a hug now and then, and we receive many hugs and yellowrocks from dear friends at the square dance.

ALL OF THIS WOULD BE FUNNY....if so many people were not missing out on all this wonderful fun and fellowship.

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## USDA Prescription Discount Card

United Square Dancers of America has developed a program with Creative Benefit Design, Inc. and PHARMACARE to provide DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS. This plan is unique since your cost is zero! That's right - **NO COST TO THE USER!** Enjoy **average savings of 30% or more!** The plan is available to **ANYONE (EVEN NON-SQUARE DANCERS) - ANY AGE - NO RESTRICTIONS!**

This discount card is accepted at over 45,000 pharmacies nationwide, by virtually every major pharmacy, including Osco, Walgreen, Eckerd, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Albertsons, Publix, CVS and Target. In addition, if you use an independent drug store, they are probably familiar with PharmaCare, or they can set it up with a simple call to the number listed on the card!

United Square Dancers of America will receive \$.25 for each prescription that is filled. The funds generated for USDA are applied to a variety of educational and other USDA programs that support the dancers.

Every month many folks are using the PHARMACARE card to save substantially on their drug expense. **YOU CAN SAVE TOO!** Just get cards for you and your friends by contacting the USDA Prescription Card Chairman, Bill Flick, 400 Pete's Way, Boothwyn, PA 19061, 610-358-2306, [usda.prescription.card@usda.org](mailto:usda.prescription.card@usda.org). OR ask our own Tom and Miriam James the next time you see them. Take the card to your pharmacy and ask them to apply the discount to all your prescriptions, both standing orders and new prescriptions. You can start to obtain **REAL SAVINGS** on your prescriptions!

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Note from the Editor: Some square dancers utilize the "You've been patronized by a square dancer card"; at the last Federation Meeting, we heard that some dancers have started giving out these prescription cards instead. Service people i.e. waitresses, convenience store clerks, bowling alley employees, etc. do not have prescription insurance. Give them one of these cards and let them know that a square dancer gave it to them. They will remember that a square dancer helped them out. When they find out how much of a discount they receive with this card and realize how much help they were given by a square dancer, they will always remember it and a simple thing like this might some day bring them to square dancing.



## Looking for ribbons to a festival?

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

- May (Memorial Day Weekend) - Florida State Convention, Lakeland
- September (Labor Day Weekend) - 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN
- November - Fall Fun Fest - Bartow

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

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

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## THIS WEEK'S DANCES

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

**Hampton Promenaders Anniversary/Birthday Dance** - Hampton's Community 1094 US 92 W, Auburndale - rounds workshop 7:00 p.m., ER 7:15 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - **cake and snacks** - caller: **Clyde Stocker**, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: [jwhoobler@aol.com](mailto:jwhoobler@aol.com).

**Temple Twirlers Reunion Dance** - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - **if you were ever a member of Temple Twirlers or danced at Temple Twirlers (includes past callers and cuers) come see your old friends - if you need a ride, please contact Flo Byington at [flobyington@yahoo.com](mailto:flobyington@yahoo.com)** - caller: **Van Coble**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com)

**Tuesday** - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Spring Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - **finger foods** - caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

**Trailer Estates** - Trailer Estates MHP (Large Hall), 1903 - 69th Avenue W., Bradenton - mainstream/plus - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Burl Lally. For info: [emuffin184@aol.com](mailto:emuffin184@aol.com) or 941-758-2304.

**Ding-a-Lings Final Dance of the Season** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 S., Riverview - mainstream/plus/rounds - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: [chrounds@capital.net](mailto:chrounds@capital.net) or 813-677-9179

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

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

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

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

**Strawberry Square Club Final Dance of the Season** - Strawberry Club, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - mainstream/easy plus - caller: **Gary Brown**. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1000 yds. east of US 27), Lake Placid - **casual attire** - mainstream/plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Sam Dunn**. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

**Charlotte Promenaders** - Pt. Charlotte Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - ER 7:00 p.m. - plus/rounds 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - finger food - caller: **Red Bates**, cuer: **Dick Chase**. For info: [sqdbird@aol.com](mailto:sqdbird@aol.com) or 941-423-7228.

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

**Promenade Squares Happy Birthday Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:30 p.m. mainstream squares 8:00 - 9:45 p.m., this dance is to celebrate all our members' birthdays for the year 2008 - will also be having a cake walk - finger foods - caller: Dick DeMerritt; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

**Friday - Strawberry Travelers #153** - Florida Camp Inn, Davenport - caller: Clyde Stocker. For info: [STOCKER38@worldnet.att.net](mailto:STOCKER38@worldnet.att.net).

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

**Strawberry Square C2 Dance and Workshop** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. - For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

**Strawberry Square A2** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Keith Stevens. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

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

**Spinning Wheels** - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

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

**Snell's Bo's and Bell's** - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - square dance attire- callers: Allen Snell. Contact [settarose1@verizon.com](mailto:settarose1@verizon.com)

**Sun City Center Square Dance Club** - 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 Wiewora - For info: [lmicklatch@aol.com](mailto:lmicklatch@aol.com) or 813-633-3986 or 813-633-0551.

**Saturday - Bay Area Twirlers (BATS)** - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon - ER 7:00 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - wear whatever you can afford to wear! - caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - finger food. For info: [JudiBrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:JudiBrookover@regencycenters.com).

**Strawberry Travelers #153** - Florida Camp Inn, Davenport - caller: Clyde Stocker. For info: [STOCKER38@worldnet.att.net](mailto:STOCKER38@worldnet.att.net).

**NEW CLUB HAS STARTED** - New Port Richey Rec Center, 6630 Van Buren St., New Port Richey, 34653 - 1:30 - 1:00 workshop, 2:00 - 4:00 Dance (mainstream/plus/rounds) - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: [settarose1@verizon.com](mailto:settarose1@verizon.com).

**Strawberry Square** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - \$6 per person - caller: Gordon Cumming, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [www.floridanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridanceweb.com/strawberry)

**Palace Promenaders** - Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Circle (off 17 N.), Arcadia - finger food - plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 863-494-2749.

**Strawberry Square Ph 5 Rounds Workshop & Dance** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - Phase 5 Rounds -10:30 - 12:30 p.m. - cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

**Sunday - West Coast Association Membership Dance** - Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia - Callers: Sam Dunn and area callers and cuers - ER 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - West Coast members **FREE** - guests \$4 per person. **IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE. For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).**

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

**Strawberry Square Phase 3-5 Round Dance Party** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

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

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

**King of Kings Church** - 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey - casual dress - 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tips are alternated. Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or [settarose1@verizon.com](mailto:settarose1@verizon.com).

**Orange Blossom Squares** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Duane Rodgers**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [sharonandron579@localnet.com](mailto:sharonandron579@localnet.com)

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CLASSES:

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

October 9 - 13, 2008 - **Northeast Callers School** - Mill-a-Round Dance Center, Manchester, NH - Instructors: Ken Ritucci, Norm Poisson, Randy Dougherty, Todd

Fellegy - whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help with your calling career - \$295/student - space is limited - for an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write Ken Ritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallersschool.com.

November 20 - 24, 2008 - **Silver State Caller College** - John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino, Sparks, Nevada - complete CALLERLAB curriculum, covering all Essential, Important and Desirable topics. Classroom presentation and plenty of "Mike Time" for each student. Instructors: Doug Davis, of Colbert, WA, CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach; Vic Kaaria of Redlands, CA, Guest Instructor for 2008; Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. Tuition: \$350 per caller. A \$50 refundable deposit holds your place. For info: Doug Davis 509-979-2612 or DDavisP@aol.com or Vic Kaaria 909-335-8705 or VicKaaria@aol.com

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## **FUTURE PLANNING:**

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

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

April 15, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the June issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

April 18 & 19, 2008 - **Spring Fling** - Ragon Square Dance Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL - true floating wood floor - callers: Larry Belcher of Alabama and Willis Simmons of Alabama; cuer: John Williford of Alabama - weekend dance package - \$20 per person - one night (Friday or Saturday) \$10 per person. For info: Larry Belcher 334-215-8591 or [larry.belcher@charter.net](mailto:larry.belcher@charter.net).

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

April 25 - 26, 2008 - **50th New England Square & Round Dance Convention** - Sturbridge, MA - callers and cuers will be from the New England States - registration fee is \$37 per person - vendors, entertainment, split the pot and more will be available for



all - easy mainstream through C1. For info: [chairman@nesrdc.org](mailto:chairman@nesrdc.org) or [ladysis@metrocast.net](mailto:ladysis@metrocast.net) or [call4u@metrocast.net](mailto:call4u@metrocast.net).

April 25 - 27, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Theme World, Davenport - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: [jlelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jlelohart@hotmail.com).

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

April 27th - May 1st - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC - This is the only "Dance Package Only" week available - callers: Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, Darryl McMillan - "PLUS" Dancing - \$60 per person - For Reservation Contact Linda or Kristy 828-926-1645; All Inclusive Vacation Packages [www.pridervresort.com](http://www.pridervresort.com) click on "Square Dancing" for Flier Downloads - Jerry's Cell 956-358-3888 E-mail [JerryStory@aol.com](mailto:JerryStory@aol.com) or visit [www.jerrystory.com](http://www.jerrystory.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com)

April 30, 2008 - **Deadline for West Coast Dancer Submissions.** For info: [evhenning@mindspring.com](mailto:evhenning@mindspring.com).

May 1, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the June issue of the Bow & Swing.** [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net)

May 2 - 4, 2008 - **61st Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival** - Reno, NV. For info: 775-626-8401 or <http://www.squaredancenevada.com/>.

May 2 - 4, 2008 - **48th Ohio State Square Dance Convention** - Aurora (just outside Cleveland), Ohio - Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Country Western, Clogging, Advance, Challenge, Rounds 2 & 3, Rounds 4 & 5. For info: [www.squaredancing.com/clevedfed/conf/2008.htm](http://www.squaredancing.com/clevedfed/conf/2008.htm)

May 4, 2008 - **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** - Strawberry Square - time TBD. For info: [kfs2@iname.com](mailto:kfs2@iname.com)

May 10, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Sadie Hawkins Dance** - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [jbrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:jbrookover@regencycenters.com).

May 12, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Sadie Hawkins Dance** - caller: Roland Blanchette; cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com).

May 13, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Western Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

May 15, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

May 16 - 18, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Sanlan Ranch, Lakeland - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com).

May 16 - 17, 2008 - **26th Annual Georgia Singles Anniversary Dance** - Commerce Civic Center, 110 State Street, Commerce, GA - caller: Jimmy Roberson, cuers: Matthew Temples and Ramona Stowe, line dance leaders: Sylvia Irvin and Lois Roberts - \$25 per person for non-members (doesn't include dues) in advance, \$30 at the door (doesn't include dues) - add \$5 for membership in the Georgia State Singles Association of Square and Round Dancers. For info: [pinglis@agnesscott.edu](mailto:pinglis@agnesscott.edu).

May 28, 2007 (not a fourth Wednesday due to the State Convention) - **West Coast Folding and Business Meeting.** Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Ave., Tampa (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels). **PLEASE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR CLUB OR FORWARD A REPORT TO BE READ AT THE MEETING! EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** For info: [brassy1012@yahoo.com](mailto:brassy1012@yahoo.com)

May 21-23 - **#018 Sunshine Pioneers Square Dance/Camping Group** - Hidden River RV Resort, Riverview - caller: Ted Hughes, cuer: Patricia Fuller-Gardner. For info: [callen@ij.net](mailto:callen@ij.net).

May 22, 2008 - **Florida State Convention Trail In Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - \$5 per person donation - MC: Bob Barnes, callers: Bob Poyner, Gary Murphy; cuers: Pat Hagen and Don and Loretta Hanhurst. For info: [anndonslocum@juno.com](mailto:anndonslocum@juno.com)

May 23 - 25, 2008 - **54th Florida State Convention** - Lakeland - hosted by West Coast Association. For info: [anndonslocum@juno.com](mailto:anndonslocum@juno.com)

May 29, 2008 - **2nd Annual Military Memorial Dance** - Azalea Squares, The Military Party Club, Azalea Hall, Mobile, AL - social time 6:45 p.m., dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - admission at guard gate - \$4 per person - refreshments and split the pot - dress code: casual patriotic, military, insignias, camos, costumes, etc. - come join with us as we honor our United States Military - Base OPs - Ben Preston 251-471-6161 or Base Secretary - Mona Still - 251-634-1221.

May 30 - 31, 2008 - **Smoky Mountain Retreat** - Gatlinburg, TN - callers: Tim Marriner and Ace McGee, cuers: Gene & Jackie Tyre - Plus, Advance, DBD, Rounds, Workshops - \$20 per person for weekend dance package - host hotel: The Riverside

Motor Lodge - group discount rate \$62.95/night + tax. For info: [dhbrigman@hotmail.com](mailto:dhbrigman@hotmail.com).

June 1, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the Grapevine.** For info: [thegrapevine@pergrossi.com](mailto:thegrapevine@pergrossi.com).

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

[www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) (Strawberry Square)

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

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

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