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April 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the May 2010 issue of the *Bow and Swing*.

For info: rgboyd@earthlink.net

April 11, 2010 – West Coast Membership Dance

– Sun ‘N Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Red Bates and Area Callers and Cuers – Members: FREE, Guests: \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

From the Editor



What beautiful weather for an Easter Sunday! If I could walk any distance, I would have been out walking around a lake somewhere or hiking down a trail. It would have been a beautiful day for it.

There is a really long list of notices under “Health & Sympathy” this week. Please keep these people in your prayers as they deal with health issues and the loss of loved ones.

It’s hard to believe that clubs are already starting to shut down for the season and it’s time to start planning for the next season. Please don’t forget to start sending me your schedules for the next season so I can get your dances added to my master calendar and list your first dance in the DANCERgram. Dancers want to know this information to plan their return trips in the fall.

This brings to mind that as I was reading the latest issue of the Bow & Swing, I noticed a lot of West Coast clubs listed in the articles section but with a note “No report this month”. This is free advertising for your club and you might want to consider taking advantage of this opportunity to let other dancers know about all the fun things your club does, and the great callers and cuers you have booked. You don’t have to write a book; but give the highlights and keep it upbeat and friendly. And always remember that when you are writing your article, that you are writing it a whole month prior to it being published, i.e. articles submitted for



ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!

If you are a **VETERAN**, and are interested in participating in the color guard at a future Florida State Convention, please contact:

Ailene Picheco
321- 652-0680
apicheco@juno.com

Send her the following information:

- Name
- Full Address
- Email Address (if available)
- Branch of Service you served in

You will not be required to wear a uniform; just wear red, white and/or blue square dance attire. You may wear a service hat.

One person from each branch of the service will be selected each year to carry a service flag, and another to carry the US Flag. The State Square Dance Convention Chairman will select from a master list each year.

Ailene Picheco, Air Force veteran, will maintain the master list.



the April 5th deadline won't be published until the May issue which the subscribers won't receive until the end of April. Therefore, you don't want to invite people to something that will have already passed by the time they receive their copy of the magazine, etc. There is also a listing at the back of the *Bow & Swing* that lists all the dances in Florida by Association and location; again, this is FREE.

The editors of the *Bow & Swing* are kind enough to provide a free subscription of their magazine to the president of each Florida club. If your club president is not currently receiving this magazine, please get in touch with Randy Boyd to make arrangements to get this started. This is the official magazine of the Florida Callers Association and it is also our state magazine for square and round dancing. It contains numerous ads, articles and a list of Florida dances as well as major dances around the country. Free copies of this magazine are also available to give your new dancers at their graduation. Just contact Randy to make arrangements to receive them on time.

Please try to remember that whenever there are any changes with your dances i.e. location, contact information, etc. that you notify the *Bow & Swing* so your listing can be updated. It is very frustrating to visitors to try to find a dance in an area they are unfamiliar with and the information they are looking at is outdated. And don't forget to let me know too!

Our next West Coast Membership Dance is this Sunday, the 11th, in Sarasota with Red Bates and area callers and cuers to keep us dancing for the afternoon. Red is scheduled to call for the Strawberry Square New Year's Eve Party so if you've never danced to him, you'll want to come this Sunday to hear what a great caller he is. Details of the dance are above and also below under "What's Happening This Week".

Do you remember those five callers whose services were auctioned off at my benefit dance back in December? Well the dance has been scheduled! The **5 Caller Extravaganza** will be Sunday, January 30, 2011 at the Lake Ashton Gold Club in Lake Wales. In case you don't remember all the callers involved, they are Sam Dunn, Ron Reardon, Carl Rod (also a cuer), Keith Stevens and Dan Wilkerson. The details are below under "Looking Ahead" and the flyer is on my website (www.dancergram.com). Make plans now to attend this really fun dance; with these callers, it couldn't be anything else! The Lake Ashton Golf Club has a huge ballroom with a large dance floor so there is room for lots of squares! And....it's only \$5 per person!

Health & Sympathy Updates

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

Mary Chesnut, of Square Wheels and wife of caller Bill Chesnut, had arthroscopic surgery on her right knee Thursday, March 25th. Her surgeon repaired a meniscus tear on this joint. She returned home the same day. After a quiet weekend at home, she was cleared to return to work on Monday morning. Mary is doing very well and expects to walk unassisted within a few days. She will begin twice weekly physical therapy after her doctor's appointment later this week. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 3/29/10)

John Burzo, of Joys Seas and President of the Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers, is ready to resume his golfing adventures since having foot surgery in late February. He indicated that he'll be back on the dance floor in a few more weeks. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 3/29/10)

Lon Ligon, caller of Grand Squares, has been sharing news of **Ramsey & Sadie Hammers**. Ramsey recently returned to his home in Lake City after recovering from pneumonia at the Lake City Medical Center ICU. During his hospital stay, his wife Sadie was admitted to Kindred Hospital in Green Cove Springs. She has been awakened from a medically induced coma, having had a tracheotomy and insertion of a feeding tube.

Ramsey Hammers is a retired square dance caller of the Chiefland, FL area. He called for Suwannee Twirlers of Chiefland, FL in the mid-1980s. Ramsey & Sadie were also the original organizers of the Watermelon Square Dance Festival held each year in conjunction with the Watermelon Festival of Chiefland. Many dancers will remember Ramsey for his Mule Train Skit and delightful sense of humor. Cards and words of concern can be sent to Ramsey & Sadie at 944 NW Lowland Terrace, Lake City, FL 32055-256, or by phone at (386) 752-4425. Please keep these dedicated dancers in your prayers. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 3/29/10) (Editor's Note: I believe Ramsey was also affiliated with the original Knothead Konvention.)

I just received word that **Jack Lorusso** passed away this morning. No arrangements known of just yet. Please ask for prayers for his family. Jack and Pat were Round Dancers and Jack did artwork for the Panhandle Press, State Conventions, and Pasarda Hall, and will be sorely missed. The family requests no phone calls at this time please. Thank you, Joy Vaccari (Reprint from email from Northwest Association's *Panhandle Press* 3/30/10)

UPDATE: (3/31/10) Northwest dancer **Jack Lorusso** passed away Monday morning, March 29th. His funeral will be Saturday, April 2nd. Jack is our artist that did all the wonderful murals that were present at the 2002 Florida State Convention.

Jack and Pat have been wonderful friends and the one's that got Cheryl and I interested in Square Dancing."

Our deepest sympathies to Jack's family and many friends. (Email from Paul Miller, Florida Federation Parliamentarian)

UPDATE: Here is the updated information for **Jack Lorusso's** Funeral Service. The funeral was Saturday, April 3rd. In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation, in the name of Jack Lorusso, to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Mortgage Reduction. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 3/31/10)

Dick Lysobey, co-editor of Keepin' Posted, is finally out of the hospital and into a rehab center. His wife Jeanne says, "The physical therapy is quite intense - just what he needs. He will be coming home when he can walk without any aid. Since he has been bedridden for a month in the hospital, he cannot even stand up by himself at this time, but I don't think it will be more than another week before he is home. He is actually eating better, and his attitude is good. Thanks for all your concern -- we appreciate it very much." (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 3/31/10)

Dick Lee has informed us that his wife, **Jean Lee**, a caller from Cocoa Beach, died this evening, Wednesday, March 31st. She had taken a sudden turn for the worse over the past weekend. She entered into hospice care and passed away with family by her side. Funeral arrangements have not been confirmed as of this evening. We will pass along the details as they are shared. Please keep Dick, his family and their many friends in your prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 3/31/10)

UPDATE: Dick Lee sent along the details for the Celebration of Life service for his wife, **Jean Lee**, who passed away on Wednesday, March 31st. Services will be held Saturday April 10, 2010 at 1 pm at the Merritt Island Presbyterian Church, 600 So. Tropical Trail; family greeting at noon. Her interment at Florida Memorial Gardens will be at 4 pm. Memorial donation suggestions: American Cancer Society and Wuestoff Hospice. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 4/2/10)

This has been a good week for **Zurhn [Walker]**. He is walking in the hall with a walker and the therapist nearby; last week he couldn't stand straight. He can really move his wheelchair with his feet, but with his hands he still tends to veer left as his right arm is stronger. He is eating well; the aids say he eats everything given him. He says he wants to go home this week end but I don't think he is there yet although you never know when they will decide he has to leave because of the insurance. (Email from Don Slocum 4/1/10)

Peggy Ligon, of Grand Squares & wife of caller Lon Ligon, was admitted to North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville on Tuesday night, March 30th. She has been diagnosed with Pneumonia and Swine Flu. As a result, she is currently in isolation at North Florida. Visitors are limited due to isolation, but Lonnie can be called at his cell phone: 352-377-1828. Cards can be sent to Peggy at 3017 NW 57th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 4/2/10)

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Florida Callers Association President's Message

My current class is getting very close to graduating, so I've started to challenge them. Hopefully, you're challenging your classes about the same things. I'm not talking about the moves on a list. Instead, I'm, referring to the little things that make a big difference.

Take the square dance dress code: I know there's a huge movement right now to do away with any vestige of a dress code. The thinking is that the dress code is one of those things driving

people away. When I talk to classes (and clubs!) about square dance attire, I'm not advocating frilly skirts, yards of bouncing crinoline or bolo ties for everyone. Jeans are fine, and I think prairie skirts are great. But I do think long sleeved shirts covering a sweaty arm makes the evening more pleasant for everyone. And call me old fashioned, but I like to tell the difference between he's and she's when they're moving in the square.

I'm also starting to wonder when we, as callers, stopped teaching a little dance etiquette. Things like filling a square instead of ignoring a begging caller and three couples who'd really like to dance. Or how to be more gentle and less of a "yanker". And, of course, the perennial favorite: if I can't dance in my "set" square, I'm not going to dance at all.

The new graduates are on their way. All over Florida, clubs are getting ready to graduate their classes, and the odds are good that some of these shy, but enthusiastic, new dancers may end up at one of your dances in the near future. How they are treated may well determine how many will still be dancing just six months from now.

Do you welcome these folks and adjust your program a little so that they can succeed, or do you just keep plugging along, and if they get there, great. We've sweated for months to teach and motivate them. It all goes down the drain if they don't have a good time when they head out into the wonderful world of Square Dancing.

Remember, we all started doing this because it was fun. Sometimes, we as callers forget just how much power we have to make or break an evening of dancing for everyone on the floor. Let's do what we can to make sure that all of this year's graduates are still whooping and hollering this time next year!

Gary Murphy, President

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2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

**May 28 – 30, 2010
The Lakeland Center
Lakeland, FL**

The days are flying by so fast. Here it is April and we have only two months 'till our Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention in Lakeland. Everyone has been busy for months preparing for this big event. With all the help from the committees of dancers, callers and cuers, we WILL have the best state convention in history! We cannot fail as we have dancers

throughout all of Florida that are giving their all, and they are being joined daily by additional dancers eager to assist in this wonderful event.



The Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council have finalized and approved their dance programs for the 2010 State Convention and they assure us of a fantastic program in every hall. There is a lot that goes into planning a Convention and all of the time donated by all of the Callers and Cuers in preparation is appreciated by the dancers. So, if you have a fun time with a certain Caller, or Callers and Cuers, tell them!

This year, the FCA has looked at several new ways to bring entertainment and variety to the square dance program. Besides the regular dance programs in every hall from basic through advanced, this year we will have unique dances designed to earn special dangle badges. There will also be competitive dancing where dancers can square up with their very best corner to see who breaks down first, with the best square being crowned "Winner!"

The FCA has also been working on ways to promote and support our new callers. Your support and participation is encouraged. A special hall has been designated for our new Green Badge members' use. No callers will be scheduled for this hall, but FCA Green Badge members are encouraged to round up a square of folks and use the hall to highlight their skills calling at a convention. Be sure to check it out!

Special offers will be available during the Convention weekend. You will have the opportunity to purchase your 2011 Convention ribbon at the lowest price available! There will also be a Silent Auction of Gift Baskets conducted throughout this festival weekend. The proceeds from this silent auction will benefit the 2012 Florida State Convention. Plans for future conventions are already underway...so don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities.

Have you gotten your convention ribbons yet? The April 30 deadline is quickly approaching! This is the final date for all mail-in registrations and the pre-convention price of \$17 per ribbon. Don't wait too long! Remember if you purchase your ribbon early and later learn that you aren't able to attend the convention, your money will be refunded if our Registrar is notified by 5:00pm Friday, May 28. Ask your caller if he/she is "Programmed" for this year. If they aren't encourage them to join in. If he/she is programmed, they'll have a "Hot Green" color ribbon that says "I'm Programmed" – so...don't be square, be there!!!

- *Do you have questions about the United Square Dancers of America insurance program?*
- *Is your club currently uninsured through this program and you would like to know more?*

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, by visiting www.floridasquaredance.com.convention/index. If you don't use the internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairmen, Anita and Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551, and they'll have you connected to someone in your area to answer all your questions. Remember, "Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!"



Charlie and Sarah Pergrossi, Publicity

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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.

The Only Thing Constant in Life is Change.

By Penny Green

Every article I read and every conversation I hear about the demise of square dancing always states that if we don't get new dancers and we don't shorten our lessons, square dancing will fade away. Well, I see another issue that may even be larger than the two aforementioned ones, that if not addressed will also cause the end of square dancing.

The way we treat people, which encompasses many things, i.e.

- Not accepting ideas from new dancers because "we have been doing it this way for 30 years".
- Being critical of dancers who don't want to wear the traditional full skirt and crinoline.
- Preventing young people from joining clubs and associations by having a minimum age requirement in the bylaws.
- Avoiding squares with young dancers because they are too rambunctious and rowdy in a square.
- Avoiding squares with same sex couples.

- Preventing singles and same sex couples from joining clubs and/or associations by having a clause in the bylaws that states “Only male/female couples can join”.
- Making singles or solos feel unwelcome at a class or dance by telling them they can’t come unless they have a partner, not making sure they get to dance if they do come alone, letting them sit alone, etc.
- Not letting new dancers chair or serve on committees because they don’t know anything about the particular project.

What are we going to do to change these behaviors?

We need fresh new ideas. Where are we going to get these fresh new ideas? From new dancers who have been involved in other organizations. If what we have been doing for 30 years is working, we wouldn’t be in the predicament we are in now; declining attendance, less new dancers, no younger dancers, etc. So what we have been doing for 30 years must not be working! When new dancers suggest new ideas, we should listen with open ears, minds and hearts. These new ideas should not be met with criticism, negative attitudes or reasons why it won’t work.

Attire; the age-old discussion of what is appropriate and what isn’t! Attire doesn’t make a good dancer. It also doesn’t tell you if a person is a good dancer or not. Just because we say ‘casual attire’ it doesn’t mean you have to come in casual. If you would rather wear the traditional full skirt and crinoline, then go for it. As long as the attire isn’t offensive; and by offensive, I mean smelly, showing body parts that don’t need to be shown in public, etc., then they should be allowed to wear what is comfortable for them. Many times you will find that people who come in attire that you don’t like will eventually bow down to your good influence and start dressing better. Square dance attire is required; sounds pretty “military” to me. Perhaps it might be a little friendlier to say ‘square dance attire preferred’.

Preventing young people from joining clubs and/or associations by having a minimum age rule - I think we all agree we need and want younger dances to keep our activity alive and well. But what sense does it make to teach young people to dance and then tell them “You can’t join our club until you’re 18.” Do you think they’re going to stick around until they’re 18? If a young person is interested in joining a square dance club, why wouldn’t we take them in and start mentoring them to become future leaders in our activity?

How are we going to recruit these young people? It’s not going to be by putting ads in the newspaper or flyers in the grocery store or even in doctors’ offices. In order to communicate with them, you’ll have to communicate in their world which is texting, Facebook, You Tube, and My Space. Young people don’t read the paper version of the newspaper; they read it online (if they read it). Many of them don’t listen to the radio; they’re listening to iPods, DVDs and CDs. This new world of communication even applies to many 40- and 50-year-olds – the “empty

nesters". So what good does it do to run ads in the newspaper or even put flyers up in grocery stores? Many young people don't go to grocery stores; they go to fast food restaurants!

Avoiding squares with young dancers because they are too rambunctious and rowdy in a square. We are always advertising that square dancing is such fun so why can't they have fun? When I watch the current square dancers, I wonder why they are dancing because they look like they are in pain or having a terrible time; no smiles, no moving to the music; just slowly shuffling around not looking anyone in the eye. Maybe kids would bring fun back to square dancing! Even though these young people are rambunctious and rowdy when they dance together, they always "calm it down" when they dance with us older dancers.

Avoiding squares with same sex couples. It is very unfortunate that people have a problem dancing with same sex couples. If you are a really good square dancer and have learned the correct definition of all the calls, the sex of either side of the couple shouldn't make any difference. Anyone who can dance both sides of the couple is a good dancer. You should be glad that there are dancers who can dance both sides of a couple, as there are many times where if there wasn't a dancer who could do either side; you wouldn't be able to fill a square. In the West Coast area of Florida, there are several women who can dance both positions of a couple, which is very useful. She can fill in anywhere and these women are also very good at ensuring that singles/solos have an opportunity to dance.

Preventing singles and same sex couples from joining clubs and/or associations by having a clause in the bylaws that states "Only male/female couples can join" - I shouldn't have to point out that this is discrimination. This isn't the place to get into any discussion (and I don't want to be a part of any discussion) about who is right or wrong or what anyone's beliefs are, but it's not our place to make that decision. Also, because someone has had the foresight to learn both sides of a couple so that they are able to dance, you are not allowing them to join. Women do it more than men (learning the other position) and sometimes they have another woman they dance with on a steady basis. They shouldn't be barred from joining any club because they have worked out a way to dance and are not sitting because couples don't think to ask them to dance.

Making singles or solos feel unwelcome at a class or dance. 'Singles or solos cannot come to a dance or class without a partner' – don't you think that statement kind of takes the 'friendly' out of square dancing. When singles/solos come to a dance and they are left sitting all night, not getting to dance and no one speaking to them, do you think they'll ever come back? I don't think so! More and more people are waiting later to marry and with the increase in divorces, there are more singles today than there were when square dancing started. Solos are people who are married but for some reason their spouse or life partner is unable to dance. Many of our older dancers are starting to fall into one of these categories. I predict that over the next few years there will be a lot more singles and solos in this activity and we need to acknowledge that and start making them feel welcome. All of the couples are just a heartbeat away from joining them and when you need a partner, you will be glad this situation has changed.

Not letting new dancers chair or serve on committees because they don't know anything about the particular project. Seasoned dancers think they are the only ones that are experts about bylaws, parliamentary procedure and the "ways" of Florida square dancing. The seasoned dancers have to start letting go and letting younger dancers get involved and learn the 'ropes'. Now is the time to start turning things over to the younger dancers; not after you are gone and it's just "dumped" on them. Let's start taking these new dancers under our wing and mentoring them so they can start taking over some of these responsibilities before it's too late. Unfortunately, we aren't being swarmed by young people wanting to become active in the workings of our activity, but when there is one we need to take them under our wing and start mentoring them. I mention this because my daughter is one of these young people and she is on the West Coast Ways & Means Committee, Singles Chairman for the 2011 Florida State Convention and delegate to the Florida Federation and she's only 23. Is she going to be excluded because she is so much younger than the rest of you?

Change is difficult for everyone but we have to face it and go with the flow. Many times change makes things better. We won't know if it will be better until we try it.

As I stated previously, the only thing that is constant is change and there will continue to be change for as long as there are people to come up with new things and ways to do things.

It is counterproductive to get 'up in arms' when a change is suggested or implemented. If we are going to get to these younger people, we are going to have to communicate in their world and accept them on their terms – texting, iPods, jeans, t-shirts and all. Who knows, maybe if they join us they will learn to dress better, communicate better and become successful leaders and maybe we'll learn to have fun again?

Remember, square dancers are supposed to be the friendliest people. When I see these types of behaviors, I wonder what happened to the friendly people.

We need to bring the fun and friendly back to square dancing in order for it to survive!

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 5, 2010

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

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

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

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

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Temple Twirlers Easter Bonnet Dance – 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: **Van Coble**,

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

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 – 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: chrouds@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.

 **Strawberry Square C-2 Dance/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller/Instructor: Art Springer. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

 **Strawberry Square Club** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Mainstream/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus Tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Linda Lynn 813-659-9040 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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

Timber Pines Twirlers – Hwy. 19, Spring Hill – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Bob Bourassa, Cuer: John Ayers – square dance attire optional – for gate access and directions call 352-688-2995. For info: foxtrotr@bellsouth.net.

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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 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** - Sunshine RV Park, SR. 70, Lake Placid, FL – ER 7:00 p.m. Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: **Phyllis Hathaway** – finger foods – casual attire preferred. For info: danshrm@htn.net.

Charlotte Promenaders – Port Charlotte Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Len Siegmann**, Cuer: **Ruth Siegmann**. 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.

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

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - Caller: Dick Demerit, Cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: sqdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

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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 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: laecl@aol.com.

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

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, Cuers: 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, Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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Strawberry Square C2 Final 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. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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

Spinning Wheels Cookie 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 – baked cookies will be served. 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 April in Paradise – 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 –
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Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Spring Swing – Brandon Center, 402 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Van Coble**,

Cuers: Charlie Lovelace – finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: Patti 813-571-7786/patti44@yahoo.com or Betty 813-685-3826.

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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: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: **Pat Hagen**. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry.

Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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

Sunday – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Sun 'N Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Red Bates and Area Callers and Cuers – Members: FREE, Guests: \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com

Heel & Toe – **NO DANCE** For info: minimercury@cfl.rr.com.

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 - Casual. 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.

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: **Duane Rodgers**, 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.

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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.prideresort.com.

Looking Ahead

December 28, 2010 – **Ft. Meade Squares First Dance of the Season** - City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Russ Young, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – square dance attire optional. For info: 863-285-9962 or lik@tm.net.

December 31, 2010 – **Palace Promenaders New Years Eve Dinner and Dance** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 North-East Floridian Street (right off Rt. 17 north of Arcadia), Arcadia, FL – dancing alternating tips of Mainstream and Plus - Callers: Art Miller, Wes Morris and Howard Cole; Cuer: Jennie Martin – 8:00 p.m. - ??? - \$10 per couple – park in back of the building - overnight dry campers are welcome. Bring a dish to pass (with food in it) for dinner – meat will be furnished. Need a hotel? Holiday Inn Express, 2709 SE Highway 70, Arcadia; 863-494-5900. Rate for New Years Eve is \$92 + 7%. The code for square dancers is **PSD**. Rate is guaranteed until December 5, 2010. For tickets or information: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow – 941-380-5336. Dance Hall – 863-993-1288.

January 30, 2011 – **5 Caller Extravaganza** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road (across from the entrance of the Eagle Ridge Mall), Lake Wales, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., alternating tips (Mainstream/Plus) 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Sam Dunn (Sebring, FL), Ron Reardon (Zephyrhills, FL), Carl Rod (also a cuer) (Winter Haven, FL), Keith Stevens (Lake Wales, FL) and Dan Wilkerson (Brandon, FL) – square dance attire optional - \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

November 11 – 12, 2011 – **37th Annual West Coast Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL – Callers: Sam Dunn and Jack Pladdys (Ohio); Cuer: Charlie Lovelace.

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.floridadanceweb.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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