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January 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the February 2010 issue of the *Bow and Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

January 15, 2010 – Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations

– Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years **statewide** involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just 1 or 2 areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. **Being an Area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough.** The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have affected the majority of the State of Florida. The fact that one is nominated is a very high honor, whether or not they enter the Hall of Fame. For info: Dick and Darleen Nordine at rnordine@juno.com.

February 1, 2010 – Deadline for Extra Mile Award Nominations.

To show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity. Nominee must be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida. For info: rayelsa@aol.com.

Attention, Attention, Attention

Florida Callers Association – White, Silver or Life Badge members and Florida Round Dance Council Currently Active Members as listed in the January 2010 Bow & Swing Magazine.

The 2010 Florida Winter Festival Staff extends a cordial invitation to those active members to attend the 2010 Winter Festival at the Lakeland Center, January 21, 22 & 23 as their special guest.

Please check in at the Registration desk to receive your complimentary ribbons.

The Florida Winter Festival Staff

From the Editor



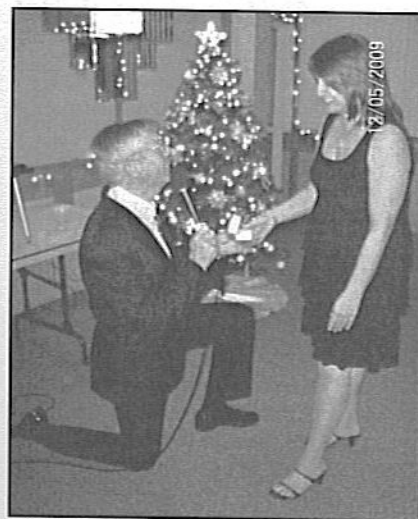
HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a happy holiday season, and of course you didn't eat too much! Lucky you; there's lots of dancing this week to help you work off those unwanted calories! There are even some new dances starting up this week in southwest Florida.

Congratulations to Caller Mike Doughty and Mary Noorian on their recent engagement! Mike surprised Mary with a proposal (on bended knee) and presented her with a ring at the Sailfish Squares Christmas Dinner Dance.

What a wonderful turn out we had for the first Annual West Coast Association Scholarship Fund Benefit Dance this afternoon – 154 people!

With two dynamic callers – Sam Dunn and Allen Snell – on the mic, the dancers were quickly warmed up by their fast and energetic calling. There were so many round dancers on the floor dancing to Charlie Lovelace and Linda Catey, I couldn't tell how many circles of dancers there were! Linda Catey is a cuer from Michigan who is now wintering in Sebring. It was very generous of her to also cue for us today and it gave Charlie a chance to dance with Leona. Linda, and her husband Lloyd, are also the registration and housing chairman for the Detroit National Square Dance Convention.

We were also pleased to introduce Dianne and Jeff Hissong the new line dance leaders at Strawberry Square, and we found out they are also terrific square and round dancers. They taught an easy line dance during the afternoon and that pulled a lot of dancers out on the floor. The Hissongs had just arrived from Ohio this morning in their motor home. After the dance, they headed to Zephyrhills to set up their rig and get settled in.



Mike Doughty proposing to Mary Noorian at the Sailfish Squares Christmas Dinner Dance.



Rita and Lance Baxter (President), Penny Green (Vice-President), Lynne and John Scott Treasurer), and Joanne and Leon Haar (Secretary)



Country Western DJs and Line Dance Instructors, Jeff and Diane Hissong.



Charlie and Leona Lovelace (Cuer), Allen and Rosie Snell (Caller), Sam Dunn (Caller) and Linda and LLOYD Catey (Cuer)



Line Dancing



Photos courtesy of John Occhipinti and Yolanda Trainor

Our goal was to raise \$1,000, which is the amount of the scholarship to be awarded, and we are proud to report that we achieved that goal!

Next Sunday is our next West Coast Membership Dance in Zephyrhills with George Varney and area callers and cuers keeping us dancing for the afternoon. Early rounds are at 1:30 p.m. and alternating tips from 2:00 – 4:00. West Coast members are FREE and guests are \$5 per person. We always have a good crowd for this dance so please plan to join us!

Health & Sympathy Updates

These postings, and notices for dancers as well as any previous postings, can be found at

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

Dick Lysobey – co-editor of Central Association’s *Keepin’ Posted* – His wife Jeanne wrote to say that **Dick** is progressing. He was discharged by the infectious doctor who said there was no bacteria found in the culture from the blood and no sign of any bacteria in the echogram concerning the heart valves -- all clear. We are very thankful for this. Now, the oncologist can go ahead and find out why his red blood cell count is VERY low and proceed to correct that problem. He was to see the oncologist just before Christmas and we were hoping for a positive plan. Please keep Dick and Jeanne in your prayers of thanksgiving. “Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year. Things are looking up so it will be a good new year!!” Reprint for Northeast Association’s Joy’s & Concerns – 12/28/09)

Marie Bigelow – wife of caller Steve Bigelow - continues to face numerous health challenges. She has been discharged from the hospital but her blood levels weren’t at the desirable levels, but acceptable. She was happy to go home and will not miss a Chemo appointment so it goes forward. By Tuesday she was experiencing trouble breathing so after talking to the Pulmonary Doctor we had Oxygen delivered to the house. After the Oxygen came and Stephen learned how to administer it all Marie was started and it was easier to breathe but still hurts when she takes deep breaths. We were delighted to hear both the pulmonologist and Dr Buckley say that they saw no reason why Marie could not go to Atlanta for the Christmas holiday as long as she had the Oxygen. They arrived at Stephen’s parent’s house with Marie using 1 tank of Oxygen on the trip up. If you would like to keep updated on Marie’s cancer journey, she has a web site for journal entries and updates. You can visit CaringBridge at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/mariebigelow>. As Marie and Stephen update the site, you will be informed of her progress. (Reprinted from Northeast Association’s Joys & Concerns – 12/28/09)

Jean Lee – caller in Central Association - has written to pass along this news of some medical issues she & Dick have been dealing with over the past several months. “I’ve had all the tests the local doctors and hospital have ordered and the decision has been made that I am going to Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville hopefully for a diagnosis, prognosis and treatment plan. I (Dick will be taking me there) have an appointment for Wednesday, Dec. 23 for an evaluation with the Dept. of Urology and I am not sure what happens after that. I suspect we will come home Wednesday night and then Mayo will let us know what the plan of treatment will be. I will let you all know when I find out anything. Thank you for your cards, thoughts, prayers and friendship.” Cards and words of encouragement can be sent to Jean at jeanlee43@bellsouth.net or 841 Egret Rd, Cocoa, FL 32426. (Reprint from Northeast Association’s Joys & Concerns – 12/28/09)



Robert (Doc/Bob) W. Tirrell, Jr. – retired cuer - Doc/Bob Tirrell, 85, went to be with his Lord Tuesday evening Dec. 29, 2009 peacefully with family at his side.

He was born June 27, 1924 in Brockton, MA to Robert Wilson Tirrell, Sr. and Edith Averill Tirrell. He attended several different schools in New England, Germany, and NJ. He graduated with Dartmouth class of '45 although with the World War II interruption, it was actually in 1947. While at Dartmouth, he became a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. During World War II, he was a Navy Pharmacist mate attached to the 3rd Marines, 3rd regiment in the Pacific. He furthered his education at New York University School of Dentistry, graduating in 1951.

Doc practiced dentistry in New York City for 20 years and then gradually moved his practice to New Jersey where he practiced for another 20 years. He retired in 1991 to Waterford, Vermont.

He married the love of his life, Peg Morse on June 16, 1948 in Ridgefield Park, NJ. They honeymooned while riding their bikes 13 days to get to their summer jobs in Lakewood, ME. They began square dancing for relaxation in 1949 at the local Y. This led them to a lifetime commitment to the promotion of square and round dancing. They began cueing and teaching round dancing in 1960. They helped form many square and round dance clubs including Tenakill Twirlers (Cresskill, NJ), Garden State Campers Chapter 001 NSDCA (NJ), MontShire Campin' Squares Chapter 181 NSDCA (VT/NH). They were presidents of the Northern New Jersey Square Dance Association in 1964-65 and editors of the association magazine, Grand Square, for 25 years. They were founding members of the Northern New Jersey Round Dance Leaders Council, becoming honorary lifetime members in 1992.

They were chairman of LEGACY (International Association of Square Dance Leaders) from 1981-1985 and 1997-1999 and Executive Secretary from 2000-2003. They were Founders of ROUNDALAB, the International Association of Round Dance Leaders and served as Executive Secretary, and historian, as well as a member of many committees.

Upon retiring to Vermont, they became members of the Vermont Association of Round Dance Leaders (VARDL) and have served as secretary/treasurer. They have often represented VARDL at the Vermont Association of Western Style Square Dance Clubs (VAWSSDC) meetings. They have edited the VAWSSDC quarterly magazine, Gazette, for 14 years. They are lifetime members of the New England Square and Round Dance Foundation and have served as membership chairman and public relations chairman. They also were associate editors of the NSDCA TIMES, official magazine of the National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA), for 14 years and represent the NSDCA at ARTS-Dance meetings (Association of Square Dance Associations promoting square dancing).

They have choreographed many round dances and have taught and/or cued at 34 National Square Dance Conventions, 12 Canadian National Square and Round Dance Conventions, and 21 New England Square and Round Dance Conventions. They were secretary and public relations chairman for the 2004 and 2005 New England Conventions in Brattleboro, VT. They have cued rounds for many square and round dance clubs in New Jersey, New York, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire, and called many square dance fun nights in New Jersey and New York.

They have received many awards for their dedication to the square and round dance activity including the Lucarini award (NJ -1965), Yankee Clipper (New England -2004), Roundalab Silver Circle (1992), Roundalab special award (2008), Silver Spur (national recognition of service to square dancing - 1995), and the LEGACY Heritage Award (national recognition of promotion of the square dance activity - 2002).

Square Dancing became a family activity and often they were joined on the dance floor by their three children and several grandchildren. In 1998 and 2008 they celebrated their 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries with special square and round dance parties. Doc was very proud to know the many people that he introduced to the joy of square and round dancing.

As a dentist, Bob was a member of the New York First District Dental Society, serving as chair of program, education, and membership committees and 3 years as treasurer. He also served on several committees including necrology, finance, and ethics. He assisted in the organizing of the 1969 American Dental Association convention in New York City as secretary and in charge of local arrangements. He became a Fellow in the International College of Dentistry in 1965 and a Master in 1987. He was also a member of the New York Academy of Dentistry. He was a member of Delta Sigma Delta (Dental Fraternity), the New Jersey Dental Society and a delegate to the ADA convention as well as society treasurer for 13 years. He also volunteered as a dentist at Englewood Hospital, Englewood, NJ.

Bob served the Borough of Cresskill (NJ) as a member of the Board of Health and the co-chairman of the Community Chest. He was also a 50 years member of the Tenakill Masonic Lodge in Tenafly, NJ. Bob was a member of the Reformed Church on the Hill (RCA) in Cresskill where he was on the Consistory as both an elder and a deacon. He also taught junior high Sunday school and was Sunday school superintendent for several years.

Since moving to Waterford, Doc has become involved with the Dartmouth '45 Tuesday monthly luncheon club, edited (with Peg) the Dartmouth '45 newsletter, and was co-chair of the 60th class reunion in 2005. As a member of North Congregational Church, he taught junior high Sunday school, served as a deacon, church treasurer, and acolyte coordinator. He also volunteered at the Wednesday community lunch program. Active in the lives of his grandchildren, he became a Boy Scout merit badge counselor. As a Friend of the Davies Memorial Library, Doc was in charge of the outdoor information sign.

Doc is survived by Peg Tirrell, his wife of 61+ years; his children, Scott (Deb) Tirrell of San Bernardino, CA, Barbara Connelly of Lower Waterford, and Gail (Christopher) Vaucher of Las Cruces, NM; his grandchildren, Jeff (Hollie) Tirrell of Beaverton, OR, Ryan (Cristina) Tirrell of Los Angeles, CA, Paul Connelly of Lower Waterford and Crystal Connelly of Lower Waterford.

He was predeceased by his brother Keith Tirrell, son-in-law Jim Connelly, and grandson Joshua Connelly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 2 pm at North Congregational Church, 1325 Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution in Doc/Bob's name to the charity of your choice related to the activity that you and Doc/Bob shared would be appreciated.

Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared privately with the family through the Sayles Funeral Home website at www.saylesfh.com.

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Dancer Highlight

Tom & Isla Coburn



Isla was born in Aurora, IL, moved to Compton, CA, when she was 10 and then moved to Seattle, WA, when she was 15.

Tom was born and raised in Yakima, WA, and moved to Port Angeles, Washington in 1949. From 1956 – 1962, he served in the Navy on the USS Mt. Baker AE4, home port Japan. He was back in Port Angeles in 1960. Tom drove a logging truck on the Olympic Peninsula for about 30 years.

Tom and Isla met in April 1974 and were married in June of the same year in Sequim, WA. Isla has two children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Tom has five children, 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Isla managed a chiropractic office in Port Townsend, WA, from 1989 until she retired in 2001. Tom retired from truck driving the same year. They moved to Sebring in 2001, after Isla's mother's husband passed away.

In 1974 Isla was going through a divorce and she was introduced to a young lady that was going through square dance lessons; she suggested that Isla come along; she did and she was hooked! Isla met Tom during that time and when he asked her to marry him, she said on two conditions: one being she doesn't do breakfasts and the other was he'd have to take square dance lessons, and they've been dancing ever since. Isla said she would have married him anyway, but he didn't know that!

Isla was president of the Sequim Prairie Handshakers in Sequim, WA, sometime in the mid '70s. She was also a member of the Washington State Association. Tom and Isla were the Round Dance Reps in Washington State in the mid '70s. They would go learn the three round dances being presented each month and then come back to the Association, demonstrate and teach it, and then they would vote for the dance they would like for that month. Isla states that was so long ago, they weren't cued, you had to memorize them.

The Coburns are members of the Harmony Hoedowners in Sebring, Grande Squares of Camp Inn in Frostproof, Pine Ridge Promenaders in Lake Placid (where they are treasurers) and they are currently the Highlands County Reps of the West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association.

As far as hobbies and interests, square dancing is their main interest. Isla enjoys crocheting and reading and sews occasionally and she volunteers at her church.

When asked if there was anything else they wanted us to know about them, Isla wrote “We miss Washington very much and that will always be home, but we are very happy in Florida, especially happy during the winter months. We really enjoy the square dancing here in Florida, and always have a really great time with all the people we have met and all the friends we have made.”

Tom and Isla like to visit other square dance clubs and you can usually find them riding along with Sam Dunn, even on his annual trek to Ohio.

Florida Callers Association President's Message

I was thinking recently how lucky I am to be President of the FCA at this time and place. Why? Because I've got an exceptional Executive Board to do all the real work. When your team consists of players like Whit Brown, Roland Morin, Bobby Keefe and Ellis Lindsey, you just know it's going to be an all start year.

Well there's a lot of work to be done. Square Dancing is in trouble, and the FCA has a responsibility to be among those working to solve problems and effect change. And since the New Year is a time to make resolutions to make ourselves better, I'm going to commit all of the Executive Board members and say that these are our New Year Resolutions for 2010.

We resolve to make the FCA an organization that everyone wants to join. If you've been a member of the FCA in the past we'd love to have you back. Please tell us why you left and what it would take for you to rejoin. There is strength in numbers and our activity needs all the strength we can muster at this time.

We resolve to make the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention the best weekend of dancing that happens in Florida each year. For the past few years we have been tweaking how callers are scheduled, and the response at last year's convention was extremely positive.

On a related note, **we resolve** to remind every caller in the state to encourage their dancers to attend the State Convention. How can any event survive if its leaders and sponsors don't promote it at every opportunity?

We resolve to continue opening the lines of communication between dancers and callers. Gone are the days when everyone jealously guarded the borders of their own little kingdom. We have to go work together if we are going to succeed.

And finally, **we resolve** to try and do what you think needs to be done. If you've got an idea, tell us! When you see Whit, Roland, Bobby, Ellis or myself at a dance, come up and talk to us. Let us know what's on your mind. If you don't see us in person, drop us an email. I know it's an imposing list of resolutions, but this is the team that can get it done!

Gary Murphy

Bow & Swing Editorial Comment

January is here and it is time for the Winter Fest Square Dance Festival. This is Florida's version of a national square dance convention. There are whole associations who provide representatives from all over the country to come to Florida just to dance in this festival. The Florida Winter Fest is the "Sun Shine Festival" that we all knew and loved and provides a showcase of internationally famous square dance callers and round dance cuers. See the ad for this fun filled festival in Bow and Swing.

Have you made any New Year resolutions yet? May suggest a few? I resolve to arrive at my dance on time. I resolve to encourage newer dancers. I resolve to support my caller and my cuer. I resolve to stay until the last tip. I resolve to greet and talk with other dancers and visitors at the club. I resolve to visit another club or participate in a club raid. I resolve to ask a single to dance with me at least for one tip. I resolve to say something positive about square dancing to someone at least once a week. I resolve to invite at least one friend to a square dance party. Mentioning square dance parties, as a club or caller, you might resolve to have one or two dance parties a year where anyone can walk in the front door and join in the fun. While there are many more and some much more meaningful resolutions a person can make, these resolutions cost no money, take up no more time and are all fun. I hope to see you at the Winter Fest Festival and again at the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.

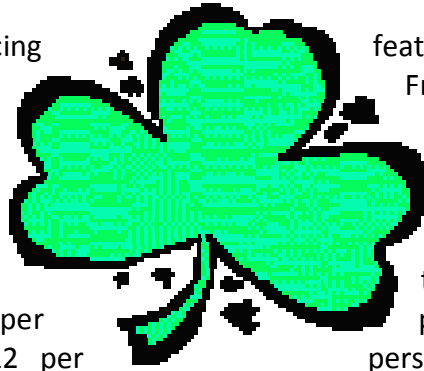
William Boyd, Editor

2010 Shamrock Swing

As we enter 2010 we think of all of the upcoming fun times we will have at the many events planned for this year. March is coming up fast and we think of Shamrocks in March. Those thoughts lead us to the 10th Annual Shamrock Swing. Let us remind you of the details for this weekend of fun. The weekend will be on March 19th and 20th, 2010 in The Villages at the newly renovated LaHacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central. Calling for your Square

Dancing pleasure will be Tim Marriner and Bob Stern. Joining them and bringing you the Rounds also for your dancing pleasure during this weekend are Jimmy and Carol Griffin.

There will be two halls of dancing Advanced and Rounds during Saturday afternoon there will be workshops and dancing of the purchase Ribbons in advance Ribbons will be \$20 per admission is also available at dancing for the price of \$14 per Saturday evening will be \$12 per



featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Friday & Saturday evenings. On be three halls featuring same levels. You can for \$18 per person. The person at the door. Daily the door. All day Saturday person. Admission for Friday or person.

You can help support the Shamrock Swing also by being a Booster. You pay \$1 and your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing. There are two Host Hotels just across from LaHacienda Dance Hall. You can get information or reservations by calling them direct and identifying yourself as square dancers attending the CFSRD Shamrock Swing 2010. Both Hotels have a Standard Room for \$80 + tax and a free Deluxe Continental Breakfast. Comfort Suites number is: 352-259-6578 and Holiday Express is: 352-750-3888.

Finnigan's Place will be serving light refreshments during all of the dance times. Virginia's Western Wear will be a vendor for your shopping pleasure.

Area Reps of CFSRDA Clubs have information and you may contact them for flyers and ribbons. Or please contact: Bob and Jennie Courter at 352-751-1009, Email: courj4720@thevillages.net.

Happy New Year!!

Bob & Liz Wilson, Media

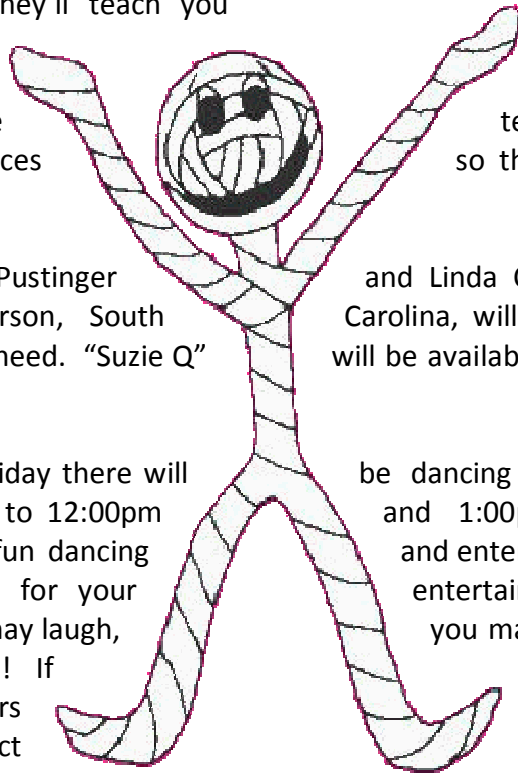
Knothead Knews

Can you believe it? It's January 2010! Where has the year gone? Before you know it – it will be time for everyone to pack your bags and attend the 50th Annual Knothead Konvention. That's 50 years of FUN that all Knothead's have enjoyed. And we have a great weekend planned! And you won't go home disappointed. The dates for this special weekend are Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20, 2010, at the Eau Gallie Civic Center in Melbourne.

We have fabulous National Caller, Ken Ritucci, from West Springfield, Massachusetts scheduled to help us celebrate the 50th Annual Knothead Konvention. And we've had several calls from

the New England area from dancers who plan to follow their favorite caller all the way to Florida – just to surprise him. Shhh! KEEP THIS A SECRET!

From West Palm Beach we're trilled to announce that National Cuer Larry Chatos was available and eager to do the rounds. What a fantastic weekend this will be for everyone. If you are interested in round dancing Larry and Nancy will have dance sessions Saturday morning and afternoon just for you. They'll teach you start the dance and you'll easy! Before you know it, pro. In the afternoon the but there will be other dances dance to their favorite songs.



which foot to use to do the rest. It's that you'll be dancing like a teaches will be repeated, so that all round dancers can

We are pleased that Nancy Pustinger Em-Up Fashions" in Anderson, South there is any thing you might need. "Suzie Q" dangle orders.

and Linda Cirocco, owners of "Sew-Carolina, will bring their shop in case will be available to take your badge and

If you plan to arrive early Friday there will more on Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm evenings will be filled with fun dancing planned for Friday evening for your are already practicing. You may laugh, you will enjoy! We promise! If actors or performers their talent have them contact (321-268-4450).

be dancing 1:00pm to 5:00pm and and 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Both and entertainment. We have SKITS entertainment. Our "performers" you may cry, you may booo, but your club has any future interested in showcasing Judy Frye Immediately

Shortly after lunch on Saturday SusanElaine "and her friends" will initiate you as a KNOTHEAD. She always has something up her sleeve – even if she is wearing one of her short sleeve outfits.

Check our Knothead flyers at your club and if you don't find any – contact flaknothead@bellsouth.net we'll send some immediately.

Following the Saturday dance there will be an IDIOT PARTY. What's an IDIOT PARTY? That's when the kaller and friends put out all the stops and help you dance like IDIOT's.

I know I'm missing telling you something but I don't know what it is so you'll just have to wait till February 19 and 20 to find out. I will promise you this – we are planning a FUN Mainstream and a FUN Plus dance along with FUN rounds. What else would you want?

Again, remember this weekend is for dancers who want to enjoy and have FUN at their dances! And please remember "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "God Bless America" and we'll see you at the 50th Annual Knothead Konvention.

The Committee, Susan Elaine and Harry Packer, Bill and Joann Boyd, Scott Vallee and Lynn Lenoci, Betty Lee Tallmadge and Mr. I. M. Knotty

2010 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

May 28, 29, & 30, 2010

Happy New Year! Our General Chairmen and their committee members have been traveling around the state visiting the regional festivals and enjoying the hospitality of our friends in the dance community. At each and every dance, they are spreading the news of the 2010 State Convention and encouraging you to ensure that every dancer knows about this fantastic weekend of dancing. Since they can't be everywhere every week, your help is needed to continue to spread the word. We must not forget the callers and cuers as this is YOUR

convention too! Are you encouraging your dancers to attend? Your support for this annual statewide festival is critical. Help us share the excitement and enthusiasm of this opportunity to dance with folks from across the state to callers and cuers who may be familiar or new.



As we've informed you in past notices, there will be several notable changes to this year's convention. Since this is the **first All State Convention**, we are venturing into new territory and trying some new ideas. One such change is that we won't be hosting a fashion show in May 2010. Instead we presented a show of Holiday Fashions during the Kick-Off ceremonies at last year's convention. If you were there, you recall seeing Santa & Mrs. Claus and the Grinch, along with their dancers in their Christmas themed outfits. The Easter Bunny was present and brought along all her friends dressed in their spring finery. Who could forget the Leprechauns and Valentine beauties? Uncle Sam showed up along with folks decked out in their patriotic outfits of red, white and blue. Lastly, the biggest Turkey in Florida was strutting along with the Great Pumpkin and dancers in their fall fashions. Everyone is encouraged to wear their holiday outfits throughout the year to any and all of their dances, as well as during the Convention weekend.

Another change to the program this year will be a special dance event held in the afternoon dance sessions. Our callers have been busy planning for several Dangle Dances. It is evident that collecting dangles is a passion of our dancers, so the callers have selected 4 or 5 of their favorites and you will be able to earn the right to add these badges to your collection. We won't

spoil the surprise of which danglers you may earn, so be sure to check your program guide and show up. Be prepared to listen carefully and laugh while you're dancing. Whether you collect the danglers or not, you'll have an amazing experience dancing and watching these antics. Next month we'll continue to share a few more of the exciting offerings at the 2010 Florida State Convention. If you haven't attended this event before, it's not to be missed. If you are a regular attendee, this year will certainly hold a special spot in your memory.

Each month we tell you to check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, but have you done it yet? It's easy to find, just visit <http://www.floridasquaredance.com> and scroll down the page to the 2010 Convention banner. If you don't use the Internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita & 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 & Sarah Pergrossi
Publicity Chairman



Dancing Across America and USDA USA Traveler Program

By Lee J. Kahrs

Pittsford – Not only was the weekly Cast Off 8s square dancing class in the Lothrop gymnasium full of newcomers last week, there were two very special guests. Jerry and Donna Robey of Gainesville, Florida were on hand, having chosen Pittsford to represent Vermont at number 47 in their quest to square dance in all 50 states within 18 months.

Jerry is a retired Methodist minister, and Donna was a stay-at-home mom and housekeeper to six kids. They have eight grandchildren (just enough for a square of dancers). The two retirees have only been square dancing for four years, but it certainly appeals to them.

“We love it,” Donna said beaming during a break in the dancing at Lothrop. “It’s great for the mind, great for the body. It you square dance for two hours, you probably burn 300 to 500 calories and dance a mile to a mile and a half.”

Professional square dance caller Ken Ritucci makes the trip up from West Springfield, Mass. Every week for Wednesday nights in Pittsford. He was thrilled at the number of newcomers in the Lothrop Gym last week.

"I think people just want to get out and try something different," he said. "Meet new people and get some exercise."

Debra Tobin of the Cast Off 8s agreed.

"A lot of people are like, "Well, I don't have any rhythm," she said. "You don't need rhythm, you know? You need to know your left from your right. It's moving and shuffling. No fancy footwork."

Tobin was asked what her title was. "Treasurer's wife," she replied.

Where's the treasurer?

"He's out dancing," she said, nodding toward the floor where her husband Peter was turning and promenading.

And square dancing is good, clean and inexpensive fun. The Cast Off 8s charge \$5 per person, and \$10 a couple. The money goes to pay the caller and pay for the hall. In this case, the group donates money to Lothrop Elementary School or use of the gym.

The Robeys arrived in Pittsford via South Weymouth, Mass. They were on to Connecticut, then Rhode Island for #48 and #49, then back to Gainesville for break until the bid dance in January, the Hawaiian State Square Dance Convention in Honolulu.

The journey began in Fairbanks, Alaska in July 2008 and according to the rules of the United States Dancers of America USA Traveler Program, they must cover all 50 states within an 18-month period. After 12 states, they earned a red bar pin, 24 states earns a white bar, and 36 states earns a blue bar. At 48 states, they earn a silver bar and when they get to Hawaii, they'll receive a gold bar.

The couple has a book with forms documenting each state they visit, and they fill in the date, the name of the square dancing club they visit, the city, state and then the caller must sign the form.

The Robeys did most of their traveling between June and October and broke the country up into sections. For instance, in the fall of 2008, they covered the Midwest and the Mid-Atlantic states. But they are not exactly the type to take it easy.

In June of this year alone, they covered the west, hitting Louisiana (6.1), Arkansas (6.1), Oklahoma (6.3), Missouri (6.4), Kansas (6.5), Nebraska (6/6), Minnesota (6/7), South Dakota (6/6), North Dakota (6/9), Wyoming (6/11), Montana (6/12), Idaho (6/13), Utah (6/16), Arizona (6/20), Nevada (6/22), and California (6/26).

And this isn't about a quick visit to the largest city in each state either. Many times, the Robeys had to go deep into the countryside to find a square. They visited places called Bountiful, Utah; Folkston, Georgia; Pickerington, Ohio; Glassboro, New Jersey and Keepers, Maine.

Donna Robey said she and her husband had not done much traveling around the country prior to this journey, and the experience has been well worth it.

"It's wonderful," Donna said. "People are great and square dancers are super people."

Case in point. A square was not always easy to come by. Folks in Buffalo, Wyoming, put together a square just so the Robeys could dance. The man who ran the local square dancing group in Worthington, Minnesota insisted the Robeys stay at his house and got a square together for them as well.

"Square dancers are very special people," Donna said.

So, the Robeys must have a nice RV in which to tool around the country, right? Nope.

"We motel it," Donna said.

And their choice of vehicle? A Toyota Corolla that gets about 35 miles to the gallon.

"We've talked ourselves in and out of an RV 16 times," Donna said. "Should we, shouldn't we?"

The Robeys said they spend about \$100 a day in their quest, including gas, food and lodging.

"We're pretty easy keepers," Donna said.

The Robeys were asked if they'll feel let down once they reach their goal in Hawaii.

"Oh, it will be exciting because not many people have done it," Donna said. "But I also think it will be a real sense of accomplishment. It's all just for fun."

And then what?

"Then maybe we start on countries, I don't now."

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Cuer's Corner

By Lisa Wall

Lisa is taking a break for this issue and so we are sharing the 'Round Dance Tips' by Harold & Meredith Spears, reprinted from the March 2009 *Calls 'n' Cues*, magazine of the Washington DC area.

Three Gentle Reminders

Recently, three different teachers have taken us aside and urged us to change our ways, and we thought you might enjoy thinking about these features of your dancing. If you had been there, would they have chided you, too? These are not terribly complex or sophisticated features of dance styling, but that doesn't mean that they are easy to master, especially if they have been cemented into habit over time.

1. Don't scuff your feet.

In different dances, we are asked to glide, brush, drag, pull, limp, scoot, and maybe to do a "floor" ronde, but we are not really supposed to scrape or shuffle our feet along the surface of the floor. If those in the seats can hear the "shoosh, shoosh" of our passing, especially if it goes so far as to interrupt their quiet conversation, then we need to pick up our feet. Am I so hard of hearing that I can't hear these scrapings? Am I weak or lazy and unable to pick them up? Probably I just can't think of too many different things at the same time. Skim just above the surface of the floor, but not on the floor.

2. Don't look at your partner.

It's ironic. Here, we have our partners in our arms, the music is sweet, the lights are low, the mood is romantic and we can't gaze into their eyes. We really do need to keep our heads up and our eyes left, most of the time. It is a question of our individual balance and our counterbalance related to our partner. If we look at our partner, whether it is adoringly or questioning, we shift our own balance toward her. Both of our positions are disturbed. She will feel pushed. Our frame loosens, and she won't feel a clear lead or will feel the wrong lead. Men, you may worship your partner, but do it a bit from afar.

3. Don't grimace or scowl.

The casual view of dancing is one of lightness and joy. It is the carefree flitting of the butterfly among soft, meadow breezes. But we dancers have a more complete picture. Some of those routines are demonic, requiring hard work and concentration. So what do you do as you listen to the cues, furiously struggle to turn those sometimes

meaningless words into coordinated action, think about what your partner is doing and what you might do to facilitate and mesh with all that, and maybe keep an eye on nearby dancers with a view to avoiding collisions? Do you frown? Squint with the effort and purse or twist your lips in concentration? Do you emit little grunts or squeals of pain and frustration? Well, don't do that. This is fun; it's your recreation-smile.

Round dancing is not a simple activity. There are over 20 different rhythms and hundreds of different figures. Choreographers and cuers throw these steps at us faster than we can think. On top of what they tell us to do, we need to layer extras like lead and follow, rise and fall, footwork, maybe sway and slice, a little Latin hop here, some contra-body over there. The old joke is about how hard it is to do two things at one time (walk & chew gum). Round dancing certainly gives us more than two. And on top of all of this, I need to lift my feet, look left, and smile.

These ideas came from three concerned observers. If you have any comments, questions, or top suggestions, do let us know.

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Press Release from Callerlab

DIRECTIONS – November/December 2009 issue

FROM THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, Dancing lowered the risk of dementia. Based on studies, the Journal rated the results from dancing higher than for those who read, playing board games or musical instruments. The frequency of the activity also plays a large roll in its effectiveness. Those people who participated more than once a week in a dance activity realized a lower cost.

A Washington Post Article dated June 19, 2003 presented the following statistics: Dancing lowered the risk of dementia by 76%; playing board games lowered the risk of dementia by 74%; playing a musical instrument lowered the risk of dementia 69%; working crossword puzzles lowered the risk of dementia by 38%.

This study further emphasizes the Mayo Clinic Study in 10984. That study showed Dancing can burn as many calories as walking, swimming or riding a bicycle. During a half hour of sustained

dancing you can burn between 200 and 400 calories. One factor that determines how many calories you'll expend is distanced in one study, researchers attached pedometers in square dancers and found each person covered nearly the five miles in a large evening.

Dancing further provides cardiovascular conditioning regular exercise can lead to a slower heart rate, lower blood pressure, and can improved cholesterol profile. Regular exercise also helps strengthen bones. Dancing is appositive alternative to aerobic dance or jogging. Dancing also contains a social component that solitary fitness endeavors don't. It gives you an opportunity to develop strong social ties which contribute to self-esteem and a positive outlook

The following is an excerpt printed from *Dancin' News of Central Florida*.

Live Ten Years Longer!!

Square Dancing will add 10 years to your life, a surprising new study shows. Dr. Arron Blackburn states. "It's clear that square dancing is the perfect exercise. It combines all the positive aspects of intense physical activity with none of the negative elements"

The study was based on their physical examinations which indicated that both female and male square dancers could expect to live well into their '80's.

The square dance movements raise the heart rate like any good aerobic exercise should. All the quick changes of direction loosen and tone up the muscles, but not so severely as to cause injury. In square dancing, when you're not moving, you're clapping hands or tapping feet, which all contribute to long term fitness.

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I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

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

May 28 - 30, 2010 - 56th Florida State Convention - Lakeland, FL

What's Happening This Week?

This schedule can also be found at
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Week of January 4, 2010

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

Monday – *Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance* – 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.

Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Center, corner of Reynolds & Old 41, Bonita Springs – Plus workshop 6:30 p.m., mainstream dance 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, rounds and lines on tape. For info: hwcole@att.net or 239-691-5670.

Hampton Promenaders Anniversaries and Birthdays – Hampton Golf Community, 1094 E. Hwy. 92 (one mile west of the International Market Place or approximately one mile east of Old Dixie Highway), Auburndale – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Gary Brown, Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: 863-669-9827 or fayedenmount@yahoo.com.

Temple Twirlers Inaugural Ball – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: Van Coble, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace - please wear black and white – finger foods. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Family Room” near the rear of the main building on the Habana Avenue side. For info: wlfloyd@aol.com or gaylepullara@aol.com or flobyington@yahoo.com.

Tuesday – *Strawberry Square Line Dancing* – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – beginner dances 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. – intermediate dances 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Leaders: Jeff and Diane Hissong - \$4 per person per session. For info: strawberrydance@aol.com or floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – A-2 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates – casual attire. For info: 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com.

Ding-A-Lings – Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net or 813-677-9179.

R&R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – 10:00 a.m. – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier – casual attire. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Maple Leaf Squares – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – alternating Mainstream and Plus – Caller: Dave Magee – casual attire. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

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.

Wednesday – **Palmetto Palms First Dance of the Season** – Palmetto Palms RV Park, 19681 Summerlin Blvd., Ft. Myers – **C-1** 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. – **A-2** 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com.

Palmetto Palms First Dance of the Season – Palmetto Palms RV Park, 19681 Summerlin Blvd., Ft. Myers – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – **Plus/Rounds** 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates, Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com.

Grande Squares of Camp Inn - 3455 U.S. Hwy. 27 North, Frostproof – FREE square dance workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - 7:30 – 9:30 squares and rounds – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual attire. For info: 863-382-6792 or samdunn@samdunn.net.

Betmar Bells & Beaus #2 – Betmar Clubhouse #2, Rt. 54 W., Zephyrhills – Plus Rounds – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Allen Snell**; Cuer: Ella Bettencourt – square dance attire preferred. For info: 813-783-7523.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance/Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller/Instructor: 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.

Strawberry Square Club – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Mainstream/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus Tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Marty Van Wart**. 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: Linda Lynn 813-659-9040 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Kings Point Swingers Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – A1/A2 workshop 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

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. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embarqmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road (across of Eagle Ridge Mall entrance), Lake Wales – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Gary Brown; Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: eschwartz23@tampabay.rr.com.

Pioneer Village – 7974 Samville Road, N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream with introduction to Plus 9:45 a.m. – Caller: Len Siegmann – casual attire. For info: Bob Stweart 936-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com or Len Siegmann at 936-567-1320.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Birthday Dance – Sunshine RV Park, SR. 70, Lake Placid – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Doughty. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

Charlotte Promenaders – Port Charlotte Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Paul Marcum, Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: SQDBIRD@aol.com.

Glenhaven – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: George Varney, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: gvarney3@tampabay.rr.com.

Kings Point Swingers – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus w/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners 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. 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 – Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – C-1 10:00 – 12:00 noon – Caller: Red Bates – casual attire. For info: 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A2 – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – A-2 Workshop (Nov. – Dec.) 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – A-2 W/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuers: Ruth Cunningham. 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: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square C2 Dance and Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Dance and Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Gary Brown (and Brown's Bunch). 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.

Curliques – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21500 Corkscrew Road (I-75 exit 123), Estero – Workshop: 6:00 p.m., Squares w/taped rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: HWCole@att.net or 239-980-0939 or 239-466-7132.

Spinning Wheels Mystery Pie 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 – admission is free if you bring a new unwrapped toy. 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 New Year Nostalgia – 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 – **finger foods and punch will be served**. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Super Bowl Party** – Brandon Community Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Buys, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred – finger food. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com or Betty 813-685-3826.

Buttons and Bows of Venice Chili Dance – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Jeannette Bowles. For info: 941-484-8543 or 941-496-8516 or remseny@aol.com.

Strawberry Square Phase IV Dance/Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 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.

Strawberry Square – 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**, Cuer: **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: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – 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.

Sunday – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Bahr Mobile Home Park, Zephyrhills - Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: George Varney and area Callers and Cuers – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

Pioneer Village – 7974 Samville Road, N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream/Rounds 7:00 p.m. – Caller: Len Siegmann, Cuer: Ruth Siegmann – square dance attire preferred. For info: **Bob Stewart** 936-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com or Len Siegmann at 936-567-1320.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns – Cloverleaf Leprechauns – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – Caller: Bob Bourassa, Cuer: Judy Doane. For info: 352-688-9802 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>.

B & S Flutter Wheelers - NO DANCE 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 50+ Anniversaries – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

These classes are also listed at
www.dancergram.com

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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!

January 4, 2010 – **Beginning Square Dance Lessons** – Blue Jay Park, 38511 Wilds Road, Dade City; the hall is on Pelican – 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 5, 2010 - **Strawberry Square Line Dancing Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Leaders: Jeff and Diane Hissong. Classes will be held January 5th, 12th, and 26th; February 2nd, 9th and 23rd; and March 2nd and 9th. Beginner dances

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Intermediate dances 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 813-752-0491 – strawberydance@aol.com or floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

January 5, 2010 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Continuation Class** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 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: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

January 6, 2010 – **Basic and Mainstream Square Dance Class** – Central Park 1, Commerce Avenue (behind Sonny’s Barbecue), Haines City – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per session – Caller/instructor: Clyde Stocker. For info: stocker38@att.net or 863-293-5947.

January 6, 2010 – Plus Workshop – Central Park 1, Commerce Avenue (behind Sonny’s Barbecue), Haines City – 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. - \$4 per person per session – Caller/instructor: Clyde Stocker. For info: stocker38@att.net or 863-293-5947.

January 7, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Intro to C-1 Class** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Caller: Marty VanWart. 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: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

January 7, 2010 – **Beginning Square Dance Lessons** – Gem Estates, North Avenue, Zephyrhills; the hall is at 3945 Elgin Drive – 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.

January 8, 2010 – **Strawberry Square C-3A Teach & Workshop** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:45 – 2:45 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: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

January 14, 2010 – **Buttonwood Bay Beginner Lessons** – 10001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring – 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Carl Brewer. For info: 863-655-4243.

January 14, 2010 – **Buttonwood Bay Mainstream Workshop** – 1001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring – 1:00 2:30 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Carl Brewer. For info: 863-655-4243.

January 5, 2010 – **Buttonwood Bay Plus Workshop** – 10001 U.S. Rt. 27S, Sebring – 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Carl Brewer. For info: 863-655-4243.

Looking Ahead

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

January 29, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Nifty Fifties Dance** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

February 6, 2010 – **Whirl & Twirl Red Hot Saturday Night** – Whirl & Twirl Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, FL – 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. – Callers: Scotty Sharrer and Whit Brown - dance 'til you drop – Mainstream with announced Plus – dangles for those who make it to the bitter end – ribbons available at Whirl and Twirl or call Bruce and Debbie at 407-265-8872. For info: February 6, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Used Square Dance Clothing Sale**. Additional details TBA. For info: gail3357@gmail.com.

February 19, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Strawberry Special** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

February 20, 2010 – **Southeast Association's Snowflake Frolic** – Boynton beach Civic Center, 128 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach, FL – Callers: Jack Lewis and Scotty Sherrer, Cuer: Jerry Viola

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March 20 – 21, 2010 – **Round Dance Council of Florida "Spring Weekend of Rounds"** – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL – featuring Rey and Sherry Garza from Vista, California – learn Latin dancing. For info: ljwall@comcast.net.

April 9, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers April in Paradise** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

April 9 – 10, 2010 – **St. Louis 62nd Annual Square Dance Jamboree** – St. Ann Community Center, 1 International Drive, St. Ann, MO. For info: Don Kramme and Nelda Gilliam, 636-225-5378, kramme357@cs.com; www.StLouis.SquareDanceMissouri.com.

April 23 – 24, 2010 – **52nd New England Square and Round Convention** – Hill Street School Complex, Biddeford, Maine. For info: Rob and Sally Petit – 207-510-1294 or www.NESRDC.org.

May 21, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Watermelon Weather** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

May 23 – 29, 2010 – **87th Accent on Rounds** – Fontana Village, Fontana Dam, North Carolina. For info: Kincaid-accentonrounds@aol.com; www.dancerounds.info/kincaid; 301-935-5227.

June 18, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Salute to Dads** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

July 8 – 11, 2010 – **Alaska State Square Dance Festival** – Anchorage Square and Round Dance Center, Anchorage, Alaska. For info: Esther Fast 907-929-5094; 9045 Honeysuckle St., Anchorage, AK 99502; elfdancer@ak.net.

July 16, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Tropical Island Nights** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

July 23 – 25, 2010 – **27th Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** – Hilton Hotel, 0700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL. For info: Joe and Lois Schaefer, 30353 Shiloh Road, Minier, IL 61759, 309-392-2023; jlschaefer@dtnspeed.net.

August 20, 2010 – **Sun City Swingers Ice Cream Social** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

August 20 – 22, 2010 – **Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation Convention** – Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center, Johnstown, PA. For info: Bob and Ellen Williams, 2159 Palomino Drive, Warrington, PA 18976; Bob-Ellen@psrdt.org; 215-343-2969.

September 12 – 18, 2010 – **88th Accent On Rounds** – Fontana Village, Fontana Dam, North Carolina. For info: Kincaid-AccentOnRounds@aol.com; www.dancerounds.info/kincaid; 301-935-5227.

September 17 – 18, 2010 – **40th Annual Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Convention** – Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings, NE. For info: Matt and Gloria Ostrander, 107 Beachwood Dr., Grand Island, NE 68803; nsdc2010register@gmail.com.

October 8 – 9, 2010 – **Daytona Beach Ball** – Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL. For info: John and Judi Corbett, ladybirdb@cfl.rr.com; 386-767-2206.

October 15 – 17, 2010 – **20th Annual Tumbling Leaves Festival** – Bennington College, ?, Vermont. For info: Red Bates 941-828-0481 or redbates@juno.com.

June 30 – July 2, 2012 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers National Convention – Vancouver, Canada**. Details TBA.

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January 28-30, 2010 - **45th Annual Aloha State Square & Round Dance Festival** - Ala Wai Clubhouse Palladium, Honolulu, Hawaii - Featured Callers: *Nasser Shukayr* of TX, *Daniel Preedy* of WA and *Doug Davis* of WA - Featured Cuers: *Bill & Linda Maisch* of CA and *Milo Molitoris & Cinda Firstenburg* of CA. Enjoy island activities and Square and Round Dancing in Hawaii. Festival dances are held in air-conditioned hardwood halls at the Ala Wai Clubhouse Palladium. * Square dance in separate Mainstream & Plus Halls. Rounds are held in each hall. * Square dance workshops-Mainstream to A-1. Round dance workshops-Ph III & IV, styling and special interest items. Air, Hotel, & Island Tours or Cruise Packages available from Outrigger International Travel in Honolulu. Call Stan (US & CAN) (800) 676-7740, ext 151. E-mail: squaredance@outriggertravel.com. Contact Registrar Henry Staehle at (808) 672-3646 for registration materials. E-mail: registrar@squaredancehawaii.org. Registration form available on web page: www.squaredancehawaii.org. Festival Refund Policy: 100% prior to Jan. 1, 2010. \$5 charge thereafter. No refund after Jan. 15, 2010. Refund policies of various Trail-in/out activities may vary.

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January 29, 2010 - **Spinning Wheels Sugar Free 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 – sugar free desserts will be served. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

January 29 - 30, 2010 - **Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown 8th Annual Square and Round Dance Weekend** at the beautiful Ruston Civic Center in north central Louisiana featuring Lottie Ainsworth and Mike Seastrom calling squares and Patti and Ray Wheelington cueing Rounds - Mainstream w/Announced Plus, II-IV Rounds - **Friday and Saturday** - Early Rounds each night at 7:30 PM, Squares with Rounds at 8:00 PM., Squares and Rounds workshops on Saturday – join us for a full weekend of FUN festivities!!! - PRIZES!!! - VENDORS!! - Rounds WORK SHOPS!!! – Squares WORKSHOPS!!! AFTER PARTY!!! - Shopping, Dining, RV and lodging locations nearby!!! - Registration \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) - Limited Admission - No split sessions - \$5 cancellation fee - No cancellation after January 1, 2010 - Be sure to mention LOTTIE'S LOUISIANA HOEDOWN when you make reservations at these hotels: DIRECTIONS TO CIVIC CENTER: Interstate 20 Exit 85 - go south on Hwy 167 - Civic Center is on west side of Hwy 167 about one mile south of Interstate 20 at 401 North Trenton Street (plenty of free parking). For more information, call (318)249-4157 or email lotTNray@centurytel.net.

Links

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)

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