

# DANCERgram

Square & Round Dance News for the West Coast of Florida  
Editor: Penny Green

*"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"*



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

## Words from the Editor

Well now I'm released to dance but there's no where to go dance! This is very frustrating for me! For someone who is used to dancing several nights a week, once a week isn't cutting it.

The July issue of *Bow & Swing* arrived this weekend and there are several reprints of articles below. I have previously let you know about some of the phenomenal things square dancers do, and here's another one that was written about in the report from the Central Association.

Do you enjoy seeing a grown man cry? And his wife brought to tears? Well, Rick Yates and Marilyn did just that when the CFA presented them with a check for \$1,000 to help with expenses for his Handicapable Kids (Yellow Rock Squares of Daytona Beach) at their National Handicapables Convention in Mobile, Alabama, this July. While Rick was acknowledging this unexpected gift, along the sides of the crowd came Terri Little pulling a little red wagon containing 14,651 pennies collected by the dancers of Brevard County. And, following Terri were Jean Lee, Ailene Picheco, Dick Lee and Dennis Taylor all carrying bags of coins and bills collected, totaling \$880.61 for Rick's Kids. (The extra penny was given to Rick in a small plastic bag.) Clubs involved were the Space Trackers, Canaveral Squares, Promenaders, Allemanders, Dixie Diamonds all of Brevard, The Sunshine Strollers of Port St. Lucie and the Motivators from St. Cloud.

And, it was learned one club decided to make new club outfits, but instead of selling their other outfits, donated them to Rick's Kids giving them another set of matching clothes.

Doesn't something like this make you feel warm and fuzzy all over? It does me and more so when it's people you know. I met Marilyn at Orlando Singles when she learned to square dance about 10 years ago and then she met Rick, who was already a caller, and they got married; now she's a cuer.

## Health & Sympathy Updates

**Jimmy Lee** - Canadian caller who guest calls at Strawberry Square - Nicki Horne, Program Director at Strawberry Square, had a long talk with Jimmy on June 24th. He had just spent considerable time in the hospital and has had a five-hour operation. But the doctors have been able to give him a clean bill of health. He is very weak and tires easily, has canceled all of his calling dates until September. He's been ordered to walk some and rest a lot and has promised to follow the doctors' orders to the letter. He is now eating normally and feels better than he has since February. He is scheduled to call at Strawberry Square April 1 - 5, 2009.

**Sarah Pergrossi** - *Grapevine* editor - came home from the hospital on Saturday, June 21st, after her knee replacement surgery and says she is doing fine. Sarah also said she is learning to slow down - a hard lesson for her! She said she felt the warmth of caring and love all week from the many wonderful cards she received.

**Carol Rod** - Caller Carl Rod's late wife - there will be a memorial service for Carol at Faith Lutheran Church on Green Street in Gardner, MA on August 21st at 11:00 a.m. Details can be found at [fletcherfuneral.com](http://fletcherfuneral.com).

## **Save Our Association!**

The West Coast Association needs your help to keep our Association alive and well, to keep spreading the word and printing our *West Coast Dancer* for FREE distribution to you and to keep holding our West Cost Membership Dances. We need officers NOW!!

Here is a summary of the job descriptions for each officer:

- **President**
  - Conduct six Association meetings per year (currently being held at the Barksdale Center in Tampa - home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels)
  - Write a President's Message once a month for the *Bow & Swing* and every other month for the *Dancer* (can be the same message!)
  - Attend and give a report at three Florida Federation meetings a year
  - Attend eight West Coast Dances a year
- **Vice President**
  - Preside at all functions in the absence of the president
  - Schedule all locations and MCs for eight West Coast Dances (two of which are always held in Plant City) and promote them
- **Secretary**
  - Maintain complete records of all meetings and distribute minutes to members and the Board
  - Attend eight West Coast Dances and sell 50/50 tickets
- **Treasurer**
  - Collect all dues and maintain accurate records of receipts and expenses
  - Prepare and present financial reports at all meetings
  - Attend eight West Coast Dances and collect entrance fees

It looks worse in writing than it actually is, and many have done it before you. PLEASE step forward and keep us going. If travel is a deterrent, let's talk; we've ways of working around that! If you have any questions what so ever, please talk to one of the current officers or a past president, we would be happy to discuss this with you.

The new officers will be installed at the President's Ball on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Strawberry Square in Plant City; hope you will be one of them saying "I will" !!!

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION BOARD

(Editor's Note: Years of dancing and level of dancing are not a requirement.)

## **Dancer's Online Travel Web Site**

## **58th National Square Dance Convention**

I know, we've just barely finished the 57th! You probably think it's a little early to be talking about the 58th, but I just read something you might think is interesting and might want to start planning for it.

The 58th will be in Long Beach, CA. One of the "activities" is to begin your California adventure by cruising Route 66 to the 58th National Square Dance Convention. Join fellow square dancers or travel solo along the way to see and experience the Main Street of America. The trip begins in Chicago, Illinois and will end at the Pacific Ocean in beautiful Long Beach. You may begin your Route 66 adventure anywhere along the way. See historic sites, eat at roadside cafes, and stay in motor courts or campgrounds and square dance along the way. You will receive a Route 66 lanyard to display pins purchased at interesting sites. Everyone will gather at Victorville, CA on Sunday, June 21st at the Route 66 museum to share Rout 66 experiences, have a BBQ, receive special t-shirts and raffle prizes, and then caravan into the streets of Long Beach on Monday, June 22nd. What could be more fun?

## **Married Dancers Missing Out on Fantastic Weekend Dances**

I found this article in the *Intercom*, the Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA) Newsletter; it should be somewhere where couples can see it!

By: Dewey Chance, Beaumont, Texas

I have been meaning to write this for a few years. I have talked to a few couples about these dances but have not seen any results. After the article that Bill Tetley wrote in the Oct. 2007 Golden Triangle Tidbits and the comments written by Curtis & Barbara Powell in the same issue, I knew I had no choice but to get this job done.

FROM BELLES & BEAUS writing by Curtis & Barbara Powell: (Tidbits Oct. 2007) Bill Tetley was excited to share his and Pearl's trip to National Singles Dance-A-Rama in North Little Rock, Ark. on August 30 through Sept. 2nd. Bill reported that some 563 dancers from all over the U.S.A., 115 of those being from Texas were in attendance, 19 of those Texans hailed from the Golden Triangle (Beaumont area). Those great callers were Mike Hogan, the Sprotsky twins, Shane Greer and David Towey. With Patti Wheelington, Jerry Piercek, Kathy Fisher, and David Meyer working the rounds and Joe Johnson taught line dances. With those callers and cuers working the floor, you can now understand why Bill dances 32 of the 38.5 hours of available dance time. SOUNDS LIKE THEY HAD A SUPER GOOD TIME. MAYBE OTHERS OF US SHOULD CONSIDER GOING TO THE NATIONAL SINGLES IN 2008. The 2008 dance will be in Nashville, Tenn. and is always over Labor Day Weekend.

FROM BILL TETLEY WRITING: (Tidbits Oct. 2007) Note: Bill is a single square and round dancer. He does not belong to the Beaumont singles club but has membership in a couples club. He has been dancing well over 30 years. Ten members of RoundABOUTs and a soon to be eleventh, including our own cuer, Gloria and her sister Marlene (assistant instructor) attended the 37th annual National Singles Dance-A-Rama in North Little Rock, Ark. over the Labor Day Weekend. Dancing began on Thursday evening with a Trials-in-Dance with a crowded floor of perhaps 350 dances. Then on Fri. morning the action really begins with four separate halls, one each for Rounds, Plus, Mainstream, and Lines. Naturally, the two halls with the most action were the Plus (the largest) and the Round (next largest). Rounds were done by David Meyer and Kathy Fisher, both filling in for Robbie Carrington (who had to cancel at the last minute), Jerry Pierce, and Patti Wheelington. There were nine different teachers on all levels plus lots of time in the round dance hall for just fun dancing.

Before the weekend was over a total of 563 dancers had showed up. What was really exciting was that in the main hall (Plus with Rounds), there were between 30 and 50 couples dancing rounds, with another 20 couples participating in the Round Dance hall. This must have inspired the cuers too. The Square dancing was a blast according to all attendees. Tim Tyl did his great dog song one evening. Mike Hogan got everyone's applause with his Elvis act, and Joe Johnson (the line dance instructor) made a hit with all those who attended his workshops by leading some really cute different dances in the main hall each evening, always including the ones he taught in the workshops. Friday and Saturday nights after the regular dancing, live bands supplied music till the wee hours of the morning for all those willing to free-style dance and wear out their feet even more. They all had a great time and danced their feet to the nubs.

While this is truly a big national event for singles dancers, there were a number of couples in attendance, both married and longtime dance partnerships, and they enjoyed the affair as much as anyone. Couples are always welcome to come to these dances. They can just dance and party all weekend and let the singles worry about all the work it takes to host the events. This event starts with a trails-in dance on Thursday and ends Sunday night about 10:30 p.m. On Monday which is Labor Day is a travel day home or whatever you want to do or go. This will require 4 nights in a hotel if starting Thursday and staying thru the end (Sunday night).

There are a lot of things to do in and around Nashville. One thing our group is looking at is to miss one night of dancing and go to the Grand Ole Opry. There is a planned bus tour to go there on Friday night.

Why not give this dance some thought and if you can't go this year then what about in 2009? The 2009 dance will be Quad Cities. Well where in this World is Quad Cities (I had to look it up on a map). It is four towns located along the Mississippi River; they are Davenport and Bettendorf in Iowa and Moline and Rock Island in Illinois.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Something else we have at the National Singles Conventions are tours; at the Nashville convention we will have:

- Jack Daniel's Distillery Tour
- Discover Nashville City Tour
- World Famous Grand Ole Opry
- General Jackson Showboat Luncheon Cruise
- The Hermitage Mansion Tour

I have flyers and ribbons for the convention.)

## **Lake Ashton's Shufflin Squares Help raise thousands for Achievement Academy**

Seated L-R: Rita Baxter, Freda Kitts;  
Standing L-R: Joanne Haar, Leon Haar,  
Lance Baxter, Clyde Kitts, Larry Akeson,  
Joyce Akeson

"It was a great night of Bar-B-Q, boot scootin' line and square dancing, but mostly, it was a great evening because we helped raise several thousand dollars for the Achievement Academy," says Shufflin' Squares Presidents Freda and Clyde Kitts.

Freda and Clyde said the Shufflin' Squares were pleased and proud to be a part of the fund-raising event for the Achievement Academy which has delivered services to individuals in Polk County with developmental delays and disabilities for more than fifty years. The Academy started in 1955 as part of United Cerebral Palsy, but has expanded to include individuals with any type of developmental delay or disorder.

The Lake Ashton Shufflin' Squares were among square dancers from Polk County to provide entertainment at the Academy's first annual country-western round-up fund-raiser. Festivities started with a Bar-B-Q meal served under the spreading oaks of the Higgenbotham Ranch, then moved to the barn for line and square dancing into the night. The Shufflin' Squares and other dancers demonstrated the whirls and twirls of modern western square dancing and then showed those attending how easy it was to do it themselves. Most of the guests participated in some easy square dances, an old-fashioned Virginia Reel, and line dances including the Electric Slide.

The event was staged at the Higgenbotham Ranch in Lakeland, May 10. Chairman of the event and treasurer of the Achievement Academy board, John Scott [also a square dancer], said the evening probably raised about \$12,000 for the Academy. The school serves Polk County with locations in Bartow, Lakeland and Winter Haven.

Keith Stevens

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## **Shamrock Swing 2009**

Plans for the 9th Annual Shamrock Swing are underway. The date is March 20 and 21, 2009. Location is the The Villages at the LaHacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central. Callers will be: Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern. Round Dance Cuers will be Joanne and Ken Helton. There will be TWO halls featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advance and Rounds.

Ribbons are \$17 per person in advance. \$19 per person at the door. Daily admission available at the door is \$13 per person all day Saturday. Admission for Friday OR Saturday evening only is \$11 per person.

Be a Booster for the price of \$1. Your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing.

The Host Hotel will be Microtel Inn & Suites - 850 South Hwy. 27/4451 In Lady Lake, FL 32159. There phone number is 352-259-0184. They are approximately three miles south of The Villages.

There are many, many shops in The Villages in both Town Square areas and throughout The Villages as a whole. Also, many restaurants for your dining pleasure.

Every President or Area Rep of the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association clubs have been given Ribbons and Booster sheets. You may contact them for further information and flyers or contact: Bob and Jennie Courter, Chairmen, phone: 352-751-1009, email: [courj4720@thevillages.net](mailto:courj4720@thevillages.net).

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{EDITOR'S NOTE: I also have ribbons and Booster sheets.}

## **Are you ready... for Rock and Roll Time in 2009?**

If you have your ribbons and are just settling back and waiting for convention time next May...you are not ready! All of us, registered or not must get out there and promote the weekend. Make sure there are brochures at every

dance you attend (and if there are none, be sure to ask the club officers about it) and keep your eyes open for guests and new dancers who do not get there every week. Our halls are getting bigger, or could it be there are fewer dancers and they just seem that way? We do not want to let that happen. Square and Round Dancing is far too much fun and good exercise to become extinct! The good news is you and I are the ones who can prevent this by PROMOTING...especially the 55th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention - May 22, 23 and 24, 2009. For \$27.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door, you could not spend your dollars in any better way. As the year proceeds special promotional events will be held (times and dates will always be announced in the *Bow & Swing*) and by attending you will be helping us "Get Ready".

Yellow Rocks,  
Joanne Engum, Publicity Chr.

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## What can you do in 101 days?

Sir "Chappie" Chapman and Lady Betty Jackson have once again square danced 101 days straight. This is their third year for completing this feat, having completed 101 days in 2006 and 2007. These other marathon dance adventures were completed as they traveled throughout Missouri, Kansas and on their travels to Florida. For 2008, all the dances were held within Florida except one. It was the first dance for their third challenge and was held at Lottie Ainsworth's "Louisiana Hoedown" in Ruston, Louisiana, on January 25, 2008. From then on, they danced from Leesburg to Ocala, visiting so many spots in between. At each dance visited they received documentation verifying their attendance and signed by the caller.

Sir Chappie and Lady Betty hang their dancing shoes in Leavenworth, Kansas, for a portion of the year, and then travel to Palm Coast for the winter months. They have retired from their "real" jobs and now enjoy their travels and many square dance friends. **When asked of their most memorable dance, they quickly replied that it was the nice folks at Jekyll Island at the Fuzzy Navel Festival.** Lady Betty was asked how she manages to dance every evening with the many miles of travel and maintain their home on the east coast. She replied that chores were prioritized, with cooking, laundry and general housekeeping kept to a minimum, and sleep taking the highest priority.

They are already making plans for their fourth adventure to dance 101 days in 2009, but until then they are enjoying dancing at area clubs, visiting with friends and traveling whenever the desire arises. Sir Chappie and Lady Betty certainly demonstrate their dedication to square dancing.

Sarah Pergrossi  
Editor, *The Grapevine*

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: You did notice what their most memorable dance was - The Fuzzy Navel - a singles dance?]

## Looking for ribbons to a festival?

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

- September (Labor Day Weekend) - 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN
- November 2, 2008 - 23rd Annual Macdonald Benefit Dance, Strawberry Square
- November 7 - 8, 2008 - West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest - Bartow

- November 21 -22, 2008 - ALOHA! Northeast Associations's Fall Festival - Jacksonville
- March 20 - 21, 2009 - Central Association's 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 Recd 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: [suncoastsquares@yahoo.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday** - *Port Charlotte Cultural Center* - **NO DANCE** For info: 941-380-5336, [mdow@cyberstreet.com](mailto:mdow@cyberstreet.com), or 863-494-2749.

**Thursday** - *Shufflin' Squares Patriotic Dance* - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales - mainstream/plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - casual - cake and ice cream will be served - caller: Keith Stevens. For info: [cakitts@hotmail.com](mailto:cakitts@hotmail.com).

*King's Point Swingers* - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), CRT. 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* - **"Our Salute to Old Glory"** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - Plus workshop 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - casual attire - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

**Friday** - *Spinning Wheels* - **NO DANCE** 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* - **NO DANCE** For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net)

*Sun City Center Square Dance Club* - **NO DANCE** For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Saturday** - *Strawberry Square July 4th Dance* - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - everyone is asked to bring finger foods - caller: Art Springer; cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

*New Port Richey* - New Port Richey Recd Center, 6630 Van Bur en 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.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net).

**Sunday** - *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](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.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net).

*Orange Blossom Squares Red, White and Blue 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: [sharonandron579@localnet.com](mailto:sharonandron579@localnet.com)

## **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!***

August 5, 2008 - **Suncoast Squares Beginner Class and Plus Workshop** - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - first night is a free fun night from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - classes start the following week - mainstream 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - plus workshop 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. - \$5 per person donation - caller/instructor: Mike Cox. For info: [suncoastsquares@yahoo.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@yahoo.com).

August 7, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Plus Workshop** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Dick DeMerritt. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

September 18, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Beginner Class** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Dick DeMerritt. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

October 7, 2008 - **Sun City Center Square Dance Club Beginner Class** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City - first night is Open House 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - class begins October 14 - beginner class 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.; Plus 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Van Coble. For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com).

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

October 26, 2008 - **Hampton Promenaders Plus Workshop** - Hampton's Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale - 3:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Danny Miller. For info: [chraller56@aol.com](mailto:chraller56@aol.com).

November 3, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Mainstream Square Dance Class** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - first night FREE - call fee will be \$4 per person per session - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

November 3, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Introduction to Plus Movements** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - class fee will be \$4 per person per session - 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. - call/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

November 4, 2008 - **City of Auburndale Basic & Mainstream Lessons** - Auburndale Senior Center, 119 Park St. (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 7:00 p.m. For info: [stocker38@worldnet.att.net](mailto:stocker38@worldnet.att.net) or 407-766-5659.

November 4, 2008 - **City of Auburndale Plus Workshop** - Auburndale Senior Center, 119 Park St. (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 8:30 p.m. For info: [stocker38@worldnet.att.net](mailto:stocker38@worldnet.att.net) or 407-766-5659.

## **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.*

July 7, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Patriotic Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - 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).

July 8 – 10, 2008 – **National Square Dance Campers Camporee** – 262 Sprague Street, Coldwater, MI. For info: [aebentley@amazinisp.com](mailto:aebentley@amazinisp.com).

July 9, 2008 - **Whirl & Twirl Tenderfoot Dance** - Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Hall, 6949 Ventura Circle, Orlando, FL - mainstream - workshop: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.; dance: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**. For info: 407-679-2882.

July 11, 2008 - **Whirl & Twirl** - Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Hall, 6949 Ventura Circle, Orlando, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**. For info: 407-679-2882.

July 11 – 13, 2008 – **Alaska State Square & Round Dance Festival** – Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds, Ninilchik, AK. For info: [Lenora\\_regeon@yahoo.com](mailto:Lenora_regeon@yahoo.com).

July 12, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Shipwreck Dance** - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [jbrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:jbrookover@regencycenters.com).

July 12, 2008 - **Christmas in July** - Keystone Heights High School, 700 Orchid Ave., Keystone Heights, FL - square dance to help others walk - to benefit the Shriner's Crippled Childrens' Hospital - Touch a Quarter - Touch a Heart - Chinese auction, raffles, door prizes - non stop dancing - \$9 per couple - sponsored by the Rural Callers Association and Gateway Callers. For info: Mary Chesnut 352-378-2577.

July 13 - 15, 2008 - **CALLERLAB's Canadian Mini-Lab** - Best Western Stoneridge Inn & Conference Center, 6675 Burtwistle Lane, London, Ontario, Canada - attend sessions with CALLERLAB'S John Marshall, VA, Chairman of the Board; Tim Marriner, SC, Past Chairman; Bill Harrison, MD, Executive Committee Member; Jerry Reed, FL, Executive Director - sessions include: digital music, showmanship, choreography, recruitment, marketing and voice coaching - registration: \$159 per caller + \$80 per partner (CDN or USD) - package includes: all sessions, welcome party, two continental breakfasts, Monday lunch, Monday banquet, refreshment breaks, counts toward CALLERLAB full membership - make your own hotel reservation at Best Western Stoneridge - 1-888-471-2378 or 1-519-652-6022. For info: Pam Clasper - [pam@clasper.ca](mailto:pam@clasper.ca) - 800-331-2577 - 416-498-0007 - [www.callerlab.org](http://www.callerlab.org).

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

July 17 - 19, 2008 - **16<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention** - London, Ontario. For info: [www.swosda.ca/2008](http://www.swosda.ca/2008) or [stanley.down@sympatico.ca](mailto:stanley.down@sympatico.ca).

July 18, 2008 - **Sun City Center Square Dance Club Summer Picnic** - 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. - club will provide hot dogs, rolls and condiments - members will bring picnic food - caller: Van Coble - cuer: Mary Wiewora. For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

July 22, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beach Party** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

July 23, 2008 - **West Coast Folding and Business Meeting** - Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - Folding 6:00 p.m., Business Meeting starts as soon as the folding is completed. **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)

July 24 - 26, 2008 - **11th National Handicapable Square Dance Convention** - Mobile, AL. For info: [ush2@ushandicapable.org](mailto:ush2@ushandicapable.org) or 251-633-8212.

July 25 - 26, 2008 - **25<sup>th</sup> Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** - Lincoln Christian College, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln. For info: 217-645-3302 or [swrtz@adams.net](mailto:swrtz@adams.net)

June 26 -28, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 Social Weekend** - No Dancing - Florida Camp Inn, 48504 Highway 27, Davenport, FL. For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com).

July 27 - 31, 2008 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - **Plus DBD workshop. This week is a learning week for plus dancers who wish to explore more challenging choreography - caller: Randy Dougherty** - 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 dance. RV Package - \$495 + applicable tax; cabin rental package - \$695 or \$745 + applicable tax; park model package - \$795 or \$845 + applicable tax; \$50 deposit for RV package + \$100 deposit for cabin and park model packages. 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 p.m. and check out Friday at 10:00 a.m. New hall with wood floor. Air conditioned. For info: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com) or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.

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

August 1 – 2, 2008 – **Queen City Ball** – Oasis Shrine Temple, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC – Plus, Advanced and Rounds – callers: Tony Oxendine, Randy Dougherty, Dee Dee Dougherty and Jerry Story, cuers: Jack & Genie Whetsell – take part in the Sock-Hop theme for 2007 – **Friday:** Callerama 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., ER 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Square/Rounds 8:00 – 10:00, **Saturday:** Rounds 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Squares 10:30 – 12:00 n., 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Rounds 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., ER 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. – **dance package:** \$35 per person – limited squares – no split sessions – **Hotels:** Drury Inn & Suites (Headquarters Hotel), 415 West Harris Blvd., 704-593-0700; Courtyard Marriott, 333 West Harris Blvd., 704-549-4888; Hampton Inn, 8419 N. Tyron St., 704-548-0905; Homewood Suites, 8340 N. Tyron Street, 704-549-8800. For info: [Info@GrandSquareInc.com](mailto:Info@GrandSquareInc.com) or 704-377-5554.

August 3 - 7, 2008 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - Plus dancing - callers: John Saunders and Jerry Story - 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 dance. RV Package - \$495 + applicable tax; cabin rental package - \$695 or \$745 + applicable tax; park model package - \$795 or \$845 + applicable tax; \$50 deposit for RV package + \$100 deposit for cabin and park model packages. 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 p.m. and check out Friday at 10:00 a.m. New hall with wood floor. Air conditioned. For info: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com) or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.



August 7 - 9, 2008 – **34<sup>th</sup> Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN. For info: <http://www.tnsquaredance.org/> or [rayswafford@man.com](mailto:rayswafford@man.com).

August 8 - 10, 2008 - **Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention** – Waterford High School, Waterford, WI. For info: 262-857-2513 or [T-D-PALMEN@peoplepc.com](mailto:T-D-PALMEN@peoplepc.com).

August 8 - 10, 2008 - **15th Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation Convention** – Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. For info: [www.psrdf.org/convention](http://www.psrdf.org/convention) or [paregistration2008@psrdf.org](mailto:paregistration2008@psrdf.org).

August 9, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Tacky Tourist Dance** – Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: George Varney, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [jbrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:jbrookover@regencycenters.com).

August 10 - 14, 2008 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - Plus dancing - callers: Tony Oxendine - 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 dance. RV Package - \$495 + applicable tax; cabin rental package - \$695 or \$745 + applicable tax; park model package - \$795 or \$845 + applicable tax; \$50 deposit for RV package + \$100 deposit for cabin and park model packages. 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 p.m. and check out Friday at 10:00 a.m. New hall with wood floor. Air conditioned. For info: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com) or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.

August 11, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Hobo Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: George Varney, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com).

August 13 - 16, 2008 - **9th USA West Square Dance Convention** - Pendleton, OR. For info: <http://www.usa-west.org/> or 503-556-00202 or [registration@usawestor.com](mailto:registration@usawestor.com).

August 14, 2008 – **Promenade Squares Hot Hawaiian Nights** – Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

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August 15 - 16, 2008 - **47th Michigan State & Round Dance Convention** – Valley Plaza Resort, Midland, MI. For info: [MCSRDC@hotmail.com](mailto:MCSRDC@hotmail.com) or [www.squaredancing.com/michigancouncil](http://www.squaredancing.com/michigancouncil).

August 15 – 16, 2008 – **19<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Convention** – Hilton Convention Center, North Raleigh, NC. For info: 919-598-1104 or [green\\_dc@msn.com](mailto:green_dc@msn.com) or [www.ncfederation.org](http://www.ncfederation.org).



August 17 - 21, 2008 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacation** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785 - Plus DBD dancing. **This week is for the square dance enthusiast. BE WARNED! NO HOLDS BARRED!** - caller: Tony Oxendine - 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 dance. RV Package - \$495 + applicable tax; cabin rental package - \$695 or \$745 + applicable tax; park model package - \$795 or \$845 + applicable tax; \$50 deposit for RV package + \$100 deposit for cabin and park model packages. 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 p.m. and check out Friday at 10:00 a.m. New hall with wood floor. Air conditioned. For info: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com) or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.

August 17 - 22, 2008 - **Rocky Mountain Callers School** - Vallecito Resort, Bayfield, Colorado - 800-258-9458 - Accredited Caller Coaches: Ron Markus and Tim Marriner - over 30 hours scheduled mike time - full CALLERLAB curriculum - \$300 per caller- resort discounts available. For info: [rockymtncallersschool.com](http://rockymtncallersschool.com) - 520-730-8776 - [ramcaller@juno.com](mailto:ramcaller@juno.com)

August 17, 2008 - **West Coast Association VIP Dance**- Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – caller: Art Springer; cuer: Charlie & Leona Lovelace – FREE ADMISSION FOR EVERYONE. **IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).

August 22-23, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 Social Weekend** - No Dancing – Disney Ft. Wilderness, Kissimmee, FL. For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com).

August 26, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Summer Sizzler** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - root beer floats - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

August 28 – 30, 2008 – **38<sup>th</sup> National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN. For info: [www.dar2008.ssdusa.org](http://www.dar2008.ssdusa.org) or [38dar@charter.net](mailto:38dar@charter.net).

August 29 - 31, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Square Dance Camping Chapter #082** - Social - Ft. Wilderness Campground, Disney World, Kissimmee, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com).

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