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### 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: <u>rayelsa@aol.com</u>.

# February 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the March 2010 issue of the *Bow and Swing*. For info: <a href="mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net">rgboyd@earthlink.net</a>

**February 6, 2010 – Strawberry Square Flea Market** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – lots of recycled petticoats and dresses for dancers – baked goods table – white elephant table – many outside vendors – tools, crafts, clothes - Food: breakfast sandwiches, coffee, drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, cheeseburgers and chips. For table rentals, call Pat or Rodger at 813-719-2237.

#### **February 6, 2010 – Sun City Swingers Annual Gently Used Square Dance Clothing Sale -** Sun City Center Community Hall, Room 3, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Square dance clothing for sale should be brought to Room 3 on hangers between 8:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on February 6, 2010. Only items with a 3 x 5 card attached with a safety pin, and with the following information will be accepted: description of item, size and price, your name and phone number. The club will retain 40% of each sale and is not responsible for lost items. Only cash or Florida checks will be accepted. Your proceeds and items not sold should be picked up from Room 3 between 1 and 2 p.m. the day of the sale. Any items not picked up will be donated by the club to charity. For info: call Mary at 813-633-8718 or Judy at 813-633-5551.

**West Coast Membership Dance** – Bartow Civic Center, Bartow - Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Keith Stevens and area Callers and Cuers – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com February 9, 2010 (postmark) – Deadline to register for Square Dance Event at the Polk Senior Games. For men and women 50 years and over. Mainstream, Plus and Advanced categories. You do not have to be a resident of Polk County to participate. The full square must register together. The event will be held at Lake Ashton Clubhouse, Lake Wales, FL on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. To receive an entry booklet, call or email NOW – 863-533-0055 or polkseniorgames@verizon.net. Event Managers: Keith and Margot Stevens – 863-326-9774 or keithuns@yahoo.com.

**From the Editor** 



You can definitely tell the dance season is in full swing; there's so many dances on the calendar! It makes it hard to decide where to go. No one has any reason to complain that there isn't anywhere to dance.

This Sunday is our next West Coast Membership Dance in Bartow. Keith Stevens and area callers and cuers will keep us dancing for the afternoon.

Early rounds are from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. and we alternate tips (Mainstream/Plus) from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. West Coast members are FREE and guests are \$5 per person. If you haven't joined the West Coast Association yet or renewed your membership, we can take care of that for you on Sunday. You will also be able to purchase ribbons for a lot of the upcoming dances.

The new *West Coast Dancer* is now available so be sure to pick one up at the next dance you attend.

### Health & Sympathy Updates

# These postings, and notices for dancers as well as any previous postings, can be found at <u>www.dancergram.com</u>

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

Stephen Bigelow posted this update on **Marie**, "She went to see Dr Buckley on Friday and he agreed with us about stopping the chemo. He thinks that an eight week break would be better though. The end of February she will have a Pet scan to see the status of the cancer in the abdomen and the chest area. At that time we will talk about continued Chemo. He suggested that we go see the Heart doctor again, Dr Baker. So we are going to have an ultrasound of the heart in the beginning of February. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 1/24/10)

**Jeanne Lysobey,** of Central Association & *Keepin' Posted*, wrote earlier this week to share news on **Dick's** progress. "He has begun his self-administered infusions of medication to improve his bone marrow production. This is a three month (at least) program. He has to have these infusions twice a week. He recently had a blood transfusion of two units which seems to give him a little more energy -- which isn't really much yet. His lung doctor recently prescribed medications to take care of the constant coughing, chest and lung congestion, etc. So far, it seems to be working. For the time being, though, his immune system is not working enough for him to be in a group of people. Someday everything will be o.k., but for the time being, we just go day by day. We appreciate all of your good thoughts and prayers -- thanks!! (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 1/29/10)

**Sarah Pergrossi** – wife of caller Charlie Pergrossi and co-editor of Northeast Association's *The* Grapevine – will be having outpatient surgery on Monday, February  $1^{st}$  to remove her gall bladder. She will be recovering at home for a few days.

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### **2010 Florida State Convention**

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#### May 28, 29, & 30, 2010 Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!



You say you haven't registered for the 56<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention to be held in Lakeland, Florida at the Lakeland Center, May 28-30 this year? Why not? Remember, if you aren't able to follow through with your plan to attend the convention your money will be cheerfully refunded. Just request your money back by 4:00 pm on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Ribbons are going FAST and are only \$27.00 per person until April 30<sup>th</sup>. After this date, there will be no mail-in registration and

you must purchase your ribbon at the box office for \$30 per person. Don't forget, that our dancers under the age of 16 pay only half price per ribbon. BUY EARLY AND SAVE MONEY!

Are you helping our square dance community to prosper? WE NEED YOU! We need ads from your area to go into the State Convention Program Book. Let advertisers know that we square dancers come to the convention, receive this book, travel around the state AND support the advertisers in the book! Full page is \$60, ½ page size is \$35, ¼ page/business card size is \$25, and a personal ad from dancers is \$10. We also encourage all club members to list their name in

the book as Boosters for \$1.00 per person! Everyone can help in their own way. Please ask your club, your club members and your caller & cuer to place an ad in the Program Book. The deadline for submitting your ads and booster names is the end of February, so don't delay! If you need more information contact Jack & Kathy McKinney at 904-249-3224 or jacknkathy1@bellsoutn.net.

Have you been checking over your collection of dangle badges in preparation for this year's Dangle Dances at the State Convention? How about another chance to participate in **Competition Dancing**? Many of you formed teams and participated in the competition dances at the 2009 National Convention in Long Beach, CA, but so many more wanted to join in the fun and excitement as well. Now, here's your chance! During an afternoon dance session, several of our callers will host Competition Dancing. These special dances will be at the Plus level, so form your teams and practice. The best practice comes as you dance. Dance everywhere – club dances, workshops, regional dances and special festivals. While everyone wants to be a winner – keep in mind the <u>true</u> winners are those folks who have a blast dancing with friends! You'll need to check the program schedule for the when and where details of this special event.

It's not too early to make your lodging arrangements for the Convention weekend. Our host hotel is Holiday Inn Lakeland North at 3260 Highway 98 North, Lakeland, FL. The Convention reserves a limited number of rooms at the special rate of \$75 + tax per night. This is an unbelievable rate for the area. You need to make your reservations now so you don't miss out on this price. Call Randy or Carol Poole at 386-734-5295 and they will assist you in reserving a room for this dance-filled weekend. Don't forget to schedule your arrival for Thursday, May 27, 2010. This will be the night of the Trails-In Dance held at Strawberry Square Dance Hall in Plant City. This is an opportunity to get fired up for an exciting weekend of dancing.

### UPDATE: The host hotel has been changed to the Imperial Swan Hotel and Suites, 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland.

The rate is \$53.74 for a KING or double QUEENs. Suites are available. For reservations call 863-647-3000 and ask for the Square Dancer rate. We only have 50 rooms reserved so call soon, you can always cancel if you decide to. Maps will be provided later. It takes about the same amount of time to get to the convention center as it does now from the I-4 hotels. There are eating places and shopping within walking distance of the hotel. Also, if you are planning to go to the trail end dance Thursday night at the Strawberry Square hall in Plant City you can get on the Polk Parkway 1 block from the hotel and go straight to I-4 for \$.50. Any questions call Randy Poole at 386-734-5295 or Email at <u>rpoole19@cfl.rr.com</u>.

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, by visiting <u>http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html</u>. 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





Good News!! for Knotheads and friends!!

We just received some great news from our host hotel for the 50th Anniversary Knothead Konvention. The Hilton Rialto Hotel is lowering their room rates for our group - from \$99.00 to \$79.00 - plus tax, of course.

If you would be so kind as to have an announcement at your club(s) in the next couple of weeks - it would be greatly appreciated. Knothead is scheduled to start Friday, February 19th at 1:00pm and won't stop till the after the "after party" on Saturday night. If you've ever gone 100 miles to go to a square dance - you can qualify. Questions answered at 407-894-2227 or <u>flaknothead@bellsouth.net</u>.

SusanElaine and BettyLee Talmadge (mother)

Have a great day!!

BettyLee

#### Qualifying to be a Knothead

If you've been a Knothead for a long time you may recall that when we became Knotheads, in order to qualify you had to go on a planned Knothead trip to a dance 100 miles away, be initiated at that dance, some paperwork had to be completed and signed by the caller at the

dance and you had to come back home the same night. The paperwork then had to be mailed in to Knothead prior to the convention in order to get your badges.

WELL, the rules have been changed slightly per Susanelaine Packer. Below is her response to my question asking for clarification.

"Yes, we have changed the rules just a bit. The rules read that if you drive 100 miles or more to attend the Friday dance of Knothead you can qualify, but with the economy so bad, fuel prices are up, and many dancers cannot afford to travel or don't want to travel 100 miles just one evening and home the same night, so we're modifying it a bit. If a square dancer has traveled 100 miles or more to a square dance (and we'll take their word for it) then they can come to the Konvention. We feel "let them dance".

So, if you'll please pass the word - we'd appreciate it very much."



We are in the month of Hearts and Love spread all over by Cupid. We know what you would love when next month (March) arrives. We will share this knowledge with you and all of its details. Sit back, relax and read all of the details.

Central Florida Square & Round Dance Presents Their 10th ANNUAL SHAMROCK Villages on March 19 & 20, 2010 at the La Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central. Tim Marriner and Bob Stern. Joining them on the Round Dance Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin



Association SWING in The Hacienda Callers will be: will be

There will be two halls of dancing featuring Mainstream, DBD, Advance and Rounds on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will be three halls featuring workshops and dancing of the same levels on Saturday afternoon. Times of dancing will be:

Friday evening	Early rounds at 7:30, dance 8-10pm
Saturday afternoon	Workshops: 1-5:30pm
Saturday evening	Early rounds at 7:30, dance 8-10pm
Friday & Saturday evenings	10:00-10:30pm - Musical Highlights
Friday & Saturday Evenings	Announcements will start at 7:15 PM

Finnegan's Place will be serving light refreshments during all of the dance times

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

You can help support the Shamrock Swing also by being a Booster. You donate \$1 and your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing.

Host Hotels: You have a choice of two, each being \$80 + tax for a Standard Room. BOTH HOTELS are ACROSS from LA HACIENDA DANCE HALL. COMFORT SUITES have two queen beds or a king with a refrigerator and microwave. HOLIDAY EXPRESS offers two queen beds or king size bed. A Suite will be \$99 + tax. Both hotels have a free Deluxe Continental Breakfast. Please call them direct and identify yourself as a square dancer attending the Central Florida Square & Round Dance Shamrock Swing in 2010. COMFORT SUITES number is: 352-259-6578 and HOLIDAY EXPRESS is 352-750-3888

Virginia's Western Wear will be a vendor at the Shamrock Swing again this year.

All Area Reps of CFSRDA clubs have information. Shamrock Swing is fast approaching so contact them soon for further information and flyers or contact: Bob and Jennie Courter, Chairmen at 352-751-1009 or email: courjl4720@thevillages.net.

Submitted by Bob & Liz Wilson, Media



From Bill Boyd

As we are into the new year, I have already been asked six times by a combination of dancers and callers for my opinion on "proper" square dance attire. I realize that this subject will never be resolved in our (or future) lifetimes. I mention the time frames as Les Gotcher wrote on this same subject in the 1950's "as we transitioned from the long skirts, a reflection of a bygone era" to the flared skirt and petticoats that we have today. My opinion, I like the current look. I feel that it identifies us as square dancers. When you appear anywhere in public, the first comment you hear is "Oh, you're a square dancer." Do I feel that it is necessary to wear the outfit to all dances? No! absolutely not. Continuing to quote Les Gotcher, "In order to stay alive, since everything on earth either goes forward or it goes backwards, and by the very illusion of standing still, while time marches on, it goes backwards." I reiterate my previous statement, I like the current look. I also like to dance and attract new dancers. There is always room for compromise, a middle ground if you will. I reference here one of my close friends who is a member of Scottish Dance group. They never wear their outfits to their regularly scheduled dances. However, when they do any type of public performance, they are always in costume. With their kilts, and plaids, there is no mistaking them for anything but Scottish. How can that relate to us? If your club so chooses, dance informally. I, personal opinion, feel that anytime we have a convention or festival we should dance in costume so as to be identified as square dancers. I also very strongly feel (I emphasize very strongly) that if someone arrives at the dance, not in costume, but they are not wearing inappropriate dress, they should be allowed to dance. The example I use is a lady (Belle for purists) who only dances the man's part. If she wears slacks, why not allow her to dance? As mentioned, there will be some who agree with me and some who differ. In the final analysis, we should realize that it really doesn't matter. Eventually, the dancers will choose as they have in the past, and they will in the future. Square dancing is first a recreational activity, an activity entered into to escape the problems and difficulties we face in our everyday world. Callers, Clubs, Cuers and Prompters should always remember the first and foremost reason people dance is for FUN.

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By Mike Seastrom

We lost a very loved and respected square dance caller/leader unexpectedly late last year. Most of us who knew Mike Jacobs as a person, a caller, and as a square dance leader, loved him for his sense of humor, his leadership perspective and style, his calling, teaching, coaching, choreographic excellence, and for his respect for his fellow callers and dancers.

Mike loved the square dance activity and its rich history and heritage. Mike also loved CXALLERLAB and gave freely of his time and energy to promote and preserve our activity as a Chairman of the Board, member of the Board of Governors, a CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach, and his work with the CALLERLAB Foundation, and ARTS.

Below is a copy of the speech Mike made as the Chairman of the Board of Goe4rnvers of CALLERLAB at our 2002 convention, a short while after the "9-11" event that changed so many of us in ways we are still trying to understand.

Mike spoke of the term "hero" and what he said back then still applies today. Mike challenged us, Mike inspired us, and most of all Mike shared the fun, love, and friendship with us in this amazing activity that has brought so much joy to all who love to dance.

To me and to many others, Mike was a hero!

Mike Jacobs, 2002/2003 Chairman of the Board of Governors, presented the following speech at the Tuesday evening banquet during the 2002 CALLERLAB Convention.

#### My heroes have always been square dance callers.

The first caller I ever heard was Gil McAdams. I took square dance lessons from Stew Shacklette, and I learned to call from Ray Bohn. Like many of us, there were many callers I

admired, many I researched, and many I copied. Even now, as I know more of the world around me and know their faults and shortcomings, I can still recognize the good they did.

Since the events of 9-11 and the Winter Olympics, the term "hero" has been bandied about and defined again and again. And yet, there is one consistency that shines through. These were average people who, when confronted by a situation, rose to the occasions.

There are several major theories of how history develops. One has us possessed by major forces, the "isms" of the world, and we are helpless within their grasp. The other that I subscribe to, says that history is moved forward by the actions of heroes. Whether their actions are good or bad, they are larger than life. They have influence on others and at the crucial points, they move history along and not the "isms".

Our world of square dancing is confronted by problems that seem as formidable as all of the worlds "isms". Many seem to be waiting for CALLERLAB to solve these problems. We can't. CALLERLAB is a support group. It can provide motivation, leadership, information, ideas, deal with other organizations, and provide the type of things that only organizations can provide, like insurance. What we cannot do is get dancers to your lessons and keep them there. You are the only ones who can do that. And, flexibility is the key.

Standardization has been one of CALLERLAB's greatest achievements. It has allowed us to create both a mobile dance community and international dance community. It has also created a rigid caste system. Dances no longer ask "who9 is calling?" but "what level is it?" We can no longer entertain without a list in our hands. And all of us, dancer and caller alike, tend to look down upon a person's square dance experi4ence if it was not through Mainstream lessons. If we are to be flexible, we must redefine the term square dancer to be an inclusive and not an exclusive term. Circle left is the defining point of participation in this activity and not the application of some label upon the completion of lessons. We need to be flexible as to starting times, dance locations, length of lessons, clothing, age, marital status and all the other issues that we have identified in our market research. If we do, we are not giving up who we are. These are not the things that make us unique; our desire to move to music, our need for a puzzle, and our desire for social interaction. We have erred on the side of the puzzle. In these post 9-11 days, we can see our social side as a strength. Music has always been a strength and always underutilized. As fearful as it may seem, we can change, because we must.

And this is where the hero becomes important. CALLERLAB cannot implement, or perform these changes. You can. You can rise to the occasion. I know you have been hurt before. I know many of you are cynical about saving this activity. And I know why. You love it as much as I do or you would have never given to the activity as much as you could in order to allow others to enjoy dancing. It hurts you to see your beloved activity in trouble, to se it under appreciated. It is unbearable to have to wait for solutions to take effect or to have them raise your hopes only to have them dashed again with failure.

"One more unto the breach, dear friends, unto the breach" In Shakespeare's Henry V, the king rallies his troops at the Battle of Agincourt, where six thousand English troops held off 25,000 French knights at the English equivalency of the Alamo. What is different is they won, because of this determination and a little invention called the longbow. Let CALLERLAB provide the longbow and you the determination.

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By Ed Foote

#### Can The Deaf Square Dance? Yes!

We are not talking about one deaf person in a square of hearing dancers – we are talking about a full square of all deaf people. Here is how it is done.

The caller must be fluent in sign language. For the initial lesson, the caller stands in the middle of the square and teaches via sign language. Once the fundamentals are understood by everyone, the caller moves outside the square and continues to call via sign language.

Instead of everyone having to have their head turned toward the caller, the dance hall has mirrors on all 4 walls, similar to a ballet studio. So, if the dancers have their back to the caller, all they have to do is look straight ahead at the mirror in front of them. At most, they have to turn their head 90 degrees to see the mirror or the caller.

But this is the old way. The new way is to have a television camera focused on the caller, with a monitor on each of the other 3 walls. Now the dancers can see the caller doing sign language no matter which way they are facing.

What about music? Music with a heavy beat is needed. The dancers can feel the vibration of the beat, if it is strong enough. Also, hearing aids have now become so sophisticated that they can be hooked up to an amplifier, enabling dancers to feel the beat directly in their ears via FM modulation.

I learned all this from caller Tom Mallory, who lives in the Rochester, New York area, and has called for deaf people off and o for 30 years. If you would like more information on this topic, you can contact Tom as follows: Phone: 585-899-0107 or <u>sealover1309@aol.com</u>.

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### **Square Dancing: What about those outfits?!**

Last fall, when I told my friends (all women) that I was taking square dance lessons, one of the first remarks they made regarded the women's outfits, and how out-dated the can-can skirts are. Besides that, they said, unless you're a petite size 2, they aren't very flattering (I agree). But in fact, the dress code is flexible, and many women now wear longer skirts, referred to as "prairie-style", and that is what I thought I would do also.

But one night during lessons, several used skirts, blouses, dresses, etc. were put on display and offered for sale. Payment was by free will donation. Well, what woman can resist a bargain? I went home with four skirts and a can-can for less than it would have cost me to make one skirt. So I've started wearing them, and what fun it is! It's fun to swing and twirl and see the skirt whirl out around me. One of the long time dancers talks about watching from balcony once when a large group was dancing in traditional attire. He says that when the women twirl in all those colorful skirts, it's like a living kaleidoscope. How cool is that!

So sometimes I wear a short, full skirt, sometimes a longer skirt, and one time I shoed up at a public square-dancing demonstration in jeans, and the club invited me to dance anyway. The clubs in the F-M area welcome all dancers, whether they are wearing traditional costumes or not. So don't let the fashions stop you from trying something that is good for your body (we walk three miles in one night of dancing), your brain (always something new to learn), your spirit (it's the most fun I have all week), and your budget. Participation costs about \$5 per dance per person, and many clubs serve a free lunch afterwards, making it very affordable.

Kay Jacobson

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From Kappie Kappenman

House By The Side Of The Road Author Unknown

She was the smartest as well as cutest girl in our school. Elsie Brown was often the star of assembly programs, and her recitations will never be forgotten, by me. I liked especially her version of "I want to live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man" I think that mankind needs friends.

There is another person who impresses me very much with his friendliness. He lives here in Pharr and his residence is beside the main highway to our downtown. I do not know his name; however, he stands by the road with a friendly smile and waves to all passersby expectantly. If he is not at his usual spot, we miss him very much. He makes my day! I never feel as happy when he is absent, but when I have his friendly wave, we have communicated good feelings.

Some square dancers are full of fun, friendship and friendliness. It seems that there is a friend beside the road to insure that you have a good time. This should not be the sole obligation of the caller. You leave always with a feeling that you had a wonderfully good evening of dancing, fellowship, and fun.

I have been to square dances, where no friendly people mixed with the visitors. It seemed that everyone was leaving it up to "George" to do it, and "George" had failed to come. When you leave a dance like that, you never feel satisfied, even though the calling was excellent.

It seems to me that square dancing should satisfy our desires and intentions for fun, fellowship, and exercise. That, in essence, meets the satisfaction of the three areas of our being – mental, physical and social.

I urge all of those in our wonderful world of square dancers to be friends to all the dancers. Let us keep the fun and fellowship in our fabulous activity.

Happy square dancing, y'all.

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**59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** 

Louisville



Play Eat Go

**Bourbon Country** 

Green Louisville

**Helpful Information** 



June 23-26

Kentucky Expo Center

Louisville, Kentucky

### Welcome to Possibility City

### THE WORLD'S GREATEST SQUARE DANCE EVENT OF 2010 WILL BE THE BEST EVER

One of the most important if not the most important part of a National Square Dance Convention® is **SOUND**. If you cannot hear the caller/cuer/etc you do not enjoy the dance. The 59th National Square Dance Convention® is doing everything possible to ensure that, the best sound possible will be available and that everyone will be able to hear the cuer/caller/etc. The owner for Yak Stacks, the premier speaker system preferred by most callers, has been contracted to provide, set-up and maintain the sound systems in all dance



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Stop by the <u>Visitors Information Center</u> located downtown adjacent to the Kentucky International Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency at the Corner of 4th and Jefferson Streets, Louisville Kentucky 40202.

Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 halls. In addition, **eight** of the dance halls will have a "**Sound Enhancement System**" installed. The personnel involved have sounded 11 previous National Square Dance Conventions®, most Mid-America Square Dance Jamborees that were also held at Kentucky Exposition Center as well as many other major square dance events.

For those who are not familiar with "**Sound Enhancement Systems**" and how they are used in square dancing, here is a brief explanation.

An FM transmitter is connected to the sound system. The transmitter broadcasts a radio signal over a distance of 300-500 feet. The transmitter only broadcast the cuer/caller/etc's voice not the background music. Individual dancers can then use a small FM radio and earphones to hear the caller/cuer/etc.

The sound can be received on any FM radio such as a small clip-on or Walkman type radio with earphones. Most dancers already have a small portable FM radio with earphones they can use. For dancers who do not have a FM radio they can use, radios will be available in the vendor area.

Each of the eight dance halls will use a different frequency to broadcast so there will be no interference between halls.

In some of the major halls the Williams Sound System will be used. This system has been used in past conventions.

With the use of Yak Stacks speakers, Hilton turntables and Sound Enhancement Systems in eight dance halls along with the most experienced sound crew available, we will ensure every dancer will be able to easily hear and enjoy every minute of the 59th National Square Dance Convention®.

With the best sound available, great facilities, friendly people, terrific food, (including lots of delicious ice cream), and many great tours of the surrounding beautiful and interesting sites, the 59th National Square Dance Convention® will be the best ever, you do not want to miss this one, if you do you will be sorry. Dancers will be talking about the 59th NSDC for many years, everyone who attends the convention will experience a fabulous time and have special memories that will last a lifetime.

#### See you in Louisville at

p.m. Phone: (502) 379-6109

The World's Greatest Square Dance Event of 2010, June 23-26, 2010 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO <u>WWW.59thnsdc.COM</u>

### The question isn't what to do...it's what to do first.

Louisville is a city full of endless possibilities. It's a city located somewhere between "way out there" and "feels like home". A place known as both the "southern most northern city" and "the northern most southern city". A place so unique, that you can pronounce our name 5 different ways – Looavul, Luhvul, Loueville, Looaville, Looeyville. It's a place just for you, no matter how you wanna say it.

Walk the streets of downtown, along <u>Museum Row</u> and you'll find more galleries and museums than you can shake a stick at. And speaking of sticks, you sports lovers can see the world's biggest bat on display at the <u>Louisville Slugger Museum</u> <u>& Factory</u>. In all, Museum Row on Main houses nine original attractions all within a six-block radius, now that's what I call convenience! Since you are already downtown, you may as well stroll along the <u>Urban Bourbon Trail</u> or just hang out at <u>Fourth</u> <u>Street Live</u>, the city's premier dining and entertainment district.

Feel the excitement at <u>Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom</u> by taking a ride on one of the world's longest stand-up coasters or making waves in Splashwater Kingdom. Live through the fastest two minutes in sports by visiting <u>Churchill Downs</u> and the <u>Kentucky</u> <u>Derby Museum</u>. Experience original one-of-a-kind cuisine by dining at one of our award-winning restaurants spread throughout four dining districts. Relax as you cruise the Ohio River aboard the <u>Belle of Louisville</u>, a National Historic Landmark.

Be sure to stop by our <u>Visitors Center</u> located downtown at the corner of 4th and Jefferson Streets, where you can pick-up literature, buy souvenirs, grab your Urban Bourbon Trail Passport, purchase discounted attraction tickets, get directions and make restaurant reservations, all with the help of friendly travel counselors.

Whether you're visiting Louisville for a convention, a family

	vacation or soaking in the city's bourbon culture, we hope you enjoy all the charm and possibilities Louisville has to offer. After all - It's Possible Here.
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This is ARTS Email Tree - E-News 2010-003 (Halifax National Festival)

The ARTS Email Tree was established to provide an electronic connection to all dancers in the USA. There are plans to expand the Email Tree to include the dancing activity outside the USA.

This ARTS Email E-News release is to provide information we received from Dottie and Gary Welch, Executive Vice Chair Events, Halifax National Festival 2010.

To: Square & Round Dance Clubs & Leaders

Subject: Canadian National Dance in Nova Scotia in 2010

HALIFAX NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2010

July 29-31, 2010

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

January 2010 E-Mail Promo and Info Letter

Hello Everyone,

We are attempting to reach club contacts and leaders with information about our upcoming major dance event. Please help us promote by passing this along to anyone in your club or area who might be interested.

The 17th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in the capital city of Nova Scotia during the summer of 2010. For square, round, contra, and clogging dancers this is a golden opportunity to visit the beautiful Maritime Provinces in the northeast corner of North America.

Pack your duffle, and set your sails to head downwind to Nova Scotia!

TOURIST: In addition to the dancing, take time to enjoy the winding roads along gorgeous coastlines featuring cool sea breezes, sandy beaches, rocky headlands, fishing villages, and impressive Fundy tides. Historic parks and local celebrations highlight Acadian, Scottish and Maritime cultures.

Nova Scotia Tourism website is: <u>www.novascotia.com</u>

Check In Nova Scotia Reservation Service: 1-800-565-0000.

Halifax Tourism is: <u>www.halifax.ca/visitors</u> or <u>www.destinationhalifax.com</u>.

Our Nova Scotia Federation website is <u>http://www.squaredance.ns.ca.</u>

To reach Festival 2010 information press the 2010 button near the upper left corner of the home page. Look under the Newsletter button for .pdf files of our recent newsletters. Here are recent updates and general information.

FLYING IN: Halifax has an International Airport with all of the usual amenities. Check <u>FlyHalifax.com</u> for current flight options. There is regular shuttle service from the Airport to downtown hotels (30 km). If you want to tour outside of the city, you will need a car. Several car rental companies have booths at the airport.

BY AUTO OR TRAIN: The Trans-Canada Highway enters Nova Scotia in Amherst where a visitor center will provide provincial maps and guidebooks. Signs clearly mark the turn south in Truro

towards Halifax. VIA Rail also connects through Montreal to all rail destinations in North America.

BUS TOURS and CARAVANS: We are aware of bus trips coming from Alberta, Ontario and New England. Please let us know if you would like contact information or would like to be added to this list.

DANCE AREA: All dancing will be under one roof in the World Trade & Convention Centre and Halifax Metro Centre complex. It is fully air-conditioned. A pedway system connects the complex with several hotels, shops, and eateries.

FLOORING: There will be a mix of polished cement, vinyl tile, carpet, wood, and click flooring. There will be at least some hard surface in all dance areas.

DOWNTOWN PARKING: Most of the nearby hotels have their own parking areas. Scotia Square includes a multi-tier parking garage within a short walking distance of the dancing. Street parking is free on weekends and after 6 pm on weekdays. A free FRED bus loops Pier 21, Lower Water Street, Scotia Square, Barrington, Citadel Hill and Spring Garden Road.

ACCOMMODATIONS: These nearby convention hotels are within walking distance. The Prince George: \$185, 1-800-565-1567, <u>www.princegeorgehotel.com</u> The Delta Halifax: \$169, 1-800-268-1133, <u>www.deltahalifax.com</u> Citadel Halifax Hotel: \$149, 1-800-565-7162, <u>www.citadelhalifax.com</u> Cambridge Suites Hotel: \$159, 1-800-565-1263, <u>www.cambridgesuiteshalifax.com</u>

There are many other possible places to stay. See <u>www.novascotia.com</u> CAMPING: The best commercial camping options are listed below. There are limited city bus connections to both. We are planning morning and evening shuttle connections to Woodhaven.

Woodhaven RV Park, 1-902-835-2271, <u>www.woodhavenrvpark.com</u> Shubie Park Campground, 1-800-440-8450, <u>www.shubiecampground.com</u>

DANCING: Come and enjoy 3 days of Basic to C3 Squares, Rounds Phase II -VI, Contras, and Clogging. There will be Square and Round Trail In Dances at the Metro Centre on Wednesday, July 28th beginning at 7:30 p.m. Convention dancing will be scheduled morning, afternoon and evening on Thursday through Saturday (10 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m., 8 - 10:30 p.m.). Plans are underway for some morning dancing along the scenic and historic waterfront.

ATTIRE: Tasteful casual attire is acceptable during the day and at the Trail In. Please plan to wear Traditional Attire (including prairie skirts) for evening events.

BANNER PARADE: Bring your club banners for a short parade on Thursday morning.

FASHION SHOW: Our aim is to showcase and inspire with custom made, one-of-a-kind creations. This will be presented in the main arena with free and ample seating for all. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

EDUCATION: There will be a heritage room and various educational seminars for leaders and club executives. Are you interested in Digital Music, Competitive Dancing, or better Marketing?

REGISTRATION: The current registration price is \$125 per person for 3 full days of dancing and all other events. The registration form is available on the website. Leaders should be registered by the end of February 2010 to ensure a place on the program. Cancellations currently are refunded all but a \$5 administration fee and our policy regarding late cancellations will be as generous as possible.

EXCHANGE RATE for foreign visitors: The Festival price is quoted in Canadian Funds. We will accept the equivalent in the form of a cheque written in foreign funds on a foreign bank. Please use the exchange rate for the date of the cheque (changes between writing and cashing time balance out). Example: If the conversion rate is \$1 Canadian = \$0.95 US then \$125 Canadian x 0.95 = \$118.75 US.

HOSPITALITY: Our welcoming committee is organizing greeters at arrival points.

SOLOS: A Solo Get Acquainted Dinner is being planned for Wednesday before the Trail In Dance.

MORE QUESTIONS: For more information go to <u>http://www.squaredance.ns.ca</u> then open the 2010 button near the top left, or contact: Bob and Inge Ruohoniemi, Executive Vice Chair Marketing, <u>bobruoho@ns.sympatico.ca</u>.

Dottie and Gary Welch, Executive Vice Chair Events, <u>dwelch@ap.stmarys.ca</u>, 902-435-4544.

Valerie and Ralph Brown, Registrations, <a href="mailto:rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca">rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca</a>, 902-543-5278.

"Promenade to Halifax in 2010",

Paul & Reta Blades, Publicity, Halifax National Festival 2010

Your Source for Ribbons

### This list can also be found at

www.dancergram.com

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

March 19 - 20, 2010 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Swing - The Villages, FL

May 28 - 30, 2010 - 56<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention - Lakeland, FL



### This schedule can also be found at

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Week of February 1, 2010

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

<u>Monday</u> – *Sun-N-Fun* – 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus Squares – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: Bill and Marge Webb 941-343-9720 or <u>midgewebb@cs.com</u> or John and Shirley Galik 941-371-3914.

*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: <u>hwcole@att.net</u> or 239-691-5670.

**Hampton Promenaders Birthdays and Anniversaries** – 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: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: 863-669-9827 or fayedenmount@yahoo.com.

**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. – Callers: Van Coble, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. 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: Diane and Jeff Hissong - \$4 per person per session. For info: <u>strawberrydance@aol.com</u> or <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>.

*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: <u>chrounds@capital.net</u> 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: <u>callerdave@comcast.net</u> 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 – 59<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>spinards@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 727-525-7809.

Wednesday – Palmetto Palms – 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** – 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 <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

**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 <u>samdunn@samdunn.net</u>.

**Betmar Bells & Beaus #2** – Betmar Clubhouse #2, Rt. 54 W., Zephyrhills – Plus Rounds – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: Marty Van Wart; 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: Jimmy Lee - \$6 per person. 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: <u>foxtrotr@bellsouth.net</u>.

**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** – *Pioneer Village* – Pioneer Village Rec Building, 7974 Samville Road, N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream with introduction to Plus 9:45 a.m. – Caller: Len Siegmann – casual attire. For info: Bob Stewart 936-940-6121 or <u>marcy stwrt@yahoo.com</u> or Len Siegmann at 936-567-1320.

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

**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: Jeannette Bowles. For info: <u>SQDBIRD@aol.com</u>. **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: <u>sqdancegranny@juno.com</u> 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: <u>luvrds@embarqmail.com</u> 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: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or <u>mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net</u>.

*Citrus Squares* – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: <u>lalecl@aol.com</u>.

**Friday** – **Cypress Gardens Ball** – Best Western Admiral's Inn, Cypress Gardens Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL – full time Plus and Advanced Halls – five sessions: Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday morning, afternoon and evening – staff hosted wine and cheese party – surprise extras!! – Callers: Gary Brown, Sam Dunn and Keith Stevens, Cuer: Charlie Hearn. \$69 weekend dance package. Dance and stay at the same location. Special room rates at the hotel. Limited space. \$30 deposit by December 5, 2009. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens, 4356 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL; <u>keith@keithstevens.com</u>; 863-326-9774.

**Buttonwood Bay President's Dance** – 10001 U.S. Hwy. 27 S., Sebring – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: 863-655-2634 or <u>vgwright@hotmail.com</u>. **Stuart Bunch Weekend** – Temple Shalom, 23190 Utica Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL – Caller: Todd Fellegy; Saturday afternoon: C-3 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.; C-3B Star tip 4:00 – 4:15 p.m.; C-4 Star Tip 4:15 – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday evening: C-3B 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., C-3B Star tip 9:00 – 9:15 p.m., C-4 Star tip 9:15 – 9:30 p.m.; Sunday morning: C-3B 10:00 – 12:15 p.m., C-3B Star tip 12:15 – 12:30 p.m.; Sunday afternoon: C-3B 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.. Full competency at C-3 is required to dance floor level. Star tips consist of harder C-3B and easy C-4. All tips are on computer except C-4. Sign-up is required for C-3B Start tips. Dance Contributions: Guests: \$42 per person; 17 members \$35 per person. For info: David Mayers 863-665-8450 (Winter), 973-227-8951 (Summer); Jeff Barlow 916-606-1142; info@stuartbunch.org; www.stuartbunch.org. Schedule is subject to change; consult website prior to dances for confirmation. Directions: Exit I-75 at Harbor View Road (Exit 167) heading west, then turn right on Kings Hwy., left on Elmira Blvd. and then right again on Sherwood Rd. for two blocks to the Temple at the corner of Utica Ave. You can also exit I-75 at Kings Hwy. (Exit 170) heading southwest and proceed to Elmira Blvd. where you turn right and follow as above.

*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 <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

**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. – Caller: Jimmy Lee, Cuers: Ruth Cunningham - \$6 per person. 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: <u>HWCole@att.net</u> or 239-980-0939 or 239-466-7132.

*Spinning Wheels* – **NO DANCE** For info: <u>helenm720@aol.com</u> or <u>jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com</u>.

**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 <u>rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.c</u>om.

**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: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or <u>mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net</u>.

*Sun City Swingers* - 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. For info: <u>gail3357@gmail.com</u> or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Saturday** – **Cypress Gardens Ball** – Best Western Admiral's Inn, Cypress Gardens Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL – full time Plus and Advanced Halls – five sessions: Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday morning, afternoon and evening – staff hosted wine and cheese party – surprise extras!! – Callers: Gary Brown, Sam Dunn and Keith Stevens, Cuer: Charlie Hearn. \$69 weekend dance package. Dance and stay at the same location. Special room rates at the hotel. Limited space. \$30 deposit by December 5, 2009. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens, 4356 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL; <u>keith@keithstevens.com</u>; 863-326-9774.

**Stuart Bunch Weekend** – Temple Shalom, 23190 Utica Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL – Caller: Todd Fellegy; Saturday afternoon: C-3 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.; C-3B Star tip 4:00 – 4:15 p.m.; C-4 Star Tip 4:15 – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday evening: C-3B 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., C-3B Star tip 9:00 – 9:15 p.m., C-4 Star tip 9:15 – 9:30 p.m.; Sunday morning: C-3B 10:00 – 12:15 p.m., C-3B Star tip 12:15 – 12:30 p.m.; Sunday afternoon: C-3B 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.. Full competency at C-3 is required to dance floor level. Star tips consist of harder C-3B and easy C-4. All tips are on computer except C-4. Sign-up is required for C-3B Start tips. Dance Contributions: Guests: \$42 per person; 17 members \$35 per person. For info: David Mayers 863-665-8450 (Winter), 973-227-8951 (Summer); Jeff Barlow 916-606-1142; info@stuartbunch.org; www.stuartbunch.org. Schedule is subject to change; consult website prior to dances for confirmation. Directions: Exit I-75 at Harbor View Road (Exit 167) heading west, then turn right on Kings Hwy., left on Elmira Blvd. and then right again on Sherwood Rd. for two blocks to the Temple at the corner of Utica Ave. You can also exit I-75 at Kings Hwy. (Exit 170) heading southwest and proceed to Elmira Blvd. where you turn right and follow as above.

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.

**Buttons and Bows of Venice** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Jeannette Bowles. For info: 941-484-8543 or 941-496-8516 or remsenny@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: <u>luvrds@embarqmail.com</u> 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: Jimmy Lee, Cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin - \$6 per person. 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.

<u>Sunday</u> – West Coast Membership Dance – Bartow Civic Center, Bartow - Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Keith Stevens and area Callers and Cuers – West Coast Members FREE – guests \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

**Strawberry Square Beginner/Mainstream Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller: Jimmy Lee - \$6 per person. For info: <u>www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry</u>. 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.

**The Motivators** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Cloud – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A-2, 4:00 p.m. C-1 Tip – Caller: Ron Libby - \$4 per person. For info: 407-344-9260 or loisdancer@aol.com.

**Pioneer Village** – **NO DANCE** For info: Bob Stewart 936-940-6121 or <u>marcy stwrt@yahoo.com</u> or Len Siegmann at 936-567-1320.

**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 <u>http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/.</u>

**B & S Flutter Wheelers** - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - A 2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A 2 Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - relaxed attire - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or <u>rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com</u>.

Huggables- King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), PortRichey- casual dress- Mainstream/Plus 2:30- 4:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. Forinfo:727-809-3429or727-809-0323orsettarose1@verizon.netmcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.or

**Orange Blossom Squares** – **NO DANCE** For info: <u>willowhouse@msn.com</u> 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 11, 2010 – **Snell's Bo's and Bell's Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Allen Snell: For info: For info: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

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 15, 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.

March 1, 2010 – **Temple Twirlers Beginners Square Dance Class** – Oak Grove Methodist Church, 2707 West Waters Avenue, Tampa – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon - \$4 per person per session, including angels. For info: Flo Byington 813-810-5548 or flobyington@yahoo.com or 813-996-4632 or wlfloyd@aol.com.

### **Looking Ahead**

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

#### www.dancergram.com

March 18, 2010 – **Promenade Squares Square Dance Clothing Sale** - 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: <u>sqdancegranny@juno.com</u> or 727-546-5966.

March 26 & 27, 2010 - Swing to All That Jazz Heart of America Federation of Square Dance Clubs 58th Annual Convention - Hal McCarter Educational Center 5000 NW Valleyview Road. Blue Springs, Missouri. Friday: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Saturday: 2:00 - 10:30 p.m. Featured Caller -Tim Tyl and local callers and cuers. Square dance attire required. EZ Address for this Page: www.FedDance.WeSquareDance.com. For info: Kenny and Lois Zeller 816.779.0928.

June 17 – 20, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Wilson County Grand Squares – Wilson County Fair Grounds, 925 E. Baddour Pkwy., Lebanon, TN – all event ribbons after May 15, 2010 - \$40 per person – Early Bird – all events \$35 per person 'till May 15, 2010. For Jubilee Ribbons call 615-525-1272 or 615-308-2847. Mail in registration: June Jubilee, P. O. Box 134, Joelton, TN 37080. Beautiful on-site campground so bring the RVs. RV parking on site next to the dance halls. Contact: June Jubilee, P. O. Box 134, Joelton, TN 37080. Website: www.junejubilee.net. Email: ribbons @junejubilee.net.

June 18, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Heartland Camping Squares, NSDCA Chapter #188 – American Legion Hall, 499 South 7 Highway, Blue Springs, MO – Heartland Camping Square invites you to come to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual dance and/or to join us for a weekend of fun camping at Fleming Park. 7:30 p.m. – bring a dish and join us at our potluck starting at 6:30 p.m. Weekend activities start with our dance on Friday night followed by an egg-in-a-bag breakfast on Saturday and a pancake breakfast on Sunday. Bring your favorite camping games. WE will have card games, bean bag, water toss and polish horseshoes available all weekend. Campground: Fleming Park, Blue Springs Campground. Reservations: 813-503-4805 after January 2, 2010. Book as close to site #55 as possible. For info: Becky Walker at 816-916-8989; www.hcs.wesquaredance.com.

June 18, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Frontier Squares – American Legion Hall, Milford, 111 Race Street, Milford, OH – ER 7:00 p.m. – Squares 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. For info: Jay and Brenda Jones, 513-583-8843 or frontiersquares.tripod.com.

June 18, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Boot Scootin' Fun Squares s- Rangeline Community Center, 1405 N. Rangeline Road, Anderson, Indiana – 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. For info: Gary Hutton 765-215-7545.

June 19, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Santa Fe Trailers Square Dance Club – Sermon Center, 201 N. Dodgion, Independence, MO – 7:30 – 10:30 with Rounds and Lines, Pre Rounds 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jim and Loretta Marron, 1209 NW Roanoke Dr., Blue Springs, MO 64015; 816-228-7485; <u>dancndad@swbell.net</u>; Bob and Shirley Stock, 816-761-87997; Mike and Bonnie Milligan, 816-886-1207; Brad and Annette Davis, 816-254-5305, <u>aedavis@sbeglobal.net</u>.

June 19, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Wrong Way Squares – Porter County Exposition Center, 215 E. Division Road, Valparaiso, Indiana – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Plus WS – 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. (Chicago Time). For info: Larry Hates 219-921-1196 or <u>Imhakes@aol.com</u> or <u>www.wrongwaysquares.com</u>.

June 19, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Grove City Western Squares – Columbia Heights United Methodist Church, 775 Galloway Road, Galloway, OH - 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. For info: Pat Jones 614-878-9437 or <u>pcahill jones@msn.com</u>.

June 19, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: The Gem City Square Dance Club – Michael Solomon Pavilion, 2917 Berkley Street, Dayton, OH – 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. – all visitors, banner raids and retrievals welcome – space is limited and sellout is expected – get your tickets early. For info: John and Elaine Stocker, 2950 Marr Road, Casstown, OH 45312; 937-339-1706 or jestocker1233@hotmail.com.

June 22, 2010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Indy B 'n' B Square Dance Club – at former Fishers Lions Club (I-69 N to 116<sup>th</sup> St. E., 2 blocks to Oak, behind UMC, Fishers, Indiana – Rounds 7:00 p.m., Squares 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: 317-883-2305 or 317-257-1334.

June 22, 1010 – **59<sup>th</sup> NSDC Trail Thru Dance** – Sponsor: Mid-America Square Dance Jamboree – Reunion Dance – 8:00 – 111:00 p.m., Crown Plaza Hotel (across from Expo Center Main Gate).

July 23 – 25, 2010 – **27<sup>th</sup> Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** – Hilton Hotel, 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL. For info: Joe and Lois Schaefer, 30353 Shiloh Road, Minier, IL 61759; 309-392-2023 or jlschaefer@dmspeed.net.

September 17 – 18, 2010 – **40<sup>th</sup> 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 or <u>nsdc2010register@gmail.com</u>.

September 23 – 25, 2010 – **1**<sup>st</sup> **Annual Kentucky Square and Round Dance Convention** – The Center for Rural Development, 2292 South Hwy. 27, Somerset, KY. For info: Harry and Virginia Marshall, 502-803-5719 or <u>deerdancer55@yahoo.com</u>; George and Margaret Scott 859-236-4050 or blue <u>spirit scott@bellsouth.net</u>.

October 8 - 9, 2010 – **Daytona Beach Ball** – Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. For info: John and Judi Corett, <u>ladybirddb@cfl.rr.com</u> or 386-767-2206.

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

May 6 – 8, 2011 – **64<sup>th</sup> New Mexico Square and Round Dance Festival** – Ruidoso Middle School, Ruidoso, NM. For info: Dale and Kathy McDonald, 1409 Any Taylor Road, Plainview, TX. For info: <u>dmcaller@suddenlink.net</u> or <u>www.festival.nmsrda.org</u>.

### 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<sup>®</sup>)

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 58<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention - Long Beach, CA

http://www.59thnsdc.com 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY

http://www.60thnsdc.com 60<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<u>http://www.nsddirectory.com/</u> (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)

<u>http://www.grandsquare07.com</u> (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.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

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