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October 31, 2009 – Deadline for submissions to the December/January issue of the *West Coast Dancer*. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

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

From the Editor



I'm sitting here in the lobby of the historic Kenilworth Lodge starting to work on this week's issue awaiting the arrival of our dancers for the Single Rama this weekend.

We had four squares on Friday and five squares on Saturday; a small group but everyone still had fun. Sam Dunn did a great job on squares and Lisa Wall did an equally great job on rounds. Everyone had a few laughs at the after party on Saturday night watching the skits that Sam, Ailene Picheco and Judy Frye put together for our entertainment.

From the Single Rama in Sebring, Jenny and I then drove to Sun City for the West Coast membership dance on Sunday afternoon. We had eight or nine squares enjoying the calling of Carl Rod, Art Springer, Phil Harris, Dan Wilkerson, and George Varney and the cueing of Pat Hagen and Carl Rod. Many thanks to the Sun City Swingers for the wonderful spread of finger foods which was enjoyed by everyone.

10-25-2009 West Coast Association Dance, Sun City Center
Pat Hagen: MC

***Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association
Members
Dues are due!***

*Please forward your dues to Art Springer,
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3401 N. Taliaferro
Ave., Tampa, FL
33603-6047*

*Questions:
813-223-1955*

*Membership in the SCCA
is open to anyone calling
and/or cueing
(including seasonal)
within the 16 counties of
the West Coast Square &
Round Dance Association
area.*

***Please watch future
issues of the
DANCERgram for
meeting dates.***



Greeters: Lance & Rita Baxter (Presidents West Coast Assoc.)



Fall Fun Fest Chairmen Ann & Don Slocum present ribbon to Ron Bouverat, Sun City Swingers President.



Sign-in table: John & Lynn Scott (Treasurer) - Joanne & Leon Haar (Secretary)



Callers & Cuers: Pat Hagen - Phil Harris - Carl Rod - Art Springer - George Varney - Dan Wilkerson



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Photos courtesy of John Occhipinti & Yolanda Trainor

Several clubs will be starting their dance season next week so be sure to check out the DANCERgram for those details.

Health & Sympathy Updates

These postings, as well as any previous postings, and notices for dancers can be found at www.squaredancefan.com

Please be sure to also check the website for updates on dancers!

Larry Gow – retired caller in Highlands County – is undergoing therapy at the Palms facility in Sebring – recovering from hip replacement surgery and complications which followed. His

daughter, Laura, passed away on Wednesday, October 21st, after suffering a stroke. She had been ill for several months prior. The Gow address is: 212 Robin Avenue, Sebring, FL 33872. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Donations to any charity of choice in Laura's memory would be appreciated.

Don Slocum – went in for a check-up on the 19th and the doctor was pleased with his progress. He is restricted to lifting less than 10 pounds and no bike riding for eight weeks after surgery. He danced two tips Saturday at the Clinic Dance and will work his way to more in the future.

Ted Hughes – caller in the Tampa Bay area – his mother, Dolly Packard, passed away. If you would like to send cards, his address is #8 McKinley Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027.

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West Coast Fall Fun Fest

The Fall Fun Fest is only three weeks away (November 13th and 14th)! So those of you who have been procrastinating about registering for this fun weekend, you need to start making your plans!

We have Sam Dunn and Tim Marriner booked for squares and Dick Chase for rounds. We will be presenting a full program of Mainstream, Plus and Advanced and Phase 2, 3 and 4 rounds. There is a dance on Friday and Saturday night, a round dance workshop, plus workshop, mainstream workshop and an advanced workshop on Saturday morning and there is more dancing on Saturday afternoon. There will be an after party right after the dancing on Saturday night and right there at the Bartow Civic Center. Parking is free at this location.

The host hotel is the Davis Brothers Motor Lodge, 1035 N. Broadway, Bartow; 1-800-424-0711 or 1-863-533-0711. Please identify yourself as a square dancer to receive the special rate of \$58 + tax per night. There are also some other hotels in the area; Super 8 Mulberry, \$59.95/night + tax, 863-425-2500; Holiday Inn Express Bartow, \$79/night + tax, 863-533-8071.

If you want to camp, there is free dry camping at the Bartow Civic Center for the first 10 rigs to arrive. If you would prefer full-service camping, Sanlan Ranch Campground is just up the road a few miles in south Lakeland. You can make reservations by calling 1-863-665-1726.

You can purchase your ribbons at the advance price of \$18 per person for the entire weekend right up until the first night of the Fall Fun Fest. At the door, they will increase to \$20 per person for the entire weekend. If you can't make it for the entire weekend or don't feel you can do all that dancing, you can purchase a ribbon for just Friday night or just Saturday night (after 6:00 p.m.) for \$10 per person or you can purchase a ribbon for all day on Saturday for \$15 per person.

Solos: There will be a section for you sit in, so don't stay away because you don't have a partner!

We will have a themed basket silent auction again this year, so don't forget to bring your checkbooks!

Bartow is neat little historic town and you will enjoy walking around the downtown area. There is usually a craft and antique fair during this weekend; there is a genealogical library; and Bartow is very close to the Lakeside Village a large shopping mecca in south Lakeland.

This is always a fun weekend and you won't want to miss it! Proceeds from this dance help to defray the cost of printing the *West Coast Dancer* which everyone receives free at the dances.

Hope to see you there!

Please see the information below regarding the FREE marketing and recruiting seminar to be held the same weekend!

FREE Marketing & Recruiting Seminar

Have you run out of ideas for marketing and recruiting new square dancers? Courtesy of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association, a marketing and advertising executive will tell and show where, how and why to advertise for recruiting new dancers in the modern world.

On Saturday, November 14th, there will be two seminars – one for callers and cuers at 10:00 a.m. at the Davis Motor Lodge, 1035 N. Broadway in Bartow – second for club leaders (and anyone else that is interested) over the lunch break at the Fall Fun Fest dance hall.

For more information, you can contact Keith Stevens at keithuns@yahoo.com or 863-326-9774.

Make plans now to attend!

MacDonald Benefit Dance

The MacDonald Benefit Dance is only a week away – November 1st at Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City.

Sam Dunn, Art Springer, Bob Barnes, Charlie Lovelace and Jimmy and Carol Griffin and Pat Hagen are all donating their time and talents calling and cueing for us. In addition to the great dancing, there will be door prizes.

If you've been collecting pennies for **Pennies for Independence**, please bring your collections to this dance so they can be added to the fund. There will also be a silent auction at this dance for some beautiful petticoats and other items that have been hand made by some of our square dancers.

There is a \$5 per person donation requested for this dance.

Florida Callers' Association Announces New Officers

The Florida Callers' Association held their annual meeting during their Clinic weekend on the 18th and elected the following officers:

President: Gary Murphy
Vice President: Whit Brown
Secretary: Bobby Keefe
Treasurer: Roland Morin.

Florida Singles Announces New Officers

The Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers (FASSRD) held their annual meeting at the Single-Rama over the weekend and elected the following officers:

President: Judy Frye
Vice President: Penny Green
Secretary: Ailene Picheco
Treasurer: Mary Lou Pelz

It was announced that Orlando Singles will be folding; their final dance is Friday, November 6th. This leaves only one singles club in the state of Florida – Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville.

The Kenilworth has asked us to change weekends in 2010. They requested that we hold the Single Rama later in the month but we are asking to hold it earlier. As soon as the dates are confirmed, the caller and cuer will be booked and flyers will be created and distributed. So stay tuned for the details!

Cuer Russ Collier Celebrates 89th Birthday!

On Wednesday, October 21st the Charlotte County Cultural Center Squares celebrated Russ Collier's 89th birthday. Russ served in the Marines in WW II in the Pacific Theater and received many deserved decorations. Russ's wife Wilma provided us with a short biography on Russ's service and also their history together.

We presented Russ with some Marine mementos in front of a re-creation of the Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi during WW II. After he received his gifts, a group of Vets from the Vietnam Vets support group that meets in the same complex came out en mass and all thanked Russ for his service to country. There weren't too many dry eyes of those in attendance that witnessed this show of support and thanks. When the Vietnam vets left, they all lined up in military formation and all rendered a hand salute to Russ as they departed.

Wes Morris, Caller



Caller Wes Morris, Cuer Russ Collier and his wife, Wilma.



Photos courtesy of Wes Morris.

American Callers' Association Viewpoints

Nine Ways that Work for New Dancer Recruiting and Retention and Square Dance Club Growth

This month's ACA Viewpoint is the third part of a three part (trilogy) offering proven **Ways That Work** to recruit and retain new square dancers leading to club growth. For the third month in a row, Caller John Gibson of Atlanta, Georgia, offers practical and understandable actions that will help a club. In this article, John points out nine actions that some callers and clubs do to keep new dancers square dancing. Unlike last month when John offered "**Twelve Not So Sensus Communum**" observations that are hurting new square dancers and casting "negatives" on the long-term well-being of square dancers and clubs and callers. This month John offers **Nine Ways that Work to Recruit and Retain New Dancers**.

Here they are:

1. New dancers must not graduate in the Spring and let go until September.
2. New Dancers need to be given the opportunity to dance every week all summer.
3. If new dancers miss a week or three because of summer vacation etc., "Sheppard dancers" or club members must contact them and encourage them to come back to dancing.
4. "Sheppard Dancers" and other club dancers are invaluable to make new dancers feel welcome.
5. These same "Sheppard Dancers" are encouraged to take new square dancers under their wings and invite and escort them to other dances where the new dancers can learn and see the friendship, fun and fellowship of square dancing.
6. "Sheppard Dancers" will dance with the new dancers and allow them to learn to dance to other callers.
7. "Sheppard Dancers" must be prudent only to take new dancers to clubs and callers that will make them feel welcome.
8. "Sheppard Dancers" must be sympathetic to realize the importance of allowing new dancers to have a fun and successful dancing experience.
9. It is best for "Sheppard Dancers" to make sure that the caller teaches new dancers and is dedicated to having successful dances that are fun to attend.

In summary John spotlights the "**Nine Ways that Work for New Dancer Recruiting and Retention and Square Dance Club Growth.**" For the past two months I mentioned David Ramsey in his common sense Financial Pease University by offering Dave's guidance. This month we again turn to Dave Ramsey where he advises clients and callers to get rid of things that are keeping them in debt like expensive SUV's, etc. Maybe it's time we do the same thing

in square dancing by shortening the dance programs not to exceed 60 movements to avoid over extending new dancers.

Once again John argues that the status symbol in square dancing is not a few dancers struggling to get through high level maneuvers. The real status symbol is a hall **full of people having fun**.

The American Callers' Association is very indebted to caller John Gibson for his comprehensive trilogy of identifying and fixing the most important **problem** in square dancing that is of the **decreasing** number of square dancers. Please continue to bear in mind that at the 1976 National Square Dance Jamboree we had 40,000 dancers. This past year we had less than 4,000. If we only could implement what John is suggesting, we could reverse the free falling decline in the number of square dancers, clubs and callers. Lastly please remember the book For Whom the Bell Tolls with the answer that the Bell Tolls for Us.

As the American Callers' Association continuously invests all its assets, time and funds to communicate with callers, dancers, and associations to bring the dancers back together to dance on a one floor united program and at the same time the American Callers' Association stays tuned into the desires and needs of the dancers. Caller John Gibson suggests the same things.

The Board of Directors of the American Callers' Association invites each of you to visit our website and newsletters at americancallers.com/news and communicate with us. Give us your ideas – “We Will Listen”.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association mac@americancallers.com or Dr. Patrick Demerath at pdemerath@uwa.edu.

Please visit our website and newsletters at AmericanCallers.com/news.

Until next time, happy dancing.

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CALLERLAB Programs

Basic and Mainstream Why Programs and Lists?

CALLERLAB programs define a world-wide standard of square dance calls to be taught in square dance classes or workshops. Program lists, list the set of calls that may be called at a dance advertised to be a specific dance program i.e. Basic, Mainstream, Plus, etc. Dance promoters are encouraged to list the program to be danced on flyers, brochures and other advertisements of open dances that will consist of material with which they are familiar. Program lists are used by callers in programming an appropriate dance for a specific group of dancers. Including the desired program in the caller's confirmation agreement will provide programming guidance to the caller as well as protection for the sponsoring organization.

The program(s) are not intended to segregate dancers into exclusive groups or to indicate that one who chooses to dance at his or her own preferred program is any better, or any worse, than any other dancer. Dancing skill can be achieved at many programs, and the quantity of calls is not necessarily an indication of dancer proficiency. It is hoped that the program lists will be used to aid in a logical teaching progression and thorough coverage of basics in classes and to provide an enjoyable modern square dance for dancers of all inclinations. In addition, CALLERLAB's intent is that approved styling and timing of square dance movements will be an integral part of all classes and dance programs. It is also hoped that proper teaching, including timing and styling, will result in smooth dancing for the greater enjoyment of all.

What next? Responsible leaders, within and outside of CALLERLAB, recommend that dancers dance regularly at the program at which they graduate for at least one year before they enter into classes or workshops for another program. This means that dancers graduating from the Mainstream Program should dance regularly at Mainstream dances for a year before going into the Plus Program.

There should be no pressure for movement from one program to another once a dancer has graduated. Dancers should be encouraged to take their time, enjoy the fun and fellowship and learn to dance well at that program before moving on to another program.

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

Understanding Cast Off $\frac{3}{4}$

Everyone knows how to do the combination of: Centers In – Cast Off $\frac{3}{4}$. But how many dancers can do only the Cast Off $\frac{3}{4}$ without the preceding Centers In? It is surprising the number who can not do this.

Near the end of many of my Mainstream and Plus dances I will put the dancers in lines facing out and call: “Cast Off $\frac{3}{4}$.” The correct ending formation is lines facing in, but it is surprising the number of dancers who finish in lines facing out. Many of them are already leaning in anticipation of doing a Wheel & Deal, so they just move in that direction.

I joke with the crowd and make a fun thing out of it, but is amazing the number of people who approach me later and say: “How do you do Cast Off $\frac{3}{4}$ from lines?” Here is the amazingly simple answer.

From any line of 4, which can mean all dancers facing one way, two-faced lines, 3 & 1 lines or waves, CENTERS WALK FORWARD.

That’s it. Remember that rule and you will not break down.

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Point of Order

By Kappie Kappenman

BMI **BMI/ASCAP** **USDA NEWS – April-June 1991**

It appears that everyone in the square dance activity has heard of “BMI/ASCAP”. Since October 1990 when 7,000 letters were sent by BMI to clubs throughout the nation advising them that they were required to pay royalties to play records at their club dances and included a Performance Agreement for “Musical Attractions”. The BMI payment schedule for musical attractions for the typical club ranged from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per event or about \$750.00 per year. Then add on roughly another \$750.00 for ASCAP and the club would be looking at about

\$100.00 per year. This was a real blow to the clubs and a great shock to the dancing community.

Many dancers and leaders cried “foul”, “a sham”, “a rip-off”, others cried “let them sue us – they can’t get anything from us”, “it’s not our responsibility”, “to hell with them”, and on and on it went. The first wave of dogged irate anger flourished and the phone lines begin to burn with questions like “can they”, “will they”?, “why?”, “how can they”?, “what can we do?”, “what should we do?”.

Research of the Copyright Law revealed that the authors and composers of copyrighted music are entitled to royalties when their music is used in activities such as our Square Dance Hobby. IT’S THE LAW! And it’s been the law since 1906. Whether we like it or not – it’s the law. Seems like we are just now feeling the impact of the copyright law that has been on the books for all these years.

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Recruiting New Dancers

This information sheet was developed by the Education Committee of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. and will provide a brief summary of just a few of the topics concerning the recruiting of new dancers. These same recruiting techniques apply to square, round, contra, clogging, and other folk dance clubs.

Leadership Education material can also be printed directly from USDA web site at www.usda.org.

INTRODUCTION

Recruiting new dancers is a never-ending task within the square dance movement. Square dancing is a great form of entertainment, therapy and exercise. It is also a great equalizer, as there are no income, education or culture barriers. PhD’s dance along side of clerks, mechanics, engineers, sanitation workers, small town folk, city dwellers, politicians, world travelers, dentists, ministers – all looking for the same thing – fun, fellowship, entertainment and relaxation in a friendly, family atmosphere. No one is too old or too young to join in for an evening of square dance fun and fellowship.

How do we find new prospective dancers? How do we approach them? How do we persuade them that square dancing is the hobby for them? WE RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

RECRUITING PLANS

To conduct a successful and prosperous recruiting program, a club must design and develop their recruiting plans and guidelines well in advance. Their plans should consider class dates and schedules, length of class sessions, class size, class fees, class facilities, caller, angels or club helpers, attire, training materials, handouts, literature, interaction and interface with the club members and the club activities, class publicity and promotion, and club member support and involvement with the class. Educate the club members (recruiters) by developing an information sheet that provides answers to questions that will most likely be asked by the new prospects. These information sheets should include data about the club as well as the total square dance activity.

RECRUITING METHODS

Personal Contact: The most successful method of recruiting new dancers. Solicit your friends, family members, acquaintances, business associates, etc. Encourage these potentials to bring their friends. Transport your prospects to the early lessons until they establish a rapport with other students.

Exhibitions/Demonstrations: Perform square dance exhibitions or demonstrations at shopping centers, malls, fairs, community events, church events, etc. Be sure to present a colorful, fun and friendship atmosphere to the spectators. Wear proper square dance attire. Involve the spectators if possible to demonstrate how easy it is and how much fun can be experienced in just a short time. Pass out flyers regarding your club and its class information.

Party/Benefit Dance: Offer to sponsor a Western Square Dance Party for a church group, civic organization or business group. Sponsor a Benefit Dance for a charitable cause that is open to the public. Demonstrate the club dancing and then involve the spectators, to let them taste the fun and fellowship that goes with square dancing. This recruiting method offers the potential of signing up a complete group of prospects at one time for the lessons.

Advertise: Design, develop and distribute posters and flyers advertising your class plans. Place flyers in malls, stores, community bulletin boards, Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Centers, Welcome Wagons, Community Service Centers, waiting rooms, business offices, etc. Advertise via electronic billboards and publicize by writing club, class, square dance articles for local newspapers and local square dance publications. Build a dynamic, live dancing club square dance float for use in various community parades and pass out flyers along the route.

Your Source for Ribbons

This list can also be found at www.squaredancefan.com

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

November 1, 2009 - 24th Annual McDonald Dance - Strawberry Square Dance Center, Plant City, FL

November 13 - 14, 2009 - 35th Annual West Coast Fall Fun Fest - Bartow, FL

January 21 - 23, 2010 - Florida Winter Festival - Lakeland, FL

March 19 - 20, 2010 - 10th Annual Shamrock Swing - The Villages, FL

What's Happening This Week?

This schedule can also be found at www.squaredancefan.com

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

Monday –  **Temple Twirlers**
Halloween **Dance and Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Oak Grove
United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m.,



Are you saving your pennies (or coins) for Pennies for Independence? Don't forget to bring them to the Collection Points, which are indicated in the DANCERgram with the P for I logo!



Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Doc Gray**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Use the entrance marked “Family Room” near the rear of the main building on the Habana Avenue side. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

Kings Point Swingers – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – A1/A2 workshop 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. - A-2/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Mike Cox – casual attire. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance. For info: mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Tuesday –

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Avenue,

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Hobo Dance –

TEMPORARY LOCATION: Lake Mirror Center, 121 S. Lake

Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – our famous hobo stew will be served – bring a can of vegetables to add to the pot - come in costume or casual. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

J and C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

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Sun City Swingers – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – Mainstream 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (caller will be “calling to the floor”) - caller: Van Coble – new dancers from any class are encouraged to visit and get some floor time over the summer months – casual attire. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Wednesday – **Timber Pines Twirlers** – Hwy. 19, Spring Hill – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers – square dance attire optional – for gate access and directions call 352-688-2995. For info: foxtrotr@bellsouth.net.

Strawberry Square C1 – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Cultural Center Squares - Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - caller: Art Miller; cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. Red, white and blue will be the color of the evening. We will be taking pictures so wear your finest! For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embarqmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday

7625 - 59th
7:45 p.m.


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– **Promenade Squares Halloween Dance** - Senior Center, St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: sqdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

Strawberry Square Rounds – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – **Phase II Rounds w/Workshop:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.; **Phase III/Intro IV:** 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.; **Phase II/Intro III Class:** 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: luvrds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.


Dunedin – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

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.

Friday -  **Spinning Wheels Halloween Dance** – Mango Recreation Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – ER 6:15 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Caller: **Art Springer**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

B & S 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 rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com.

Snell's Bo's & Bell's – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

 **Sun City Swingers Howl O'ween Spooktacular** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred – club members will provide sumptuous orange and black finger foods; the club will provide apple juice and cider. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

NWFSARDA 35th Annual Round Up - DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 N. 10th Street, Defuniak Springs, Florida – Featuring Tom Miller and Northwest Florida Callers Berlon Graham, Ted Kennedy, Bob Poyner and Cuer: Sandy Sturgis – Friday: Costume Contest, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds and Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares and Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced) – Saturday: 9:45 a.m. – NWFSARDA meeting, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Roundup cookout, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops – Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Intro Advanced – Saturday Evening: 7:00 – 7:45 Early Rounds and Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares and Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced – Best Western 850-892-5111 – Best Value Inn 850-892-3125 – Sunset King Campground 800-774-5454 – Super 8 850-892-1333. For info: Muriel 850-549-5517 murielrsvpsrc@mchsi.com; Paul and Cheryl 850-939-6688 or Dave 850-455-5160.

Saturday – Strawberry Square Halloween Party – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sam Dunn**; **Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin**. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders Hobo Dance – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin – square dance attire preferred – park in back of the building - \$8 per couple. For info: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749; Mary Dow – 863-494-6062/ mdow@embarqmail.com.

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Sunday – MacDonald Benefit Dance – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – callers donating their time: Art Springer, Sam Dunn, Bob Barnes, cuers donating their time: Charlie Lovelace, Jimmy and Carol Griffin and Pat Hagen. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com or grannyola@aol.com.

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Huggables - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey - casual dress – Mainstream/Plus 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose1@verizon.net or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Orange Blossom Squares– TEMPORARY LOCATION DUE TO RENOVATIONS AT LA HACIENDA CENTER: Mulberry Grove Recreation Center, 8445 SE 165 Mulberry Lane (just south of Hwy. 42 off Buena Vista Blvd.), The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **TBA**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

These classes are also listed at
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October 26, 2009

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.

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October 11, 2009 – **King of Kings Church Beginners Class** - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

October 12, 2009 – **Largo Recreation Center Beginners Class** - Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

October 13, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Annual Open House for Beginners Class** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Beginner class will start October 20th**. Caller/instructor: Van Coble. All beginners and inactive square dancers are invited to attend. For info: gail3357@gmail.com.

October 15, 2009 – **Hale Recreation Center Beginners Class** - Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. – call/instructor: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

November 2, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 2, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info:

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November 3, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Review** – Strawberry Square Dance Center,

4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 4, 2009 – **Beginning Round Dance Classes** – Auburndale Senior Center, 109 Park Street, Auburndale – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – \$3 per person per session – Cuer/instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369.

November 4, 2009 – **Phase II/Intro to III Round Dance Workshop** – Auburndale Senior Center, 109 Park Street, Auburndale – 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. - \$3 per person per session – Cuer/instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369.

November 4, 2009 – **Kings Point Swingers Beginner Square Dance Class** – Kings Point Studio, Sun City – FREE Open House 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – refreshments – entertainment – class will start November 11th and will meet every Wednesday night – Caller/instructor: Mike Cox. For info: 813-634-8212 or 813-649-0754.

November 5, 2009 – **Phase II – IV Rounds Dance Workshop** – Cloverleaf Farms, Farms Community Center, 900 N. Broad Street, Brooksville – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Cuer/instructor: Judy Doane. If anyone is interested in beginner round dance classes, please call the cuer to express your interest. If there is enough interest, a class will be started. For info: 352-797-5557 or doanut@aol.com.

Did you know that any club in the West Coast Association area of Florida can be reimbursed up to \$100 per class for any advertising related expenses for new dancer classes? Just submit your receipts to the West Coast treasurer for reimbursement.

November 6, 2009 – **Dixie Grande Squares Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. - \$3 per person per session – Caller/instructor: Carl Rod. First night FREE. For info: 863-293-9369.

November 8, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Cuer/instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: luvrds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 12, 2009 – **Maple Leaf Advanced Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. - \$4 per person per session – casual attire – caller/instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 13, 2009 – **Maple Leaf Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club – 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per session. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 13, 2009 – **Maple Leaf Plus Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per session. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

January 4, 2010 – **Beginning Square Dance Lessons** – Blue Jay Park, Dade City – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Marty VanWart - \$20 per person for three months – the hall is at the entrance to the park - class is open for new students for two weeks. For info: 813-788-2004 or mav19@myfairpoint.net.

January 5, 2010 – **Intro to Plus** – Betmar Mobile Home Park, Rt. 54 W., Clubhouse 3, Zephyrhills – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. - Caller/instructor: Marty VanWart. For info: 813-788-2004 or mav19@mayfairpoint.net.

January 5, 2010 – **Intro to A-1** – Betmar Mobile Home Park, Rt. 54 W., Clubhouse 3, Zephyrhills – 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Marty VanWart. For info: 813-788-2004 or mav19@mayfairpoint.net.

January 7, 2010 – **Beginning Square Dance Lessons** – Gem Estates, Zephyrhills – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Marty VanWart - \$5 per person per week - class is open for new students for two weeks. The hall is in the front of the park and the park is the last one on the right of North Street. For info: 813-788-2004 or mav19@myfairpoint.net.

December 6, 2009 – **Ft. Meade Squares Plus Workshop** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade – 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – caller: Russ Young – casual attire. For info: FMRLyoung@aol.com.

December 6, 2009 – **Ft. Meade Squares Beginner Lessons** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Russ Young – casual attire. For info: FMRLyoung@aol.com.

Looking Ahead

The events listed below are new this week. The entire list of future events can be found at www.squaredancefan.com

November 4, 2009 – **Kings Point Swingers Advanced Rounds First Dance of the Season** – Kings Point Studio, Sun City, Florida – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

November 5, 2009 – **Kings Point Swingers Plus First Dance of the Season** – Kings Point Studio, Sun City, Florida – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900

November 9, 2009 – **Kings Point Swingers First A-2 Dance of the Season** – King Point Studio, Sun City, Florida – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

March 26 – 27, 2010 – **19th Annual Fuzzy Navel** – Oceanside Inn & Suites, 711 North Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA (on the beach) – **Friday:** Early rounds 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:30 p.m.; After Party 11:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. **Saturday:** Rounds workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 – 10:30 p.m.; After Party 11:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. – Caller: Bud Whitten; Cuer: Shirley Wilson - please bring finger foods for the refreshment table at the after parties – Carole's Closet of Woodstock, GA will be the vendor for the weekend - \$25 per person for the weekend in advance; \$30 per person for the weekend at the door. For info: Pat Inglis, 1340 Oakengate Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; 404-294-0268.

Links

February 6, 2010 – Sun City Swingers Annual Recycle Square Dance Clothing Sale will be held.
Details TBA.

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Associations/Organizations

- <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/> (Florida Dance Web)
- <http://floridasquaredance.com/> (Florida Federation)
- <http://www.flcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)
- <http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)
- www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)
- www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)
- <http://www.callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)
- <http://www.americancallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)
- <http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)
- http://floridadancing.com/html/west_coast_squares.html (West Coast Assn.)
- <http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA[®])
- <http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)
- <http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])
- <http://www.58nsdc.com> 58th National Square Dance Convention - Long Beach, CA
- <http://www.59thnsdc.com> 59th National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY
- <http://www.60thnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

Vendors

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

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (division of Suzie Q Creations – covering southwest Florida)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance and 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.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://home.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

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