

DANCERgram

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

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## **Words from the Editor**

If your club dances or you have square or round dance classes on a Thursday night, Friday night, during the day Saturday, Saturday night, during the day Sunday or Sunday night, I hope you have made plans to be closed in support of the Florida State Convention on May 22nd, 23rd, 24th or 25th. The Florida State Convention is **YOUR** convention - dancers, callers and cuers. There are 34 callers and 12 cuers scheduled for your dancing pleasure. There will be 20 hours of dancing in each of the halls.

If your clubs and or classes will be closed, please let me know so it can be advertised in the DANCERgram. I would hate for someone to show up for a dance and there not be anyone there to greet them!

Along those same lines, the dance information in the DANCERgram is only as good as the information provided to me. Unfortunately, I can't make it to every dance. I would love to but I can't be everywhere. I have to depend on all of you to keep me informed on what your clubs are doing. Dancers want to know specifics i.e. themes, callers' and

cuers's names. They don't want to just see 'Guest Callers/Cuers'. And if there is a change in the caller or cuer, they want to know that too. And especially if a dance is canceled or moved; we need to get that kind of information out to the dancers as quickly as possible. I would be happy to send out an addendum during the week if it's needed.

I had an email from Sun City Center this weekend to let me know that they had set a record for their club on the number of people they took on a raid to the BATS - 31 people; 13 of them were newer members and some of them were on their first raid. CONGRATULATIONS! It's great to get new members involved in raids.

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Health and Sympathy Updates

Fred Cornett (past Federation President) - message from his wife, Shirley:

"Fred had a PET scan on Thursday. Dr. Williamson said that 98% of his cancer is gone! Thanks to all of you for your prayers, love, and concern. We know that prayers are being answered. We expect that Fred will have two more chemo treatments -- one this month and one in June. After that, Dr. Patton will tell us what the next step (if any) will be.

The fourth chemo that Fred had almost three weeks ago has really made him feel "yucky." Headaches, nausea, and dizzy spells. Nothing that he can't handle, but everything he would rather not have to handle. Dr. Williamson said yesterday that his symptoms are normal. She said that normally the first three treatments are a build up to the fourth. Apparently, on the fourth treatment the docs hit the cancer with a stronger dose of medication than they do on the first three. In addition, there is always some residual chemo left in the system from prior treatments.

The Christians Love & Care at CLC recently gave Fred a beautiful prayer shawl. It is a brown, basket weave, knitted one. We are both enjoying the shawl. It is such a comfort to physically wrap ourselves in so many prayers.

Again, thanks for all your prayers. We know that God answers prayer and feel that His answer to ours at this point is "Okay, I can do that for you."

Blessings, Shirley

I received another update on Fred this morning just as I was ready to send out this DANCERgram!

Good news! Prayers continue to be answered! Fred had a PET scan on Thursday and 98% of the lymphoma is gone. He still has a hot spot on his tonsil and several below the waist, but we are confident that the treatment he will receive this month and next month will take care of what is left.

Dr. Williamson (at the Angel Williamson Imaging Center) said that before 2001 cancer was almost an automatic death sentence among the older population without the means to pay for scans on their own. In 2001 Medicare started paying for the PET/CT scans. These scans give a much better picture of how the treatment is working as opposed to blood tests and she said the survival rate has just continued to go up. Of course, she sees cancer patients all day long so has a different outlook than most of us, but she now equates cancer with other chronic

illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc. i.e. cancer is treatable. It may not be curable, but it is treatable. She wants to do another scan on Fred 6 - 8 months after his last treatment to be sure there are no signs of the return of the cancer.

The fourth chemo treatment that Fred received on April 7 is really a rough one. He has had bouts of nausea, headaches, dizzy spells, etc. Dr. Williamson told us that this is typical of the fourth treatment. She said that the fourth treatment is stronger than the first three and of course, there is some residual buildup of chemo from the first treatments. Right now Fred is not having a great time, but we are so grateful that the treatment is working and know that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Thanks again for all your prayers and support.

Blessings, Shirley

Don Slocum's mother passed away in New York State on April 30th. Don and Ann are the general chairman for the Florida State Convention. Should you wish to send a card, their address is 675 Bearcreek, Bartow, FL 33830.



Caller **R. J. Hogan** lost his mother on Sunday, April 27th. For notes of sympathy, his address is 6410 SE 92nd Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Charlie Newsome's progress since knee surgery has been unbelievable. The surgeon was pleased at his visit on the 22nd and the rehab says his progress is great and are talking about an early release from there. He will see the surgeon on the 20th and expects a release at that time. He still has pain at times and can't twist and turn yet; but he's driving - and mowed the grass (in two days). Charlie is the Florida Federation Treasurer.

Penny Green - I had my first post-op appointment Tuesday, April 28th with the physician's assistant who assisted with the surgery. I am doing some driving, went to Strawberry Square Saturday night and danced about three or four waltzes and doing as much walking as I can. I will be released to go to work as soon as I can walk without the walker, and I'm pretty much there! Oh by the way, I'm the editor of the DANCERgram!

Paul Place - I have not had any Care Page updates on Paul since the last update I sent you, but there were some dancers from Whirl & Twirl (Paul's club in Orlando) at Strawberry Square

Saturday night so I talked to them to see if I could find out anything new. One of the gentlemen told me he talked to Paul a couple of days ago and that Paul and Linda have moved to Auburn and that their daughter, Christy, and her family have also moved there. Paul has not had any chemo treatments and is checking out some alternative treatments. I also found out that Paul is still booked for the Strawberry Square New Year's Eve party and will remain booked as the caller until they hear otherwise from Linda Place. A caller is on stand-by just in case.

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## **Celebrate in 2008!**

### **ONLY 19 DAYS LEFT!**

Anyone can help at the State Convention; this is YOUR convention and it takes a lot of workers to put on a successful convention. Check out the list below and see where you can help. If there is something you can do, please contact the person listed and let them know when you are available. Even if you aren't able to dance, I'm sure there is something you can do to help out. You can sign up for more than one job and more than one time slot, if you are so inclined. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

**CLUB PRESIDENTS, CALLERS AND CUERS: Please bring this to the attention of your dancers; WE NEED HELP!**

**DOOR HUGGERS** (Greeters) - Greet attendees, staff, vendors, and spectators as they enter the building, answer questions, hand out Program Books, and give lots of yellowrocks. Good job for those not able to dance. If interested, contact Cheryl and Paul Miller at [pe.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:pe.miller@mchsi.com) or 850-939-6688. Please give them your full name, email address and phone number (including area code). Below are the dates and time slots that are still available.

#### **Friday, May 23**

Hotel Entrance: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.; 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. (has one person signed up; need another person); 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Parking Entrance: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. (has one person signed up; need another person); 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. (has one person signed up; need another person)

#### **Saturday, May 24**

Hotel Entrance: 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.; 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.; 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.; 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.; 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.; 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.; 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.; 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.; 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Parking Entrance: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.; 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.; 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.; 11:30 - 12:15 a.m. (has one person signed up; need another person); 12:15 - 12:45 p.m.; 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.; 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.; 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.; 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 25**

Hotel Entrance: 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.; 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.; 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.; 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.; 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.; 8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Parking Entrance: 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.; 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.; 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.; 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.; 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.; 8:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**FASHION SHOW** - Pass out programs, help line up the honorees, hand out balloons. If interested, contact Bob & Maria Spence at [flspence@earthlink.net](mailto:flspence@earthlink.net) or 352-382-0336. Subject line on emails should state "Fashion Show". Please provide your full name, email address and phone number (including area code).

**50/50 (Split the Pot)** - Assist with selling tickets each night for the 50/50 (Split the Pot) drawing. If interested, contact George Garich at [algranny3@roadrunner.com](mailto:algranny3@roadrunner.com) or 334-347-4949. Please provide your full name, email address and phone number (including area code).

**GRAND OPENING MARCH** - Something new this year - a march to kick off the convention and anyone with a convention outfit can participate! Meet at the entrance to the Plus Hall (by the Box Office) at 6:45 p.m. on Friday night to line up.

Don't forget the **Trail In Dance on Thursday, May 22nd** at Strawberry Square from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.! There is a \$5 per person donation; all proceeds will go towards the State Convention. We have some really great callers and cuers scheduled - Bob Barnes, Bob Poyner, Gary Murphy, Pat Hagen and Don and Loretta Hanhurst. For info: [anndonslocum@juno.com](mailto:anndonslocum@juno.com) or [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).



**Florida Federation President's Message**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I so agree with President Randy Poole's message in the *Bow & Swing* this month, that I had to include it in this issue. Of course, Carole could have written the message!)

Imagine for a minute you have invited all of your friends to a party at your house. The party is to last two hours. After one hour they start to leave one by one, two by two. By the end of the party there are only a few friends remaining. What would you think? How would you feel?

Many years ago when we started square dancing, the dance lasted for three hours. Yes, we were younger then, but there were retired dancers in our club. About nine o'clock the tables would be set up and we had a pot luck dinner. After about thirty minutes the dance started back up. And everyone stayed until the dance ended. After the dance we headed home or to someone's house for some refreshments and joke telling. The house would be bulging with people.

Fast forward 30 years and the dance lasts for only two hours and more than half the dancers start leaving after one hour! This is really insulting to the caller. He has prepared his agenda for the evening and he must think he failed to make it interesting or entertaining enough. What is so important that we cannot stay until the end of the party? People leave sporting events and church early to beat the crowd (that is NOT a problem with most

square dances!). The dancer is getting a bad reputation for being impolite and rude to the caller. Let's change that image and stay until the end of the dance.

P.S. The last tip is usually the best of the evening.

Sorry...but the Editor has to add her two cents worth! When I started dancing about 25 years ago, the first club I joined danced until 10:30 p.m. Even though our club had two full six or eight foot long tables of finger foods for refreshments, we still went out to eat after the dance! At every dance during the last tip, every time promenade was called, everyone changed squares.

And back on my "soap box" about why we make a circle at the end of the night instead of a semi-circle. If we make a circle, we exclude the caller and cuer when we say the final thank you. Many times that is the only thank you they get as many of the dancers leave without going up front and thanking the caller and cuer. When I learned to square dance, we were taught in class that you applaud the caller before you thank everyone in your circle. So many times lately, I see people just walk away from the square and don't even thank each other, let alone applaud the caller. Women this includes you; you should be thanking everyone in the square too it's not just up to the men to do the thank yous. And what about applauding the cuer after each round?



## Looking for ribbons to a festival?

I am carrying ribbons to the following dances if you are interested in purchasing any:

- May (Memorial Day Weekend) - Florida State Convention, Lakeland
- September (Labor Day Weekend) - 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN
- November 2008 - Fall Fun Fest - Bartow
- March 20 - 21, 2009 - Central Association Shamrock Swing - The Villages, FL

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.



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



## THIS WEEK'S DANCES



**Monday** - *Temple Twirlers* - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Van Coble**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com)

**Tuesday** - *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](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).  
*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** - *Strawberry Square C1* - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - 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).  
*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* - Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:30 p.m. mainstream squares 8:00 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick DeMerritt; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

**Friday** - *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).  
*Spinning Wheels 38th Anniversary Dance* - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Art Springer**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](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](http://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* - 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: **Bob Barnes**, cuer: Mary Wiewora - For info: [lmicklatch@aol.com](mailto:lmicklatch@aol.com) or 813-633-3986 or 813-633-0551.

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

**Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Sadie Hawkins Dance** - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - finger foods - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [judybrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:judybrookover@regencycenters.com).

**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. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [www.floridanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridanceweb.com/strawberry)

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

**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 Mothers' Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, 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.

***CLUBS, CALLERS, CUERS: IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START
ADVERTISING YOUR CLASSES!***

***DANCERS: IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START TALKING TO
YOUR FRIENDS, ACQUAINTANCES, CO-WORKERS, ETC.
ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING TO DANCE!***

October 26, 2008 - **Hampton Promenaders Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy 92 W., Auburndale - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Danny Miller. For info: chraller56@aol.com.

October 26, 2008 - **Hampton Promenaders Plus Workshop** - Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale - 3:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Danny Miller. For info: chraller56@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.***

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 15 - 17, 2008 - **20th Virginia State Convention** - Holiday Inn Conference Center, Hampton, VA. For info: [LDavis70@shentel.net](mailto:LDavis70@shentel.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 22, 2007 - **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@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.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@jj.net](mailto:callen@jj.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 25 - 26, 2008 - **50th New England Square and Round Dance Convention**, Sturbridge, MA. For info: 508-376-4952 or [www.nersdc.org](http://www.nersdc.org).

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 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082** - Social - Details from Charlie Pergrossi. For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com).

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

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

June 1, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the USDA News**. For info: [usdanews@usda.org](mailto:usdanews@usda.org).

June 6 - 7, 2008 - **22nd Annual Watermelon Festival Square Dance Weekend** - School Cafeteria, Chiefland, FL - callers: Lonnie Ligon and Bill Chesnut, cuer: Lisa Wall - Fun Badge Dance on Friday called Ellis Lindsey from 9:30 - 10:00 p.m. - \$10 per person in advance for the weekend, \$12 per person at the door - **All Florida Callers are cordially invited as our guests** - camping available. For info: [grandsquares@bellsouth.net](mailto:grandsquares@bellsouth.net).

June 6 - 8, 2008 - **EASSDC European Square & Round Dance Convention** - Hochheim am Main, Germany. For info: <http://www.European-convention-2008.de>.

June 12 - 15, 2008 - **46th Annual Texas State Federation Square & Round Dance Festival** - a Rose Promenade in Tyler 2008 - Harvey Convention Center & Rose Garden, Tyler, Texas - Advanced Registration must be in by May 15, 2008 - Thursday Night: Trail End Dance - Texas State Callers Association - Friday: Pre Festival - East Texas Square & Round Dance Federation - Saturday: Texas State Festival: Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers - All Day Activities - For more Info Contact William & Gene Villyard 31 Pegues Place. Longview, Texas 75601

June 13-14, 2008 - **53rd Colorado State Square Dance Festival** – Mesa State College Campus, Grand Junction, CO. For info: [cwatkins@acsol.net](mailto:cwatkins@acsol.net).

June 14, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance** - caller: Dan Wilkerson, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [jbrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:jbrookover@regencycenters.com).

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

June 20 & 21, 2008 - **Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals "DoubleHeader"** Friday, June 20th, 2008 - **Althen's Pea Pickers Presents Jerry Story & Sonny Ezelle** - For info Allen & Carolyn 903-675-4519 - **Saturday, June 21st, 2008 - Log Cabin Swingers Presents Joe Saltel & Kathy Stevens** - For info Ronnie & Velma 903-887-2691 or Joyce 972-790-2961 - **Joe Saltel Saturday Plus & DBD W/S 1-3pm \$3.00 donation all pay** - Food served both night 6:30 - 8:00pm - Dance 8:00pm \$8.00 donation each night all pay - Early Rounds 7:30pm each night - [www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com](http://www.logcabinsquaredanceclub.com).

June 20, 2008 - **Tiger Squares Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals** - with International Caller Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX - Columbia Senior Center 1121 Business Loop I-70 East. Columbia, Missouri - For more Info Contact: Jack & Mary Ellen Harper 573-234-2306 club website: [http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/Club/Tiger\\_Squares/index.php](http://www.squaredancemissouri.com/Missouri/Club/Tiger_Squares/index.php)

June 21, 2008 – **Levis & Lace Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals** – Senior Rec Center, 1000 Eunice, Arlington, TX – caller: Nasser Shukayr – mainstream & Plus. For info: 972-358-1416.

June 22 – 25, 2008 – **Roundalab Convention** – Wichita, Kansas.

June 24, 2008 – **Green Country Squares Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals** – Grove Community Center, 104 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Grove, OK – caller: Joe Saltel of Pharr, Tx. For info: 918-314-0592 or [trw95eaw@hotmail.com](mailto:trw95eaw@hotmail.com).

June 24, 2008 – **Perry Promenaders Trail-Thru Dance to Nationals** – Perry, OK – caller: Nasser Shukayr. For info: 580-336-4056.

June 23, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Pecos Promenade Hoedown** - caller: Dan Wilkerson - all singing calls; cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com)

June 24, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Red, White & Blue Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

June 25-28, 2008 - **57th National Square Dance Convention** - Wichita, Kansas - "Promenade On the Prairie". For info: [Registrations@57nsdc.com](mailto:Registrations@57nsdc.com) or [www.57nsdc.com](http://www.57nsdc.com).

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