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May 1, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the June/July *West Coast Dancer*. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

May 5, 2009 Deadline for submissions to the June 2010 issue of the *Bow and Swing*. For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

From the Editor



“They” thought there wouldn’t be a very good turnout this afternoon at the West Coast Membership Dance in Sarasota, but there were 12 – 14 squares dancing to callers Red Bates, Gary Brown, Art Springer, and cuers Dick Chase, Charlie Hearn and Bill Webb. Charlie did a little calling and back up singing too! And what a spread of finger foods the Sun-N-Fun Squares provided for the dancers. Many thanks to them for the delicious food!

Our next West Coast Membership Dance will be the VIP Dance on August 15th at the Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City. This dance is FREE to all dancers. This is the kick-off for the Fall Fun Fest and the recognition dance for all the volunteers that keep our square and round dance activity going.

On September 19th we will have the President’s Ball, again at the Strawberry Square Dance Center, where we will install the new West Coast officers for 2010/2011. By the way, we need someone to fill the office of secretary and the office of vice president. I will be moving up to president and the Scotts have decided to continue as treasurers for another year. If anyone has any interest in either one of these offices, please let me know.

Don’t forget that April 30th is the deadline for a couple of dances:

- **Florida State Convention** - \$27 per person until April 30th; then increases to \$30. *Don’t forget if you can’t make it to the convention for any reason, your money will be cheerfully refunded until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010.*
- **Strawberry Square New Years Eve Dinner and Dance** - \$25 per person; then increases to \$30 (includes dinner, coffee and snacks all evening, and the dance). Caller: Red Bates, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. *No refunds after December 15, 2010.* Seating is assigned

ATTENTION ALL FLORIDA CLUBS!

Two (2) couples or four (4) people from each club and square dance camping chapter are needed for the Grand March at the Florida State Convention on Saturday night, May 29th. Please bring your club/chapter banner to carry in the March.

Due to the lack of space, we have to limit the number of people participating in the Grand March.

so if you want to sit with a group of friends, you need to send your reservations in together.

All current and former members and friends of Temple Twirlers are invited to their 30th Anniversary and Reunion on Monday, April 19th. Van Coble will be calling and Charlie Lovelace will be cueing. For info: Call Flo Byington at 813-810-5548 or flobyington@yahoo.com

By the end of April all of the seasonal clubs will closed for the season. Don't forget there are a few clubs who continue to dance through the summer. Please support these clubs with your attendance. The following clubs dance through the summer: Buttons & Bows of Lakeland, Citrus Squares (Dunnellon), Cultural Center Squares (Pt. Charlotte),

Huggables (Pt. Richey), Palace Promenaders (Arcadia), Promenade Squares (Pinellas Park), Shufflin' Squares at Lake Ashton (Lake Wales), Snell's Bo's & Bell's (Largo), Spinning Wheels (Seffner), Sun City Swingers, Suncoast Squares (St. Pete), Temple Twirlers (Tampa). The majority of these clubs alternate Mainstream/Plus. Watch the DANCERgram for the details of their dances. Some of them do not dance every week.

Health & Sympathy Updates

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

Many of you have contacted us regarding **Dick Lee's** mailing address in order that you may offer your condolences on the passing of his wife, Jean Lee. Cards and notes of comfort may be mailed to Dick at 841 Egret Rd, Cocoa, FL 32926. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joy & Concerns 4/7/2010)

It is with great sadness that we share the news that **Anita Taylor's** father, James D. Monroe, Jr. of Louisville, KY passed away on Saturday, April 3rd. This was quite unexpected. Anita and Bud have traveled to Louisville to be with her mother and assist with the arrangements. Visitation was yesterday, Tuesday, April 6th and services will be today, Wednesday, April 7th at noon. Please keep Anita, her mother, and other family members in your prayers for comfort and peace during the difficult weeks ahead. Cards may be shared with Anita at her home in Orange Park, 521 Rockwood Ct, Orange Park, FL 32065, or for a short time at her mother's home, 7902 Cedar Brook Dr, Louisville, KY 40219. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joy & Concerns 4/7/2010)

Ramsey Hammer, a retired caller of the Northeast, continues to face medical challenges. While he continues to recover from his recent hospitalization at home, his wife Sadie has been moved from Green Cove Springs to Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. She has once again been placed

into a medically induced coma to aid in her recovery. Please keep these former dancers in your prayers. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joy & Concerns 4/7/2010)

John Ayres, cuer in Pasco County, is home recovering from a small stroke. This is all the information I have received so far. I do not have any contact information for you to send him cards.

How do I get in touch with?

<p>West Coast President Lance and Rita Baxter 863-326-1741 lanceandrita@yahoo.com</p>
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- *Do you have questions about the United Square Dancers of America insurance program?*
- *Is your club currently no insured through this program and you would like to know more?*

Why not make plans to attend the Insurance Seminar at the State Convention and get all of your questions answered?

*Saturday, May 28th
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Lake Morton Room
Lakeland Center*

Caller's Column

Have you thanked your caller lately? That thought crossed my mind recently when I called a dance in Tampa. At the end of the dance, after everyone had “circled the wagons” and said “Thank you!”, they did one more thing which really caught my attention. Everyone, club members and visitors alike, formed a long line and then came across the front of the stage where they all shook hands with the Round Dance Cuer and myself and said Thank You. I have to admit it really made me feel special to have that many total strangers take the time to tell

me they had enjoyed the dance and were already looking forward to my next visit to their club in September.

Everyone likes to be thanked for a job well done, and callers are no exception. We all do this for the love of the activity, and we all work hard at it. For every two hour dance, there are many hours of planning and practice to make sure the dancers get our best effort. And yet, so many times the dance ends and everyone is out the door in an instant, leaving the caller, their taw, and a couple of club officers finishing the cleaning and packing up equipment carrying it out to the car.

The next time you go to a dance, before you head out the door when it's over, take a minute to thank the Caller and the Cuer. Not everyone forgets; I can name a dozen couples in this area (Northeast) who never leave the dance without coming up to the stage to say Thanks and to let us know they had a good time. Trust me, it means a lot to your caller when you take the time to say Thanks!

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There will be square dancing competition at the State Convention this year!

Saturday, May 29th, @ 2:00 p.m.

Watch the DANCERgram for more details.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Why do we form a complete circle at the end of the dance to say thank you and exclude the caller and cuer on the stage? Wouldn't it be nicer to form a horseshoe with the opening to the front so we can include those on the stage?

Emergency Call for Medical Aid



E.C.M.A. is the abbreviation for Emergency Call for Medical Aid. This signal is designed for use by dancers to notify the caller of a medical problem in their square. When such a problem occurs, important minutes are often lost in the frenzy of waving arms and explanations, which cannot be heard or understood across a crowded dance floor. The method of an ARCHED CIRCLE will assure the fastest possible response time by medical personnel to an emergency on the dance floor. In this way, precious, perhaps lifesaving minutes, can be saved.

STEP ONE: When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends him/her.

STEP TWO: Remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This allows the injured person and attendant air and room.

STEP THREE: Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.

STEP FOUR: On seeing this signal, the caller or club representative will immediately place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

This system was, to our knowledge, first introduced at the 33rd National Square Dance Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1977. It was their hope that callers and club leaders across the country would take the time to explain the arched circle E.C.M.A. signal to their dancers and familiarize them with both the procedure and its purpose. We feel that this is an important part of our being prepared in the event of an emergency.

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Press Release from Callerlab Directions – January/February 2010 issue

FUTURE OF SQUARE DANCING by Jim Mayo

We, Modern Western Square Dance (MWSD) callers and dancers, are pretty much in agreement that our activity is not thriving. Certainly it does not come anywhere close to the popularity it once enjoyed. There are several possible explanations for this. Summarized, they are society has changed, MWSD has changed, or some combination. We all know that society has changed. People do not have the free time they once had and they are much less willing to commit to anything which requires regular attendance. If we are honest, we will admit that MWSD has become much more complicated than it was in the heyday of its popularity. So we can agree that the way square dancing is at present does not match the needs of today's society.



Those who love square dancing know it could be adapted to whatever society needs. At some level we also know that square dancing will have to change if it is to see a revival. This form of dance activity will need to be easier to enter. Those who are involved now are not much interested in trying some new form. We like it the way it is. We want clubs with a commitment to membership. We want people to go through a course that teaches at least the 70 calls we all know. We realize that folks can not just “walk in” and take part. They have to go through the training – and we like it that way.

What we have not been willing to acknowledge is that training is not only the class. We know, but don't really say, that after class the new dancer will still not be able to dance comfortably at most of the dances that will be available. The new dancers will have to go for another year of dances at least before they will be comfortable dancing with folks at an open dance – no matter what the advertised program.

If we made a “new” form of square dancing what could it be like? Where could it be started? Who would come? Would they be people we wanted as our friends? Most of “us” are older and were brought up in a different kind of world. It's not surprising that we do not recruit successfully in a new group of people. Perhaps we callers should try to find or create a different form of square dancing that would serve folks who are not just like us. If we did that, we should not expect today's dancers to recruit our new customers.

If we start with a blank page and redesign square dancing to serve today's people what could it be? I would suggest that it should be easier to learn and that it should not require people to show up at every session even while they are learning. It should provide an opportunity for folks to enjoy each other as well as the dancing. After all, that was one of the most important aspects of MWSD even though we never recognized how important it was until quite recently. A new type of square dancing should also continue to provide both physical and mental exercise. These aspects are both popular with our prospective new customer base. It would be good if we could find some organization to help us reach a new customer base. Ed Gilmore said “Find some people and do what they have to to get them.

Where could we look for people? Churches are an obvious possibility. Much of what we have to offer is the kind of thing that churches stand for. We should not expect to recruit people away from the churches. We should offer a program that provides a social experience within the church. Another possibility is to look for support from community organizations such as service clubs, recreation departments, the YMCA or YWCA. They helped us get started 50 years ago. Or we could just use a community recreation facility and run it ourselves. I know of one such example that has been going and growing for a couple of years.

Why isn't this happening? I think it's because we don't want square dancing that is different from what we have created. We cling to the old model because that is wheat we know and feel comfortable with. Our caller schools urge new callers to learn how to “provide variety.” What that really means is ways to use them differently. We seem committed to keeping square dancing and then give them a good time with whatever calls they can be taught easily. Most callers are committed to the belief that repetition is “boring”. I would suggest instead that we call it “dancing”.

One night parties are a good way to present square dancing to the public but they are seldom a source of regular work for callers. If they repeat, it's a couple times a year, not the weekly or twice a month that we would like. They pay well and they could help us to introduce the idea

that square dancing does not have to be difficult, but they are not an alternative for a regular new course. Our CALLERLAB Winning Ways material describes some different approaches and I know a couple of these approaches that are surviving and thriving. I don't see many other callers or dancers that are interested in following those paths. Until we find some folks willing to break out from the old patterns, I doubt that we will see a rebirth of interest in the activity we have loved. If you are a caller having success with a different approach, I'd love to hear from you.

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Your Source for Ribbons

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

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

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

What's Happening This Week?

Week of April 12, 2010

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

Monday –
City, Florida
p.m. –

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Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Studio, Sun
– Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30
Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

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

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Hampton Promenaders Spring Hat

Dance – 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: Roland Blanchette, Cuer: Carl Rod – finger food. For info: 863-669-9827 or fayedenmount@yahoo.com.

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

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Temple Twirlers

– Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Bob Schlenker, 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 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Spring Hat 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: George Varney, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – square dance attire preferred – finger food – wear your favorite spring hat. For info: sqdnxfan@aol.com or 863-967-5004.

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 Pizza Party and Final Dance of the Season – Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net or 813-677-9179.

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

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

J and C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

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

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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.

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Strawberry Square Club Final Dance of the Season – 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: Sam Dunn. 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.

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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: foxtrottr@bellsouth.net.

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

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

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: Jeannette Bowles. For info: SQDBIRD@aol.com.

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

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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 the months of May, June, July and August, there will only be dances on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.** For info: sgdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.



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

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

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

Friday – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018 Square Dance Campers**- meeting Chapters 139 and 143 at Blueberry Hill, Bushnell. For info: philurs018@gmail.com.

57th Florida Square and Round Convention Fourth Annual Party Weekend - Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL 32767 - This weekend is sponsored by The Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association and The Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the benefit of the 57th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. **Friday:** arrive anytime after 12:00 noon; Pot-luck Dinner at 5:30 pm - bring a dish to share; bingo at 7:00 pm (\$5.00 pp). **Saturday:** Full Breakfast 7:30 and 9:00 am (\$5.00 pp); Lunch served at 12:00 noon (\$5.00 pp); Pork Bar-B-Q with all the Fixin's at 5:30 pm (\$10.00 pp); Mainstream/Plus Dance 8:00 - 10:00 pm (\$5.00 pp) – Callers – Bob Stern, Roland Morin and Bill Chesnut, Cuer – Dick Nordine. **Sunday:** Full Breakfast 7:30 am (\$5.00 pp), Depart by 12:00 noon. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** All inside areas have air conditioning and heat!!! Motel Type Room (23 available, private baths, \$25 per person per night; 11 each sleep 2 or 3 people (Twin Beds), 12 each sleep 2 to 5 people (One Double and Three Twin (Bunk) Beds. Bring your own sheets, pillow, pillow case, towels and wash cloths. Rustic Type Dormitory: (4 Buildings Available) - \$20.00 per person per night. Each building is a duplex that sleeps 2 to 10 people per side (Bunk Beds). Share a room with your friends. All people in each side of the duplex must make reservations at the same time. All people in both sides of the duplex share bathroom and shower facilities. Bring your own sheets, pillow, pillow case, towels and wash cloths. RV Camp Site: (30 sites with full water, sewer and electrical hook-ups) - \$25.00 per

night. Dry Camp RV Site: (30 sites) - \$15.00 per night. Tent Camp Site: (any number of places to set up a tent are available) - \$15.00 per night. All sites are first come first served. Reserve your space early. For info: Randy and Carol Poole at carpoole@earthlink.net.

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.

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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: Red Bates. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018 Square Dance Campers-**meeting Chapters 139 and 143 at Blueberry Hill, Bushnell. For info: philurs018@gmail.com.

57th Florida Square and Round Convention Fourth Annual Party Weekend - Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL 32767 - This weekend is sponsored by The Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association and The Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the benefit of the 57th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. **Saturday:** Full Breakfast 7:30 and 9:00 am (\$5.00 pp); Lunch served at 12:00 noon (\$5.00 pp); Pork Bar-B-Q with all the Fixin's at 5:30 pm (\$10.00 pp); Mainstream/Plus Dance 8:00 - 10:00 pm (\$5.00 pp) – Callers – Bob Stern, Roland Morin and Bill Chesnut, Cuer – Dick Nordine. **Sunday:** Full Breakfast 7:30 am (\$5.00 pp), Depart by 12:00 noon. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** All inside areas have air conditioning and heat!!! Motel Type Room (23 available, private baths, \$25 per person per night; 11 each sleep 2 or 3 people (Twin Beds), 12

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Strawberry Square Phase IV - V Dance/Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: lurvds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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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: Art Springer, Cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Art Miller, Cuer: Jennie Martin – square dance attire preferred – park in back of the building - \$8 per couple. For info: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749; Mary Dow – 863-494-6062/ mdow@embarqmail.com.

Sunday – Suncoast Squares - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 – 5th Avenue North, St., Petersburg (parking lot at the rear of the building and enter through the rear door; the church is across the parking lot from the Metro Center) - Mainstream and Plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

The Motivators Final Dance of the Season – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A-2, 4:00 p.m. C-1 Tip – Caller: Chris Phillips - \$4 per person. For info: 407-344-9260 or loisdancer@aol.com.

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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: Red Bates, Cuer: Judy Doane - Casual. For info: 352-688-9802 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>.

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

Orange Blossom Squares – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: R. J. Hogan, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

West Coast Classes and Workshops and National Caller Colleges

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED OUT TO NEW DANCERS! IT'S NOT A SECRET!

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June 10, 2010 – **Promenade Squares DBD Workshop** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. (prior to the regularly scheduled dance). Caller/Instructor: Dick Demerit. For info: lcecce@tampabay.rr.com or 727-799-3068.

August 19-23, 2010 - **Norcal School** - A Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. 728 Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale, California – Instructors: *Ken Ritucci* (lab Accredited coach), *Scott Byars*, and *Vic Ceder*. *Plenty of Microphone Time - Professional Assessment of your skills - Understand what it takes to be a Leader - Full lab Curriculum - Develop A Calling Career that is best for you - \$325.00/Student.* For an application and more info, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com. *SPACE LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!!*

October 7 - 11, 2010 - **Northeast Callers School** - Mill-A-Round Dance Center. Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers: Ken Ritucci (lab Accredited coach) and Norm Poisson. Special Guest Instructors Tim Marriner, Berry Clasper, Bill Harrison, and Anne Uebelacker. *Plenty of Microphone Time - Professional Assessment of your skills - Understand what it takes to be a Leader - Full lab Curriculum - Develop A Calling Career that is best for you - \$325.00/Student.* For an application and more Info, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastschool.com. *SPACE LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!!*

October 24 – 28, 2010 – **Pride Caller's College** – Pride Resort, I-40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – Caller Coaches: Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. Main Hall: New Callers – 0 – 5 years experience; 2nd Hall: Experienced Callers. Tuition: \$375 per student – 2 separate classrooms. Discounted cabins, park models and RV space available - full meal service available reservations: 1-800-926-8191. The school offers the complete CALLERLAB curriculum and provides in-depth emphasis in the areas of Choreographic Mechanics, Methods

of Choreographic Control (CRaMS), Use of Music, Timing, Presentation Techniques, Smooth Dancing, and Sight and Modular Calling. Special emphasis will be placed on effective teaching and programming skills. For info: 800-926-8191 or www.pridervresort.com.

Looking Ahead

April 22 - 24, 2010 – 34th **Annual Panama City Beach Ball** - Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane at Middle Beach Rd., Panama City Beach, Florida – Featuring Honorary Bill Terrell; Callers: Tony Oxendine and Darryl McMillan; Cues: Sandy Sturgis. Tickets \$25/person - Please Pre-Register. Motel Headquarters: Flamingo Motel 850-234-2232. For tickets and more Info contact: Darryl McMillan 256-227-0908 or DMCMILLAN@AOL.COM.

May 13 - 15, 2010 - Virginia Square and Round Dance Association (VASARDA) and Virginia State Callers Association (VASCA) presents **22nd Virginia State Convention** – “2010 Leagues Under the Sea - The Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 1815 West Mercury Blvd. Hampton, Virginia. Callers and Cues are from the Virginia State Callers Association. Mainstream * Plus * Advanced * Rounds PH. II-VI * Lines. Full Line of Vendors. Regular Full Festival Registration Adults at \$35, Thursday Evening @ \$10.00 each, Friday Only @ \$15.00 each and Saturday Only @ \$17.00 each. Get Registered: <http://vasquairedance.com/conventionflyer.html>. For more info, contact Convention Directors: Bobbi & Jeff Fuhr 301-926-3955 jrfuhr@verizon.net; Donna & Bob Klaiss 703-435-7075 Rdrt4KL@cox.net.

June 22, 2010 - **Mid-America Reunion Dance** - Trail In To The 59th National Square Dance Convention (R) - Crown Plaza Hotel. Louisville, Kentucky - 8:00 - 11:00 P.M. - Callers: Bob Baier, Randy Dougherty, Paul Marcum, Darryl McMillan, Tony Oxendine, Keith Rippetto, Elmer Sheffield, and Tom Davis - Donation \$10.00 per person - **LIMITED SQUARE**. For information, Jean Elzy - e-mail JELZY@AOL.COM or write - 10201 W. Manslick, Fairdale, Ky. 40118

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

For statewide dance information

Associations/Organizations

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

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

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

www.floridanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)

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

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

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

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA[®])

<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)

<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

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

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

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

Vendors

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (division of Suzie Q Creations – covering southwest Florida)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

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

Square Dance Halls

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

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

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

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

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