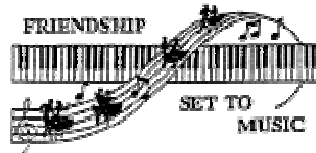


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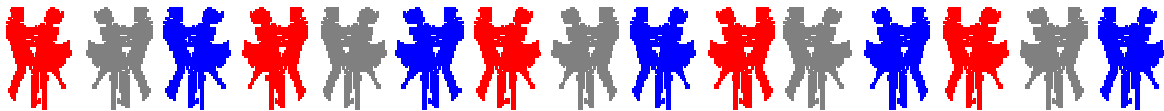
"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"



July 28, 2008

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Flyers are attached for the **VIP Dance** on August 17th and the **President's Ball** on September 21st at Strawberry Square in Plant City. If your club does not have these flyers on your flyer table, please print these off and put copies out. Please promote these dances for us.

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

Words from the Editor

As you know, we had our West Coast Folding/Business Meeting last Wednesday. One of the topics of discussion was promoting square dancing and how we can get more people in class and to the club dances. Needless to say, this isn't just discussed at the West Coast meetings; it is discussed at every meeting we attend - USDA meetings, Federation meetings, club meetings, committee meetings, callers and cuers meetings - it's written about in square dance publications, on square dance websites, in emails, etc.

It was stated that we need to do something because it's getting worse and worse. When the group was told that the West Coast Association is doing everything we can, we were asked what exactly we are doing. What are we doing besides getting together every other month to fold the *West Coast Dancer*?

- Many of us attend the Florida Federation meetings and the annual festivals held by the other associations so that we can network with the other dancers and learn what has worked and not worked for them, as well as to promote our dances and invite them to attend our Fall Fun Fest.
- Our officers' names are on the Florida Dance Web to receive questions from anyone searching the internet for square dance information for the state of Florida.
- The *West Coast Dancer* is published by the West Coast Association and is distributed free of charge to all dancers. We are the only association in the state of Florida who still has a free newsletter; the other associations sell subscriptions. This newsletter contains all the class and dance information that YOU provide to the editor, plus information and flyers we receive from other associations, the Federation and the USDA.
- We hold eight to ten membership dances throughout a 16 county area to promote square dancing and the West Coast Association in your area.
- We support demos, classes and clubs with our attendance. I think I can safely say everyone that is active at the West Coast level is also a member of at least one club and maybe two. We also attend benefit dances and class dances.
- We partner with the Suncoast Callers & Cuers to not only "staff" the Membership Dances, but to promote classes and workshops.

Sooo..what do YOU do to promote square dancing?

- Do you attend the Federation meetings and the annual festivals?
- Does your club have current information on the Florida Dance Web for those searching the internet for square dance information in your area?

- Does your club submit articles to the *West Coast Dancer* and is your club information correct?
- Do you promote and attend the Membership Dances? Do you belong to the West Coast Association? All of the West Coast Membership Dances are free to members. Why not try visiting some of the Membership Dances out of your area?
- Do you participate in demos? Do you angel at classes? Are you a member of a club? And I don't mean just a paying member; I mean a working member who serves on committees, greets at the door, helps with refreshments, helps set up, helps clean up, etc.

It's not just up to the West Coast Association to do the promoting; it's up to all of us - the **DANCERS**. No one can be with you for every conversation to ensure you talk about square dancing. I can barely have a conversation with anyone that dancing isn't mentioned. We can't take you by the hand to the dances, conventions and festivals.

Ask not what square dancing can do for you but what you can do for square dancing. Dances don't just happen; people arrive thirty minutes to an hour early to set up tables and chairs, start the coffee, put up decorations if needed, lay out the flyers, hang the banners and get the sign-in table set up for business. Then there are people working in the kitchen; if there are refreshments, they have to be set out for the break and then cleaned up afterwards. Then after the dance, everything has to be put away, tables and chairs taken down and the kitchen clean up.

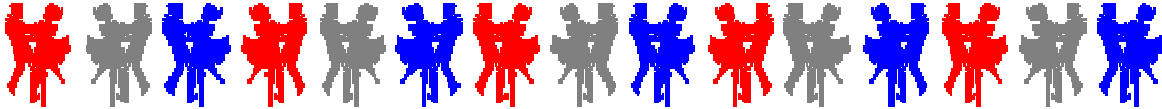
The amount of work is always the same whether for one square or for ten; there is always an expense for the caller and cuer and hall rent no matter the size of the group. The caller and cuer still has to do the same amount of planning and preparing for any size group. What kind of support are we showing when dancers show up five minutes or less before the first tip and then leave after the refreshments and 50/50 drawing? This is not only discourteous to the caller and cuer, but to the hosting club. They have gone to all the trouble to have a nice dance for you, you have paid for a 2 - 2- 1/2 hour dance, and then you only stay for about an hour hour and a half tops.

Let's try being a little more cognizant of what we are doing to promote and support square dancing. Are we telling our friends, neighbors, family about the fun that we have at a dance? Do we visit other clubs even when there's not a banner raid? Do we visit clubs outside our area? Do we angel at classes? Do we volunteer for demos?

What is promoting? It's not scheduling a set time and deciding we are going to promote. It's not just doing demos. It's not just telling people about classes. Promotion is a constant thing; it's as easy as a casual conversation at the dealership when you're having work done on your car; or at a restaurant when you're waiting for a table; at the barber shop/beauty shop.

And yes we need new dancers, but don't forget the dancers we have. We can't loose them; they'll drop out if they think someone doesn't care about them.

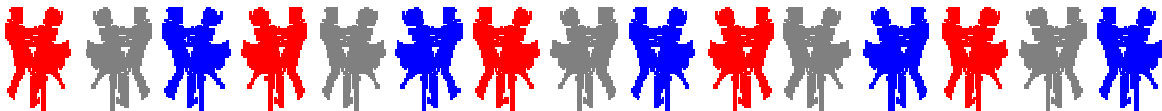
This "PROMOTION" thing is a continuous thing and has to be done by ALL of us, from the basic dancer to the advanced dancer. It's not just up to the West Coast officers and the callers and cuers.



Health Updates

Sandi Everetts - cuer at Strawberry Square - Her son was in an auto accident earlier this summer and has been in intensive care for 31 days. He has now been moved to a rehab center where he is receiving physical therapy. He sometimes seems to sense Sandi's presence.

Pat Hagen - cuer in the Tampa Bay area - starting to feel better now but still suffering from the pain and itching from shingles.



West Coast Association

It's that time of year again when we start wondering if we will have new officers to install at the President's Ball on September 21st. And I always wonder why dancers think they can't be an officer. I know we have heard all the excuses - I'm too busy; I haven't been dancing long enough; I'm not a good enough dancer; I don't know how to do it; I travel too much, etc. Well, I have an answer for every one of these excuses.

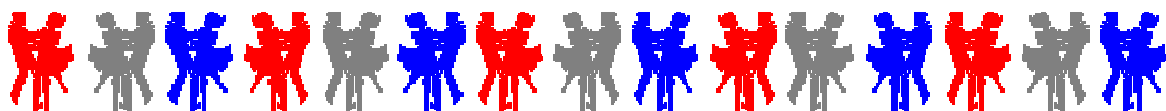
- **I'm too busy.** Have you heard the saying "If you want something done, give it to a busy person"? I have heard about so many of you having served in every office and/or every committee chairmanship at your club; what's the difference doing it at the club level than doing it at the association level? I would think it would be easier at the association level since we don't dance every week; we don't have association meetings every month; we try to handle everything by email, but don't let that hold you back we can work around it.

- **I haven't been dancing long enough.** What does dancing have to do with holding an office? You're the ones we'd like to get to know; you have fresh ideas that we'd like to hear about.
- **I'm not a good enough dancer.** What does dance level have to do with holding an office? Being a West Coast officer and getting out there meeting people and dancing at different locations gives you the opportunity to practice your dancing.
- **I don't know how to do it.** Many of the responsibilities of these offices are things you do in your personal life - scheduling, budget, finances, insurance, etc. Why wouldn't you be able to apply them to a "business"? There are a lot of people who are still active at the association level who have held these offices previously and they are available to assist and answer any questions you have. And if you have held these offices at the club level, why wouldn't you be able to do it at the association level?
- **I travel too much.** The schedule for the Membership Dances is established several months prior to the start of the new term; in fact, the 2008/2009 dances are already scheduled and published in the *WEST COAST DANCER*. The Folding/Business Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September, and November. This gives you enough time to plan your travel around these dates. If for some reason, you can't make it to a Membership Dance or meeting, there are people who would be willing to fill in for you.

Yes, we would like you to make a four year commitment, starting at secretary and progressing through the "chairs" (treasurer, vice president and president), but as you have seen over the past few years this hasn't been happening. The reason for wanting this progression is so that you learn each office before you become president. This will make you a better president. However, if you don't feel comfortable making a four year commitment we would be happy to have your help for a year. If you wanted to stay in an office for more than one year, I don't think there would be any objections!

We have someone who has offered to take the office of secretary, so we still need a treasurer, vice president and president. Solos can hold any of these offices so don't let that be a deterrent! I was secretary, vice president and treasurer as a solo, as was Shirley Pfeffer.

Won't you consider being of service to the West Coast Association? If you have any questions, please contact any of the current officers (who are all past presidents). There are also other past presidents who would be happy to discuss this with you (Fred and Jan Smith, Don & Ann Slocum, Shirley Pfeffer, Elvin and Dolores Mahan and me).



West Coast Fall Fun Fest

The 2008 Fall Fun Fest is only a few months away so it's time to really start promoting this really fun weekend in Bartow. It will be November 7th & 8th with Tim Crawford and Art Springer calling and Charlie Lovelace cueing.

Show your support of the Fall Fun Fest by purchasing a booster ad in the Program Booklet. For just \$1 per line, you can have your name listed in the Program Booklet as a booster for the weekend! Money is being collected for booster ads at the West Coast Membership Dances, but your club can show their support by selling ads at your dances and forwarding a neatly printed or typed list of the first and last names of each booster and the money to Fred Smith, 760 Pleasantview, Auburndale, FL 33823.

We will again have the silent auction for the themed baskets this year. For those of you who are not familiar with this very successful fund raiser, clubs are asked to donate a themed basket full of goodies to support the selected theme. Some clubs donate more than one basket and individuals are welcome to donate baskets too. The baskets are displayed at the Fall Fun Fest and everyone bids on the basket(s) they want until a certain time during the evening. At that time, the top bidder purchases the basket(s) and takes them home with them that evening. The funds raised from this auction will benefit the 2010 Florida State Convention. Fred Smith will be preparing letters for past participants. If you or your club has not participated before and you would like to, please contact Fred at nfas31@aol.com or 863-688-9128.

Dance for Less will be our full service vendor this year, however, this will be their last festival as they are going out of business. They will be discounting their entire inventory for this weekend.

Some enhancements have been made to the Bartow Civic Center that you will be pleased to hear about. The parking lot is all paved now and is lit up; this will make it a lot safer for us.

Be sure to attend the VIP Dance at Strawberry Square on August 17th for the kick off of the 2008 Fall Fun Fest. Art Springer will be calling and Charlie Lovelace will be cueing. We will also be honoring all volunteers in square dancing. You'll want to be sure your club presidents are there so they can be recognized! This dance is FREE to all dancers. Early rounds start at 1:30 p.m., and squares (mainstream/plus) are from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. If you haven't purchased your ribbons for the Fall Fun Fest yet, you will be able to purchase them at the VIP Dance.

If you don't have any flyers for your club; one is attached.

The staff for the 2009 Fall Fun Fest has been booked. Tim Marriner and Sam Dunn will be calling and Dick Chase will be cueing.



Promote Square Dance for FREE

The Library Collection

By Marianne C. Jackson, Cincinnati, Ohio

I love to collect old square dance memorabilia. Anything and all things square dancing - Books, magazines, clothing, old equipment, badges, mugs, patterns, posters, flyers, banners, tapes, records and the list is endless. My biggest dream is to have my own square dance museum and dance hall but until then I love to put together small displays.

During September 2007 - National Square Dance Month, I was privileged to be able to have thirteen public libraries allow me to put my collection in their display cases. Thousands of people pass in and out of libraries each month.

Each collection was different: The display would include a dress and shirt in the background. Books, magazines, patterns, figurines, badges, cards, diploma, and a simple sign were placed throughout the displays.

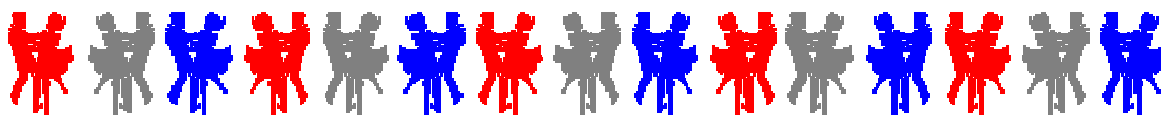
The sign was simple: September is **National Square Dance Month** - classes starting soon - web address - hotline telephone number

Just think if Square Dancers across the country would contact their libraries and ask if they could use the display case.

The clubs could include photographs of various activities, club badges, banners, etc. Dancers can borrow old books and magazines from their caller or other club members. Most important is to put a contact number and a date for an OPEN HOUSE or CLASS INFORMATION.

To my knowledge - the display cases are free to the public. You can not put class prices on brochures or signs posted in our libraries. Each year for the past four years, our libraries have let us put promotional square dance brochures in each of the 41 public libraries in the Cincinnati area.

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Ribbons to Promote the Fun!

In our activity, people bring people! Does the ordinary person even know you are a square dancer?

Let's Promote everywhere we go:

Events to Target: Parades, Community Festivals, Church Festivals, County Fairs, Cultural Events, Store Openings, School Carnivals, Taste of (Community Name), Founders Day, Community Picnics, Company Party or Picnic, Sports Outings, etc.

Places to Target: Libraries, Community Centers, Churches and Religious groups, Chamber of Commerce, Schools, Large Businesses, Local Clubs or Associations (Jaycees, Knights of Columbus, Parents Without Partners, Scouts, etc.), Doctor and Dentist Office Waiting Room Tables, a Booth at a very large Flea Market or Trade Show, Telethons, etc.

Promote Square Dancing.

This Ribbon Promotion is for a limited time only. Once the ribbons are gone, that will end the promotion. Please get your ribbons early.

8 ribbons/\$5 - navy, red, green with white lettering

8 ribbons/\$5 - white, light blue, yellow with black lettering

8 ribbons/\$6 - rainbow with white lettering

8 ribbons/\$6 - RWB with black lettering

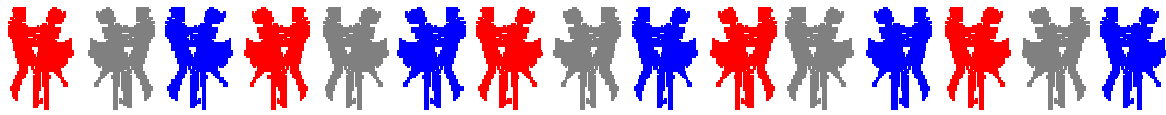
This promotion brought to you by:

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Save Our Square Dance History: Collecting - Books, Magazines, Records, Tapes, Club Misc., Outfits, Pictures, Convention and Festival Programs, Badges, Banners, Equipment, etc. - Contact Marianne C. Jackson



Square Dance Marketing

Club Anniversaries by Tom Rudebock

A club anniversary is an excellent opportunity to market square dancing. A club anniversary can be used to enhance their public image, communicate their heritage, talk about it's traditions, sell it's personal benefits, promote it's mission, and values and discuss it's stability.

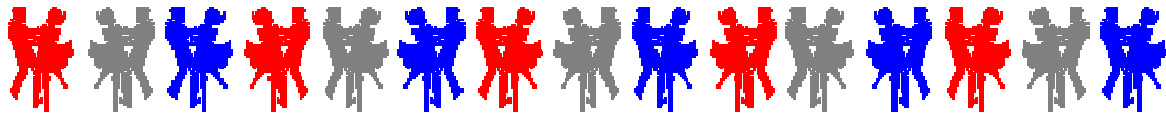
Use a theme that has a clear and concise message, captures the spirit of the organization, is fun and rewarding and easy for the public and membership to understand.

Develop and publish a mission statement that is simple, clear and concise, easy to remember, communicate and understand.

Send press releases and make contacts with the news media that emphasize:

1. The club;
 1. How it came into existence
 2. The investment in the community
 3. Community activities
 4. How long it has been existence
2. The benefits of square dancing;
 1. Team spirit
 2. Friendships
 3. Low impact exercise
 4. Mind stimulus
 5. Family friendly
 6. Drug/Alcohol free environment
3. Traditions;
 1. Square Dancing is an American Dance Form
 2. History of square dancing
4. Culture;
 1. Dancers come from all walks of life
 2. All types of music used

These are just a few ideas. Think "outside the box" and add your own thoughts.

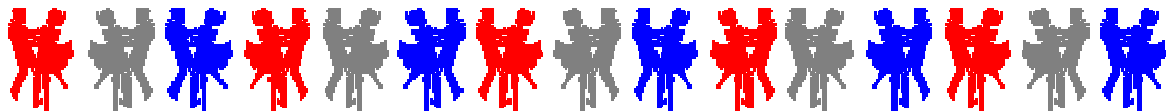


2009 Shamrock Swing

Come and enjoy the 9th Annual Shamrock Swing being presented to you by the Central Florida Square & Round Association. It will be held in LaHacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central in The Villages March 20 & 21, 2009. Callers will be Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern. Round Dance Cuers will be Joanne and Ken Helton. Two Halls featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advance and Rounds. Ribbons are \$17 per person in advance. Host Hotel will be Microtel Inn & Suites. Be a Booster! For the price of \$1 your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing. For other information and flyers please contact: Bob and Jennie Courter, Chairman, Phone (352)751-1009 Email courjl4720@thevillages.net

For your shopping pleasure within walking distance are many shops. Kirkland, Island Images (resort wear), The King's Gallery (fine art gallery), Kilwins Chocolates & Ice Cream, Chico's, Bijou and Nejma's Boutique (clothing & fashion accessories), Scentsational (candles), Starbucks, Tervis Tumbler, Banner Mercantile, Patchington, Inc., All Things Fine (imported giftware), Turtle Bay (casual wear), The Olive Tree (unique and lovely decor accents). These shops are around the Spanish Springs Town Square. Look for suggestions of many restaurants in the area in a future article.

Liz Wilson, Media

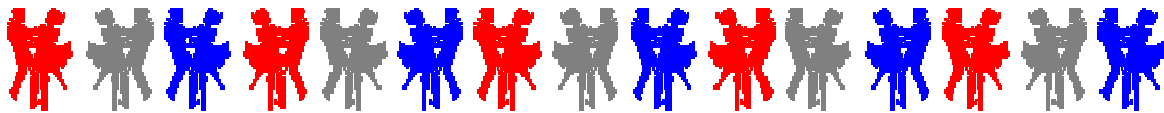


Looking for ribbons to a festival?

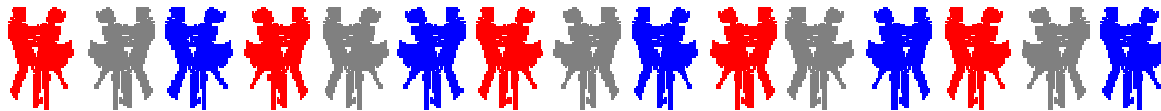
I am carrying ribbons to the following dances if you are interested in purchasing any:

- 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
- January 22 - 24, 2009 - Florida Winter Festival - Lakeland, FL
- 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 Birthdays/Anniversaries Dance* - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Roland Blanchette**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com

Tuesday - *Sun City Center* - **CANCELLED** For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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

Wednesday - *Port Charlotte Cultural Center* - Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. mainstream/plus/rounds - caller: **TBA**; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday - *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.

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

Promenade Squares - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - 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.

Friday - *Spinning Wheels* - 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 or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 - relaxed attire June

to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or bobbourassa@bellsouth.net.

Snell's Bo's and Bell's Birthdays/Anniversaries Dance - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - tastefully casual dress- callers: Allen Snell. Contact settarose1@verizon.net

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: **Burl Lally** - cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

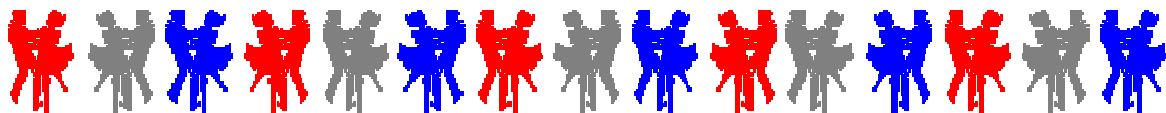
Saturday - **Strawberry Square** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Pat Hagen - ice cream sundaes will be served. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

New Port Richey - 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.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.

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.

Orange Blossom Squares - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Bob Stern**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: 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.

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.

DATE CHANGE - October 2, 2008 - **Promenade Squares Beginner Class** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - first night free - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Dick DeMerritt. For info: 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.

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.

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.

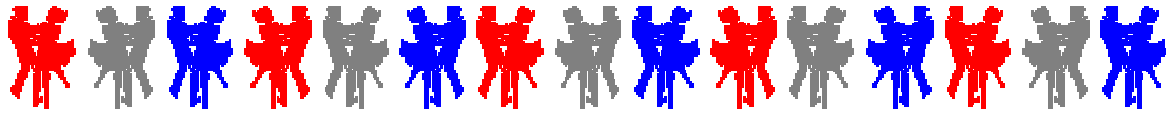
November 3, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Mainstream Square Dance Class** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - first night FREE - call fee will be \$4 per person per session - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

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.

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 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 or 407-766-5659.

November 6, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Lessons** (Choreographed Ballroom) - Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - cuer/instructor: Charlie & Leona Lovelace. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.



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.

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 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

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August 7 - 9, 2008 – **34th Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN. For info: <http://www.tnsquaredance.org/> or 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.

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

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 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.

August 13 - 16, 2008 - **9th USA West Square Dance Convention** - Pendleton Convention Center, Pendleton, OR. For info: <http://www.usa-west.org/> or 503-556-0202 or registration@usawestor.com.

August 14, 2008 – **Promenade Squares Hot Hawaiian Nights** – Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - join the island festivities. For info: peto1936@yahoo.com.

August 15, 2008 - **Sun City Center Square Dance Club Fruit Fest**- 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. - chocolate fountain with members bringing cut up fruit - caller: Van Coble - cuer: Mary Wiewora. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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

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

August 15 – 16, 2008 – **19th North Carolina State Convention** – Hilton Convention Center, North Raleigh, NC. For info: 919-598-1104 or green_dc@msn.com or 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 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 - 520-730-8776 - 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.

August 22-23, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 Social Weekend** - No Dancing – Disney Ft. Wilderness, Kissimmee, FL. For info: 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.

August 28 – 30, 2008 – **38th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN. For info: www.dar2008.ssdua.org or 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.

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<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)

<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

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

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

<http://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)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

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

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

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