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October 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the November 2010 issue of the *Bow and Swing*. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com

October 16, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the November/December 2011 issue of the *West Coast Dancer*. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

From the Editor....

There's another sink hole between Strawberry Square and Branch Forbes Road! Go to <http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com/Media.html> for more details.



Are you saving your coins for the  jars? For those of you who don't know, P for I is for *Pennies for Independence*. This is a fundraiser that was started last year to raise funds for the McDonald Parents Group who plans activities for the McDonald Training Center. The McDonald Training Center is for developmentally disadvantaged adults.

There are collection jars at several of the Tampa Bay area clubs and they are designated by the logo in the "What's Happening" section below.

Just save all of your loose coins and bring them to a collection point and drop them in the jar. The collection jars will all be brought to the McDonald Dance on Sunday, November 7 at the Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City. We had a successful collection last year; let's see if we can do better this year!

Ribbons for the McDonald Dance are now available and a supply is being sent to several people in the area or you can purchase them from Flo Byington or Yolanda Trainor. This is a \$5 donation per person for a dance with Sam Dunn, Art Springer, Charlie Lovelace and Jimmy and Carol Griffin. This will be the 25th dance the square dancers have held in support of the McDonald Training Center, so let's make it a memorable one!

Health & Sympathy

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

E-mail from Patty Wilkerson regarding Dan:

First of all we would like to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns. The surgery Thursday night was supposed to take about two hours. It took at least three and a half hours. Friday the leg was immobilized and he just rested. Yesterday the doctor took off all the bandages and the drain out of his leg and put the immobilizer back on. He also got out of bed to the chair. They gave him some medicine for the severe muscle spasms he was having in the leg. But all in all he is doing well. It will be an uphill climb but at least now we know that he will be getting better. The doctor said that he will be on continuous IV antibiotic at home for many many weeks trying to kill any bacteria left in the knee. He also took a lot of infected tissue out of the knee. He can't put any pressure on the knee or leg. He will be getting up on the walker today and can only touch his big toe for balance. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. He will be coming home and not to a rehab center sometime near the end of the week. Patti

Email from Don Slocum:

We met with Dr Guerrier, Radiation Oncologist, today to discuss the future treatment. The decision is to combine hormone therapy with external radiation. I will have a pelvic CT and a full body bone scan on Oct 6th for comparison to the ones before surgery. I will meet with my surgeon, Dr Smith on Oct 20th to discuss and hopefully start hormone therapy (depending on the results of the CT & bone scan). I will meet with Dr Guerrier on Dec 1st for a pelvic simulation from which the final radiation program will be established. The actual radiation treatments can't start until 8 weeks after the start of hormone therapy. The tentative date for start is Dec 20th.

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SAVE THIS DATE!

Start planning now to attend the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association's 11th annual Shamrock Swing on March 18 and 19, 2011. The beautiful La Hacienda Center in The Villages, Florida 32159 will be sporting leprechauns and shamrocks for this gala event. Get out your green outfits and square dance to the music of Dee Dee Dougherty and Bob Stern and round dance with cuer Joanne Helton and her husband Ken.

Two halls will be available for Mainstream, Plus, DVD, Advance and Rounds. Friday evening the early rounds will start at 7:00 with announcements at 7:15. Dancing will commence from 7:30 to 10:30. Saturday there will be three halls with all level workshops from 1:00 to 5:00. In the evening the early rounds will start at 7:00 with announcements at 7:15 and dancing from 7:30 to 10:30. Musical Highlights will be provided both evenings from 10:00 to 10:30. Finnegan's Place will offer light refreshments during the dance times. Vendors available both days.

Get your ribbons early for \$18pp or \$10 at the door. Daily admission will be \$14pp for all day Saturday while Friday or Saturday evening only is \$12pp. Ribbons are available from all CFSRDA area reps. For further information contact Ron and Sharon Paul at 352-754-5737 or email sharonandron579@gmail.com.

Make this a weekend 'get away' with your fellow club members. Two host hotels are available across the street from the La Hacienda dance hall. Comfort Suites and Holiday Express offer a standard room for \$80+tax which includes a free deluxe continental breakfast. Call direct and

identify yourself as a square dancer attending the Shamrock Swing in 2011 (Comfort Suites 352-259-6578, Holiday Express 352-750-3888).

The Villages has a variety of restaurants and shops within walking distance of these hotels.

Nearby campgrounds are Recreation Plantation on Rte. 466, 3 miles from the La Hacienda Center, 352-753-7222 or 800-448-5646 www.recreationplantation.com. Approx. \$40 per night. Or...Southern Oaks RV Resort RTE 27/441 in Summerfield, 5 miles North of La Hacienda Center, 352-346-2550 (approx. \$30 per night).

Judy Orazio

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2011 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

2011 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention
May 27 – 29, 2011
Lakeland Center
Lakeland, FL



Supplies are being gathered for a long trip to Port Lakeland, and everyone's help is needed to ensure we have enough supplies. The Sew 'n Save for this convention will be called Pirates' Treasure Chest. Nancy and Dennis Taylor are busy making plans to showcase sewing techniques, craft ideas and new tools to inspire you. There will also be raffles for exciting goodies. You can help make this a success by donating the following items:

- **Yarn** – black, white and red – worsted or sport weight
- **Embroidery floss** – black, white, and red
- **Plastic mesh canvas** – 7 count, clear and colors, 4" x 4" minimum
- **Paper** – Cardstock weight, black, white and any color; regular weight – solids and patterns in black, white and red
- **Ribbon** – 1/8" & 1/4" black, white and red
- **Fabric** – Cotton, any color or pattern, small pieces OK
- **Felt** – any color, small pieces OK

These items are needed now so they can work on some "give aways". Also, they are working on prototypes of some "make and take" items.

In addition to supplies, they need people who are willing to work on plastic mesh canvas. Kits are being made to pass out which will contain directions on how to work plastic mesh canvas and specific directions on how to do this pattern as well as a picture of the finished project. Kits can be mailed to people for distribution or possible arrangements can be made to deliver them to dances. The Taylors attend the Central Association 5th Saturday dances, and they will be at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow November 12th & 13th.

The Taylors can be contacted at 321-453-3438 or at Nancy@4taylor.com; Nancy Taylor, 215 Carib Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952 to make arrangements to deliver donations or to pick up kits.

May 27 – 29, 2011 is the big weekend to be in Lakeland for a 'Ho, Ho, Ho & A Weekend of Fun'.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets! The entire weekend of dancing, entertainment, workshops, and shopping is only \$27 per person. If you wait too long, you will have to pay the increased price of \$30 at the door. Several pirates around the state have registration forms and/or tickets. If your club doesn't have registration forms or you haven't seen anyone with tickets, you can contact Carole Poole at cpoole19@cfl.rr.com or 386-734-5295.

And don't forget your lodging! There are only 50 cabins set aside at the host hotel for square dancers. The host hotel is the Country Inn & Suites, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive (Exit 33 off I-4), Lakeland and you can call them at 1-800-596-2375 to make your reservation now! Be sure to ask for the square dance rate to get our special rate of \$69 plus tax a night which includes breakfast.

Other hotels in the area:

- **LaQuinta Inn & Suites**, 4315 Lakeland Park Drive; 863-815-0606
- **Quality/Choice Hotels**, 4645 N. Socrum Loop Road; 863-858-1411
- **Hampton Inn**, 4420 N. Socrum Loop Road; 863-816-2525
- **Jameson Inn**, 4375 Lakeland Park Drive; 800-Jameson (526-3766)

Have you seen the treasure chests that are traveling around the state? Each association has a chest to take to as many dances in their area as possible as a way to promote the weekend. It contains pieces of parchment for someone from the dance being visited to sign and there is a bag of doubloons so one can be added to the treasure chest each time it's at a dance.



"Yo Ho Ho & A Fun Weekend" we'll have May 27 – 29, 2011!

Penny Green
Publicity

Bow & Swing

The following is the West Coast president's message that was supposed to be in the October issue of *Bow & Swing*.

Greetings from the West Coast Association!

By the time you read this, we will have had our election of officers and installed them at the President's Ball at Strawberry Square. Our new officers are: Larry and Joyce Akeson, Secretaries; John and Lynne Scott, Treasurers; Lance and Rita Baxter, Vice Presidents; and Penny Green, President.

Many West Coast dancers will be out supporting the other Associations as they hold their annual dances over the next few months.

The Flamingo Frolics (aka Single Rama) will be at the historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring on October 8th and 9th with Ernie Rollen calling and Dick Chase cueing. Even though this dance is hosted by the Florida Singles, everyone is welcome to attend – singles, solos, married or couples. Don't worry about coming without a partner; we guarantee you will still be able to dance. Many of the FASSRD members support their local associations with attendance and working on committees; they would appreciate your support of their weekend.

The Fall Weekend of Rounds will be held at the Stardust Center in Plant City, and the Florida Callers Clinic will be held in Lakeland both on October 16th and 17th. The Fall Weekend of Rounds is open to any Phase 3 – 4 round dancer and will be cued by Curt and Tammy Worlock. During the Florida Callers Clinic, there will be a dance at Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City on Saturday night with Tim Marriner calling. All square and round dancers are welcome to come to this dance. It's just like any other Saturday night Plus dance at Strawberry Square; there will just be a lot of callers and their partners there to dance with you!

The Fall Fun Fest Committee is busy finalizing details for our annual Fall Fun Fest November 12th – 13th at the Bartow Civic Center. Ken Ritucci and Jack Lewis will be calling Mainstream through Advanced, and Jimmy and Carol Griffin will be cueing Phase 2 through 4. There will also be workshops on Saturday. The host hotel is the Stay Inn & Suites (former Davis Motor Lodge). There is a Denny's restaurant right at the hotel, as well as several other restaurants within a block or two of the hotel.

Members of the Florida Federation will be in attendance at the Fall Fun Fest and will be having their Fall meeting on Sunday morning at the Stay Inn & Suites. This meeting is open to everyone and we encourage you to make plans to attend the meeting.

A group of people have started having a Breakfast Bash for all of the square dancers at Fred's Southern Market in Bartow on Sunday of the Fall Fun Fest. For more information, please go to www.dancergram.com for a copy of the flyer.

The Northwest Round-up will be in DeFuniak Springs October 22nd and 23rd with

Bobby Keefe, Dave Muller and Bob Poyner calling and Terri Willaby cueing.

The flyers for all of these dances can be found at www.dancergram.com.

Here in the West Coast Association area, many of our seasonal clubs are gearing up for a busy dance season and look forward to you visiting their dances.

Penny Green

President

CALLERLAB Viewpoints

By Mark Clausing and Cindy Whitaker

Recruiting and Retaining New Class Members: A Tried and Proven Method

Recruiting and keeping new class members seems to be an ongoing problem in the square dance community. It seems that everyone has exhausted the list of names of people they know whom they have attempted to introduce to square dancing. Individuals, dance organizations, and caller associations, have tried various methods to promote square dancing such as community dance programs and even the crash course of weekend classes. Nothing, it seems, retains dancers.

One comment we frequently hear from people is that, "It takes too long to learn to square dance." Another is, "there are too many movements and too much to remember, much like a foreign language." As a result, callers/instructors are often pushed by clubs to rush the new dancers through the program, perhaps only showing a movement once or twice before going on to the next. After graduation, when the new dancers attend a public square dance, they may consequently have difficulty dancing the program of calls in the area and/or get frustrated and embarrassed. As a result, they often leave the activity shortly thereafter.

In addition, there are also clubs that start classes with 20 or more new people, yet class graduation pictures only show five to ten new dancers. Where have all the class members gone? Clearly, this shows a problem with retention. We believe we have the solution. We learned of a program that a local caller in Indiana tried, and it interested us. We have a caller-run club, the Hi-Timers in Columbus, Ohio, and we decided to experiment. This is what we did:

We decided to bring “the demo” and the potential new dancers to us. We blanketed the restaurants, churches, Laundromats, etc., in the Columbus area, with flyers inviting everyone to a free dinner dance party (note: we did not mention “square dance”). Our club dances in the fellowship hall of a community church and with a little encouragement, they helped us sponsor and advertise the event. As the callers, we provided the meat and the club members brought side dishes. We had a group of over 125 people come out to enjoy the free food and free dancing. We provided regular dance music, performed D.J. functions and taught some basic line dances. Following that, we got everyone in a circle and showed a few square dance basics. We danced simple movements like circle left, circle right, make a star, star promenade, etc. It was, in other words, treated as a one-night party with minimal teaching, 90% dancing, and not like a class tip. Other dancing followed this.

Later, we paired our guests with club members and put them in squares. We called nothing more than what we called in the circle. The people had a great time, and they were interested in coming out for square dance lessons, which were scheduled for the following Monday night. We informed them of our program for lessons. Classes are two nights a week for 15-18 weeks. To sell this, we explained that square dancing has its own “language” and reminded them that one cannot fluently learn a new language by going to class only once a week. We found that by having classes twice a week, which we did on Monday and Wednesday, the class members did not have as much time to forget what they learned, so we were able to introduce various positions as well.

On Monday night we taught five to six movements. On Wednesday, the first tip included only movements taught on Monday. Very minimal review was required because they did not have time to forget. Two to three new movements were then introduced that same night. The following Monday we reviewed the movements from Wednesday and then added five to six more movements. The whole program progressed this way. We did the heavy teach on Monday (2 ½ hour class) and light teach on Wednesday (1 ½ hour class). Wednesday was also our weekly club dance so the new people were able to get to know the club members. They were invited to join in the first tip of the night and this made them feel more welcome.

We had great success with this program. Twenty-three new dancers were recruited for the class and a 100% retention rate was maintained through graduation, and on into the square dance world. This past year, we had a class of 14 people, 100% retention, and they are still dancing. An important point to note is that these new graduates began dancing at other area clubs and the veteran dancers did not know they were newly graduated. These new dancers danced that well!

We are currently trying to promote this program to all 10 clubs in our area. The numbers read as follows: 10 times 40 dancers (5 squares per club) equal 400 dancers already in the area. If every club only graduates 10 new dancers per class and sponsors 2 classes per year, this could increase their club membership by 50%. Multiply this times two years and you have 100%

growth, minus normal attrition. For 10 clubs, that would be 400 new area dancers in 2 years! So the numbers are there and just think of the possibilities when you incorporate this program into your area on a continuing basis! With a combined total of 70+ years of teaching classes and calling square dances between us, using the current dancer accepted CALLERLAB dance programs, we are totally convinced that this is the best way to promote, recruit, teach, and most importantly, retain dancers.

If anyone has further questions or needs additional information, please contact us: Mark Clausing at mclausing@fuse.net and/or Cindy Whitaker at cwhitabker@fuse.net.

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Swinging Tips

By Bill van Melle

Swing (Your Partner) is one of the few square dance calls that requires much physical coordination; it also takes most people the longest to learn to do well. In fact, even some experienced dancers don't swing especially well (shudder!), and many simply refuse to really dance this call. This is sad, as swinging can be a lot of fun. If you haven't had much practice yet, so don't worry if you still feel clumsy at it.

It's difficult to put into words what makes a good swing; nevertheless, listed below are some suggestions to think about (not necessarily all at once) as you practice swinging. We also strongly encourage you to seek out club members who do swing well and ask them for practice and feedback. Pat and I are certainly more than happy to help people out this way.

Your right foot moves barely at all – just enough to trace out a tiny circle around your central pivot point. It is your left foot that propels you.

There should be essentially no vertical motion; you are moving in a smooth circle, not bouncing up and down.

The strength in the position is in the man's right arm, with the right hand securely in the small of the woman's back; there is also some firmness in the woman's left arm. The remaining arms are held only lightly for balance – too much tension here makes the swing less fluid, and getting out of it clumsy. In fact, it should be possible for the woman to drop her right hand (man's left) entirely and not substantially affect the swing.

Give weight. Sometimes we say "Lean back." This doesn't mean lean your head back, but rather your whole torso, a bit like starting to sit down. The idea is to let some centrifugal force

play a role in the figure. Try this physics experiment most of us have done in our youth at one time or another: Take your partner's hands in yours, lean way back, and spin around. Feel that force in your arms? Notice how, once you got started, the centrifugal force let you spin rather smoothly, and you didn't have to work very hard except to hang on? A good swing should have some of this feeling, except your arms are in ballroom position.

Look into each other's eyes. This isn't essential (some people are shy), but it's friendly and may help you keep from getting dizzy.

If you want lots of practice, try out contra dancing some time. A significant fraction of most figures is Swing.

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I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

October 8 - 9, 2010 - **Flamingo Frolics** - Sebring, FL

November 12 - 13, 2010 - **West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow, FL

January 20 - 22, 2011 - **Florida Winter Festival** - Lakeland, FL

What's Happening This Week?

Week of October 4, 2010

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

Monday

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– **Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance** – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. 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.

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– **Temple Twirlers** – 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. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: wlfloyd@aol.com or gaylepullara@aol.com or flobyington@yahoo.com.

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.

Wednesday

Kings Point Swingers

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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.


Pennies for Independence
Save your loose coins and bring them to any dance designated as a collection point with the **P for I** logo!

Donations will be given to the McDonald Parents Group of the McDonald Training Center

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.

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

Thursday - **Shufflin' Squares** – Lake Ashton Clubhouse, Thompson Nursery Road (across from the entrance to Eagle Ridge Mall), Lake Wales – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Sam Dunn – casual attire. For info: eschwartz23@tampabay.rr.com.


 **Promenade Squares** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 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 the months of May, June, July and August, there will only be dances on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. For info: lcece@tampabay.rr.com or 727-799-3068.

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 – **Dixie Grande Squares** – Grace Lutheran Church Gymnasium, 327 Avenue C, S.E., Winter Haven – ER 7:15 p.m., Mainstream/Easy Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: Carl Rod 863-293-9369 or Penny Green sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

Flamingo Frolics – Kenilworth Lodge, 836 E. Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL – Caller: Ernie Rollen, Cuer: Dick Chase. Friday: Early Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; 8:00 – 10:15 p.m. – Squares/Rounds. Saturday: 10:00 – 12:00 n – Round Dance Workshop, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Fun Square Dance/workshop, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds/Grand March, 8:00 – 10:15 p.m. After parties Friday and Saturday nights. \$25 per person in advance for the full weekend; \$30 per person at the door. Split packages at the door. Mail reservation to Mary Lou Pelz, 4815 Southland Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Stay at the Kenilworth – lodge: \$79.99; cottage: \$89./99; Efficiency \$96.99. Rates are based on double occupancy, are per night, plus tax and include deluxe continental breakfast daily. Call 1-800-423-5939 for reservations. For info: 321-604-1085 or judy98@netscape.com.

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

B&S Flutterwheelers – CARES Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Hudson – 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Plus workshop, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Plus dance – PRICE INCREASE: \$12/couple (\$11 dance

and \$1 door prize) or \$6.50/single (\$5.50 dance and \$1 door prize). For info: rbourassar@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: Gary Brown, Cuer: Pat Hagen. Club members will provide Fruit/Vegetable Dishes to satisfy the dancers appetites and the Club will supply the Apple Cider. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday – 4401

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Strawberry Square – Strawberry Square Dance Center, Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Pat Hagen. 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.

Flamingo Frolics – Kenilworth Lodge, 836 E. Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL – Caller: Ernie Rollen, Cuer: Dick Chase. Friday: Early Rounds 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.; 8:00 – 10:15 p.m. – Squares/Rounds. Saturday: 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. – Round Dance Workshop, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Fun Square Dance/workshop, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds/Grand March, 8:00 – 10:15 p.m. After parties Friday and Saturday nights. \$25 per person in advance for the full weekend; \$30 per person at the door. Split packages at the door. Mail reservation to Mary Lou Pelz, 4815 Southland Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Stay at the Kenilworth – lodge: \$79.99; cottage: \$89.99; Efficiency \$96.99. Rates are based on double occupancy, are per night, plus tax and include deluxe continental breakfast daily. Call 1-800-423-5939 for reservations. For info: 321-604-1085 or judy98@netscape.com.

Sunday – **Heel & Toe** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – Plus Workshop 6:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Brad Tomlinson, Cuer: Bev Landwehr. For info: minimercury@cfl.rr.com or 407-339-1499.

B&S Flutterwheelers – CARES Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Hudson – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – A2 workshop, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. A2 dance – PRICE INCREASE: \$12/couple (\$11 dance and \$1 door prize) or \$6.50/single (\$5.50 dance and \$1 door prize). For info: rbourassar@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 Anniversaries/Past Presidents Dance – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: Bob Stern, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

Whirl & Twirl – 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, FL – Caller: Tony Oxendine, Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. - \$8 per person in advance; \$10 per person at the door. For info or to reserve tickets: publicity@whirlandtwirl.org or 407-234-1329

West Coast Classes and Workshops and National Caller and Cuer Colleges

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!

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September 20, 2010 – **Temple Twirlers Beginners Square Dance Class** - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue, Tampa, FL – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon - \$4.00 per person per session. Info: wlfloyd@aol.com.

September 30, 2010 - **Promenade Squares Beginners Class** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 p.m. - Caller: Dick Demerit. For info: lcece@tampabay.rr.com or 727-799-3068.

October 7, 2010 – **Spinning Wheels Beginners Square Dance Class** – Mango Rec Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – 6:45 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Art Springer. For info: jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

October 7 – 11 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-A-Round Dance Center, Manchester, New Hampshire. For info: Ken Ritucci 413-734-0591, kenritucci@aol.com; www.norhteastschool.com.

October 7 - 11, 2010 - **Northeast Callers School** - Mill-A-Round Dance Center. Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers: Ken Ritucci (lab Accredited coach) and Norm Poisson. Special Guest Instructors Tim Marriner, Berry Clasper, Bill Harrison, and Anne Uebelacker. Plenty of Microphone Time - Professional Assessment of your skills - Understand what it takes to be a Leader - Full lab Curriculum - Develop A Calling Career that is best for you - \$325.00/Student.

For an application and more Info, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastsschool.com. *SPACE LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!!*

October 8, 2010 – **Dixie Grande Squares Rusty Hinge Workshop** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C, SE, Winter Haven – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

October 24 – 28, 2010 – **Pride Caller's College** – Pride Resort, I-40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – Caller Coaches: Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. Main Hall: New Callers – 0 – 5 years experience; 2nd Hall: Experienced Callers. Tuition: \$375 per student – 2 separate classrooms. Discounted cabins, park models and RV space available - full meal service available reservations: 1-800-926-8191. The school offers the complete CALLERLAB curriculum and provides in-depth emphasis in the areas of Choreographic Mechanics, Methods of Choreographic Control (CRaMS), Use of Music, Timing, Presentation Techniques, Smooth Dancing, and Sight and Modular Calling. Special emphasis will be placed on effective teaching and programming skills. For info: 800-926-8191 or www.prideresort.com.

November 1, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. 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.

November 1, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. 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.

November 3, 2010 – **Auburndale Beginning Round Dance Class** – **Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate Road**, Auburndale – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 4, 2010 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginner Square Dance Class** – Palm Terrace Rehab Center, 1919 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 44 per person per session. For info: sqdnfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

November 4, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Round Dance Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 4, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3/Intro to Phase 4** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 4, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2/Intro to Phase 3 Round Dance Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 3, 2010 – **Auburndale Phase II/Intro to Phase III Class** – TBD, Auburndale – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 5, 2010 – **Dixie Grande Squares Beginning Square Dance Class** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C, SE, Winter Haven – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Caller: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 5, 2010 – **Dixie Grande Squares Plus Workshop** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven - 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 6, 2010 – **Leprechauns' Plus Workshop** – Harmony House at Cloverleaf Farms – 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Caller/Instructor: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254.

November 7, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Cuer/Instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. 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.

November 9, 2010 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Class Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 9, 2010 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Review/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 10, 2010 – **Hérons Glen Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Herons Glen Clubhouse, US-41 and Charlotte County Line, N. Fort Myers – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per week. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 11, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares A1 Lessons** – Maple Leaf Squares, 2100 Kings Highway (I75 exit 170, go southwest 1 ½ miles), Port Charlotte – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per session. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 12, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 exit 170 go southwest 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per week. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 12, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, 2100 King Highway (I75 exit 170, go southwest 1 ½ miles), Port Charlotte – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per workshop. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 16, 2010 - **Sun City Swingers New Beginners' Class Open House** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Details TBA. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

January 5, 2-010 – **Estero Intermediate Level Square Dance Workshop** – Park Clubhouse – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – this class is for last year's class members – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Dale Anders 239-560-2572.

January 8, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4-5 Dance Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – time TBA – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Looking Ahead

November 18, 2010 - **Happy 70th Birthday – John** - 7:30 PM– 9:30PM. Featuring Elmer Sheffield of Tallahassee, FL and John Swindle of Rockledge, FL - Rounds with Irene Knapp-Smith of Edgewater/Micanopy, FL. Dixie Square Dance Club Daytona Beach, Florida. Join us for an evening of fun dancing! For More information Contact Gail Swindle 321-636-2997 or Tiggerghs@bellsouth.net or Mary Lynn at marylynn@marylynnrealty.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

For statewide dance information

<http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011/>. (57th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention)

Associations/Organizations

<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)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://sccafl.com/> (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<http://www.Callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)

<http://www.americanCallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)

<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)

<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.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

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

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.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (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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