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Square and round dance news for the west coast of Florida

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## **Sunday, August 15, 2010 - West Coast Association VIP Dance –**

Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – kick off for the 2010 Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all the volunteers in our activity. Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – **ALL DANCERS FREE.** For info: [lanceandrita@yahoo.com](mailto:lanceandrita@yahoo.com).

**September 1, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the USDA News.** For info: [usdanews@usda.org](mailto:usdanews@usda.org).

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**September 1, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the October/November West Coast Dancer.** For info: [evhenning@peoplepc.com](mailto:evhenning@peoplepc.com).

**September 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the 2010 issue of the Bow and Swing.** For info: [bowandswing@gmail.com](mailto:bowandswing@gmail.com).

## From the Editor



You'll want to make plans to be at Strawberry Square Dance Center this Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for the annual West Coast VIP Dance. This dance is FREE to everyone! Early rounds are at 1:30 p.m. and alternating tips are from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. In addition to kicking off the Fall Fun Fest, we will be recognizing all the volunteers who keep our activity going. Sam Dunn will be calling and Jimmy and Carol Griffin will be cueing. While you are there, you will be able to purchase ribbons for several of the upcoming dances.

***Doc Grey will be celebrating his retirement from calling at Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see details below under Looking Ahead***

## Health & Sympathy

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

## How do I get in touch with ....?

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## *President's Message – Florida Callers Association*

There is a spirited discussion going on in the FCA about what differentiates an apprentice caller from a fully qualified caller. As I've been involved in this, it's made me kind of step back and ask myself the basic question: what is a caller? The easy answer is a caller is a person who calls a square dance. But as we all know, there really is so much more.

To me a caller is someone who likes our activity so much that they are willing to put in many long hours learning the craft and put in many dollars getting the equipment to perform the craft. Some callers go on to national prominence, others never leave their backyard, yet both are important to the activity.

A caller is an entertainer and a teacher, and must be good at both jobs. Everyone I know began dancing because it was FUN. It is up to the caller to make sure it stays fun. I know some callers who get so hung up on level that they refuse to call for clubs that they feel don't dance well enough. Where's the fun in that? I call for clubs that can dance with the best of them, and I call for clubs with what some would characterize as slightly weaker dancers. I approach both type of dances the same way: what can I do tonight to insure that everyone in the hall has fun.

A caller's role as a teacher may be the most important of all. The teacher's role is not just teaching lessons. It's walking folks through a move or sequence at a dance so that they can succeed. It's the non-verbal things we do to teach etiquette and so much more to the dancers. It may be the most important yet most overlooked part of what separates a caller from a good

or great caller. A caller who does not take the time to learn to teach correctly is doing a disservice to themselves and every dancer they touch. I've been in halls and listened to a supposedly experienced caller teach a move incorrectly. I feel sorry for the dancers when that happens, because they deserve better.

A caller is a leader both on and off the dance floor. A caller is a role model and ambassador for Square Dancing everywhere. A caller, a really good caller, is someone who puts the dancers and their needs ahead of everything else. What could be more important than that?

Gary Murphy  
President

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## 2011 Florida State Square Dance Convention

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



Ahoy Bucko! All hands are on deck now as they get the ship in shipshape order for arrival in Port Lakeland May 27 – 29, 2011 for a 'weekend of fun'

Ribbons are on sale for \$27 per person for the entire weekend and will remain this price up until the start of the convention. The price goes up to \$30 at the door. Several pirates around the state have registration forms and/or ribbons. If your club doesn't have registration forms or you haven't seen anyone with ribbons, you can contact Carole Poole at [cpoole19@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cpoole19@cfl.rr.com) or 386-734-5295.

Blimey! **The host hotel has been changed to the Country Inn & Suites, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive (Exit 33 off I-4), Lakeland.** Call 1-800-596-2375 to make your reservation now. You can always cancel your reservation if your plans change. The room comes with free grub (continental breakfast) that includes assorted breads, bagels, muffins, pastries, coffee, tea, milk, hot chocolate, cold and hot cereals, eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, juices, waffles, and yogurt. The hotel is 100% smoke free and has an indoor/outdoor covered pool, fitness center, business

center and an on-site lending library. It is close to Cracker Barrel and Applebee's, and is within five miles of Outback, Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille, Crispers, and Olive Garden.

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

Perhaps you would be interested in joining the crew to make this a 'weekend of fun'. Below are some of the committee chairmen, if you would like to contact them about joining their crew:

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It takes a lot of people to have a good convention and these committee chairmen would appreciate any help they can get.

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



Penny Green  
Publicity

## 2011 Shamrock Swing

Those little green guys are getting restless. They were put to rest for a few months, keeping quiet letting everyone get ready for the State Convention. Now the Convention is over, and here come the Leprechauns pushing the SHAMROCK SWING.

If you weren't at the 2010 Shamrock Swing, you missed a good dance. Our Callers Tim Marriner and Bob Stern did a great job. Jimmy and Carol Griffin were wonderful on the Rounds. Bob and Jennie Courter as Chairpersons once again had a very successful Shamrock Swing.

Shamrock Swing 2011 will once again be at La Hacienda in The Villages. I'm sure you heard about the acoustics problem after the remodeling, bad news always travels fast. The good news is they removed all the pretty ceiling tiles, and replaced it with what was originally in the hall. The acoustics are wonderful!!!

Our Callers for 2011 will be Dee Dee Dougherty and Bob Stern. Joanne and Ken Helton will be our Cuers. Mark your calendars now for March 18 and 19, 2011. The comfort Suites 352-259-6578 and Holiday Express 352-750-3888 are keeping the rates at \$80+tax. Just identify yourself as attending the Shamrock Swing.

Keep thinking green.

Ron and Sharon Paul  
Shamrock Swing Chairpersons 2011

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## ARTS

### *Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Squares*

This ARTS Email E-News release is to forward information regarding the Southeast Dance Leadership Conference - - Organizing Tools for Vibrant Dance Communities. The conference will be October 1-3, 2010 in Haw River State Park, North Carolina.

This E-News release is NOT an endorsement of this event by The ARTS. Our goal is to help "Spread The Word" regarding information of interest to the dance community.

Here is the information:

This conference may be of interest to some. The event is sponsored by Sun Assembly English Country Dancers and Triangle Country Dancers, with support from the Country Dance and Song Society, New Leaders, Good Leaders Fund. The attendees will be mostly contra, English, and traditional squares folks. But as these groups have been better than Modern Western at attracting younger dancers in recent years, there might be some things we can learn from them. There will be at least a few folks from the gender-role-free English Country Dance group in Durham, NC.

The location is a former Episcopal Church camp & conference center. It is a lovely rural location, and the accommodations are comfortable cabins with private bath (i.e. not rustic).

BTW, I just checked the conference website, and their server appears to be down. But if you are interested and can't get through to the website in the next couple of days, let me know, and I will put you in touch with some of the organizers.

-- Mark Ambrose  
[markj.ambrose@gmail.com](mailto:markj.ambrose@gmail.com)

### **Announcing the Southeast Dance Leadership Conference!!!**

*Southeast Dance Leadership Conference: Tools for a Vibrant Dance Community*, October 1-3, Haw River State Park, Summit Conference Center, Browns Summit, NC (near Greensboro)

Presenters will be: Diane Silver (NC), Bruce Hamilton (English caller from CA), Shawn Brenneman (VA), Rob Harper (Atlanta), and Tyler Johnson (NC-sound)

The Leadership Conference will be an opportunity to gain tools for growing, nurturing, and sustaining a thriving dance community. It will be a time to network with other organizers, callers, musicians, and dancers from the English, Contra and Square dance communities. This will be a unique chance to meet and talk on a lot of important issues.

Learn about the business of operating a dance, marketing your skills or organization, sound operation, care of a dance floor. Share ideas for dealing with challenges like under- or over-attendance, different skill levels and generations, atypical (unexpected) events, getting and keeping help, developing talent, fulfilling your vision and recognizing when it's time to revisit your vision. Outreach and connect to neighboring organizations. And have fun too!



Format will include classes, facilitated discussion groups, and time to consult with experts. Opportunities will be provided for networking. Meetings to take place on request.

The website has more information: <http://conference.rivertone.org/>

Southeast Dance Leadership Conference  
Organizing Tools for Vibrant Dance Communities  
October 1-3, 2010  
Haw River State Park, North Carolina

Southeast Dance Leadership Conference Topics

Learning The Lines

Starting a Dance:

First things first: crafting your vision. What do you picture your dance series to be like? Next, an overview of what will you need to do to implement your vision. Forms of organization (e.g., non-profit or proprietary small business). Creating interest, finding reliable spaces, connecting with the network of talent. Refining your program. Getting help. Financial and liability considerations. Putting on a dance can be a big and highly rewarding job!

Basics of Volunteer Organizations:

What are the elements required to have a non-profit. Incorporation, non-profit status. How to find and develop board members. Effective committees and committee structure. Responsibilities of directors. Finance and Responsibility: Whether you are part of a non-profit organization, run your own dance, or are a caller or musician, this will introduce you to the business end of the dance community. Basic financial requirements of small entities. Recording and reporting rules. How to manage accounting. Balance and pay. Liability and Insurance: The need or not for insurance.

Getting the Word Out:

Both internal and external communications are critical for smooth operations. What do you need to do to maintain accurate internal communication among the various people helping to put on your dance? Keeping pertinent and up-to-date publicity. How are last minute changes communicated both internally and externally? As a group grows and takes on multiple functions, such as multiple dance series and special events, how do communications needs change?

Operating your Dance:

How to have a well-run venue and happy dancers, talent and workers. Balance and coordination. Having fun without too much work. Happy dancers, happy sounds, happy feet.

Bringing Together Talent:

This session is an opportunity for organizers, callers and musicians to hear each others' perspectives. What are the resources for connecting talent and dance providers? Compensation and usual practices. In addition to money, what else attracts talent? Developing your local talent.

#### Sound Basics - The Idiot's Guide to Good Sound:

Components of a sound reinforcement system. Hooking it all up. Gain structure & the secret to good sound. Keeping the band and the dancers happy without going crazy.

#### Sound in Depth:

Hands-on microphone techniques for voices and instruments. Maintaining safe and intelligible levels throughout the hall. Sharpening your mix with equalization. Controlling feedback. Listening exercises.

#### Live Sound Lab:

Participants in the sound workshops will have an opportunity to run sound themselves (with instructor assistance) at the famous Greensboro Grange. This popular venue has hosted contra dances for many years and was a favorite of caller Gene Hubert. Come experience this historic dance and help bring the magic to life!

#### Facilities – Ins and Outs:

What do you need to know when talking with hall owners? Use and overuse of floors, booking, operating. Dealing with local school systems, churches, etc. Working with dance floors. The making of a dance floor, how built, how to build and maintain, proper care, systems.

#### Riding The Waves

##### Rescuing an Evening:

What to do when things don't go as planned. What to do when the caller or a musician are not up to the task, or are not working well together. Who decides what steps to take.

##### When the Gears Don't Work:

What happens when there are factions, competing elements. Or what if those responsible don't perform? Growing pains, trials of over-organization.

##### How to Say "No":

What to do to prevent burnout. Broadening your volunteer base. How to keep your best talent fresh. Maintaining a deep bench. Bringing new organizers on board.

##### Managing Dancers of Different Skills:

How to have reasonable unity and enjoyment by all. Dancing inclusively. How to satisfy the needs and interests of both inexperienced and experienced dancers.

##### Handling the Unexpected:

How to manage and react when there are incidents on the dance floor, medical emergencies, interference from outsiders, when conflicts manifest. Dealing with difficult people. Who decides, how to decide, and when to intervene, How to be firm yet sensitive.

Dancing The Journey

Marketing Your Vision:

What is your marketing plan? Developing a publicity and outreach plan. Marketing yourself or your group. Having a clear vision for communications.

Four Part Harmony:

What Makes a Great Evening: The Organizer, the Caller, The Musician, the Dancer. Leadership role of the caller and musician. Programming the evening. What makes for a fun dance event. Progression of difficulty; building dance upon dance. Caller-Band relations: what are the elements necessary for bands and callers to be effective together. How to get a seamless performance.

Having a Family Dance:

What are the ingredients needed to have a dance where children can feel comfortable and included? How to serve families with small children. Children and adults together. What models work the best.

Intergenerational Issues and Opportunities Youth vs the Old, Summit of the Ages:

A look across the generations, relating across the span of time and experience. The energy of youth and the wisdom of age. Getting all this to work together.

Leveraging Resources:

Identifying and making the best use of resources. The value of networking with others of similar interest. Coordinated scheduling. What can you gain by working with neighboring dance groups? What does CDSS offer? Leveraging other resources in the community, such as arts councils or schools. Non-profit alliances. Insurance pooling.

Jerry Reed

ARTS Executive Director

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## Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

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

January 20 - 22, 2010 - **Florida Winter Festival** - Lakeland, FL

## What's Happening This Week?

Are you a regular visitor to a dance? Why not help out by bringing something for the refreshment table? It's difficult for the clubs who are frequently raided to provide a nice refreshment spread when they have extra high attendance at a

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

**Monday** –  
**Kings Point**  
**Swingers A-2**  
**Dance** – 7:00 –

7:30 p.m. – **P for I** – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30  
p.m. – **P for I** Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you  
have danced this level before, you  
can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors  
to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings  
Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info:  
Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

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

P for I

**Temple Twirlers Hobo 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: **Allen Snell**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Relaxed attire for the months of June, July and August. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. 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** – 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: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual – finger food. For info: [sqdnfan@aol.com](mailto:sqdnfan@aol.com) or 863-967-5004.

**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** – **Kings Point Swingers Round Dance** – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – **P for I** 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.

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

**Thursday** - **Promenade Squares** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – **P for I** – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. For info: [lcecce@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lcecce@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-799-3068.

**Dunedin** – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – Caller: Allen Snell. For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](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** - **P for I** **Spinning Wheels** - Hillsborough United Methodist Church, 9008 Harney Road, Tampa - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Caller: **Mike Cox**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@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).

**P for I** **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. For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Saturday** - **P for I** **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Gone Country Dance** - Brandon Community Center, 402 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Caller: Dan Wilkerson, Cuer: Pat Hagen - finger foods - casual. For info: Patti [813-571-7786/patti44@yahoo.com](mailto:813-571-7786/patti44@yahoo.com) or Betty 813-685-3826.

**Palace Promenaders Summer Dance** - Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Jennie Martin - casual - 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** - **P for I** **West Coast Association VIP Dance** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - kick off for the 2010 Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all the volunteers in our activity. Early Rounds 1:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Jimmy and Carol Griffin - ALL DANCERS FREE. For info: [lanceandrita@yahoo.com](mailto:lanceandrita@yahoo.com).

**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) - 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: [suncoastsquares@yahoo.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@yahoo.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** - La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 - Plus/Rounds 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - Callers: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [allenorazio@comcast.net](mailto:allenorazio@comcast.net).

## West Coast Classes and Workshops and National Caller and Cuer Colleges

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

Please keep in mind that this information needs to be communicated out to new dancers! It's not a secret!

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July 13, 2010 – **Suncoast Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Peace MCC Church, 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Pete – 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox – three weeks of open lessons on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - \$5 donation for the open lessons. For info: 727-215-3217.

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](mailto:kenritucci@aol.com). *SPACE LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!!*

September 15, 2010 – **Auburndale Round Dance Review** – Building TBA, Auburndale – Ph 2 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Phase 3 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – this is a review for members of last season's classes – Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: Carl: 863-293-9369 or Penny: 863-967-5004 or [sqdnfan@aol.com](mailto:sqdnfan@aol.com).

September 16, 2010 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Basic and Mainstream Square Dance Class** – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Van Coble/Dan Wilkerson. For info: Dan Wilkerson 813-571-7786 or [dr.danbob@yahoo.com](mailto:dr.danbob@yahoo.com) or George Lack 813-662-10121 or [gplack1@aol.com](mailto:gplack1@aol.com).

September 16, 2010 - **Promenade Squares Beginners Class** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 p.m. - Caller: Dick Demerit. For info: [lcece@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lcece@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-799-3068.

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

October 1, 2010 – **Dixie Grande Squares Rusty Hinge Workshop** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C, SE, Winter Haven – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or [carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com](mailto:carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com).

October 7 - 11, 2010 - **Northeast Callers School** - Mill-A-Round Dance Center. Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers: Ken Ritucci (lab Accredited coach) and Norm Poisson. Special Guest Instructors Tim Marriner, Berry Clasper, Bill Harrison, and Anne Uebelacker. Plenty of Microphone Time - Professional Assessment of your skills - Understand what it takes to be a Leader - Full lab Curriculum - Develop A Calling Career that is best for you - \$325.00/Student. For an application and more Info, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or [kenritucci@aol.com](mailto:kenritucci@aol.com) or [www.northeastschool.com](http://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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.prideresort.com).

November 1, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 1, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.



November 3, 2010 – **Auburndale Beginning Round Dance Class** – TBD, Auburndale – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or [carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com](mailto:carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com).

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

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

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

November 7, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Cuer/Instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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

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

November 13, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares A1 Lessons** – Maple Leaf Squares, 2100 Kings Highway (I75 exit 170, go southwest 1 ½ miles), Port Charlotte – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per session. For info: [callerdave@comcast.net](mailto:callerdave@comcast.net) or 941-235-1611.

November 14, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, 2100 King Highway (I75 exit 170, go southwest 1 ½ miles), Port Charlotte – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per workshop. For info: [callerdave@comcast.net](mailto:callerdave@comcast.net) or 941-235-1611.

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

## Looking Ahead

September 19, 2010 – **Heel & Toe First Anniversary Dance** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Cloud – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Lottie Ainsworth, Cuer: Bev Landwehr. For info: [www.squaredancesites.com/heel\\_abd\\_toe](http://www.squaredancesites.com/heel_abd_toe) or 407-339-1499.

September 25, 2010 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Retirement Party for Doc Grey** – Brandon Community Center, 402 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dan Wilkerson, Cuer: Pat Hagen – finger foods – casual. For info: Patti [813-571-7786/patti44@yahoo.com](mailto:813-571-7786/patti44@yahoo.com) or Betty 813-685-3826.

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

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

<http://sccaf1.com/> (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

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

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

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

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA<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.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.nsdirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

## Vendors

[www.swskirts.com](http://www.swskirts.com) (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

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

## Callers/Cuers

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

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

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

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

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