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

"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"

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Words from the Editor

After six months of unemployment, I finally start a new job tomorrow morning - YEAH! I am not engineered to be a stay-at-home mom, wife, whatever; I have to have somewhere to go every day! Of course, getting a paycheck is nice too!

I will be working for The Schumacher Group in Celebration, a suburb of Orlando. The office in Celebration is the southeast regional office and I will be the personal assistant to Marc Newquist, M.D., Regional Medical Officer, who is the head of the region. The Schumacher Group contracts with hospitals to manage and staff emergency rooms.

This is quite different from what I have been doing for the past 19 years and I am very excited about this new direction.

Health Updates

Dave Magee - caller from Michigan who winters in southwest Florida - I received an email from him on July 1st - "Just a note to let you know I just returned from the doctor's office and received a clean bill of health. Still no voice but he said give it more time. No cardiac rehab. Told me to strengthen on my own. Thanks for the cards and prayers. Dave & Ruth."

Sandi Everetts - cuer at Strawberry Square Hall - Sandi's son was in an auto accident just after she arrived back home this summer. We were given an update at the dance Saturday night that he is still in a coma but it is no longer an induced coma. His heart rate changes when people speak to him which indicates that he hears what's going on around him. He has also winked his eye.

Jimmy Griffin - cuer from St. Pete - had hernia surgery three weeks ago and is unable to dance. He has a follow-up appointment with the doctor on the 7th, hopefully to be released to start dancing. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry this wasn't reported sooner; I just heard about it Saturday night.)

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!)
- o Attend and give a report at three Florida Federation meetings a year
- Attend eight West Coast Dances a year

Vice President

- o 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 21st 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.)

Florida Square & Round Dance Hall of Fame

HISTORY OF THE HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame was organized to honor dancers, callers, cuers, publishers, teachers, organizers, promoters and/or vendors for their contributions made to the dance activity **statewide.** The Hall of Fame became a reality due to the work of Chet and Julia Vetter, Mori & Phyllis Sogolo, Art & Martha Springer and Marty & Birdie Martin. The first inductees were made May 19, 1983 at the State Convention. The square dance hall at Strawberry Square

became the permanent home of the Hall of Fame at a Grande Opening Dance held on December 4, 1983. At the State Convention, new member(s) are presented with a small plaque to keep and a larger plaque is installed at Strawberry Square Hall for public viewing.

As of the State Convention in year 2008, 76 inductees have been installed in the Florida Hall of Fame. These inductees consist of dancers, callers, cuers, publishers and vendors. Some have qualified in two categories.

Display cases for past presidents of the Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers, the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida have been provided by the Hall of Fame Committee. Each of the five area associations have a plaque displaying person(s) from their area who have been honored as person or couple of the year. An additional plaque lists the State Convention General Chairman and Caller Chairman and Cuer Chairman for each of the State Conventions.

The Hall of Fame is financed through funds derived from State Conventions. The three sponsoring associations, Florida Federation, Callers Association and Round Dance Council each contribute one-third (1/3) of the expenses.

The Hall of Fame Committee as of May 2008 are:

Dave and Shirley Nihart, Chairman Dick and Darleen Nordine Ernie and Francis Rollen David and Elizabeth Garrett Penny Green, Secretary

The Selection Committee is a group of dancers, callers and cuers from every area of the state and both sexes are represented. These are known only to the Hall of Fame Committee and not each other. Members of the Section Committee must have been active in the Florida dance activity for at least 10 years, have visited and danced in a number of areas within the state and be knowledgeable of what is going on. Voting is done in secret by sending resumes and ballets to each voting member, ballots are completed and returned to the Hall of Fame Committee Chairman without revealing the name and address of the voter. The ballots are opened in the presence of a quorum of the Hall of Fame Committee.

CRITERIA

Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years <u>statewide</u> involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just one or two areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. <u>Being an Area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough.</u> The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have

affected the majority of the State of Florida. The fact that one is nominated is a very high honor, whether or not they enter the Hall of Fame.

NOMINATING RESUME

Preparing a nominating resume will take some time and investigation to make it complete. Talk to other dancers, callers and/or cuers for dates, places and times the nominee was involved in **statewide** participation. Follow the who, what, when and where rules as you investigate and prepare the resume. The more information submitted, the better.

Once the resume(s) is finished there are two ways in which to present the information to the Hall of Fame Committee. The resume(s) may be submitted to the Board of Directors of any of the five Associations, Callers Association or Cuers Association. The Area or Association Board of Directors will review the resume(s) and vote to reject or pass it on to the Hall of Fame Committee chairman. The resume(s) must be received by the Hall of Fame Committee by January 15th of each year. It is suggested that any association not submit more than two resumes for consideration per year. The Hall of Fame Committee shall meet and review all resume(s) presented and vote by secret ballot before forwarding such resume(s) to the Selection Committee for the final vote.

Dave & Shirley Nihart, Chairman 11346 Trotting Horse Lane Jacksonville, FL 32225

Phone: 904-641-5218

E-mail: dsnihart@comcast.net

For additional information or a copy of the Resume Outline, please contact a Hall of Fame Committee member.

NEFSARDA Fall Festival Time

The ribbons are for sale, the committees have been appointed and are working, callers and cuers are on board and we are looking forward to a great dance. There is a raffle for the \$100 bouquet, Shirley Nihart is accepting articles for the silent auction, Jack McKinney is busy selling ads and the publicity committee will be visiting clubs in the near future to invite everyone to the dance.

There will be a skit about the history of Hawaii at 6:30 p.m. on Friday night followed by early rounds. We do not have an official dress for the dance but the dress code for Friday evening for the men will be Hawaiian shirts with square shirttails out and white pants and for the women, floral dresses suitable for square dancing. We will have a contest for the most Hawaiian outfit

for each couple Friday evening with an appropriate gift certificate to the winner. There are no rigid rules for this contest, but we don't want any risque grass skirts or other inappropriate attire; just pretty floral dress that one would wear on any south sea island.

As noted on the flyer the cost for the weekend is \$12 in advance or \$8 for each night at the door. We are looking forward to a great fall festival. The caller, Tim Crawford is one of the outstanding young callers of the day and you are sure to enjoy his up-to-date style. The cuers, Kit and Sandy Brown, are also well recommended and they will provide an exciting weekend to our round dancers. *ALDHA!*

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I have ribbons for this weekend.)

People are Like Potatoes

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands

They are called "Dick Tators"

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work.

They are called "Speck Tators"

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.

They care called "Comment Tators"

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.

They are called "Agie Tators"

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.

They are called "Hezzie Tators"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.

They are called "Emma Tators"

Then there are those who love and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.

They are called "Sweet Tators".

Do you know anyone that fits into one of these "positions" OR do you fit into one of them?

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 Patriotic Dance - 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

<u>Tuesday</u> - <u>Buttons & Bows of Lakeland</u> - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <u>bevanlee@aol.com</u>.

Sun City Center - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City - mainstream dance and plus workshop - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Van Coble. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Suncoast Squares - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - 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: Robert Arias; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Whirl & Twirl Tenderfoot (Mainstream) 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.

<u>Thursday</u> - *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: <u>lalecl@aol.com</u>.

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.

<u>Friday</u> - *Spinning Wheels* - *Spinning Wheels* - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com 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 - 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: Van Coble - cuer: Mary Wiewora. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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.

Saturday - Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Shipwreck Dance - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - The ship wrecked and we just barely made it. What were you doing when the boat hit the shore? Come as you are. Meet us on Bat Island for a great dance, lots of laughs and finger food. For info: JudiBrookover@regencycenters.com

Palace Promenaders - Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia (off Hwy. 17)

N) - mainstream/plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - there will be an A1/A2 workshop from 6:00 -

7:00 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: samdunn@samdunn.net or Jennie at 863-494-2749.

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.

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 Ice Cream Night - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, 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.

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.

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.

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 11 – 13, 2008 – **Alaska State Square & Round Dance Festival** – Kenai Peninsula Fairgrounds, Ninilchik, AK. For info: <u>Lenora regeon@yahoo.com</u>.

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 - 800-331-2577 - 416-498-0007 - www.callerlab.org.

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

July 17 - 19, 2008 - **16**th Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention - London, Ontario. For info: www.swosda.ca/2008 or 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 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 - square dance attire optional - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: 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**

July 24 - 26, 2008 - **11th National Handicapable Square Dance Convention** - Mobile, AL. For info: <u>ush2@ushandicapable.org</u> or 251-633-8212.

July 25 – 26, 2008 – **25**th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention – Lincoln Christian College, 100 Campus View Drive, Lincoln. For info: 217-645-3302 or 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.

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 - horsehoes - 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 1, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the September issue of the** *Bow & Swing.* For info: 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 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 or 1-800-926-8191 and ask for Linda.

August 7 - 9, 2008 – **34**th **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 <u>T-D-PALMEN@peoplepc.com</u>.

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, OR. For info: http://www.usa-west.org/ or 503-556-00202 or registration@usawestor.com.

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

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 – **19**th **North Carolina State Convention** – Hilton Convention Center, North Raleigh, NC. For info: 919-598-1104 or <u>green_dc@msn.com</u> or <u>www.ncfederation.org.</u>

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 – **38**th **National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN. For info: www.dar2008.ssdusa.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)

<u>http://www.usda.org/</u> (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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