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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 jennangreen@aol.com to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

September 1, 2012 – Deadline for Callers to submit profiles. If you plan to call at the 2012 Florida State Convention, your Caller Profile must be completed and submitted by September 1st. Mail completed profile to Bob Poyner, 261 County Highway 1084,

DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433-0274 or e-mail it to bnapoy@fairpoint.net. You must be a member of the Florida Callers Association to call at our state convention. *Flyer can be found at <http://www.fcallersassoc.org/> or www.dancergram.com.* (NOTE: If you would like to cue for the state convention, you must be a member of the Round Dance Council of Florida. Contact the Council President, Tim Wilaby at timwilaby@cox.net for additional information.)

September 1, 2012 – Submission Deadline for October, November, December 2012 Issue of the Northeast Association's *The Grapevine*. For info: thegrapevinemag@hotmail.com.

September 1, 2012 – Deadline for Submissions to the October 2012 issue of the *Keepin' Posted*. For info: jfbaker55@bellsouth.net.

September 1, 2012 – USDA News Submission Deadline for black and white camera-ready materials. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

September 5, 2012 (this is not a fourth Wednesday) – West Coast Folding/Business Meeting - Community Southern Bank, 3440 S. Florida Avenue (1/4 mile north of the South Florida Avenue exit from the Polk Parkway and on the east side of the road), Lakeland – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary at leajda@earthlink.com when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: sgdnxfan@aol.com 863-224-3393.

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

From the Editor...



There were approximately 100 people dancing to Red Bates and Charlie Lovelace on Sunday at our annual VIP dance. You could tell everyone was having a good time; there was hoopin' and hollerin' and lots of smiles!

Our next West Coast dance will be the President's Ball on Sunday, September 9th, at Strawberry Square in Plant City. Keith Stevens will be calling and Jimmy and Carol Griffin will be cueing. You won't want to miss this dance as we will be introducing our officers for the new year.

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!

Ginny Bates, wife of caller Red Bates, is hobbling around in a boot. She broke her ankle! If you would like to send her a card, her address is 5134 Latham Terrace, Port Charlotte, FL 33981.

Darlene Chase, wife of cuer Dick Chase, is recovering from thyroid surgery she had a couple of weeks ago. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 513 Crampton Lane, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903-2607.

Rosie Snell will be heading to Ohio to see her sister before she passes away from cancer. If you would like to send a card, her address is 11434 Leisure Lane, New Port Richey 34668. Rosie is the wife of caller Allen Snell.

Doug Waldren, caller from Lakeland, will be meeting with an orthopedic surgeon this week regarding possible knee replacement surgery.

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

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

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

February 1 – 2, 2013 – **Florida Winter Festival** – Lakeland

May 24 – 26, 2013 – **59th Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

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

Theme Dances Are FUN-tastic!

By Corben Geis

If you really love square dancing, the handicapable square dancers REALLY, REALLY love it. If your club dancers enjoy theme dances, the handicapable dancers REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, REALLY enjoy it.

This past year, our club had a monthly theme dance. We set them up so that one month was a "BIG" party and the next would be a "smaller" party. The difference was the BIG parties had refreshments, decorations and costumes, while the smaller themed dances were basically singing call selections.

We played lots of games and handed out fun dangles. Most of our dancers are Special Olympics participants and enjoy competing for badges, and they love the fun badges. Here's my list of dances with a few ideas to spice it up.

August: 1950's Sock Hop (hula hoop contest, bubble gum blowing contest, root beer floats) Big party

September: Disney Dance (Wear Disney apparel, played Fantasia on the DVD and lots of Disney singing calls) Small party

October: Hobo Dance (My singing call selection was all train songs). We made lots of hobo meals we found online. Anything from wrapping potatoes in aluminum foil to baked beans in the pot. Big Party.

November: Patriotic Dance in honor of Vets Day (We all dressed in Red, White and Blue and I called many patriotic songs) FYI We opened with the National Anthem and the Pledge and ended with singing God Bless America. Small party.

December: Christmas in the Caribbean (if it's cold outside, think hot) The dancers wore red and green while some sported hula skirts and straw hats. I played beach songs and Christmas carols for my singing calls. BIG PARTY.

January: Elvis Night (in honor of the King's birthday, several of us dressed up like Elvis and lip synced some of his songs) Singing call selection was a piece of cake since I have about 20 Elvis Presley singers. Small party.

February: Valentines Dance (Dressed in red and served red foods, drinks and sweets. Sang all LOVE song singing calls) Big Dance

March: St. Patrick's Dance (Donned our greens and served green refreshments. Lots of Irish Ditty singing calls, and I prompted a couple jigs and reels for some variety. Big Dance

April: Gospel Night (Singing call selection were all hymns, and there are so many great ones out there) Dancers all sang at the top of their lungs. Small party

May: Mexican Theme (Cinco de Mayo May 5th). Lots of Sombreros, decorations, and we even square danced the Limbo and Mexican Hat dance – served lots of chips and salsa. Great Mexican flair singing calls out there. BIG fiesta

June: Broadway Showtunes (Some dressed up as characters from their favorite musicals; one was dressed in Square Wear in honor of Oklahoma, poodle skirts and leather jackets for Grease and even a Technicolor Dream Coat) Singing call selection was great as we played "Name That Show Tune". Small party.

July: Christmas in July (if it's hot out, think cold) Served Christmas cookies, Red & Green Hawaiian Punch, and called all Christmas Carols that night. Lots of Santa, Elves and Reindeer hats with Hawaiian flower shirts. Big Party

August: Parrothead Party/Jimmy Buffett theme (Since I am a Buffett fan, I thought we'd end our full year of themes with one of my very favorites. There are a dozen or more Jimmy Buffett songs that were made into singing calls.) Left over parrot head hats to pass around. It was our annual picnic, so we had it under the pavilion and I hired an acoustic guitarist to play some Jimmy Buffett ballads for us while we ate. Big party

Take these ideas and go to town! Some have had these types of theme dances before, while others have different ones. Some extra ideas; at the Valentines Dance, I taught a very basic round dance. For the Christmas themed parties, I had the gang gather around the piano and

we sang Christmas carols. Yes, I had songbooks for everyone. We learned some Spanish words for the Mexican themed dance. I've had an Oktoberfest theme in the past before and I was able to locate a [group of] German Dancers who came in to perform for our group. I work in the activities department at a nursing home, so I have some creative ideas and avenues I like to travel down a lot.

When it comes to themes, if the caller gets into it, I believe the dancers will follow his lead. It might take awhile to motivate the dancers, families, staff and volunteers. Just remember, HAVE FUN! Here are some websites that have more photos and videos to help with the idea process: www.corbengeis.com; www.hakunamatatassquaredancers.blogspot.com; and www.thearcblair.org.

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

What Does Graduation Mean

A common statement for years has been: “Anyone can learn to square dance.” Is this statement true? No!

My observation is that about 3% of all those who try square dancing cannot make it. This is not because of any physical impairment. It is just that mentally they cannot combine the call name with putting their body in the correct place.

What do we do with this 3%? We graduate them. What does “graduation” mean? Graduation in any activity means one has achieved a minimum level of skill required to perform the activity. So, we are saying to these 3% that they have achieved the minimum skill needed to square dance.

Whether because we say “everyone can square dance” and therefore it is socially unacceptable not to graduate someone, or because with the decline in square dancing clubs are so desperate for bodies that they will take anyone no matter how bad they are, the result is that people who have no idea what is going on are being told they “belong” and that it is proper for them to be on the dance floor.

EXAMPLE OF THIS. On a recent calling trip I witnessed a new graduate square up in the #3 position and then ask someone: “Is this the head position?” This couple had been dancing seven months and they don't even know where the heads are? You can imagine how this couple did with the calls – it was a disaster.

I have seen people who have been dancing for nine months and have been given a diploma have no idea how to do a Square Thru from the standard position, have no idea what hand to put up for a Star Thru. These people just wander around the square with a blank look and wait for someone to put them in place, which is necessary on almost every call. Of course, they are also moving very slow, so this impacts everyone in the square – even those who are not helping them at the particular moment.

I heard a great description of these people: they are like liquid cement, because you never know where they are going to set up.

Next month we will look at how clubs react to this situation, the impact these 3% have on other dancers, and what the solution is to the problem.

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of August 20, 2012

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

Monday (August 20) – *Carl's Round Dance Party* – Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, 6052 Pebble Beach Blvd. off SR 653, Winter Haven - Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$4 per person. 30 minutes of rounds, snack break, one tip of square dancing, 30 minutes of rounds, Please bring finger food. For info: carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com or 863-293-9369.

Temple Twirlers Investing in Others 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.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – Early Rounds 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.

Tuesday (August 21) – *The Groves* - Groves Clubhouse, 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O Lakes – Mainstream class 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Mainstream dance 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. All dancers welcome. \$4 per person. Caller: Allen Snell. For info: 813-966-5759 or wlfloyd@aol.com.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus 9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or ritter@ij.net.

Wednesday (August 22) – Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Robert Arias; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating tips. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Kings Point Swingers Advanced Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – 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.

Thursday (August 23) – Lake Kennedy Squares – Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral – alternating Mainstream and Plus tips – Caller: Wes Morris – casual attire - \$4 per person. For info: 239-574-0575.

Suncoast Squares A1 – A2 Dance and Workshop – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or ritter@ij.net.

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

Snell's Bo's and Bells (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 mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.



Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info:

walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

Friday (August 24) – Snell's Bos and Bells (Largo) – NO DANCE For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

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

Spinning Wheels - 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: Robynwing@msn.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 (August 25) – 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: George Varney, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: starnut1@verizon.net.

Palace Promenaders Summer Program – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: **Sam Dunn**; Cuer: Jennie Martin – Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336. Park in back of the building.

Sunday (August 26) – The Groves – Groves Clubhouse, 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O Lakes – Mainstream and Rounds – 2:00 – 4:00 – Allen Snell and the Good Times Band will be playing the music for the afternoon. All dancers welcome. \$4 per person. Caller: Allen Snell. For info: 813-966-5759 or wlfloyd@aol.com.

Orange Blossom Squares – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Bob Stern**, Cuer: **Loretta Hanhurst**. Summer casual through September. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

Monday (August 27) – 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: **Art Springer**, 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.

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West Coast Classes and Workshops

National Caller and Cued Colleges

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (Beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.), GPS 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.

August 7, 2012 – **Suncoast Squares Mainstream Dance Lessons** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or ritter@ij.net.

August 7, 2012 – **Suncoast Squares Plus Dance Lessons** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or ritter@ij.net.

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.

No classes at
Promenade Squares
during July and August!

August 20, 2012 – **Temple Twirlers Beginner Square Dance Class** – Lakeshore Villa Clubhouse, 15401 Lakeshore Villa Street, Tampa – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$3 per person per session. Dancers who come to angel the beginners will not pay for the class they angel. Plus class participants will pay \$3 for the class. Casual dress is

acceptable. For info: 813-810-5548 or flobyington@yahoo.com.

October 20, 2012 – **Beginners' Square Dance Lessons and Plus APD Workshop** – Trinity Church, 54 East (the big yellow church), Zephyrhills – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: rsrhun@aol.com or 813-788-7857.

September 13, 2012 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Introduction to Square Dancing** – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per lesson – couples, families, singles and teens welcome. Lessons start September 20, 2012. Please RSVP to one of the following: Linda Ormsbee 813-972-3629 or D'Ann Olree 813-571-1770.

September 13, 2012 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per lesson – couples, families, singles and teens welcome. Lessons start September 20, 2012. Please RSVP to one of the following: Linda Ormsbee 813-972-3629 or D'Ann Olree 813-571-1770.

September 27, 2012 - **Promenade Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. (immediately preceding the dance) – Caller/Instructor: Dick Demerit. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

October 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 – 2:00 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 813-752-227 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. – 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 813-752-227 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 1, 2012 - **Maple Leaf Squares A1 Lessons** – Maple Leaf CanAm Clubhouse, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles) – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. - \$3 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 2, 2012 - **Maple Leaf Squares Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - \$3 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 2, 2012 - **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Lessons** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 3:00 – 5:00 - \$3 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 4, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Florida Presbyterian Homes on Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette - \$4 per person per session. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

November 4, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** - Florida Presbyterian Homes on Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette - \$4 per person per session. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

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 5, 2012 – **Heron's Glen Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Heron's Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera (US 41 at the Lee/Charlotte County Lines), N. Ft. Myers– 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – \$3 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 8, 2012 - **Maple Leaf Squares Mainstream Workshop (Rusty dancers)** – Maple Leaf CanAm Clubhouse, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - \$3 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

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 sqdbird@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...

October 19 – 21, 2012 – **22nd Annual Tumbling Leaves Festival** – Bennington College, Bennington, VT – Callers: Red Bates, Randy Dougherty, Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, John Marshall, Ken Ritucci; Cuers: Ralph and Joan Collipi and Steve and Irene Bradt. Five halls the entire festival! Plus, A1, A2, C1, C2 (limited) and Mainstream – round dance workshops – varied packages available – square dance shop – RV space on campus – campground nearby. For info: redbates@juno.com.

March 10, 2013 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Callers/Cuers: Sam Dunn and area callers and cuers. Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Mainstream, Plus, and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. West Coast Members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sqdnfan@aol.com. (Flyer can be found at www.dancergram.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.ilvinyl.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.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052><http://www.squaredance.com> (round dance publications)

radionetwork.com (square dance radio network)

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