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Square and round dance news for the west coast of Florida

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

September 1, 2009 – Deadline for submissions to the October issue of *The Grapevine*. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

From the Editor



The next big weekend in our area is the 30th Annual Single-Rama at the historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring on October 23rd and 24th. Sam Dunn, who lives in Sebring, will be calling for us and Lisa Wall from Jacksonville will be cueing. Lisa is a very popular cuer in the Jacksonville

area.

Along with everything else that I do, I am president of the Florida Singles and I hope you will support me and Sam with your attendance at this fun weekend of dancing, workshops and after parties. Everyone is welcome to dance with us – marrieds, couples, solos, any age. We make sure everyone gets to dance; if you aren't getting to dance, just let me know and I will see to it that you get to dance. You'll want to be a part of our traditional tip of all guy and all gal squares!

Sam, Mary Dow and I all have ribbons; we'd sure like to sell you one, or two!

It's September already! Things will start picking up in the square dance world now.

THE BAY AREA TWIRLERS

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUB

CORDIALLY INVITE YOUR
SQUARE DANCE CLUB TO
AN

*80th BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION HONORING*

JOHN OCCHIPINTI

(West Coast Photographer
and Historian)

September 12, 2009

(regularly scheduled
dance; Caller: Allen Snell
& The Good Times Band)

Brandon Community
Center

502 E Sadie Street

Brandon, FL 33510

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

The West Coast President's Ball is September 20th at the Strawberry Square Dance Center and we will be installing the new West Coast officers for the upcoming year. Everyone on the new Board, except me are fairly new square dancers so be watching for some fresh new ideas this year. The entire Board is from Polk County and we all dance at the same clubs (Shufflin' Squares, Hampton Promenaders and Buttons & Bows of Lakeland).

Don't forget to bring your clothing donations for Rita and Jenny to pick up, and your collections for Pennies for Independence for Flo and Yolanda to pick up. Rita will also be selling raffle tickets for the 46-47" TV and the \$500 cash card. There will also be people there selling ribbons for the Single-Rama, West Coast Fall Fun Fest, Winter Festival, Central Association Shamrock Swing and the 2010 Florida State Convention, so don't forget to bring money and/or your checkbooks! Oh, and you'll be able to renew your West Coast membership for 2010 (or join) too!

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!

Shirley Barnes is back home in Zephyrhills now and is able to walk unassisted.

Penny Green is having a rhizotomy on Monday, August 31st. This is a procedure to burn the nerve endings in the lower back to hopefully eliminate the pain. She is also scheduled for a venous refill study on September 3rd, which is a study to determine if the blood is flowing from the legs back to the heart properly.

Jimmy Griffin started walking in regular shoes last week and will start physical therapy this week.

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All FCA Members!

Make your reservations NOW!

The Fall Clinic is fast approaching. We have been lucky enough to book Tom Miller from Chest Springs, PA, to conduct this year’s clinic, and it promises to be a great one! The clinic opens at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday 10/15 and you should be there!

Remember, we have changed our host hotel to the La Quinta Inn & Suites on Highway 98, just North of I-4. It is a magnificent facility and they are giving us a great price. You need to make your reservations ASAP to assure that you get your room at the special price. To book your room, call 863-859-2866. Ask for Group #94 at the La Quinta Inn & Suites Lakeland West. The rates are: One King Bed: \$89.00 per night; Two Double Beds: \$79.00 per night.

The weekend schedule is:

Thursday 10/15: 3 p.m. – 5p.m. and 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at La Quinta

Friday 10/16: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at La Quinta

Saturday, 10/17: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. at La Quinta

Saturday 10/17: Plus Dance with Tom Miller, Strawberry Squares, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Callers pay for dance)

Sunday 10/18: FCA Meeting, 10:00 a.m., La Quinta

Please make your reservations ASAP. And remember, if we don't book enough rooms, we will lose this excellent facility.

PLEASE NOTE: The Plus Dance on Saturday night is open to all dancers.

For info: 386-454-2872 or lalecl@aol.com

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USDA Insurance

Injuries while attending a Square Dance are infrequent, but they do happen. If you are injured while dancing make sure you report it to the folks putting on the dance. It's very important everyone is aware you were hurt, even if it's not serious. An injury can seem to be no big deal; it was just a simple fall. However, the next morning you can barely move. You go to get a checkup and it turns out to be serious!

This is why all clubs and their dancers should have the USDA Dancers Insurance. This insurance (while secondary insurance) does help when your primary insurance doesn't cover all your expenses. If a visiting dancer is hurt while at your club dance, and your club isn't covered by any insurance (including the USDA insurance), the club can be involved in a law suit over paying for the injured dancer's medical expenses.

The USDA Dancers Insurance is extremely inexpensive, but provides \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence (subject to \$100 property damage deductible per claim) while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. \$100,000 limit for damage to premises rented to you.

For more information please read the USDA NEWS Volume XX, Issue 3 July-Sept. 2009 Page 10.

Paul and Cheryl Miller
Florida USDA Representative

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Square Dancing Across America

By Jerry and Donna Robey

Our adventure began a year ago, in July of 2008, when we had the opportunity of square dancing with the “Santa’s Swingers” in the farthest North Square and Round Dance Hall in America. This historic dance hall located in Fairbanks, Alaska, was built by and for square dancers and the caller, Jeri Weatherford, actually lives in North Pole, Alaska. It was about this time that we heard about the “Travelers Award” which is sponsored by the United Square Dancers of America (USDA).

The purpose of the “Travelers Award” is to promote visitation between dancers in all 50 states (to encourage visitation of squares dancers to regular club dances, festivals and state or national square dance conventions across state lines and around the United States). The goal is to attend a square dance in all 50 states. Since we enjoy traveling, we thought why not give it a try. As a part of our trip to Alaska, we were able to dance in Washington, Oregon and Colorado thus the seed had been planted. We began to wonder, could we really square dance in all 50 states?

Last Fall our dream began to take form as we danced our way throughout the Mid-west and South Central parts of America thus adding another 17 states. This past winter, we began working on a plan to dance in all the remaining states West of the Mississippi. The 58th National Square Dance Convention was being hosted in June of 2009 in Long Beach, California. We reasoned that it would make a fantastic road trip to “dance our way across America” to California and back. Through the cooperation of dance clubs and callers in 19 states, we planned a trip that was to take 6 weeks. To be exact, we were on the road in the West for forty days and forty nights. Jerry, a retired United Methodist Minister said he liked the Biblical sound of this adventure.

In total, the round trip covered over 9,000 miles of this magnificent country. The sights and sounds we encountered gave vivid meaning to “America the Beautiful”. We saw it all, purple

mountains majesty above the fruited plains, Amber waves of grain, mixed with the lush green of Midwestern farms in contrast to the deserts of the southwest. This adventure was truly an experience from sea to shining sea...the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. And yet, the most remarkable part of the adventure was the people.

We were given a fond farewell from our square dancing friends in our home club, the Grand Squares in Gainesville, Florida. The dancers followed our travels with a map that was prominently displayed showing our progress.

Square Dance Clubs from Louisiana to Idaho and Minnesota to California opened their doors and their arms to us in such a warm and friendly way that we were always with friends. The square dance "family" is truly wonderful as we became a part of each community through which we passed. New dancers are always encouraged to share this warmth and fellowship as classes are made available each September for individuals and couples that want to join the fun.

Of course, the highlight of our trip was the Convention in Long Beach, California. There in the grandeur of the magnificent convention center over 3,000 dancers from around the world gathered for a week in June. In addition to nonstop dancing in 18 different halls, there were seminars for dancers and callers alike, special events and tours were always available, and dancing for young and old alike. There was even a square dance competition for teens as well as for adults. During our travels and while we were dancing in Fargo, North Dakota, we were invited by the square dance caller, Roger McNeil and his wife Bernadette to dance in the competition as a part of the North Dakota square. Over 30 squares joined in the fun as we matched wits with two national callers, Randy Dougherty and Tony Oxendine. Even though we didn't win, we loved the experience and made new life long friends. Then, there was the couple from Bristol, Florida, that we met while dancing in Mesa, Arizona. Glenn and D.J. O'Neal are Florida dancers like ourselves who were on their way to Long Beach. As we became acquainted, we decided to dance together again in Las Vegas on the way to California, and in Albuquerque on the way home in addition to the nonstop dancing from morning to night at the convention.

In retrospect, this trip was an adventure of a lifetime and all made possible by the thousands of people that enjoy square dancing as a hobby. We are filled to overflowing with memories of our "40 days in the wilderness" which covered over 9,000 miles through 22 states. We have now danced in a total of 40 states, and are in the process of planning a trip to New England this fall to enjoy the Fall Colors and to dance in another nine states. We will celebrate our accomplishment by dancing in our 50th state, Hawaii in January. We encourage all that may be reading our saga to get involved in the wonderful activity of square dancing. We'll see you in a square.

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Knothead Knews

Here it is – already September! Many Kallers are starting to make plans to take their new (and some – not so new) dancers on a Knothead trip. You haven't heard of the "Knothead's"? They are a group of dancers – at least a square of them plan on a trip 100 miles away from their own club – and they do it just to go dancing. That will make you an official Knothead. This is why I love square dancing! There are so many special activities always going on. And the Kallers know that their dancers will enjoy the fun and experience of becoming a Knothead! Plus you'll get to meet many other Florida dancers and dance to another very special Kaller.

This year we are happy to announce the event of the century. Plans are being made as we speak for the 50th Annual Knothead Konvention being held in Florida! The fun begins as the planning continues for this terrific weekend of crazy fun. The dates are Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20 and it all happens at the Eau Gallie Civic Center in Melbourne. We are so fortunate to have as our Knothead Kaller this year the talented Ken Ritucci of West Springfield, Massachusetts. And our Knothead Kuer is Larry Chatos, now residing in West Palm Beach.

A Kuer? You say you don't round dance? Well, we have just the thing for you! Saturday morning Larry and Nancy will give round dance lessons. They'll be easy ones. Larry will tell you where to put your right foot and then your left one and before you know it – you'll be round dancing. It's that easy!

During Friday evening you'll get the opportunity to dance with all of the fabulous Knothead's also attending. And there will be the DONKEY initiation overseen by Allen and Rosie Snell from Port Richey, Florida. Plus there will be some skits put on by some actors!

Saturday afternoon at 2:00pm we will have your official Knothead initiation hosted by the official Knothead herself, Kaller SusanElaine Packer, who has initiated over one thousand dancers, will officially give you your own KNOT.

There will be the IDIOT PARTY Saturday after the dance is completed. Now if all this intrigues you – talk to your club officers to get your club ready for your trip of a lifetime. For Knothead registration forms or information on how to find a club, just visit us at FloridaKnothead.com.

See you there!

Mr. I.M.Knotty (our mascot)
Susanelaine and Bettylee

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2010 Florida State Convention

We look forward to greeting and entertaining our many guests at the 56th Florida Square & Round Dance Convention in Lakeland.

We think you would look good with a Turquoise Ribbon! If you aren't wearing this fine looking ribbon, we can only ask, Why not?! The purchase of your state ribbon entitles you to three full days and evenings of dancing to some of the finest callers, cuers and dance leaders in the state of Florida. Advance sales help to defray the costs of presenting and planning this annual event. Forget the excuses and purchase your ribbons today! Ribbons have been distributed throughout all the regional associations. If you are unable to find anyone, then go directly to our Convention Registrars Garland and Carole McKinsey. They will be happy to assist you in completing the registration form and obtaining your turquoise ribbon – proclaiming your support of the 56th Florida State Convention!

In order to put on any event, whether at the club, regional or state level, fund raising events must take place. The Florida State Convention is no different. Each regional association is working hard to raise a portion of the funds necessary for this year's convention. All dancers are encouraged to attend these special events. They may be a Bake Sale, a Benefit Dance, Raffle tickets for a special drawing, or the sale of Entertainment Books. Whatever your regional association has planned, your support and assistance is critical to their success! In addition to these fund-raising events, our General Chairmen, Bud and Anita Taylor, are selling convention T-shirts, buttons and tote bags. The T-shirts have been so popular that additional shipments have been ordered. The convention buttons are now available as well. Have you seen the sturdy tote bags at your weekly dances? They offer durability, style and promotion all in one! Check with your association fund-raising chairman for details on how you can purchase any of these items.

Now, you're all set to attend, but you may be wondering what activities are planned for the spectacular weekend.

- Besides multiple dance halls featuring square dancing at the Mainstream, Plus, DBD and Advance levels, there will be round dance halls offering Two-Step, Waltz, Cha & Rumba

at various levels to entice dancers. You will be able to attend workshops and dance demos.

- Of course, there will be the shopping opportunities discussed last month.
- If your feet need a break from dancing on Saturday afternoon, you are invited to attend the Extra Mile Award ceremonies. This is an opportunity for nominated callers and cuers in Florida to be recognized for going beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity. These dance leaders are nominated by YOU the dancer! So, contact your association leaders for details of how you can nominate your caller or cuer and show your appreciation of their devotion to our dance activity.
- 50/50 Drawings each evening where you have the chance to win hundreds of \$\$\$.
- A Grand March is planned for Saturday evening. The details are being held in strictest confidence at this point, but we'll "spill the beans" in the very near future!
- In addition to dancing, you'll have time for sightseeing in beautiful Lakeland and surrounding communities, fabulous restaurants for your dining pleasure, nice hotels and campgrounds very close by, and so much MORE!

How can you make the best of the convention experience? We can sum it up in one word – VOLUNTEER! Now we're not suggesting that you spend hours in committee work, or that you forgo dancing during the convention, but rather offer your talents, time, and skills to any of our committee chairmen. You've heard the adage, "Many hands make the work light." So, add your hands and reap so many rewards. You'll find that you will know so many more people at the convention and have the satisfaction of knowing you helped to make this event successful. Look over the listing of committees and contact the chairman of something which interests you. You will be warmly welcomed and truly appreciated.

A complete listing of committees and chairman can be viewed online at the convention website or by contacting the General Chairman, Bud and Anita Taylor at 904-272-6551 or anitaandbudinop@aol.com. Here are a few you may be interested in:

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Zebra218fl@aol.com

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Jack & Kathy McKinney – 904-249-3224

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904-388-1463 or 904-799-7626

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We are waiting for your call so you can join us “behind the scenes” and really begin to enjoy the Florida Square Dance Convention.

Don't forget to order your ribbons 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 5:00pm on Friday, May 28, 2010 – no questions asked. You won't find a better deal than that! You can contact our Convention Registrars, Carole & Garland McKenzie at 352-622-7678 or

carolemc@embarqmail.com, 6600 NW 61st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34482. 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**. They will be happy to help you with your ribbon purchase.

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 NEXT MONTH! Remember, **Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!**

Charlie and Sarah Pergrossi, Publicity

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Shamrock Swing

Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association presents their 10th Annual Shamrock Swing in The Villages on March 19 and 20, 2010 at La Hacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central. Callers will be Tim Marriner and Bob Stern and Cuers will be Jimmy and Carol Griffin.

This month we want to mainly bring you the information on the times of dancing on the two days and the price for two days or one day.

There will be two halls – Mainstream, Plus, DBD and Advance: Friday evening (Early rounds at 7:30, dance 8:00 – 10:00pm), Saturday afternoon (Workshops 1:00-5:30pm), Saturday evening (Early rounds at 7:30, dance 8:00-10:00pm), Friday & Saturday evenings (10:00-10:30pm Musical Highlights), Friday & Saturday Evenings Announcements will start at 7:30pm.

Ribbons are \$18 per person in advance, \$20 per person at the door. Daily admission available at the door is \$14 per person all day Saturday, Friday or Saturday evening only \$12 per person.

You can help support the Shamrock Swing also by being a Booster. You donate \$1 and your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing. All Area Reps of CFSRDA clubs have information. You may contact them for further information and flyers or contact: Bob and Jennie Courter, Chairmen at 352-751-1009 or email courj4720@thevillages.net.

Bob and Liz Wilson, Media

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ARTS Council

We received the following from Bonnie Abramson, Sacramento, CA

For those of you who were at the National Square Dance Convention in Long Beach, you know that TLC came to the convention to film an edition of the Ultimate Cake Off, where decorators design and create a specially decorated cake. In this case, it was a wonderful cake that depicted square dancing. Having seen the cake in person, it was spectacular! Hopefully, as Donna says, this show will be a great reflection on square dancing. Please share the information below with the dancers in your area.

We also received the additional information printed below from Donna Hawkins, Corresponding Secretary, 58th NSDC Long Beach, CA, June 2009

Hi All

I went on line tonight to the Ultimate Cake Off and found out that the cake that we had at our 58th NSDC in Long Beach is going to be on TV on The Learning Channel (TLC) on September 7th at 10:00 PM then September 8th at 1:00 AM and 7:00 PM then again September 9th at 2:00 AM all eastern time, check your own TV guide to make sure what channel it is on in your area.

The name of the show is The Ultimate Cake Off (Square Dancing), I had a really good time doing the filming for this and I just hope that it turns out to be as good as I think it will be, and I hope all good stuff about Square Dancing, The cake itself a lot of you seen at our Convention in Long Beach, it is a really a Beauty.

There is another Ultimate Cake Off, for a Pirate Fair in Long Beach it should be on TV on August 31st 10:00 PM then on September 1st at 7:00 PM and again September 5th at 9:00 PM all Eastern time it should be a good show to watch too and you may see some of ours at the first of the show but I am not sure on that.

If you know someone that would like this information please send this email on to them, we want as many square dancer to see it as we can get. I just hope it turns out to be a great show, and that they filmed some good dancing at our convention, I know the show is all about the CAKE, but to us it is more about the dancing we all love.

Wish us good luck on a good show and enjoy.

Reprint from ARTS Council E-News 2009-004 (Ultimate Square Dance Cake)

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's so hard not to correct these reprints!

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 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

Week of August 31, 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 – 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 – **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.

Sun City Swingers – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach

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Bldv., 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 – **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



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!



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@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday -
Nursery Road,
Keith Stevens

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easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com.

Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Lake Wales – Mainstream/Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: – square dance attire optional. For info:

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Promenade Squares Back to School 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 – wear your school clothes or colors. 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: lurvds@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 – **NO DANCE** 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 -
Avenue,
p.m. –

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helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

Spinning Wheels Labor Day Dance – 1807 N. Lincoln Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info:

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 – **NO DANCE** For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

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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.

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 – 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 Patriot Day – 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: **Bobby Keefe**, 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!

Wednesdays – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - **King's Point Phase II – IV Round Dance Workshop** - 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.

September 10, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Beginners Class** – Forest Hills Park Community Center, 724 W. 109th Avenue, Tampa – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette – singles welcome. For info: pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com/813-961-0732; Merle Lewis mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com/813-962-1861; Martha Bird mbird@ij.net/813-234-3030.

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.

September 17, 2009 – **Promenade Squares Beginners Class** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Dick Demerit. For info: sqdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

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. 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: 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.

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Did you know that the editors of the American Square Dance and Bow & Swing magazines will send complimentary copies of their magazines for your graduating class? Just let them know when you need them and how many!

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**

October 9 – 10, 2009 – **Daytona Beach Ball** – Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach. For info: John and Judi Corbett, ladybirdb@cfl.rr.com or 386-767-2266.

Links

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www.squaredancefan.com**

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.nsdirectory.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.aronsquaredanceshopandpatterns.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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