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Square and round dance news for the west coast of Florida

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Plans are now underway for **Flip the Flamingo III**, a square dance weekend which will be held February 12-15, 2010 at the Walter Fuller Recreation Center at 7891 26th Avenue North in St. Petersburg, (3 minutes west of Tyrone Mall).

The weekend is being hosted by the Suncoast Squares. The callers for the weekend will be **Dave Wilson** (from Sweden) and **Chris Philips** (from Ft. Lauderdale). There will be two separate halls of dancing;; one will be Mainstream and Plus and the other will be Advanced and C1 with a few C2 star tips.

The current cost for the entire weekend package is \$105 per person which includes over 20 hours of dancing and five meals, two of which will be catered. The cost per session is \$10 per person (\$25 for 3 sessions on Saturday).

Dress for the weekend is casual, on Saturday night we will have a Pirate theme with the Pirates of the Suncoast.

The dancing on Monday will be at Ft. DeSoto Beach, Pavilion #14 and our very own club caller **Michael Cox** will be calling for us there.

You can find the map, directions and dance schedule on our website at [www.suncoastsquares.com](http://www.suncoastsquares.com). For more information call (727) 215-3217.

## 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](mailto:polkseniorgames@verizon.net). Event Managers: Keith and Margot Stevens – 863-326-9774 or [keithhuns@yahoo.com](mailto:keithhuns@yahoo.com).

## February 15, 2010 – **Deadline (EXTENDED) for Extra Mile Award Nominations.**

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

### From the Editor



This has been a busy weekend for dancing! Jimmy Lee from Canada was at Strawberry Square for the weekend, the Cypress Gardens Ball was in Winter Haven and the West Coast Membership Dance was in Bartow on Sunday afternoon.

I understand there were around 36 couples at the Cypress Gardens Ball. Sam Dunn, Gary Brown and Keith Stevens did the calling and Charlie Hearn did the cueing for the weekend. They will be planning another weekend for next year. As soon as I receive the details, they will be announced in the DANCERgram.

We had about eight or nine squares at the West Coast Dance in Bartow with quite a few callers and cuers. Yes, Pat actually had some help with the cueing this afternoon!

John has already sent me the pictures.



Presidents Lance and Rita Baxter



Vice President Penny Green

*Don't forget the State  
Fair!*

*Wednesday, February 10  
11:00 - 5:00 p.m.*



Sign in table: (L to R) Mary Dow, Fall Fun Fest Secretary; Joanne and Leon Haar, WC Secretaries; Lynne and John Scott, WC Treasurers

MC - Keith Stevens - Pres. Lance Baxter



Cuers: Carl Rod, Pat Hagen, Charlie Hearn



Callers: Pauline and Phil Harris, Tony and Roland Blanchette, Marion & Marty VanWart;  
Judy & Dave Buys



Callers: Linda and Gary Brown, Martha and Art Springer, Sam Dunn, Betsy Curts and  
Carl Rod, Margot and Keith Stevens



Host club: Shufflin' Squares, Lake Wales

*Photos courtesy of John Occhipinti and Yolanda Trainor*



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## Health & Sympathy Updates

**These postings, and notices for dancers as well as any previous postings, can be found at [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com)**

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

**Patricia Fuller-Gardner** – cuer at Strawberry Square Dance Center – is now home from the hospital after a little trouble with her heart and a repair of an aneurysm in her abdomen while she was there. She has started back dancing a little. If you would like to send cards, her address is: 4298 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL 33563 (2/8/10)

**Ouida Taylor**, immediate past president of NEFSARDA and 2010 Fall Festival chair, had surgery to implant a spinal cord stimulator on Monday morning, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. She returned home on Tuesday to continue her recovery. When she returns to the doctor's office on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the stimulator will be activated. This device is designed to relieve Ouida of the constant pain she has been experiencing for the past 3 years. Ouida and Thomas are thankful for the many prayers and words of concern expressed by the dancing community and ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers as this challenge continues. Cards can be sent to Ouida at 170 SE Lakewood Lane, Lake City, FL 32025. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 2/14/10)

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## **So you want to be an angel – a dance angel that is!**

We always appreciate having “angels” help out at our classes, but sometimes as angels we sometimes need to be reminded that

- there is only one instructor at the class; so let him/her do the teaching
- no one can talk and listen at the same time; so when the instructor is talking, everyone should be silent
- no one can listen to more than one person at a time; the students should only be listening to the instructor
- the instructor should be allowed to finish explaining a move before the dancers execute it. The dancers should quietly remain in place while the instructor is explaining a movement; when the explanation is completed, the caller will call the movement and the dancers can then execute it.
- just because you have been dancing for many years, it doesn't mean you know the CALLERLAB definition of all the calls. Definitions have changed over the years and experienced dancers are notorious for taking shortcuts; so don't attempt to teach the new dancers the way you execute a move.
- just as the students are instructed to be gentle with arm and hand holds and twirls, angels should remember the same thing; don't jerk and pull the new dancers around.
- don't be a show off with your twirls, jumps, bumps and kicks; this only confuses the new dancers. These kinds of extra moves sometimes turn the new dancer around and they don't know what position they are in or what direction to go in. The new dancers already have a lot to learn and don't need the extra burden of learning all these extra steps that experienced dancers have decided to add to the activity. Basically, DON'T TWIRL, JUMP, BUMP OR KICK DURING CLASS!
- these new dancers need to be welcomed just like any experienced dancers visiting your dance. Invite the new dancers to sit with you and get to know them. If you don't make them feel welcome, why would they have any interest in joining your club?

I hope you will see the benefit of discussing these reminders at your classes. We all know these things but sometimes we need to be reminded about them.

To reprint this article, you can find it at [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com) – archived articles.

## President's Message

### *Florida Callers Association*

I started thinking the other day about how many callers we've lost in the past few years, and it made me stop and wonder: where are the new callers? We talk all the time about the decline in the number of dancers and the fact that classes get smaller and smaller each year. I wonder how many of us realize that the calling population is suffering the same fate at the same rate.

New callers are an important part of Square Dancing, and in the past each new year-group of dancers would eventually provide its share of new callers. New callers bring new ideas, new people, and new enthusiasm to the activity. I look at some of the recent new callers in the FCA and am excited to see what they have already added to Square Dancing in Florida.

But we still need more. In a state the size of Florida, with the variety of dancing it offers, there should more than three or four apprentice callers in the FCA training program at any time. Each year we bring in some of the top national calling talent to help our new callers. This past October it was Tom Miller from Pennsylvania and he was exceptional as a teacher and coach. Unfortunately, you could count on the fingers of one hand the number of truly new callers who were there to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

In spite of what some people may think, most callers are always ready to help someone get started. Every one of us on stage today had a mentor or teacher who helped us learn the craft. I know I speak for the majority of the Florida Callers Association when I say we'd like to return the favor.

If you've ever thought about calling, now is the time to step up and act. Square Dancing needs new callers and your new ideas in the worst way. Sure, it takes some time and practice to learn to call. But it took time and practice to learn to dance, too. The FCA has a great training program; all you need to do is join!

So, don't be shy, just do it. Ask any of your local FCA callers for some tips to get started. You'll be amazed at how much help you'll get.

Gary Murphy

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## President's Message

### *Florida Federation of Square & Round Dancers*

In listening to comments, it seems that many dancers do not understand what transpires during various Federation meetings. Perhaps knowing how the delegates and board work to promote square dancing will enable dancers to appreciate the people who donate their time to attend the meetings and work to support the state convention and promote square dancing not only throughout the State of Florida, but also throughout the United States. As we proceed through the year, we hope to bring a little explanation to you about each upcoming Federation meeting. Since all Federation meetings are open to everyone, we would love to have visitors attend any of these meetings.

The Federation meeting on Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28 is referred to as the "Working Weekend." It begins with the Federation meeting on Saturday morning. At the end of this meeting, committee assignments are finalized, and these committees get together after lunch for their breakout sessions. There is always a Saturday night dance in conjunction with the Federation meetings, and the dance on February 27 is a Benefit Dance for the 2011 State Convention. This dance will be at the Whirl & Twirl Club in Orlando.

The following Sunday morning, the Federation meeting will resume, and the chairman of each committee will report on their breakout meetings of the previous afternoon.

We strongly urge all Federation delegates to make every effort to attend the upcoming Federation meeting at the LaQuinta Inn in Orlando on February 27 and 28. For reservations, call the hotel at 407-645-5600. Ask for the square dance rate.

We would also like to remind you that nominations for the Extra Mile Award are due by February 15 (we have extended the deadline date). This award is to show appreciation to both callers and cuers who go the "extra mile" without personal gain in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity. For the nomination form and further information, follow the link at the official Federation website at [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com). The nomination forms can be submitted to any Federation board member. [If you do not have access to the internet, please check with one of your association officers.]

There are two association fund raiser dances coming up in the near future. The first is the Southeast Association's SNOWFLAKE FROLIC on February 20 at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach. The second one is the Central Association's SHAMROCK

SWING, on March 19 and 20 at the Villages. We look forward to seeing many of you at these two very special and important dances.

Ray and Elsa Huddleston

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## **Bow & Swing Editorial Comment**

It seems that we have gone through this before. On December 24, we received a call from the Apopka Fire Department informing us there was water pouring out our front door. It seems that someone entered the now empty offices on the second floor and in the process of stealing copper tubing, broke a water line. By the time it was discovered, there was five inches of standing water in our business with nearly \$250,000 in damage. Adding to the problem of replacing equipment and getting the building dried out and ready to receive new equipment was the fact that this occurred during the holidays. Additionally before beginning the clean-up process the police had to complete their investigation and allow us to begin drying and repairs. I mention these things because your Bow & Swing is probably late, and we have missed attending some of the dances we love to attend. I now make this statement. By the time you read this we will be 100% back in business. Not only satisfying the needs of our square and round dance friends, but all of our commercial customers as well.

This is February and this is the month to dance. The Cypress Garden Ball on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> features plus and advanced dances with Gary Brown, Sam Dunn and Keith Stevens. Dance on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Blue-Grey Square Dance with featured callers, Jack Lewis and Bill Chesnut. Then, on February 19 and 20 the 50<sup>th</sup>, make that the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Knothead Konvention. This year the Knothead Konvention features caller, Ken Rittuci with rounds by Larry Chatos. And for your dancing pleasure many of these conventions also feature the talents of many of your local callers and cuers.

During the year there will be many other dances and festivals I only hope that they are well attended. I particularly hope that the Florida State Square and Round Convention will be packed with Dancers. Wouldn't it be great if every club in Florida was represented by at least one square of dancers? Bring your caller, your cuer and your friends and lets all dance.

William Boyd, Editor

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## Florida Winter Festival

A winter wonderland of twinkling snow flakes, giant snowmen, and over 1200 whirling dancers made the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Florida Winter Festival again a very memorable weekend of square and round dancing in the state of Florida.

Grand Square International and the Florida Winter Festival Staff would like to send a very appreciative message to those who attended.

‘THANK YOU’ “THANK YOU” “THANK YOU” “THANK YOU”

With 30 states represented and four foreign countries (Canada, England, Sweden and Brian Hotchkies (caller) from Australia), it made the event a very festive international festival.

The “Sage Swingers” square dance club from Bath, Maine again took the prize of \$200 for having the most pre-registered members from out of state and the “Spacetrackers” from Rockledge, FL took the prize of \$200 for having the most pre-registered dancers in Florida. The prizes are to be used by their clubs for the promotion of square and round dancing in their area.

Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, John Saunders, DeeDee Dougherty-Lottie, Tom Miller and Bill Harrison gave the dancers lots of new interesting choreography, along with belting out great new and some old singing calls. Carol and Jimmy Griffin, Martha and Bill Buck and Barbara and Jerry Pierce danced and taught new rounds which kept the Round Dance Hall moving smoothly at all times.

The Friday evening after party kept everyone laughing and hooting with the very funny skits provided by the staff. Jerry Story ended the party by serenading the group with a beautiful song, which made a wonderful ending to a perfect day of square & round dancing.

Some very lucky dancers won \$250, \$150 or \$100 each evening in the half and half drawings. Saturday evening saw seven – 2011 pre-registered dancers win super weekends to various dances in 2010 and two big winners won free dance registrations to the 2011 Florida Winter Festival.

Eight vendors from around the country provided an opportunity for all to shop and buy new attire. The variety of merchandise sold by each vendor gave the dancers a big choice.

Grand Square, Inc and the Florida Winter Festival staff would like to give a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the officers of the “Florida Federation of Dancers” who helped with publicity, dancers’

registrations and helping sell half and half tickets at the festival. They are: Ray and Elsa Huddleston, Charlie and Val Newsome, Bob and Maria Spence, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Randy and Carol Poole and Paul and Cheryl Miller. These are a special group of dedicated dancers who work to keep our activity preserved in Florida.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to another group of dedicated dancers, the Florida Winter Festival "Snow Angels", who help each year; they are: Penny Green, Verl Bishop, David and Frances Rhyne, Jay and Teri Peck, Joann Engum and Dale Fredrickson, John and Judi Corbett, and John and Mo Barrett.

Thank you to the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida members who supported the weekend by attending and dancing as guests.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the dancers who keep supporting the weekend, making the Florida Winter Festival one of the very best festivals in the country.

Mark your 2011 calendars for the dates of January 20, 21, and 22. We will be adding some new faces and names for the 2011 festival. They are: Jet Robert's a very popular caller from Antelope, CA; Ken Ritucci a super caller from West Springfield, MA.

New faces cueing Rounds are: Rey and Sherry Garza internationally known cuer from San Diego, CA and Ken and Joanne Helton popular Florida cuer from Tavares, FL. Tony, Jerry, John and the Griffins will complete the 2011 Florida Winter Festival Staff.

If at any time your club or you would like flyers or information for the 2011 Festival, please contact Grand Square Inc., 2520 Sardis Rd. N., Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28227; 704-377-5554; [www.GSIInternational.org](http://www.GSIInternational.org)

Or John & Linda Saunders, 3303 Travelers Palm Dr., Edgewater, FL 32141; 386-428-1496; [Johnnysa@aol.com](mailto:Johnnysa@aol.com)

## Your Source for Ribbons

This list can also be found at  
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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

## What's Happening This Week?

This schedule can also be found at  
[www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com)

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**Monday** – *Harmony Hoedowners* - 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – FREE Plus workshop at every dance 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Linda Catey. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

*Sun-N-Fun* – 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus Squares – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: *the Hardys*, Cuer: *Bill Webb*. For info: Bill and Marge Webb 941-343-9720 or [midgewebb@cs.com](mailto:midgewebb@cs.com) 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: [hwcole@att.net](mailto:hwcole@att.net) or 239-691-5670.

**Hampton Promenaders** – 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: **Allen Snell**, Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: 863-669-9827 or [fayedenmount@yahoo.com](mailto:fayedenmount@yahoo.com).

**Temple Twirlers Pirate Fest** – 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: **Marty Van Wart**, 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](mailto:wlfloyd@aol.com) or [gaylepullara@aol.com](mailto:gaylepullara@aol.com) or [flobyington@yahoo.com](mailto:flobyington@yahoo.com).

**Tuesday** – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Valentine’s Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Gary Brown, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – square dance attire preferred – finger food. For info: [sqdnfan@aol.com](mailto:sqdnfan@aol.com) or 863-967-5004.

**Ft. Meade Squares Valentine’s Day Dance** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Joy Teagle, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – square dance attire optional. For info: 863-285-9962 or [lik@tm.net](mailto:lik@tm.net)

**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: [strawberrydance@aol.com](mailto:strawberrydance@aol.com) or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

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

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

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

**Maple Leaf Squares** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – alternating Mainstream and Plus – Caller: Dave Magee – casual attire. For info: [callerdave@comcast.net](mailto: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: [spinards@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:spinards@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-525-7809.



**Wednesday** – **Dancing at the Florida State Fair** – Florida State Fair Grounds, Intersection of Hwy. 301 & I-4, Tampa, FL – bring your club banners and your class flyers – dancing will be from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – you can dance the entire time or part of the time and visit the fair the rest of the time. Callers and Cuers are welcome to participate. We are only given a certain number of free tickets which will be distributed amongst West Coast officers and reps for distribution to the clubs. If you would like to be a part of this event and are unable to obtain one of the free tickets, you can also purchase tickets for \$6 if you are 55+. This will be our 19<sup>th</sup> year holding this event at the Fair. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com).

**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](mailto: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 [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

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

**Betmar Bells & Beaus #2 Pie and Ice Cream Dance** – Betmar Clubhouse #2, Rt. 54 W., Zephyrhills – Plus Rounds – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Walter Lougee**; 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](http://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 Valentine's Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Mainstream/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus Tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Marty Van Wart**. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://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](mailto: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: [foxtrot@bellsouth.net](mailto:foxtrot@bellsouth.net).

**Strawberry Square C1** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://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](mailto: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 [marcy\\_stwrt@yahoo.com](mailto:marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com) or Len Siegmann at 936-567-1320.

**Pine Ridge Promenaders Valentine's Dance** – Sunshine RV Park, SR. 70, Lake Placid – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – finger food. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

**Charlotte Promenaders** – Port Charlotte Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens, Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: [SQDBIRD@aol.com](mailto:SQDBIRD@aol.com).

**Glenhaven** – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: George Varney, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: [gvarney3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:mc8152@verizon.net) or 813-649-0754.

**Promenade Squares Valentine's Day Dance** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [sqdancegranny@juno.com](mailto:sqdancegranny@juno.com) or 727-546-5966.

**Strawberry Square Rounds** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Phase II Rounds w/Workshop: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.; Phase III/Intro IV: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.; Phase II/Intro III Class: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [lurvds@embarqmail.com](mailto:lurvds@embarqmail.com) or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Dunedin** – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net) or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or [mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net](mailto: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](mailto:lalecl@aol.com).

**Friday – Dixie Grande Squares Valentine's Day Dance** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – ER 7:15 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Easy Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369.

**DBD Workshop**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – FREE Plus workshop at every dance 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Linda Catey. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance** - Rountree - Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom, 1232 West U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL - Friday night: Trails End Dance: Caller: Bill Chesnut - 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Town Recreation Center, 533 NW Desoto Street, Lake City - sponsored by the Square Wheels; Saturday afternoon: Street Dance as part of Olustee Battle Festival: Caller: Bill Chesnut - Downtown Olustee Park - approximately 2:00 p.m. - sponsored by the Dixie Dancers; Saturday night: grand march: 7:45 p.m. - dancing until 10:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Caller: Jack Lewis - Cuers: TBA - advance tickets - \$7 each, tickets at door TBA. For info: [www.dixiedancers.net](http://www.dixiedancers.net).

**Flip the Flamingo III** – St. Petersburg, FL – Callers: Dave Wilson (Sweden), Chris Phillips (Ft. Lauderdale), Michael Cox (Ruskin). For info: [www.suncoastsquares.com](http://www.suncoastsquares.com).

**Woodmere Park** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – C-1 10:00 – 12:00 noon – Caller: Red Bates – casual attire. For info: 941-828-0481 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Strawberry Square A2** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – A-2 Workshop (Nov. – Dec.) 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – A-2 W/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://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](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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

**Spinning Wheels Valentine's Dance** - Mango Recreation Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – ER 6:15 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – sugar free desserts will be served. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

**B & S Flutter Wheelers** - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 – relaxed attire June to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or [rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com).

**Snell's Bo's & Bell's** – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net) or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or [mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net](mailto:mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net).

**Sun City Swingers** – **NO DANCE** For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Saturday** – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Sweetheart Ball** – Brandon Community Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Marty Van Wart, Cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin – square dance attire preferred – finger food. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com) or Betty 813-685-3826.

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**Buttons and Bows of Venice Sweetheart/Strawberry Dance** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: **Walter Lougee**; Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: 941-484-8543 or 941-496-8516 or [remsenny@aol.com](mailto: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: [lurvds@embarqmail.com](mailto:lurvds@embarqmail.com) or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Strawberry Square** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: **Pat Hagen**. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://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 Valentines Dance & 26<sup>th</sup> Hall Anniversary** – 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](mailto:mdow@embarqmail.com).

**Sunday – Heel & Toe 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sweetheart Ball** - St. Cloud Senior Center, St. Cloud, FL – Plus Workshop 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 p.m. – Callers: John Swindle and Tim Marriner, cuers: Dick Nordine – square dance attire optional. This club will dance the second Sunday of each month and will have guest cuers for each dance. For info: John Swindle 321-636-2997.

**Crystal Lake Squares** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Road, Wauchula – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Danny Miller, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – finger foods. For info: 863-773-2026.

**Happy Promenaders** – Hitching Post RV Park Recreation Hall, Rt. 41/Tamiami Trail East and Barefoot Williams Road, Naples, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: Walt Courtney, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: [playwalt@comcast.net](mailto:playwalt@comcast.net).

**Flip the Flamingo III** – St. Petersburg, FL – Callers: Dave Wilson (Sweden), Chris Phillips (Ft. Lauderdale), Michael Cox (Ruskin). For info: [www.suncoastsquares.com](http://www.suncoastsquares.com).

**Pioneer Village Valentine's Day Dance** – 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 [marcy\\_stwrt@yahoo.com](mailto:marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com) or Len Siegmann at 936-567-1320.

**Cloverleaf Leprechauns Valentine's Dance** – 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: Red Bates, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods. For info: 352-688-9802 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>.

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

**Huggables** - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey - casual dress – Mainstream/Plus 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net) or [mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net](mailto:mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net).

**Orange Blossom Squares Sweethearts Ball** – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Gary Shoemake, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

## West Coast Classes and Workshops

**These classes are also listed at**  
**[www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com)**

**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.**

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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](mailto:flobyington@yahoo.com) or 813-996-4632 or [wlfloyd@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.dancergram.com)**

March 14-18, 2010 - **Rhythm Records 2010 Caller School** - Vancouver, Washington - Instructor Wade Driver. Tuition Cost is \$400.00 per caller Student (please note partners are welcome). RV Park available on site (dry camping only). Lunch will be provided on Monday-Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. How to apply: Send application and \$100.00 deposit. The balance will be due by February 10, 2010. There will be no refund of any deposit after February 1, 2010 For more Info contact Janet Shannon home 360-254-6961 or cell 360-713-8440 or [janet.shannon@comcast.net](mailto:janet.shannon@comcast.net).

## Links

### Associations/Organizations

<http://www.floridadanceweb.com/> (Florida Dance Web)

<http://floridasquaredance.com/> (Florida Federation)

<http://www.fcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)

<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

[www.iagsdc.org](http://www.iagsdc.org) (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

[www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd](http://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](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

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

## Vendors

<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)

[www.suzieqcreations.com](http://www.suzieqcreations.com) (Suzie Q Creations)

[www.Bobsengraving.com](http://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](http://www.sheplers.com) (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

[www.PerfectPetticoats.com](http://www.PerfectPetticoats.com) (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

## Square Dance Halls

[www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) (Strawberry Square)

## Callers/Cuers

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://home.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

[www.2fwd2.com](http://www.2fwd2.com) (Lisa Wall)

[www.keithstevens.com](http://www.keithstevens.com) (Keith Stevens)



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