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WANTED: Gently used square dance attire to be donated to the West Coast Association. These clothes will be sold on E-Bay with the proceeds being donated to the 2014 State Convention. Contact Jenny Green at 863-287-5724 or jenanngreen@yahoo.com to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

May 5, 2012 – Submission deadline for the June issue of *Bow & Swing*. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com.

From the Editor....



The Sixth Annual Party Weekend was held this past Friday and Saturday at the Deerhaven Conference Center in Paisley, Florida. The only representative from the West Coast Association was Jenny Green. This was the Central Association's fundraiser for the 2013 convention. Jenny brought back pictures.



As you can see, the theme for 2013 is the beach!! *Life is a Beach in 2013* is the official theme and beach attire (*no swim suits, tank tops, or short shorts please*) will be the dress on Friday night of the convention.

The convention is getting very close – Memorial Day Weekend May 25 – 27; have you made your plans yet and purchased your advance tickets? The host hotel is the Lakeland Hotel & Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn North), 3260 U.S. Hwy. 98 North, Lakeland. You can make your reservations by calling 863-688-8080. Be sure to ask for the square dance rate of \$65 + tax. This rate includes two free breakfasts each morning. If they are full, there are many other hotels in the area – Comfort Inn, Country Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn, La Quinta Inn & Suites, Quality Inn & Suites, Royalty Inn, Stay Inn & Suites, and The Avenue Hotel. For the campers, there is a special rate for you at the Lakeland RV Resort. There is dry camping available at the Lakeland Center for around \$30 per night.

You'll want to purchase your ribbons in advance; not only because they're cheaper (\$35 per person for the entire weekend), but you won't have to stand in those long lines at the Lakeland Center! I still have ribbons and will always have them with me at the dances I attend. The advance price is good until May 24, 2012, which is the night of the Trail-In Dance at Strawberry Square. The cost of the Trail-In Dance is separate from the cost of the convention itself and is a donation. Charlie Pergrossi and Ted Kennedy will be calling. Lisa Wall will be cueing. This dance and the convention will be the last time Lisa will be cueing for us as a resident of Florida. She will be moving to Arizona in early June. We will sure miss her and hope she will be back to cue for us once in a while.

SINGLES/SOLOS or anyone needing a partner: There will be a singles hall on Friday night in Sikes F. Squares and rounds are programmed for the evening. Please come join us and get to know the other singles who will be dancing there at the convention. There will also be well-marked singles sections in each of the halls. If you don't have a partner and want to dance, please sit in these marked areas so everyone knows you are available to dance.

The schedule for the weekend is now available at <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/58/images/ProgramPullout.pdf>. You may want to print it so you can plan your weekend in advance.

Now, on to another subject! I have to get up on my soap box once in a while and it's been quite a while since I've been on the box. The subject this time is joining a square without a partner. This isn't acceptable and is frowned upon by many of the other dancers. If a single joins a square alone and no one ever comes to join you, you have prevented three other couples from forming a complete square. Many times a single in a square alone means that a couple has to split up with one of them having to go sit down. It's hard to believe, but there are couples who do not like their partner dancing with someone else. You should enter a square with a partner or know for sure that one is on the way.

I think just about all of the seasonal clubs are closed for the season now. If you belong to a seasonal club, why not take advantage of the down time and branch out to visit the year round clubs? You can check their schedules in the "What's Happening This Week?" section below.

Health & Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations and Federation officers and any others who are well known to the Florida square and round dance community. Listings for others can be found on the website (www.dancergram.com – Health & Sympathy).

Don't forget to go to www.dancergram.com for additional information on West Coast dancers!

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

This contact list can also be found at
www.dancergram.com

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

May 25 – 27, 2012 – **58th Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

October 26 – 27, 2012 – **33rd Annual Party-Rama** – Sebring, FL

November 9 – 10, 2012 – **West Coast Association's 38th Annual Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow

If you see a flyer that has my name and contact information stamped on it, I have ribbons for that dance.

Square Dance Tips

Reprint

Square Dance Tips

By Penny Green

Keep your square tight.

When you form your square, keep it as tight as possible so that the dancers don't have to take as many steps and everyone will be able to keep up with the caller. When promenading, dancers in the left hand position (boys) keep your left shoulder close to the center of the square so you can return home in time for the next call.

Always know who your partner is and what your position is.

This can be done by touching hands. You should always be holding your partner's (the person beside you) hand. Your partner will not always be the person you started dancing with. When you are in a line or a wave, always touch hands with the people beside you so you are ready for whatever the caller calls next. A hand hold or forearm hold should always be a light touch; not a death grip. In some parts of the country and internationally, the hand hold is palms up.

Hand Hold vs Forearm Hold

When doing a left allemande, each person lightly places their left forearm against the other person's forearm. Do not wrap your hand around the arm (clutch). Do not cup your hand around the elbow. When standing next to your partner, always hold his/her hand; man's hand up, lady's hand placed on top. The hand hold should always be a gentle light touch; no

squeezing or hard pressure. Many dancers have arthritis and it is very painful if you squeeze their hands too tightly.

When standing in a wave, always take the hand of the person next to you. If you have someone on both sides of you, take the hand of both people.

When completing a Flutter Wheel, the two facing ladies move to the center. When they are right shoulder to right shoulder, they touch right forearms and with the left hand take the man from across the square and bring him back to the home position letting go of the other woman's forearm and face each other.

When circulating, always tap hands with the person you come up next to before circulating to the next position. This will tell you your positioning.

When completing a Grand Square, always take the hand of the person next to you, so you know who your partner is at any given time.

Forming Your Square

Form your squares quickly. As soon as the round dancers have completed their rounds, squares should start forming.

Don't enter a square without having a partner lined up. Attempt to dance with different people each tip. It is discourteous to dance with the same people all the time and makes you appear to be a snob.

Always fill the empty spot in the first square you come to. Don't walk by a square that has an empty spot.

If your square needs dancers, hold up the number of fingers for the number of couples you need so that the caller can announce what is needed. If all the other squares are filled and you still need dancers, start a simultaneous clap routine until dancers fill the vacancies. This is a universal notification of square openings. Dancers who are sitting out should immediately rise and fill the openings when they hear this clapping.

By quickly forming your squares, you will be able to start dancing as soon as the caller starts the music, and you will probably be able to dance more during the evening because you aren't wasting time putting a square together.

Courtesy

Courtesy is something we should have learned as a child and carry it throughout our lives – please, thank you, your welcome, etc.

When you enter a square, say hello to everyone and introduce yourself.

Once you have joined a square, don't leave it to join another square.

At the end of the tip, clap to thank the caller, and then join hands with everyone in the square, bow down and say "thank you". Then shake hands with everyone individually and say thank you. This includes the women. So many times I have seen women just turn and walk away from the square like it's just the men's responsibility to thank everyone; not so, it's everyone's responsibility.

After each round, clap to say thank you to the cuer.

At the end of the evening, everyone forms a horseshoe – NOT A CIRCLE – facing the stage (or front of the room) – bow down and back up saying "thank you". Forming a horseshoe instead of a circle allows you to include the caller and cuer who are on the stage. If you form a circle, you exclude them.

Twirling

Some women do not want to be twirled; and if they don't want to be, they will either tell you verbally or will wear a badge stating this or when they come to you in the circle, her hand will be down indicating they do not want you to swing them.

Men: When you do twirl a woman, be gentle. You do not have to do anything other than hold your hand up for her to use to balance herself while twirling her; you can cause back, arm and shoulder injuries if this is doesn't correctly. One twirl is all that is needed.

Repair the Square

You're dancing and your square missed a call and you can't catch up; what do you do? Grab a partner; anyone; it doesn't have to be the partner you started dancing with. Form a square and bend the line. Remain in lines until the caller calls "lines". The caller will see you standing in lines and will bring all the dancers to lines so that everyone will be together. It doesn't matter which position you are in or who your partner is; as long as your square is dancing.

End of the Evening

Hopefully you have stayed until the end of the evening! Leaving the dance before the end of the evening gives the caller, cuer and the hosts the impression that they have not met your expectations of having a fun dance. The caller and cuer have spent several hours preparing the program for the dance, and sometimes have driven quite a distance to get there; then to have dancers walk out early is not very courteous. Attending a dance is like visiting a friend's house; after the visit, hopefully, the host(s) is thanked for a wonderful visit, a nice time and the delicious refreshments (if provided).

After the very last tip, everyone should form a horseshoe with the opening at the stage end of the hall (if the caller and cuer are still on the stage) or a circle (if the caller and cuer join the dancers on the floor); then everyone says "thank you" together.

Reprints from various issues of the DANCERgram.

Tips for an Effective Flyer

I have been asked to run this article again and I am happy to oblige. The comment was also made to me that many clubs do not indicate who their banner chairman is on their flyers, their websites, or in their listing in the *West Coast Dancer*. This lack of information sometimes means more telephone calls than necessary when a club plans a raid and is attempting to notify the club being visited.

Tips for an Effective Flyer

Do you have effective flyers for your dances and/or classes or are they just getting lost on the flyer table? Following are some tips:

Proofread

- ✓ Is everything spelled correctly?
- ✓ Is punctuation correct? Apostrophe s ('s) i.e. Susan's is possessive as in Susan **owns** something. If there is more than one girl named Susan, it is Susans. More and more I see the improper use of 's.
- ✓ Cuer is spelled with a "C", not a "Q".
- ✓ Are the phone numbers correct? Did you include the area code?
- ✓ Did you include the full address, including city and state? You never know when your flyers will be picked up and taken to another dance.
- ✓ Do you have the full date (with year) and the time?
- ✓ Did you include a contact name with working phone number (with area code) and working email address? I recommend that you use an email address that is checked frequently.
- ✓ Did you include the level of the dance?
- ✓ On your new beginner class flyers, are you using terminology that they will understand?

Appearance

- ✓ Does it look professional?
- ✓ If you taped or glued clip art on the flyer, can you see the outline when you make copies?
- ✓ Is the flyer typed? This looks more professional. Taking a typed flyer and then handwriting changes on it looks very tacky.
- ✓ Use colored paper when you make copies; this will make your flyer stand out on the flyer table.
- ✓ Ensure you make clean copies and don't have a dirty background or a lot of marks on your copy.
- ✓ If you're able to obtain pictures of the caller and cuer, this helps the dancers identify who they are.

Hope these tips help!

One other quick thought; when you are laying flyers out on your table, take a quick look at them and throw out the "expired ones".

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of April 23, 2012

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

Monday (April 23) – **Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance** – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 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.

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: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

Tuesday (April 24) – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland** – 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer; Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. **Square dance attire optional** – beautiful wood floor for dancing. For info: jgsap988@yahoo.com / 863-815-7400 or sgdncfan@aol.com / 863-874-4522.

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.

Suncoast Squares – MCC King of Peace Church (rear entrance by the parking lot), 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg – These dances are for the GLBT and Straight Communities – all are welcome! Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream Squares – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.; plus Squares 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. - \$2.50 donation for Rounds; \$5 donation for Squares – casual attire. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: rritter@ij.net.

Wednesday (April 25) – **Strawberry Square Final C-2 Dance and Workshop of the Season** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Strawberry Square C-1 Workshop and Dance - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Kings Point Swingers Advanced Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cues: 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.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Art Miller; Cues: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating tips. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (April 26) – *Dunedin* – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Workshop 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Squares (mix of Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds) - 7:30 – 9:00 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.

Jacaranda Trace – 3600 William Penn Way, Venice - A-2 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. For info: 941-408-2627.

Suncoast Squares – MCC King of Peace Church (rear entrance by the parking lot), 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg – These dances are for the GLBT and Straight Communities – all are welcome! A-2 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$7 – casual attire. Caller/Cues: Mike Cox. For info: ritter@ij.net.

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Plus workshop 6:00 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, Cues: Jimmy Griffin. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

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 (April 27) – *Snell's Bo's and Bell's* – Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road (just north of E. Bay Drive between Keene/Starkey Road and Highland Avenue), Largo – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Callers: **Roland Morin** and Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Strawberry Square Final A-2 Dance of the Season – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – A2 Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., A-2 Dance 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

Dixie Grande Squares – Grace Lutheran Church, 321 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Easy Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – Caller/Cues: Carl Rod. For info: carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com or 863-651-3292 (c) or 863-293-9369 (H).

Spinning Wheels Cake Walk Dance – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.,

Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

Sun City Swingers – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, cuer: Pat Hagen. Casual for the summer. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

Saturday (April 28) – Barn Dance Party – 5713 Lucerne Park Road (Rt. 544), Winter Haven (about ¼ to ½ mile east of the Walmart Distribution Center on the south side. CAUTION: Driveway is on the curve.) Social Hour 6:00 p.m., Dancing 7:00 p.m. - ?? - \$5 per person. Several types of dance: Circle, Mixers, Line, Square, Rounds, Contra, Two-Step, etc. Caller/Cuer/Prompter: Carl Rod. Casual attire. Please bring finger foods and lawn chairs. For info: 863-293-9369 (h) OR 863-651-3292 (c).

Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) – Sadie Street Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: millerralphie@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 5 Dance and Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Palace Promenaders Final Dance of the Winter Schedule – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin – Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336. Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 North-East Floridian Street (right off Rt. 17) , Arcadia, FL – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin. Park in back of the building. For tickets or information: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

Sunday (April 29) – Strawberry Square Classic Rounds Party w/Potluck – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

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.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns Final Dance of the Season – 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 – finger foods. For info: 352-799-8625, lmuttitt@tampabay.rr.com or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>.

Orange Blossom Squares – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Libby**, Cuer: Joanne Helton. Special ticket dance. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

Monday (April 30) – Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – 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.

Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary 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: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

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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April 17 – August 22, 2012 – **Summer Round Dancing with Ione and Wally Wade** – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda. – Phase 2 – 3 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: 941 505-1979, wally.wade@hotmail.com.

April 19, 2012 – **Promenade Squares Plus Workshop** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 p.m. - Caller: Dick Demerit. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

June 21, 2012 – **Cape Coral Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Lake Kennedy Senior Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral – 7:00- 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris. For info: 239-282-6322 or j.h.morris@embarqmail.com.

August 16 – 20, 2012 – **Socal Callers School** – Cedar Brook Dance Center, 12812 Garden Boulevard, Garden Grove, California. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Plenty of microphone time; professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a leader, fuller CALLERLAB curriculum,

and develop a calling career that is best for you. Space is limited. Register today! \$350 per student. For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com.

October 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Cued: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-227 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

October 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cued: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-227 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

October 4 – 8, 2012 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-round Dance Center, Manchester, NH – Callers: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Norm Poisson, Jerry Story (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Steve Kopman, and Don Moger. Plenty of microphone time; professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a leader, fuller CALLERLAB curriculum, and develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. \$375 per student. Space is limited. Register today!!! For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com; www.northeastcallersschool.com.

October 10, 2012 - **Strawberry Square First C-1 Dance of the Season** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

November 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Cued: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

November 9, 2012 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. This class is for those dancers who have completed a C-1 class, but are not ready to dance at the C-1 level. Keith will work with the dancers at increasing their proficiency. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

November 9, 2012 – **Strawberry Square C3A Teach and Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. For

info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

November 13, 2012 – **Strawberry Square A2 Workshop/Review** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

November 13, 2012 – **Strawberry Square C1 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

December 3, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – first class free (class fee \$5 per person). For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, or Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

December 3, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Plus Square Dance Lessons** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – first class free (class fee \$5 per person). For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, or Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

January 3, 2012 – **Charlotte Promenaders First Dance of the Season** - Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sgdbird@aol.com.

January 7, 2013 – **Strawberry Square A-1 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 p.m. - Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

January 7, 2013 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance

Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

January 10, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Intro to C1 (Part 2)** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. - Caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

January 20, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Special Event for Mainstream and Plus Level Dancers – Without Rounds** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Tim Marriner.

January 22, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Snowbirds Basic Round Dance Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 5:30 p.m. – Cuer: Karen Fisher. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

January 22 – March 12, 2013 – **Dance by Definition in Plus Level Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Sam Dunn - designed for dancers who have been dancing for two years or more - \$5 per person – casual attire – no new incoming people beginning February 5. To be fair to the dancers, if you want this workshop you must attend all sessions or contact Sam. For info: 813-752-0491 or <http://strawberrysquaredancing.com>. If you can't reach the dance center, call Gayle or Tim at 207-649-0432 or Sam at 863-382-6792 or www.samdunn.net.

January 27, 2013 – **A Day of Plus** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Sam Dunn. \$30 per couple for the entire package. Five hours of dancing – no split sessions. Pick up a flyer so you indicate which Plus moves you want to work on. To ensure your space, register now! Mail your check made payable to Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL 33563. Schedule: 8:30 a.m. – coffee and muffins; 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – dancing; 11:30 a.m. - break/free time; 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – dancing. Casual attire. For info: 813-752-0491 or <http://strawberrysquaredancing.com>. If you can't reach the dance center, call Sam at 863-382-6792 or www.samdunn.net.

April 12, 2013 - **Charlotte Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** - Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sqdbird@aol.com.

Looking Ahead...

May 5, 2012 (not a regular dance night) – **Promenade Squares Club Picnic** – Shelter 13, Seminole Park, 10015 Park Boulevard, Seminole. Everyone invited and is asked to bring a covered dish, table cloth, and a place setting for yourself. There is a one mile and two mile walking trail. Shelter 13 is facing the water of an inlet across from where canoes can be launched. There will be no dancing since there is no electricity. If anyone wants to bring a game or cards, they are welcome to do so. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

October 25, 2012 - **Promenade Squares Halloween Party** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner Lessons 6:00 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuer: Jimmy Griffin. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

March 14, 2013 - **Charlotte Promenaders 44th Anniversary Dance** – Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Cuer: For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sqdbird@aol.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&ap=1 (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

Associations/Organizations

<http://www.you2candance.com> (square dance marketing)

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

<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)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (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.61stnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention – Spokane, WA

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

Vendors

<http://www.jlvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (New physical address: Bob L. Adams, Bobs Engraving, 8827 Megan Lane, Orlando, FL 32836; Telephone: 407-777-8952; www.bobsengraving.com; e-mail address: bobsengraving@aim.com)

<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.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.mike-gormley.com> (Mike Gormley)

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

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

Miscellaneous

<http://www.squaredanceradionetwork.com> (square dance radio network)

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