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Square and round dance news for the west coast of Florida

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This newsletter is published weekly and distributed electronically as a free service to the dancers on the West Coast of Florida. If you would like your own personal copy emailed to you, please notify the Editor either by email or in person.

¹ This isn't a mistake; there were two articles in the August *Bow & Swing!*

From the Editor



I don't know about you, but I've had just about enough rain for this year! I don't know which is worse, the rain or the heat. It seems like every year the heat gets harder and harder to bear; maybe it's because I'm getting old!

With all this rain and heat, you're probably staying inside getting things done like cleaning out the closets. Don't forget to donate your used women's square dance clothing to the 2010 Florida State Convention fundraising efforts. Everything will be sold on E-bay and the proceeds will benefit the convention. You can start bringing your donations to the next West Coast dance at the Strawberry Square Dance Center on Sunday, August 16th. Since we have lost one source of fundraising money, we need all the donations we can get.

If you weren't able to get a copy of the *Polk Voice* this week to read the article I wrote about Buttons & Bows of Lakeland, you can go to this link and read it on line <http://blogs.polkvoice.com/quinn/default.asp?item=2404938>. Hopefully this article will generate some inquiries about classes and square dancing!

I know it's hard to believe, but I'm already receiving inquiries from snowbirds about dancing down here so you'll want to be sure I always have current information about your dances to respond to them.

CORRECTION
Election of the West Coast officers was not held at the August Folding/Business Meeting; it will be held at the September 16th meeting.

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!

Roger Chapman – retired caller in Winter Haven, has been diagnosed with lumbar stenosis. Cards can be sent to 3137 Walnut N.W., Winter Haven, FL 33881-1163.

Carol Poole – Federation Insurance Chairman and Past President of the Florida Federation - was admitted to the hospital 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 19th, and had stomach surgery at 5:00 PM. She had a small section of her small intestines removed. It was twisted and caused a blockage. Carol was released from the hospital on Sunday afternoon, July 26th. She is doing well, but will be recuperating for about six weeks. While she isn't bedridden, she needs a lot of rest and no lifting. So Randy says he'll have to do the yard work and takeout the trash. Cards can be sent to Carol at 1541 Lakeside Dr, Deland, FL 32720.

Ted Kennedy – caller in Slidell, LA, and Northwest Association area. His mother passed away this morning (August 2nd) in Huntsville, AL. Additional information will be forwarded as it is received. If you would like to send cards, his address is: 211 Drury Lane, Slidell, LA 70460.

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2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

May 28, 29, & 30, 2010

Look at your calendar – do you have the dates May 28-30 circled? If not, you should think about making plans now! That’s the date of YOUR State Convention. By YOUR, we mean DANCERS, CALLERS and CUERS. There are many people who have been working very hard for several years to make sure this year’s convention is a fun-filled, great dancing weekend for you. All you are asked to do is register and then show up to have a GREAT TIME!

We wish to thank all the dancers who contributed to getting the 2010 Convention off to a strong start by purchasing their Early Bird ribbons and the convention shirt. If you didn't take advantage of this opportunity, it's not too late! Additional convention shirts have been ordered and will be available soon. Ribbons have been distributed to dancers in each region of the state for your convenience, or you can contact our Convention Registrars, Carole and Garland McKenzie at 352-622-7678 or carolemc@embarqmail.com. They will be happy to help you with your ribbon purchase. Speaking of registrations, there was a slight error on the printed blue registration forms. Please note that the zip code for the McKenzies should read **34482**.

The 2010 Convention is the 1st All-State Florida Square & Round Dance Convention. This is the first time that the convention is not hosted by one regional association. Instead, the planning committee is made up of dancers from across the state and YOU are invited to volunteer your skills and talents. Visit the convention website and contact any of the committee chairs for information on how you can be a part of the 2010 Convention.

The theme for this year's festival is "**Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing**" and the 'official' convention outfit is so easy! Any holiday outfit or combination of holiday colors in your closet is exactly what you should wear to promote the convention. You aren't limited to wearing that special outfit during the holiday either. Wear it to any dance at any time of the year. What a great way to get more wear out of those special outfits AND promote our own Florida Square & Round Dance Convention at the same time!

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information and registration form, by visiting www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html. If you don't use the internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita and Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551 or via email at anitandbudinop@aol.com and they'll have you connected to someone in your area to answer all your questions. MORE NEWS COMING SOON! Remember, Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!

Charlie and Sarah Pergrossi
Publicity Chairman

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2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

May 28, 29 & 30, 2010

As we begin circulating and visiting dances across the state, we've been finding that many of you haven't ever attended a State Convention. This may be because you have just graduated and don't know about our State Convention. Or maybe you have recently moved to Florida and are only beginning to discover all the fantastic dance opportunities available to you regardless

of your level of dancing. Or possibly you just didn't think there was anything for you at this event. We can hear you asking, "Why do I want to go to a State Convention?" Whatever your reason has been for not attending a State Convention in the past, let us help you prepare for the festival which awaits you in May 2010. For starters, it's the only place where you'll be able to dance to many different (and talented) callers & cuers, and dance with so many dancers in only three days! Imagine the new friends you'll meet and the friendships that will be formed.

There will be halls for every level of dance. For our square dancing fans there will be Mainstream halls, Plus level halls and halls for Advance and DBD dancing. Our round dancers will find that they haven't been forgotten with halls for Easy Rounds (Phase 2/3) and another for higher levels (Phase 3+/4 & 5). There will be workshops for both squares and rounds throughout the afternoon hours, along with Introduction Workshops, so you can experience a "taste" of a new level of dance.

Our Vendor Chairman is working hard to bring in a wide selection of clothing and dance accessory vendors for your shopping pleasure. There will be vendors for clothing items, shoes and boots, badges and pins, crinolines and prairie slips, hats, sewing patterns, and so much more. In the past, our vendors traveled far and wide in order to attend our Florida State Convention and all for your shopping pleasure. You'll be able to "shop 'till you drop" for all those much desired items.

Did you know that you don't have to have a dance partner to attend the State Convention? The dance opportunities are numerous. On Friday night, our Singles Chairmen Shirley White and 'Smitty' Smith have planned a Meet & Greet in one of the dance halls, so you can gather with other Dancing Solos to chat and meet up with friends. There will be a solo section in each hall marked as "Dancers Without Partners". Take advantage of these solo sections and sit with the other solos so you will get a chance to meet them and dance. Once you arrive at the Convention, be sure to visit the Registrar and pick up your Solo ribbon.

For our younger dancers, be sure to note that the cost of a convention ribbon is only half-price for dancers under the age of 16. For everyone older than 16, the prices have remained the same for a 3rd year at \$27.00 per person. So whether you order your ribbon at the Youth price or full price, be sure to order them before April 30, 2010. After this date, there will be no mail-in registration and you must purchase your ribbon at the box office for \$30.00 per person. BUY EARLY AND SAVE MONEY! There is a money back guarantee until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010 – no questions asked. You won't find a better deal than that! Ribbons have been distributed to dancers in each region of the state for your convenience, or you can contact our Convention Registrars, Carole and Garland McKenzie at carolemc@embarqmail.com, 352-622-7678 or 6600 NW 61st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34482. They will be happy to help you with your ribbon purchase.

When the dancing halls close for the night, and the vendors close shop for the day, you'll need to have some place to lay your head for a much deserved night's rest. Our host hotel for the

Florida State Convention is Holiday Inn Lakeland – North, 3260 Highway 98 South. The Convention reserves a limited number of rooms at the special rate of \$75+ tax per night. This is an unbelievable rate for the area! You need to make your reservations **NOW** so you don't miss out on this price. All you need to do is call Randy or Carol Poole at 386-734-5295 and they will assist you in reserving a room for this dance-filled weekend. If you wait too long, the rooms will fill up and you'll be left out. If you are a camping dancer, then you will be bringing your room along with you. Our registration form has the contact information for several of the campgrounds in the Lakeland area. They are all within easy driving distance to the Convention Center, but remember they fill up fast as well. So make your reservations early!

Anita and Bud and all their committees are working hard to bring you a great fun-filled weekend. Get registered, get your hotel room or campsite, and get ready to celebrate as **Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!**

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, by visiting www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html. If you don't use the Internet and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita and Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551, and they'll have you connected to someone in your area to answer all your questions. **MORE NEWS COMING SOON!** Remember, **Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!**

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Knothead Knews

Here it is August and the year is half over. Has your club started making plans for your Knothead trip? October and November are great months to visit any club that is over 100 miles from your club. Just think of the fun you'll have on the bus with your closest friends – square dancers. Some clubs plan sing-a-longs on their Knothead trip while others have games to play. On a trip I went on a FEW years ago – everyone had an opportunity to figure out how many jelly beans were in a jar. I don't recall the number, but we sure had fun eating those jelly beans after the game was over and a little prize was handed out. I realize this is a silly game, but as "adults" we are supposed to have FUN. Life is too, too short not to have FUN every chance we get.

Having FUN makes life more interesting. Also think of the new friends you'll meet and maybe, just maybe, you'll have FUN at the dance, too. Remember to become a Knothead and be eligible to attend the Knothead Konvention you must travel 100 miles to the dance and return the same evening. Knothead Konvention dates are Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20, 2010, and it all happens at the Eau Gallie Civic Center in Melbourne.

We wish we had enough stamps to personally invite all Knothead's to join us at the 50th Annual Knothead Konvention. Can it really be 50 years since this FUN weekend was started? It would be great to see you come again. Find our ad on Page 28 [of the *Bow & Swing*] with all of the pertinent information and phone numbers.

Dancing starts 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 19. Our special Kaller and special Kuer have been requested to bring their favorite records for our enjoyment. Every week we hear our own club callers do their favorites, now you have the opportunity to dance to different "favorites."

After the evening break you'll enjoy the unique calling of Ken Ritucci from West Springfield, Massachusetts. Joining him will be the talented Kuer Larry Chatos from West Palm Beach. Plus Kaller Allen Snell and his wife Rosie of Port Richey will be with us for the "DONKEY" initiation. This FUN time is veiled in secrecy so don't ask, cause no-one will tell.

There will be plenty of square dancing for everyone all day Saturday with Ken. And Saturday morning Kuer Larry will have a class for beginner Round Dancers. Give it a try. In the afternoon he will re-do the dances learned in the morning plus there will be some rounds for other Round Dancers attending the Konvention.

Kaller SusanElaine Packer has "Knotted thousands of dancers thru the years, so with her faithful dancers assisting, all new Knothead's will have their "official" Knothead initiation. She wants to be sure you really are a Knothead. This FUN time will begin shortly after lunch on Saturday.

After the dance that Ken and Larry have planned for Saturday evening you'll be invited to dance some more. That's when the IDIOT party is scheduled. All kinds of things happen at the Idiot Party so come have some FUN with us and the rest of the Knothead's.

See you there!

Mr. I. M. Knotty (our mascot)
SusanElaine and BettyLee

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A New Fiscal Year

It's that time of year when many clubs are having their annual elections or they had their elections back in the spring before they shut down for the summer and soon their clubs will be starting up for the new dance season. There are many things that need to be accomplished when new officers take over and some things are overlooked. I thought I would discuss some of them here to help you remember what needs to be done.

- Notify the Chamber of Commerce, the local newspaper and the local radio station who the new contact person is for your club. People may call these groups looking for square dance information.
- There are currently two square dance sites that need to be updated:
 - www.floridadanceweb.com
 - www.floridasquaredance.com
- Update your listing in the West Coast *Dancer*. Ensure that all the information that is needed is provided i.e. complete '911' address, level of dance, preferred attire, dance times, caller's and cuer's name, contact phone number and email address. By complete '911' address, we mean the street number and name that can be used in the GPS or MapQuest; not "the corner of X and X". If you always have guest callers and cuers, consider purchasing an ad where you can list who the caller and cuer is for each dance. Many dancers would like to know who will be calling and cueing before they make their decision where to dance. Consider providing more than one contact name in case one person is on vacation or not available. If you have more than one listing in the West Coast *Dancer*, proof all of them.
- Update your listing in the *Bow & Swing*.
- If your club participates in the USDA Insurance Program, notify the West Coast Insurance Chairman who should be receiving the new insurance packet for your club.
- Notify me who the new president is so I can update the contact person for the dance listings in the DANCERgram.

CALLERLAB APPLICATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE VOTES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
(July/August 2009)

***** S T A R T *****

Jon Jones, Chairman and **Jerry Story**, Vice Chairman of the Application Review Committee (ARC) announce that the committee has completed the review of four questions regarding the usage/application of certain calls as follows:

1. From a Thar Formation the calls given are: Slip the Clutch (move forward one person and with THAT person), Shoot the Star.

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written Basic definition?

The committee voted YES and further ruled that the Thar formation does not go away after a Slip the Clutch.

2. Would it be proper to fractionalize Relay the Deucey?

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written Plus definition?

The ARC voted NO. The definition is a bit unclear about how many parts Relay the Deucey has but, it definitely does NOT have more than two parts.

3. Would it be proper to call Teacup Chain from Facing Lines by designating who is to lead?

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written Plus definition?

The committee voted YES. This application works well from in-sequence lines but there was a problem from out-of-sequence lines as the ones making the stars got confused as to whom to go to.

4. From Parallel Ocean Waves, after calling "Centers Box Counter Rotate," would it be proper to call Motivate?

Does this application comply with the CALLERLAB written A-2 definition?

The ARC voted NO. Due to square breathing, the first circulate is not possible. However, if the caller immediately gives the caveat "Centers stay centers" (which would be for the first circulate) then it would be proper. The caveat MUST be stated for this application to work.

The CALLERLAB Board of Governors established the ARC in 1998 to review the proper/improper usage of calls on the various programs. If anyone has a question in this regard, contact the CALLERLAB Home Office and it will be forwarded to the proper place.

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We thank you for the coverage you have given us in the past and for your continued support in the future. THE CALLERLAB BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CALLERLAB 2009 TRIENNIAL REVIEW NOW COMPLETE

******* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *******
(July/August 2009)

The current CALLERLAB Program Policy requires a review of all CALLERLAB dance programs at least once every three years. This review is conducted by each applicable dance program committee and is known as the "Triennial Program Review."

This review is conducted as follows: first the Mainstream Committee completes its review of the Mainstream Program, then the Plus Committee conducts its review of the Plus Program, then the Advanced Committee conducts its review, and finally the Challenge Committee conducts its review. During these reviews each program committee will review the applicable dance program to determine if any changes are required. Changes can include additions or removal of calls from the program.

The Mainstream Committee has completed the review of the Basic & Mainstream Programs. The following is the result of that review:

Basic Program - No change
Mainstream Program - No Change

The Plus Committee has completed the review of the Plus Program. The following is the result of that review:

Added - No calls were added to the Plus Program
Removed - No calls were removed from the Plus Program

Copies of the Basic/Mainstream and Plus Dance Programs lists, definitions, and checklists are available on the CALLERLAB website at: www.CALLERLAB.org.

We thank you for the coverage you have given us in the past and for your continued support in the future. THE CALLERLAB BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Committee has been completing some long needed maintenance on the Hall of Fame display at the Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City. Part of the Hall of Fame display is two shadow boxes which contain pictures of all the past presidents of the Round Dance Council of Florida and the Florida Callers Association.

There are some pictures missing of some of the past presidents of the Callers Association which we are having difficulty locating and they are now deceased. If anyone has a picture of the following callers, please forward them to Mary Lee Van Valkenburg, 4237 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL 33563.

- Dick & Rita Hulbert (1988)
- Dick & Shirley Shinham (1996)
- John & Dawn Sherely or Shirley (1976)
- Jim & Ann Taylor (1974)
- Bill & Irene Embury (1954)

Partner, Partner, come out wherever you are!

By Penny Green

Many times I am asked “How can I find a partner?” or “Where can I find a partner?” Then there are the times I am asked “Will I get to dance if I go to that dance?” or “Will there be someone for me to dance with, if I go to that dance?” Believe it or not, it’s not always women asking me these questions!

There is no pat answer for any of these questions; but I can tell you, you won’t find a partner sitting at home waiting for a phone call or only dancing at your home club. You have to get out there and “network”.

Networking is a not-so-new “buzz word” in the business world. The Webster definition is: the exchange of information and services among individuals, groups or institutions; specifically, the cultivation of productive relationships for employment or business. Now you’re probably asking “how do you take this and apply it to square dancing?” It works in very much the same

manner as it does in the business world; you get out there and talk to people, meet people, make sure people know your name and that you are a dancer and available for dancing.

First, always have business (or social) cards with you that have at least your name, phone number and email address (if you have one). These come in very handy if you should meet a partner; just give him/her a card and say something like "if you ever need a dance partner, I hope you'll consider asking me." Perhaps he/she will give you a card in return.

Always go to the dances whether you know if you are going to dance or not. You never know if there will be someone there who is looking for a partner. There might be someone there who is only in town for a week; or in the area on vacation or business for two or three weeks; or maybe someone has just moved to the area. If you miss just that one night, you might miss your one opportunity to have a partner. I have two or three partners I met this way; I happen to be at a dance one night when they showed up; they left with my contact information; and when they are back in the area, they call me to meet them at a dance.

When you arrive at a dance, don't sit down and stay there waiting for someone to come to you to ask for a dance. If it's your first time to visit the club, let them know at the door that you are solo if anyone needs a partner. I recommend that if you don't know if the club welcomes solos, that you call ahead to find out before you go. Unfortunately, there are still some clubs around that do not welcome unattached singles at their dances! If you have a solo ribbon or badge, wear it to the dance so the other dancers can easily identify you as someone needing a partner. I recommend standing by the door so you can observe who is arriving and if a solo arrives looking for a partner, the people at the desk can find you easier.

If you are at a club dance where you know everyone, be sure to mingle and talk to all of them. These couples have to be reminded that there is a single in the hall that needs a partner and if you sit in a corner and don't move around the room, they won't notice you're there!

Don't shy away from attending conventions and weekend festivals! Most, if not all, of them have singles sections; take advantage of them. How else will you find the other singles looking for partners in a place with several hundred or thousand dancers? Some conventions have a Singles Room, a Singles Get-Acquainted Dance, a Singles Host Hotel, or even Singles After-Parties. Take advantage of these too; you'll get to meet a lot of the other singles.

Several states have their own Singles Association with an annual weekend and there is a national singles organization with an annual convention (Dance-A-Rama) on Labor Day weekend which is held at a different location every year. These are always fun weekends; you can plan them around your vacations and tour the area while you are there. There are tours scheduled in conjunction with the Dance-A-Rama so you can see some really interesting things when you attend these dances.

Our national organization, Single Square Dancers USA®, has a directory of all the singles friendly clubs in the United States, promotes a website to find partners (dancepartner.com), has an

electronic newsletter (SSDUSAGram) which lists a large number of the singles dances around the country, and has someone who helps link roommates for the conventions and festivals.

It also helps to participate in all of the singles square dance activities i.e. join your state singles association, the national singles association (Single Square Dancers USA®), singles after parties, singles conventions, singles dances, etc. Believe it or not, there are some single dancers who only go to singles activities so you won't meet them at couples' activities.

I have danced single for most of the past 25+ years and it took me a long time to build a network, but I can safely say there are very very few dances in Florida that I go to now that I don't know somebody. In fact at the last state convention, my partner asked me if there was anyone there that I didn't know.

It's scary to go to that first festival or convention, but once you go that first time it becomes easier and easier because you meet more and more people each time. Even if you don't learn everyone's name right away, you'll start recognizing faces and seeing them at other dances.

In order to be successful in building your network, you have to remember to always be friendly, maintain your dancing skills (no one wants to dance with a bad dancer), don't be pushy, and don't try to "dominate" a partner. We're all in the same boat so let's help each other out and make sure everyone gets a chance to dance.

It takes time to build a network, so what are you waiting for? Get out there and get started!

Source for Ribbons

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

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

October 23 - 24, 2009 - **30th Annual Single-Rama** - Sebring, FL.

November 1, 2009 - **24th Annual MacDonald 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

Week of August 3, 2009

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

Monday – **Bay Indies** – Indies Hall (first hall after entering park), 950 Ridgewood Ave. (off Venice Ave. E.), Venice – A2 10:00 a.m. – noon; Plus 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

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Temple Twirlers – 1807 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Van Coble**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual attire - finger food. 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 – 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 – **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



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!



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).

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Suncoast Squares – **NEW LOCATION:** King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 – 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg (parking lot at the rear of the building and enter through the rear door; the church is across the parking lot from the Metro Center) - Mainstream and Plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

Wednesday – **Cultural Center Squares** - Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - caller: Wes Morris; cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday –
Thompson
– 9:30 p.m. –

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Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Golf Club, Nursery Road, Lake Wales – Mainstream/Plus – 7:30 caller: Sam Dunn – square dance attire optional. For info: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com.

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Promenade Squares Picnic Dance - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – DBD Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin – bring picnic foods to the dance. 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.

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.

Friday

Lincoln
7:30 – 9:30

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Spinning Wheels Back to School 50's Dance – 1807 N. Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds p.m. – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace – dress for the occasion – 50's music will be played. 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. – callers: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko - wear your brightest colors – please bring finger foods. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.



Sun City Swingers – 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. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – **Palace Promenaders** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Jennie Martin – casual attire – park in back of the building - \$8 per couple. For info: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749; Mary Dow – 863-494-6062/mdow@embarqmail.com; Sam Dunn – [863-382-6792/samdunn@samdunn.net](tel:863-382-6792).



Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - 7:30-9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

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 rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com.

Huggables - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey - casual dress – lessons 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – 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.

Orange Blossom Squares – TEMPORARY LOCATION DUE TO RENOVATIONS AT LA HACIENDA CENTER: Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 510 Colony Boulevard (NE corner of 466A and Morse Boulevard – 352-750-1935), The Villages – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Duane Rodgers**, 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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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.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED OUT TO NEW DANCERS! IT'S NOT A SECRET!

September 10, 2009 – **BATS Beginners Class** - Brandon Community Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Dan Wilkerson. For info: dr.danbob@yahoo.com, 813-571-7786 or Bob 813-689-5897.

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. For info: gail3357@gmail.com.

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: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot

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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

**SEPTEMBER is.....
Square Dance Month**

July 17 – 19, 2009 - **California Caller College** – Martin Hall South, Santa Ana, CA - Staff: Frank Lesclinier*. For info: Frank Lesclinier; Phone: (909) 229-303 or (714) 525-8843; FAX: (714) 525-8843; E-mail: frank253@hotmail.com. (* Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

July 24 - 26, 2009 - **California Caller College** – Martin Hall South, Santa Ana, CA - Staff: Frank Lesclinier*. For info: Frank Lesclinier; Phone: (909) 229-303 or (714) 525-8843; FAX: (714) 525-8843; E-mail: frank253@hotmail.com. (* Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

August 16 – 21, 2009 - **Rocky Mountain Callers School** – Arvada United Methodist Church, 67540 Carr Street, Arvada, CO - Staff: Tim Marriner*, Ron Markus*, Mike Olivieri. For info: Ron Markus; Phone: 520 730 8776; Fax: 520 546 2163; Email: ramcaller@juno.com; Website: rockymtncallersschool.com.

August 20 – 24, 2009 - **Norcal Callers School** – San Jose, CA - Staff: Ken Ritucci* and Harlan Kerr. For info: Ken Ritucci, 132 Autumn Road, West Springfield, MA 01089; Phone: 413 734 0591; Email: Kenritucci@aol.com; Web Site: www.norcalcallersschool.com. **California Caller College** – Martin Hall South, Santa Ana, CA - Staff: Frank Lesclinier*. For info: Frank Lesclinier; Phone: (909) 229-303 or (714) 525-8843; FAX: (714) 525-8843; E-mail: frank253@hotmail.com. (*Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

August 23 – 28, 2009 - **Alguire Memorial Callers School** – Glenholme, Nova Scotia - Staff: Barry and Pam Clasper, Dottie Welch, Kerry Fletcher. For info: Dottie Welch, 415 Conrad Road Lawrencetown, NS, Canada, B2Z 1S3; Phone: 902-435-4544; Email: dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca. (*Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

October 8 – 12, 2009 - **Northeast Callers School** – Manchester, NH - Staff: Ken Ritucci*, Norm Poisson, Jerry Story*, Ed Foote*, Anne Uebelacker. For info: Ken Ritucci, 132 Autumn Road, West Springfield, MA 01089; Phone: 413 734 0591; Email: Kenritucci@aol.com; Web Site: www.northeastcallersschool.com. (*Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

October 18 – 22, 2009 - **Al Stevens Caller School** (Intermediate callers) – Schwarzwald Sonnenhof Hotel, Langenbrand, Germany - Staff: Al Stevens*. For info: Al Stevens, Broetzingerstr. 56, 75180 Pforzheim; Phone: +49-7231-766704; Email: AlStevensCaller@aol.com. (*Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

October 25 – 29, 2009 - **Al Stevens Caller School** (experienced callers) – Schwarzwald Sonnenhof Hotel, Langenbrand, Germany. Staff: Al Stevens*. For info: Al Stevens, Broetzingerstr. 56, 75180 Pforzheim; Phone: +49-7231-766704; Email: AlStevensCaller@aol.com. (*Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

October 25 – 29, 2009 - **Pride Caller College** – Pride RV Park, I40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC - Staff: Tony Oxendine*, Jon Jones*, Deborah Carroll-Jones*, and Jerry Story*. For info: Linda or Kristy, Phone: 1-800-926-8191; Email: JERYSTORY@aol.com.

November 19 – 23, 2009 - **Silver State Caller College** – Reno, NV - Staff: Doug Davis* (Spokane WA), Nasser Shukayr* (San Antonio TX), Hanna Tenenbaum (Malmoe, Sweden). For info:

Nasser Shukayr; Email: nshukayr@gmail.com. (*Denotes CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coaches)

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- <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 & SW Florida Location – Bob’s Engraving 239-354-2053; adamsBZ@msn.com)

<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)

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www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

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