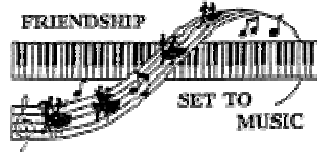


DANCERgram

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

Lots of technical difficulties this weekend while I've been trying to work on this newsletter! First I upgraded my AOL to 10.0 and lost the draft of the DANCERgram I had been working on all week, then our brighthouse went out Friday night and wasn't back up until Sunday night about 8:00 p.m. So.... I've been trying to re-construct what I had already inserted into the draft; I don't think I've missed anything but if I have, I apologize. Just let me know and if it's time-sensitive I'll send it out in an addendum; if not, it will be in the next issue.

Due to these technical difficulties and comments from readers who have email services that won't accept the lengthy newsletters, the DANCERgram will now be a Word document saved as a pdf. By doing this, I will also be able to combine the newsletter with the Future Planning attachment. I hope this will be a win/win for everyone.

I just received the August issue of the *Bow & Swing* and in the Editorial Comment by Bill Boyd, he mentioned that he found out that there were 35 couples from Florida in attendance at the Canadian National Convention. I think it's great that we are support our square dance friends to the north; there sure are a lot of Canadians in Florida supporting our dances!

It looks like we're going to have a lot of classes in the Fall so we have our work cut out for us to fill them; but not only do we need to fill them, we will need angels. If you are "working" on someone to learn to dance, consider going to class with them and be their angel. Don't forget, you don't have to belong to a club to be an angel in their class. If you are a frequent visitor to a club, you might consider helping out.

Health Updates

Darleen Nordine – wife of cuer Dick Nordine in the Orlando area, is home following hip replacement surgery and three weeks at a rehabilitation center. If you would like to send cards, her address is: 522 Lombardy Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708.

Bud Taylor – past president of the Northwest Assn. and chairman of the 2010 Florida State Convention, had arthroscopic knee surgery earlier this week. He is making a good recovery at home.

Joe Vacarri - has been very involved in the Florida Federation and in the USDA for many years. This is a note from Joy about Joe's condition.

Hi everyone,

Joe had his last radiation treatment a week ago Tuesday.

They repeated the PET/CT scan this past Monday and found no hot spots. The right lung has re expanded and the bronchial tube appeared open on the scan. They decided that the little spots in the base of his lungs were actually scar tissue from the pneumonia rather than metastasis from the kidney as originally thought. They are slowly becoming smaller.

They did a repeat bronchoscopy (take a look) yesterday and found a small piece of the tumor so they did the third seed (brachytherapy) treatment just in case even though the Doctor knew there were no cancerous cells in it (from the scan).

Diagnosis: Joe is remission for the time being. Dr. Amos said sometimes his patients remain cancer free and sometimes it does return. We will continue to pray for the former. We feel fortunate to have found a Doctor who does not subscribe to hopelessness.

His kidney tumor has not grown in the past three months so we decided to hold off on the biopsy until they do another PET/CT scan in three months. If it grows we will then get a biopsy and depending on the results will treat it probably with a relatively new medication (technically not chemotherapy but some tend to call it that).

Prayer works and we want to thank everyone who has been praying for us. We are most grateful. It's a far cry from the original hopeless diagnosis of Stage IV incurable cancer that we received back in early May.

Joe says he feels almost normal again. He is still coughing but not nearly as bad as before.

Again our thanks,

Joy

West Coast Association

I have been receiving questions this past week regarding taking a West Coast office. If one person has these questions, then others may have them too so I want to share them with all of you.

- *If you become a WC officer, are you required to join the Federation and attend those meetings?* You aren't required to join the Federation and attend the meetings, but as president you would be expected to attend to present the West Coast report. The other officers would be asked to serve as delegates to the meeting; however, you are asked before being named as a delegate.
- *How many Federation meetings are there and where are they held?* There are a total of three; two are held in a location at the discretion of the current president and one is held the same weekend as the Florida State Convention. For 2008/2009, the meetings are held as follows:
 - a. Sunday, November 22, 2008 in Jacksonville – the same weekend as the Northeast Association Fall Festival. Since this is quite a drive for some of us to just drive up for a Sunday morning meeting, we also attend the weekend festival. You could also do this or just attend the Festival Saturday night and stay over for the Sunday morning meeting. The location of this meeting changes each year; last year it was in Bartow the same weekend as our Fall Fun Fest.
 - b. Last weekend in February – February 28 – March 1, 2008 – Working Weekend – Plant City. This Weekend starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with a business

meeting. The business meeting adjourns around 12:00 noon for breakout sessions on various subjects that you sign up for. These sessions are usually finished in an hour or two. Sometimes they include lunch. The meeting starts again on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. to report back from the breakout sessions, and we are usually finished by noon. The Working Weekend will always be the last weekend in February but the location will change at the discretion of the current president. At the last Federation meeting, it was decided to start having a dance as part of the Working Weekend to benefit the 2010 Florida State Convention. The dance will be held at Stardust Center in 2009.

- c. *Sunday of the Weekend of State Convention.* This meeting is always held the Sunday of the weekend the Florida State Convention is held and starts at 9:00 a.m. We are usually finished by noon.

You are welcome to come just for the meetings, but since many of us also attend all the conventions and festivals, we go for the entire weekend. Scheduling the meetings the same weekend as a festival reduces the amount of travelling we have to do.

- *When and where are the WC Dances?* These dances (with dates and locations) are listed in the *West Coast Dancer* on page 12.
 - a. September 21, 2008 – President’s Ball – installation of officers – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City.
 - b. October 19, 2008 – 1910 S. Pebble Blvd., Blvd, Sun City Center
 - c. December 7, 2008 – 25601 Trust Blvd., Bonita Springs
 - d. January 11, 2009 – 39444 Dancers Lane, Zephyrhills
 - e. February 8, 2009 – 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow
 - f. March 15, 2009 – 3115 Hope Road, Sebring
 - g. April 5, 2009 – 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota
 - h. August 16, 2009 – VIP Dance - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City
 - i. September 20, 2009 – President’s Ball – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City

We realize that you can’t attend everything, but we would hope that you would make every attempt to attend as many meetings and dances as possible. In the event you couldn’t attend something, there will be someone to fill in for you.

If anyone has any other questions, please let me know. If you have them, then someone else is probably asking them too.

Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association (SCCA)

I talked to Clyde Stocker last week and he gave me the dates for the 2008/2009 SCCA meetings as follows:

- October 5, 2008 – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 p.m.
- December 7, 2008 – Citrus RV Park Club House, Bonita Springs – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the West Coast Membership Dance.
- March 1, 2009 – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the SCCA Beginners' Ball which begins at 2:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding these meetings, you can contact Clyde at stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

If you call or cue in the West Coast area of Florida, you are invited and encouraged to join the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association. This is another small way to support the dancing on the west coast of Florida. The SCCA has a strong partnership with the West Coast Square & Round Dancers Association, and together we promote dancing with classes, Beginner Balls and demos. If you are interested in membership, please contact the Association secretary, Patricia Fuller-Gardner at fulptrc@hotmail.com or 813-754-1842.

Florida Callers Association

Did you know that if you want to call at the Florida State Convention, you have to be a member of the Florida Callers Association and complete a Caller Profile?

If you're a caller and you haven't joined this association, please contact their secretary, Whit Brown at 407-736-9022 or whitbrown2@aol.com. This is another small way to support the square dance activity. Make a difference, join today!

The following is an excerpt from the Florida Callers Association President's Message – *Bow & Swing*, August 2008, Volume 50, Number 8:

"...our members are reminded to fill out and send their Caller Profiles if they wish to call at the 2009 Convention. Whit Brown is your Caller Chairman and Don Hanhurst is his Assistant Caller Chairman for the 2009 State Convention. The Caller Profile will be emailed to each member and also can be found in *Bow & Swing*. It is the desire of the Caller Chairman that your completed Caller Profile is received by him NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, if you wish to be programmed.

Our next FCA event will be our Clinic, 17-18 October at the Howard Johnson Executive Center in Lakeland. The Clinic will commence at 2:00 p.m. Friday and will end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. We will have a dance at Strawberry Square Saturday evening 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Our Clinician and Caller for this event is John Saunders. Your attendance and support is appreciated.

Our business meeting and election of officers will be held Sunday, 19 October, at 10:00 a.m. The business meeting will also take place at the Howard Johnson Executive Center, 3311 J.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL, 33805. Their phone number is 863-688-7972. If you wish to make a reservation at the hotel, inform them you are with the Florida Callers Association to receive a reduced room rate.

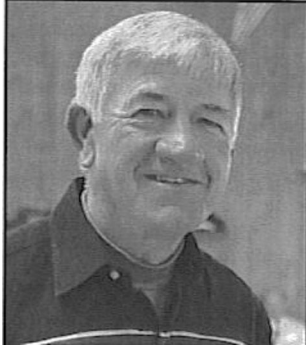
...And one last thing, our Treasurer will be available in October to accept your dues."

Our Dancers Doing Something Great!

The following is an excerpt from the Florida Federation of Square Dancers President's Message - *Bow & Swing*, August 2008, Volume 50, Number 8:

"While in Wichita at the National Square Dance Convention, almost three squares of Florida dancers and one couple from Washington visited a nursing home. The room was quite large with a wood floor in the center. Jack Hoffman from the Central Association arranged everything as a treat for his 96 year old mother, a resident of the facility. The room quickly, well slowly, filled with residents – some with canes and walkers, some were pushed in their wheelchairs, and others came on their own steam. By the time Susan Elaine Packer was ready to call there were no seats available. But people were still making their way in. Susan Elaine and the dancers did an excellent job. Not one person fell asleep. If you have ever danced at a nursing home, you know that it is a good thing. Much applause and many compliments were received. Some residents and nurses got a chance to square up and others danced a line dance. Even two residents in wheelchairs participated in a square. We didn't recruit any new dancers that day, but we did bring a lot of happiness to many that day. Thank you, Jack and Barbara, for a wonderful idea. And thank you Susan Elaine for donating your time. What a great way to start the convention."

The Cowboy Rides Away



On Friday, July 11, with his performance of "The Cowboy Rides Away", Paul Place concluded an illustrious 30 year calling career with over 18 squares on the floor and several others seated to watch. Whirl & Twirl's grand hall has not seen a crowd so large in recent memory, if at all, with visitors from all over the state present to send Paul back to Auburn buoyed by the love, support and prayers from all in attendance. Who would have thought we could dance with tears in our eyes, hearing Paul's voice, for the last time, singing songs that have brought so much fun and joy to so many over the years...yet we did it! In combination with Wednesday night's 15 squares or more of dancers, Friday was a wonderful tribute to a beautiful person and a talented caller, who is already sorely missed by several local clubs.

Most of us have a very small sense of the extreme physical challenge and mental turmoil Paul has been enduring since his diagnosis in the spring; yet, he still devoted precious time and energy, having settled his spirit to give us his relaxed smile and the gift of his talents. Those who know Paul well, know this is simply his character, those who don't know him as well, may now understand and appreciate the man we love so much. Championed by a close and loving family, Paul seems to have centered himself in the outpouring of love shown him and hearing him talk leaves us hopeful, cheered and fully aware of his inner resolve.

Whirl & Twirl's hall, so full of history already, will echo forever with the haunting notes Paul offered up this past week to joyful listening ears. May we "keep the beat in our feet" as we continue to celebrate the dancing Paul loves so much and taught us to love, as well. May we stay challenged to be better dancers, honoring Paul's excellent teaching and wish for us. May we remember Paul, Linda and his warm, extended family in our prayers asking for a miracle, if it be God's will. Most of all, may we be as blessed in the future as we are today in knowing a man who yearned to contribute – and did, who decided to stay positive regardless and did, who has no inner warrior fighting the good fight, a heart as big as the world and a multitude of friends and family to show for his time on this Earth.

With love,
Friends of Paul

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Do You Want to Dance?

“Do you want to dance?” That was the title of a column on the front page of the *Florida Today* newspaper, Sunday July 6, 2008. I have copied the column as follows:

Sixth-graders could be required to take dance and gymnastics and high school students may have the option of enrolling in a gun safety class or going water skiing to fulfill a physical education requirement. These are some of the proposed changes to Florida’s physical education standards that the public is being asked to comment on. If adopted by the State Board of Education at its October meeting, the requirements would take effect in the 2009-10 school year. “We want PE to be more than throwing a ball,” said Todd Clark, who is helping lead the process for the Board of Education. “The state has been looking carefully at trying to be smart about having students be active and lifelong athletes.” Last year, Gov. Charlie Crist, an advocate for physical fitness, helped ensure the passage of a law that required elementary students to have 150 minutes of physical activity each week. That was more than four times the amount the average Brevard County elementary student received the previous year. This year, that law was tightened to require 30 minutes of continuous physical exercise every day for elementary students, and the next push has focused on older students. It’s all part of an effort to tackle childhood obesity and promote a healthy, active lifestyle. “If you are going to attract students to take PE at the high school level, you need to try and offer a menu where the districts can provide those courses as an elective course,” Clark said. About 30 educators from around the state were selected to begin research in November 2007. They took ideas from states known for having exemplary physical education programs and passed them on to another group of educators – from elementary teachers to college professors – who wrote the recommendations. Clark recognizes that some districts may have problems getting equipment, such as canoes, golf clubs or mats, and finding proper locations to carry out the proposed activities, which include archery and horseshoes. For example, only 10 of Brevard’s 85 schools

have swimming pools. Denise Dabrowski-Buchanan, who has been a PE teacher in Brevard for 19 years and currently teaches at Melbourne High, called the recommendations "great ideas, but not feasible". Joe Schmo PE teacher is not certified to teach all that stuff," Dabrowski-Buchanan said. "And the cost of equipment and expertise, with all the cutbacks, I just can't even imagine. How logical is it with all the budget cuts?" Valerie Harville, the district coordinator for Brevard Public Schools, was part of the research committee. She said educators tried to be creative in coming up with ways to attract students. "We wanted to make sure that we were giving students as many opportunities as possible to be active", Harville said. "We dug pretty deep", Lill Toler, whose daughter is going into fifth grade at Imperial Elementary in Titusville, thinks the committee dug too deep. She's concerned that physical education teachers are not qualified to teach some of the recommendations like gymnastics, Pilates or swing dance. She's also worried about how classes such as dance would affect students' self-image. "You'll have the girls who will be out there versus the boys who might feel goofy and self-conscious", Toler said. "I like the regular sports where you run and learn techniques." Parent Lisa Smoak has a different take on the new activities. She said students, including her son who starts fifth grade at Longleaf Elementary in Melbourne, may be uncomfortable at first but "unless you show them and expose them to it, they won't know about it". She said her son's PE teacher devoted time to teaching disco dancing and it was a huge success. She's also confident the teachers will be smart when teaching the lessons. "In gymnastics, I don't think they will have them on the uneven bars, and I'm sure they won't have them doing back handsprings and that sort of thing," Smoak said. "It will just be to get them moving". This is the kind of debate and feedback the Department of Education is hoping for. Clark said the draft compiled by the educators is just that, a draft. Once the feedback deadline has passed, all comments will be reviewed and the committee will decide what items need to be clarified, expanded or deleted. "I hope the parents and teachers are going online to provide feedback," Clark said. "Are they (the recommendations) too restrictive? Should they add more items? We could really use input from parents." **Contact Spitzer at 242-3722 or mospitzer@floridatoday.com to voice an opinion. The period for public comment on proposed changes to physical education standards runs until July 20.**

I think this is a good opportunity for us to be heard. Maybe the FCA could hold a seminar to teach PE teachers how to teach square dance or offer our services to the State Board of Education in some way.

I contacted Valerie Harville last year regarding teaching square dance in the schools. At that time she said Brevard was developing a dance program, but it wasn't ready yet. I will be contacting her again.

Jean Lee

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: I realize that the deadline has passed for giving your opinion on this subject, but I wanted to provide the information to those of you who are in discussions with schools

regarding adding square dancing to the curriculum. If your club hasn't approached the school district in your area, this may be a good time to do so. Where else can we get the young dancers that we keep saying we need to bring into square dancing?

Knothead Knews

Have you made your plans to attend the 49th Annual Knothead Konvention? Again it will be in Melbourne at the Eau Gallie Civic Center. And the dates? We've booked February, Friday 13th (oooo) and Saturday, the 14th (hearts and flowers) Valentines Day. What a wild combination of dates! I wonder what kind of crazy, weird, maybe romantic fun the Kaller, Kuer and SusanElaine will have planned!

We booked a fantastic combination of Kaller and Kuer for your enjoyment – Nasser Shukayr and Anne Helm. Nasser and Jeanna are from Texas, and Anne and Earl live in Indiana. That's the southwest meeting the north-east at almost the southern-most spot in Florida.

As I mentioned last month Nasser calls a unique square dance, but he also has cued round dances and Anne is equally talented – she cues fantastic round dances, but she also was a square dance caller for eight years. Anne and Earl have written several round dances and we plan to list some of them for you next month.

In addition to the dance at the Eau Gallie Civic Center we will be hosting the after-party at the Hilton Rialto of Melbourne. We are going to do like they did at the past Knothead parties. We're going to have an IDIOT party. What did they do at the IDIOT party – well – those that wanted to – wore their pajamas or night clothes. I recall that one club arrived in pink Dr. Denton's. The men and the women ALL were dressed in their pj's. Yep, that's the pj's that have the feet in them – usually worn by children. At the IDOT party – the FUN really begins. There will be prizes for the best costume, the wildest costume, and the funniest costume. And I'm sworn to secrecy about other plans.

Well, that's it for now. Flyers are being prepared and will be in the mail soon. If you think we don't know how to reach you and your club members check the back cover for our address.

Susan Elaine Packer, BettyLee Talmadge and Mr. I.M.Knotty.

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58th National Square Dance Convention

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National Press Release #1 July, 2008

Convention Tours

The Social & Special Events Committee has scheduled a wonderful list of tours that is sure to offer something for everyone. When you register for the 58th NSDC, you will get the list and a complete description. The tours are:

***Anaheim - Disneyland** - Explore the Magic Kingdom® where life is a fairy tale and dreams really do come true. Then, travel across the plaza to California Adventure, where you can immerse yourself in a festival of shows and attractions celebrating California's storied past and exciting future.

***Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm** - What was once an actual berry farm is now 160 acres of world class rides, unique family shows and one-of-a-kind attractions. Ride the West's Best Wooden Rollercoaster, stroll over to Camp Snoopy, brave the Boomerang, enjoy Mrs. Knott's famous fried chicken, and more. You will have a full day to enjoy all of the rides, activities, and shows.

***Catalina Island Shuttle** - Hop on a shuttle boat and discover the beauty of Santa Catalina Island, just 22 miles off the coast. Stroll the quaint shops of Avalon, dive into the crystal clear waters filled with colorful fish, hit a world-class golf course, parasail above the deep blue bay, or just relax on the beach. Shuttle boats depart from and return to the Long Beach pier adjacent to the Queen Mary.

***Hollywood - Bus trip and studio tour** - See the landmarks of movie, television, and radio lore! This fabulous trip begins with a tour of Paramount Studios, the only working studio still located in Hollywood. After lunch on-your-own at the Farmer's Market, you'll visit the famous Grauman's Chinese Theater and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

***Long Beach Harbor Cruise** - Take a 45 minute narrated sightseeing tour of beautiful Long Beach Harbor and surrounding areas. See the world-famous Queen Mary, watch sea lions frolic in their natural habitat, witness cranes load cargo ships from around the world, and much more.

***Los Angeles Fashion & Jewelry Districts** - Bargain hunters, this tour is for you! Your bus will drop you off at the L.A.

Fashion District or the nearby Jewelry District. The Fashion District, hub of the apparel industry on the West Coast, spans 90 blocks and houses wholesale, retail, textiles, notions, and flowers. In the Jewelry

District, more than 5000 jewelers offer discount prices on watches, precious gems, and all types of fine jewelry. The area also houses over 80 restaurants and snack shops, plenty of choices for your lunch on-your-own.

***Los Angeles - Bus trip to The Getty Center** - It's hard to say what's more spectacular – the architecture, the collection of European art, the American and European photographs, the gardens, or the panoramic views of Los Angeles.

Spend the day exploring this beautiful facility and decide for yourself! More than just a museum, the Getty not only houses the galleries, but also has stilt puppets, musicians, an espresso bar, café, outdoor patios and courtyards, and – of course – a gift shop and bookstore.

***Temecula Wine Tour** - They say wine tastes better when consumed in the region where it's made! Enjoy a day of tasting superior wines and shopping for gifts at four premier wineries in the Temecula Valley, one of Southern California's best-kept secrets! Your trip will include a gourmet box lunch.

***Dolphin & Whale Watching** - This 2½ hour cruise takes you out to watch dolphins frolic in their natural environment, and maybe even spy some migrating whales! Keep an eye out for beautiful scenery and other amazing sea life as you cruise from the Long Beach Harbor out into the deep blue water of the Pacific Ocean. Tours will be escorted from the Convention Center to the pier about three blocks away.

***Post-Convention Mexican Riviera Cruise** - Come sail away after the Convention down to the beautiful Mexican Riviera. Join fellow square dancers and dance to featured callers Randy Dougherty and Dee Dee Dougherty.

Fashion Show

"Route 66" is the theme for the Fashion Show. Twenty-five models will represent states, cities and towns along the famous Route 66. Visitors from other countries will be included as well. Stage presentation will include background scenery shaped like a roadside billboard. There will be a "Roadside Diner" for the commentators and models will enter stage right beginning in Chicago and ending at the Santa Monica Pier. With music in the 50's style rock 'n' roll, this one hour fashion show is sure to be very entertaining.

Wednesday Night Show - Jann Browne & Amanda Shaw

Kicking off the Convention on Wednesday evening, there will be two performances, one at 6:00pm & one at 8:30pm. You will be mesmerized by Amanda Shaw and the Cute Guys. Amanda, a classically trained violinist, is a teenage fiddle-playing sensation who brings a youth-oriented, modern sensibility to traditional Cajun music with her sassy vocals and enchanting smile. Then, adding a little country to the mix, Jann Browne and Band will perform for you. Jann was selected as "Entertainer of the Year" two years in a row. Jann was a nominee by the Academy of Country Music as "female vocalist" of the year. She has performed everywhere from "Farm Aid" with Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson to the "Grand Ole Opry" with everyone from Dolly Parton to Vince Gill. This "Little Bit Cajun" and "Little Bit Country" mix of performances is sure to please just about everyone!

Looking for ribbons?

The Editor is carrying ribbons for the following weekends and special dances. If you pick up any flyers with my name, email address and phone number stamped on them, I have the ribbons.

- September (Labor Day Weekend) – 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN
- November 2, 2008 – 23rd Annual Macdonald Benefit Dance, Strawberry Square, Plant City, FL
- November 7 – 8, 2008 – West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest, Bartow, FL
- November 21-22, 2008 – ALOHA! Northeast Association's Fall Festival, Jacksonville, FL
- January 22 – 24, 2009 – Florida Winter Festival, Lakeland, FL
- March 20 – 21, 2009 – Central Association's Shamrock Swing – The Villages, FL
- March 27 – 28, 2009 – 18th Annual Fuzzy Navel – Jekyll Island, GA
- October 24 – 25, 2009 – 29th Annual Single Rama, Sebring, FL

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

This Week's West Coast Dances

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

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 - - 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: **Wes Morris**; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – **Shufflin' Squares** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales – mainstream/plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Sam Dunn – square dance attire optional. For info: cakitts@hotmail.com.

King's Point Swingers - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), CR. 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: **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 – mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - 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: Pat Hagen. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Tacky Tourist Dance** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: George Varney, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

New Port Richey 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: **Whit Brown**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: sharonandron579@localnet.com

West Coast 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 4, 2008 - **Shufflin' Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales - first three (3) nights FREE - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. For info: cakitts@hotmail.com.

September 11, 2008 - **Spinning Wheels Basic/Mainstream Class** - Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - first night FREE - "Get off the couch and on your feet and let's Dance." - \$4 per person per session - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller/instructor: Art Springer. For info: 813-613-8987 or 813-223-1955.

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 8, 2008 - **City of Auburndale Beginners Round Dance Class** - Senior Center, 109 W. Park Street (across from the basketball courts), Auburndale - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - \$3 per person per session - cuer/instructor: Carl Rod. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

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. - \$3.50 per person per session - 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. - \$3.50 per person per session - 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. - \$4 per person per session. 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. - \$4 per person per session. 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.

December 8, 2008 - **Ft. Meade Squares Beginner Lessons** - Ft. Meade City MHP Activity Center - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - caller/instructor: Russ Young. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628.

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Future Planning

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 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 dress. 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 – **Snell's Bos & Bells 50's Dance Featuring Elvis Presley** - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - tastefully casual dress- mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - callers: Allen Snell. Contact settarose1@verizon.net

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 brining 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 dress. 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, 2008 – **Deadline for submission to the October/November issue of the *West Coast Dancer***. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.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.

October 2008

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

October 3 – 4, 2008 – **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Sumter Oaks, Bushnell, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

October 3 – 4, 2008 – **5th Annual "Thrill in the Ville" Round Dance Weekend** – 431 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL – cuers: Kristine & Bruce Nelson – lunch will be provided by First Coast Rounds - \$50 per couple (no advance sessions) – limited space available. For info: ljwall@omcast.net or 904-241-0384.

October 5, 2008 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 p.m. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

October 9 - 12, 2008 - **33rd Annual Camp-O-Ree** - Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL - callers and cuers from all over the state - Registration deadline: October 1, 2008 - 3 day registration: NSCDA Members \$90/couples; non member \$100/couple \$90/single member; 2 day registration: NSDCA members \$70/couple, non member \$80/couple single member \$60. All inclusive package includes camping fees & dancing, after parties, catered dinner & pancake breakfast - dance only: Thursday, Friday or Saturday \$10/couple per night. For info: Bill & Carolyn Olson 305-245-6331 or hpt://www.pergrossi.com/camper/cevents.html.

October 9 - 13, 2008 - **Northeast Callers School** - Mill-a-Round Dance Center, Manchester, NH - Instructors: Ken Ritucci, Norm Poisson, Randy Dougherty, Todd Fellego - whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help with your calling career - \$295/student - space is limited - for an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write Ken Ritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallersschool.com.

October 10 - 11, 2008 - **Daytona Beach Ball** - Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL - \$35 per person – Plus and Rounds - caller: Tony Oxendine, cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin – Friday: ER 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:30 p.m.; Saturday: Rounds 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Squares 10:30 – 12:00 n, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Rounds 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., ER 7:30 – 8:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – limited squares – no split sessions - Hotels: Holiday Inn, 930 N. Atlantic Ave., 800-804-7851 - \$99 + tax; La Quinta Inn & Suites, 816 N. Atlantic Ave., 386-944-0060, \$79 + tax – ask for Daytona Beach Ball Rates – after party Saturday night - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: ladybirdDB@cfl.rr.com or 386-767-2266.

October 12 - 14, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Square Dance Camping Chapter #082** - State Camp-o-Ree, Bushnell, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

October 12-18, 2008 - **Gatlinburg Fun Fest** – callers: R.J. (Joan) Hogan, Lon (Peggy) Ligon, Ken (Joan) Perez, cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith & George Smith - \$975.00 per couple/Double Room * \$730.00 one person/one room - Includes 7 days/ 6 nights at the Riverside Motor Lodge. Gatlinburg, Tennessee - admission to Dollywood, Dixie Stampede, Dinner Show (Transportation from hotel to Dixie Stampede) - Smoke Mouny Arts & Crafts Festival, Ripley's Aquarium - Three dinner meals & one breakfast - *Plus Squares & Round Dancing (work shops &/ or dances) - Advanced Reservations Required - Limited Availability For more Info call Joan Hogan 352-376-2428 or George & Irene Knapp georgeandirene@cfl.rr.com

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

October 17 - 18, 2008 - **Florida Callers Association Clinic** - Howard Johnson Executive Center, Howard Johnson Executive Center, 3311 J.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL (863-688-7972) - Clinic will commence at 2:00 p.m. Friday and will end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday - Clinician: John Saunders. If you wish to make a reservation at the hotel, inform them you are with the Florida Callers Association to receive a reduced room rate. For info: j.h.morris@embarqmail.com.

October 19, 2008 - **Florida Callers Association Meeting** - Howard Johnson Executive Center, 3311 J.S. Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL (863-688-7972) - 10:00 a.m. - election of officers. For info: j.h.morris@embarqmail.com

October 17 - 19, 2008 - **12th Annual Tumbling Leaves Festival** - Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont - five halls entire festival (Plus, A1, A2, C1, C2 - limited) - new Mainstream Hall - round dance workshops - varied packages available - square dance shop - RV space available on campus - campground nearby - larger outstanding staff: Red Bates, Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, John Marshall, Don Moger, Ken Ritucci, Ralph & Joan Collipi, Steve & Irene Bradt. For info: redbates@juno.com.

October 17 - 19, 2008 - **49th Missouri State Festival** - Jefferson City, MO. For info: www.squaredancemissouri.com/flyers/missourifestival/index.htm

October 17 - 19, 2008 - **19th Annual Indiana Square Dance Convention** - Horizon Convention Center, Muncie, IN. For info: www.insquaredanceconvention.com.

October 18, 2008 - **Florida Callers Clinic Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: John Saunders - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

October 18 - 19, 2008 - **Fall Weekend of Rounds** - Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL - cuer: Richard Lamberty - 5,000 square feet of floating hardwood floor - phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics - weekend package \$75 per couple - lunch provided by the Round Dance Council of Florida on Saturday - continental breakfast provided both mornings - host hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites 813-752-3141 \$79 + tax per night: Holiday Inn Express 813-719-3800 \$112 + tax per night - partial weekend prices available up to sellout - refundable until day of event. For info: ljwall@comcast.net or 904-241-0384.

October 19, 2008 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City, FL (home of the Sun City Square Dance Club) - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - **for this dance only a second hall has been scheduled for advanced dancing (this is a first for West Coast)** - MC: Van Coble with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

October 24, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the December 2008/January 2009 issue of the West Coast Dancer.** For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

October 24 - 25, 2008 - **29th Annual Single-Rama** - Kenilworth Lodge, 1610 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL - \$25/per person in advance (\$30/person at the door) - 2 after parties w/DJs - finger foods at the after parties - round dance workshop Sat. morning - square dance workshop Sat. afternoon - dance Friday night and Saturday night - all dancers welcome single, married, solo, couples - caller: Mike Doughty (West Palm Beach), cuer: Charlie & Leona Lovelace (Dade City). For info: sqdnxfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

October 24 - 25, 2008 - **Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Assn. 34th Annual Round-up** - DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 North 10th Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL - mainstream/plus/advanced/rounds - Saturday afternoon workshops/dance – callers: Larry Belcher, Patty Ping, Bob Poyner, Willis Simmons, cuer: Lisa Wall. For info: terriwilaby@cox.net.

October 25, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Halloween Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

October 25, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Halloween Dance** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

October 27, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary and Halloween Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

October 28, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Hobo Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00- 10:00 p.m., club will provide meet and stew stock, everyone bring a can of vegetables to add to the pot - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

October 31 - November 2, 2008 - **55th O'Leno Hoedown** - O'Leno State Park, High Springs, FL - callers: Bill Chesnut, Bob Poyner, cuer: Lisa Wall - Friday night: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. - Halloween Costume Party and Dance; costume contest - witches brew - haunted house and maybe a broom ride; Saturday: breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., rounds workshop and dance 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - cash lunch at non - \$1 burgers and dogs, maybe some other stuff - squares with guest callers 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Advance Dance 2:00 - 4:00 - dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - dances: 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. - 2 dance halls, plus with rounds - rustic cabins available - meals - dancing - camping available - come join in all the fun at one of Florida's most beautiful and natural state parks. For info: Mary Chesnut - 352-378-2577 (days) 352-475-2550 (eves).

November 2008

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

November 2, 2008 - **23rd Annual MacDonald Benefit Dance** - Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - squares/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - callers donating their time: Sam Dunn, Art Springer and Bob Barnes; cuers donating their time: Charlie and Leona Lovelace and Jimmy & Carol Griffin - door prizes. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com or 813-810-5548.

November 2 – 6, 2008 – **Pocono Caller's School "A Mountain of Information"** – Ramada Inn, Lake Harmony, White Haven, PA – Caller Coaches: Tom Miller, Roy and Betsy Gotta, Mike Callahan. For info: 7362-249-2086 or ugottadance@optonline.net.

November 3, 2008 – **Hampton Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

November 6, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Lake Placid, FL – casual attire – caller: Mike Doughty. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

November 7 - 8, 2008 - **West Coast Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - callers: Tim Crawford (Canada), Art Springer (Tampa) and cuers: Charlie & Leona Lovelace (Dade City). For info: nfas31@aol.com.

November 7 - 8, 2008 - **Pensacola Twirlers 22nd Anniversary Dance** - Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi, cuer: Sandy Sturgis; Friday: ER 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., squares w/alternating rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Saturday: Fun Square Dance 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Rounds Workshop: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; ER 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.; Squares w/alternating rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - \$20 per person in advance; \$35 per person at the door. For info: terriwilaby@cox.net.

November 9, 2008 – **Happy Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Naples, FL – caller: Don Smith, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: playwalt@comcast.net.

November 13, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Red, White and Blue Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

November 14 - 16, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Square Dance Camping Chapter #082** - Sanlan Ranch, Lakeland, FL - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: jelohart@hotmail.com.

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

November 15 - 16, 2008 - Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association & Florida Round Dance Council present a **DanceMaster seminar** on how to use computers in square and round dancing. Instructors will be Clark & Sandy Godfrey. Location will be Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL. Further details to be announced.

November 19, 2008 (not a fourth Wednesday due to Thanksgiving holiday) - **West Coast Folding and Business Meeting.** Barksdake Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels). All county reps and committee chairman who are unable to attend the meeting should forward a copy of their report to the West Coast secretary at rmljdancer@aol.com. 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

November 20, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Thanksgiving Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Dave Angell – FREE ADMISSION. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

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

November 21-22, 2008 - **Northeast Assn. Fall Festival - Aloha!** - Christ the King Catholic Church, 742 Arlington Road, Jacksonville - caller: Tim Crawford (Ontario, Canada), cuer: Kit & Sandy Brown (Murphy, NC) - advance tickets \$12; \$15 at the door. For housing info: stovaldd@aol.com; for camping info: brow8644@bellsouth.net, for registration info: newsome.charles@comcast.net.

November 22, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Turkey Trot** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: SusanElaine Packer, cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

November 23, 2008 – **Florida Federation Meeting** – Piccadilly's, 200 Monument Road, Jacksonville, FL – 9:00 a.m. For info: carpoole@earthlink.net.

November 24, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Thanksgiving Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

November 25, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Pie Night** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

November 29, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Thanksgiving Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 2008

December 1, 2008 – **Deadline for submissions to the Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

December 1, 2008 – **Deadline for submissions to the USDA News.** For info: usdanews@usda.org.

December 1, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the January 2009 issue of the Bow & Swing.** For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

December 7, 2008 – Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting – Citrus RV Park Club House, Bonita Springs – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the West Coast Membership Dance. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

December 7, 2008 - **West Coast Membership Dance** – Citrus RV Park Club House, Bonita Springs, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Howard Cole with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

December 12 - 13, 2008 – **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Lakeland RV Resort, Lakeland, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

December 13, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Home for the Holidays** – Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbrookover@regencycenters.com.

December 14, 2008 – **Happy Promenaders Christmas Party** – Naples, FL – caller: Don Smith, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: playwalt@comcast.net.

December 15, 2008 – **Hampton Promenaders Christmas Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

December 15, 2008 - **Deadline for submissions to the February 2009 issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** For info: AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net.

December 15, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers Christmas Dance** - Barksdale Sr. Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, FL - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com.

December 17, 2008 – **Strawberry Square Club Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 18, 2008 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Christmas Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Carl Brewer. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

December 19, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 20, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Plus Christmas Party Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

December 23, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Christmas Party** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland, FL - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

December 28 – 31, 2008 – **22nd Annual Holiday Round Dance Ball** – Ocean Dunes Resort & Villas, Myrtle Beach, SC. For info: bharrelson1@juno.com.

December 31, 2008 - **Snell's Bo's & Bell's 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Potluck Dinner Dance** - Largo Community Center, 4th St. NW & West Bay, Largo, FL - callers: Allen Snell, SusaneElaine Packer & Lon Ligon, cuer: Pat Fiyalko - \$15 per person. Call Rosie for reservations at 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323.

December 31, 2008 - **Strawberry Square A Hawaiian New Year's Eve** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - hot buffet dinner - coffee and snacks all evening - plus squares and an A-1 tip with rounds - caller: **Bob Barnes**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - reservations must be received no later than December 15, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS - \$30 per person or \$25 per person if received by April 30, 2008. For info: 813-752-0491.

January 2009

January 8 – 10, 2009 – **Whale of a Dance** – Ocean Dunes, 201 – 75th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC – for a tradition of Big Fun on the Grand Strand – reservations must be made by December 15, 2008 – callers: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Biggerstaff, Jimmy Roberson; cuers: The Whetsells – Plus, Plus DBD and Advanced – Early Bird Special on Thursday – dance, eat, sleep...all under one roof – over 20 hours of scheduled dancing - \$235 per couple (Friday and Saturday) or \$285 per couple (Thursday – Saturday) – price includes all tax, lodging, and dance sessions – all rooms are ocean view - ocean front rooms add \$10 per night – no partial packages. For info: tony@tonyoxendine.com or 803-840-0746 or 704-377-5554.

January 11, 2009 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Bahr's Mobile Home Park, Zephyrhills, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Bob Barnes with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

January 15, 2009 – **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

January 15, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Lee Kopman Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: C2 Dance/Workshop – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; A2 w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: Plus w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: TBA; Sunday: All Day C1 w/lunch – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

January 22 - 24, 2009 - **Florida Winter Festival** - The Lakeland Center, Lakeland, FL – Plus, Plus DBD, Advanced, C1, Phase II – V Rounds – vendors from across the country – drawings for square dance weekends - callers: Jerry Story, Jerry Haag, John Saunders, Tony Oxendine, Tim Crawford, Dee Dee Dougherty and Bill Harrison; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin, Bill & Martha Buck, Jerry and Barbara Pierce - \$75 USD/couple in advance, \$37.50 USD/single in advance, Thursday night only \$25 USD/couple, \$12.50 USD/single, Friday all day and night \$45 USD/couple, \$22.50 USD/single; Saturday all day and night \$45 USD/couple, \$22.50 USD/single – tax included, parking and lodging not included – split packages can only be purchased at the door - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: johnnysa@aol.com

January 23, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Mike Jacobs Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: C2 Dance/Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; A2 w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: C2 Weekend, Sessions 1, 2 and 3 – 10:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Sunday: C2 Weekend Session 4 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

January 23 – 24, 2009 – **34th Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dance Convention** – Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC – 843-315-7100, Ed & Joan Redman, 210 Jimbo Road, Summerville, SC 29485; 843-871-0323; edjoanredman@aol.com.

January 27, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Mike Jacobs Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: C2 Dance/Workshop – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, A2 Dance w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: C1 Weekend, Sessions 1 and 2 w/lunch 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Plus w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares w/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: TBA; Sunday: C1 Weekend, Session 3 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 2009

February 7, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Flea Market** – Strawberry Square Dance Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 8, 2009 - **West Coast Membership Dance** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Clyde Stocker with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

February 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Valentine's Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net

February 13 – 14, 2008 – **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Lake Oklawaha RV Resort, Ft. McCoy, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

February 13 - 14, 2009 - **49th Annual Knothead Konvention** - Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne, FL - caller: Nasser Shukayr, cuer: Anne & Earl Helm. For info: flaknothead@bellsouth.net.

February 13 -14, 2009 - **30th Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance** - Rountree - Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom, 1232 West U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL - Friday night: Trails End Dance: caller: Bill Chesnut - 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Town Rec Center, 533 NW Desoto Street, Lake City - sponsored by the Square Wheels; Saturday afternoon: Street Dance as part of Olustee Battle Festival: caller: Bill Chesnut - Downtown Olustee Park - approximately 2:00 p.m. - sponsored by the Dixie Dancers; Saturday night: grand march: 7:45 p.m. - dancing until 10:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Poyner - cuers: Lisa Wall & Ralph Beekman - advance tickets - \$7 each, tickets at door \$8 each. For info: www.dixiedancers.net.

February 15, 2009 – **Snowbird Dancearama** – Strawberry Square Dance Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – caller: Red Bates, cuer: TBA – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 20, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Strawberry Night** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA - 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 20 – 21, 2009 – **11th Annual Grand Canyon Square Dance Festival** – Phoenix, AZ. For info: 602-222-9339 or harryedna@msn.com.

February 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Strawberry Night** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: TBA, cuer: TBA - 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

February 21 - 23, 2009 - **58th NSDC Pre-Convention** - Long Beach, CA. For info: www.58nsdc.com.

February 26, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

February 28, 2009 – **2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit Dance** – Stardust Center, Plant City, FL – details TBA.

February 28 – March 1, 2008 – **Florida Federation Working Weekend.**

March 2009

March 1, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the SCCA Beginners' Ball at 2:00 p.m... For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

March 1, 2009 – **SCCA Beginners' Ball** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers' Association will be calling. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net or www.floridadanceweb.com.

March 2, 2009 - **Square Dancing at the Polk Senior Games** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales, FL - Games: 1:30 p.m. - FREE dance 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. - anyone can enter - Polk County residency not required - events for Mainstream, Plus and Advance. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens - 863-326-9774 or keithuns@yahoo.com.

March 6, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Tim Crawford Weekend** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: A2 w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: Plus w/rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Sunday: Beginner Ball – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

March 15, 2008 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – NEW LOCATION in Sebring, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Sam Dunn with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

March 16, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Anniversary Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker; cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

March 19 – 20, 2008 – **WASCA 50th Spring Square and Round Dance Festival** – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311; Anne and Andy Giancoli, 12204 Northbrook Dr., Glenn Dale, MD 20769, 301-262-1978; 2009FestivalDirector@wascaclubs.com.

March 20, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Ken Ritucci** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 20 - 21, 2009 – **Central Association's Shamrock Swing** – La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL. – Mainstream, Plus, DBD & Advance – callers: Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern; cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton - \$17 per person in advance; \$19 per person at the door – daily admission available at the door: \$13 per person all day Saturday; Friday or Saturday evening only: \$11 per person – host hotel: Microtel Inn & Suites, 850 S. U.S. Hwy 27/441 Lady Lake, FL, 352-259-0184 – approximately three miles south of The Villages – rates: one queen bed \$72 per night + tax; two queen beds \$82 + tax, suite \$92 + tax – includes continental breakfast – ID yourself as a square dancer – code DFA – other area hotels: Marriott Towne Place The Villages; Holiday Express; Comfort Inn – Campgrounds: Recreation Plantation on 466 or Southern Oaks RV Resort on 27/441. For info: courjl4720@thevillages.net. I should have ribbons and flyers soon.

March 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square 30th Anniversary Party** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - caller: Bob Barnes – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

March 21 - 22, 2009 – **18th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance** – Oceanside Inn & Suites, 771 N. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA – Mainstream/announced Plus and Rounds – Caller: Bud Whitten (Georgia); cuer: Shirley Wilson (Georgia) – Friday: ER 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m.; Saturday: Rounds Workshop 10:00 – noon, Fun Square Dance 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:45 p.m., Grand March 7:45 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m. – please bring finger foods for both after parties (to be served in the dance hall) - \$25 per person in advance - \$30 per person at the door – Host Hotel: Oceanside Inn & Suites – 866-553-5955 - \$88 + tax until 2/20/09. For info: Mary Lou Pelz at 904-733-1869/maryloupelz@aol.com or Penny Green at 863-967-5004/sqdnfcfan@aol.com or Ailene Picheco at 321-452-7963/apicheco@uwbrevard.org.

April 2009

April 1, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Club** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - mainstream/easy plus – caller: Jimmy Lee – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

April 3, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Jimmy Lee Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Friday: A2 Dance w/Rounds – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen; Saturday: Plus w/rounds –

ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., squares/rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: TBA; Sunday: Beginner Ball – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

April 5, 2008 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – MC: Red Bates with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

April 9, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Lake Placid, FL – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

April 9 – 12, 2009 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers DC Diamond Circulate** – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. For info: www.dcdiamondcirculate.org – dcdinfo@dcdiamondcirculate.org.

April 10 – 1, 2008 – **Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Theme World RV Resort, Davenport, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – squares/rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 863-610-7573 or billdees3@msn.com

April 17 – 19, 2009 – **FSSRDC Party Weekend** – Deerhaven Retreat, Paisley, FL – details TBA.

April 27, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: George Varney. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

May 2009

May 3, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – time TBD. For info: stocker38@worldnet.att.net.

May 8 – 9, 2009 – **49th Buckeye Dance Convention** – Northern Kentucky Convention Center, One W. River Center Blvd., Covington; Ron and Emily Henry, 513-256-2605; emilyh2@fuse.net; www.so-nkysdf.com.

May 22 - 24, 2009 - **55th Florida State Convention - "Rock & Roll Time in 2009"** - The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL.

June 2009

June 4 – 8, 2009 – **50th Australian National Convention** – Leederville, Western Australia; Anthea Mathews (08) 6278-1957; P. O. Box 237, Beechboro, WA 6063; antheam1@optusnet.com.au; www.squaredance.org.au.

June 12 – 14, 2009 – **GSI UK Festival** - St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU – Mainstream, Plus, A1, A2, Rounds, After Parties – callers: Tony Oxendine (USA), Paul Bristow (GB), Kenny Reese (D), Walt Burr (USA), Trevor Day (GB), Deborah Carroll- Jones (USA), Jon Jones (USA), Trudy Fielding (GB), Simon Fielding (GB); cuer: Martin Prufer (D) – sponsored by Grande Square Inc. and Triple A Squares – First Ever GSI Caller & Cuer School Sunday – Thursday June 7 – 11, 2009 - payment in Pounds Sterling payable to Grand Square UK. For info: www.gsi-england.co.uk.

June 24 -27, 2009 - **58th National Square Dance Convention** - Long Beach, California. For info: www.58nsdc.org.

August 2009

August 16, 2009 - **West Coast VIP Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Kick-off for 2009 West Coast Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all square dance volunteers - Caller and cuer to TBA - EVERYONE FREE. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

September 2009

September 3 – 6, 2009 – **39th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – Davenport, IA – details TBA.

September 19 - 20, 2009 - **Nebraska State Convention** – Adams County Fair Grounds, Hastings, NE. For info: bcnu@gpcom.net or nstairs@hotmail.com.

September 20, 2009 - **West Coast President's Ball** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: brassy1012@aol.com.

October 2009

October 23 – 24, 2009 – **30th Florida Singles Single** – Rama – Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, FL – details TBA.

November 2009

November 2, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL. For info: jvhoobler@aol.com.

November 6 – 8, 2009 – **56th O'Leno Hoedown** – O'Leno State Park, High Springs, FL – details TBA.

November 13 - 14, 2009 - **West Coast Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - caller: **Tim Marriner and Sam Dunn**, cuer: **Dick Chase**. For info: anndonslocum@juno.com.

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **Northwest Association's Fall Festival** – Jacksonville, FL – details TBA.

January 2010

January 15, 2010 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

January 21 – 23, 2010 – **Florida Winter Festival** – The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – sponsored by Grand Square, Inc. For info: johnnysa@aol.com or 386-428-1496.

June 2010

June 22, 2010 - **Mid-America Square Dance Jamboree REUNION Trail In to the 59th National Square Dance Convention** - Crown Plaza (formerly Executive West Hotel), Louisville, KY - LIMITED SQUARES - \$10 donation per person. For info: JELZY@aol.com

June 23 - 26, 2010 - **59th National Square Dance Convention** - Louisville, KY. For info: www.59thnsdc.com.

July 2010

July 1 – 4, 2010 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Chicago, IL.

January 2011

January 15, 2011 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart dsnihart@comcast.com.

June 2011

June 2011 - **60th National Square Dance Convention** - Detroit, Michigan - Great Lakes Great Dancing. For info: luckeyracer@comcast.net or nsfriedlander@comcast.net

June 30, 2011 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Atlanta,

Links:

<http://www.floridadanceweb.com/> (Florida Dance Web)

http://floridadancing.com/html/west_coast_squares.html (West Coast)

www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)

<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)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores & catalog)

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