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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 2015 State Convention. Contact Rita Baxter at 863-326-1741 or lanceandrita@yahoo.com to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

HOLD ALL DONATIONS UNTIL THE FALL!

Would you like to see what is for sale? Go to <http://www.ebay.com/csc/LBak>

March 15, 2014 – Deadline for Submissions to the Panhandle Press (Northwest Association's newsletter). For info: panhandlepress@hotmail.com.

March 22, 2014 – Round Dance Council of Florida Meeting – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. If you cue or teach rounds in the state of Florida, please consider joining this organization. For info: timwilaby@hotmail.com

From the Editor...



Five squares of dancers enjoyed the calling of Robert Arias, Dave Buys, Ted Hughes, and Dave Magee and the cueing of Russ Collier, Jennie Martin, and lone Wade at the West Coast membership dance on Sunday in Arcadia. Thank you to the Palace Promenaders for hosting the dance and providing the delicious refreshments.

Please come support the new dancers at the Strawberry Square Beginners Ball this Sunday, March 16th from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. There will be relaxed rounds from 1:30 – 2:00 with Mike Cox cueing and Johnny Preston will be calling.

If you like to attend weekend festivals, there is a really good one scheduled at The Villages on Saturday, March 21 – Sunday, March 22. Tony Oxendine and Chris Phillips will be calling and Joanne Helton will be cueing. There will be Mainstream, Plus, DBD and Advance. Ribbons are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 per person at the door. Daily admission at the door is \$15 per person all day Saturday and Friday or Saturday evening only \$15 per person. I have ribbons to sell if you need to purchase any.

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 and former dancers!

Penny Green, Editor of the DANCERgram and Florida Federation Secretary, is scheduled for an MRI on Wednesday, March 12th, to determine the cause of severe pain in the right buttock, numbness, burning sensation, and pain into the groin area. It was thought to be sciatica nerve inflammation but the symptoms don't fit that diagnosis. Two injections have been given but there currently is no improvement. She is currently only able to walk a few steps without pain.

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

This contact list can also be found at

www.dancergram.com

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Round Dance Council of Florida

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

March 21 – 22, 2014 – **Central Association's 14th Annual Shamrock Swing** – The Villages

May 23 – 25, 2014 – **60th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention** – Lakeland

November 14 – 15, 2014 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow

West Coast Association Needs You!

It's that time of year again – ELECTIONS! We need to fill two offices this year – president and secretary. Elections will be held at the next West Coast Association meeting will be held Sunday, August 17th immediately preceding the VIP Dance.

Many changes have been made over the past few months in order to make it easier for anyone to assume these offices. There are only two meetings held a year and the location is determined by the president. You are no longer required to attend every membership dance but there has to be at least two officers present at each dance. There are no separate Board meetings; most business is conducted via email. Years of dancing experience and level of dancing are not requirements to be an officer.

We are also in need of some county reps for Lee, Pasco, and Sarasota counties. The purpose of the county reps is to have Association representation in each of the counties. If you already attend all the dances in your county, you would be a good representative. This person should be familiar with all the dances in your area so you can respond to questions about where dances, when they dance, who the caller and/or cuer is, etc. We also ask that you support the Association by promoting our membership dances, the Fall Fun Fest, our annual charity dance and the Florida State Convention, and membership in the West Coast Association. You would also be our liaison for scheduling a membership dance in your area. Callers and Cuers who are members of the West Coast Association, are welcome to fill these positions.

If you have any questions or have an interest in any of these positions, please contact Don and Ann Slocum at anndonslocum@juno.com or 863-533-6665.

Below is the form outline of the changes that have been made in the Association:

West Coast Square and Round Dancers' Association, Inc.

Modus Operandi for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015
As agreed by the Board on September 18, 2013

Officers

There will continue to be the following officers, elected by the Board at the September meeting:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

County Representatives

County representatives will continue to represent the dancers and clubs in their counties. Periodic status reports by county reps. are no longer required. Clubs should be encouraged to send a report to the "Dancer".

Meetings of the Association

There will be two meetings per year, one in September and one in February. The September meeting will be the annual meeting and include election of officers for the next year, which begins on October 1. The president will be responsible for scheduling these meetings at locations and times they choose.

West Coast Association Sponsored Dances

The following dances will be sponsored:

2013-2014:

All dances as already scheduled and published.

Regional dances in 2013 – 2014:

The county reps. are responsible for staffing the dance, including the 50/50, collecting guest and member fees and making announcements.

2014-2015:

President's Ball in September 2015

Charity dance

Fall Fun Fest in November 2014

Regional dances in 2014 – 2015 as scheduled by the local county reps. or appointed local club personnel.

The county reps. are responsible for planning the 2014-2015 regional dances, including setting the date, hiring the MC, finding and contracting a hall and staffing the dance, including the 50/50, collecting guest and member fees and making announcements.

Regional dances are to continue to be free to members unless the Board changes the future membership arrangements.

Proceeds of the 50/50 and guest receipts are to be used to defray the MC fee and hall rental. If reasonable dance expenses exceed 50/50 and guest receipts, the county rep. may apply to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

The Vice President is to be consulted in advance so that there are no conflicts, a schedule can be published and to obtain insurance coverage. Refreshments are to be provided by local clubs. At least two offices will be represented at regional dances to assist, however the county reps are responsible for the operation of the regional dances.

If the county reps do not plan a regional dance in their locale, none will be held. The VIP dance will not be held after August 2014.

Membership

The current membership sign – up system, badges and bars will continue through 2014 with the membership chairpersons and Treasurers handling the recordkeeping and distribution of badges and bars. County Reps are to help by selling renewals and new memberships in their areas.

West Coast Dancer

The West Coast Dancer will continue to be electronically posted under the West Coast website, quarterly, with monthly addendums as necessary for interim messaging.

Insurance

The association will continue to facilitate insurance for the clubs that pay for it. Insurance chairpersons will continue to handle the collection of premiums and paperwork as needed. All West Coast Association dances are to be insured under this program.

Publicity and promotion

A primary purpose of the association is to promote square and round dancing in our area. Innovative ways to publicize and promote, which attract new dancers, are encouraged. Coordination with the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association on promotion efforts is necessary and beneficial to both.

Bev's Round Dance Circle

**Makin' the Rounds by Phyllis Williams
From Bow & Swing November 1997**

Peter and Beryl Barton are superb Round Dance clinicians, choreographers, dancers, and teachers. They reside in Canada but appear at numerous festivals and weekends throughout the year in the U.S. The following is a portion of their enlightening workshop material on Rumba which they presented at the 21st National Universal Round Dance council Convention held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina last July. I hope you find it as informative as I.

Most of the basic approaches to Rumba such as the ball heel foot action, hip movement created by the use of the ankles and knees, etc. have been written many times by different clinicians. Each one emphasizing the points that they feel are the most important. When attending a clinic you will often hear something that they feel are the most important. When attending a clinic you will often hear something a Teacher is saying and wonder why no one has told you before. In fact, it has probably been said many times by other Teachers while you were present but you were ready to absorb the content of the figure or amalgamation being shown. Sometimes it is the manner in which the content or amalgamation being shown.

Sometimes it is the manner in which it is shown that turns the lights on. It is for this reason that one can often learn better from one teacher than another. Some basic things bear repeating over and over and they are as follows.

NORMAL HOLD – Face partner standing about six inches apart. Take a closed position hold with the Man's right hand high on the back of the Lady's left shoulder blade. The Lady's left hand rests lightly on the Man's right shoulder following the curve of his arm. The Lady places the fingers of her right hand in the Man's left between his thumb and first finger with the joined hands held up at about his eye level.

FOOTWORK & HIP POSITIONS - The hips move softly as a result of the footwork and not as a conscious effort to swing the hips. The placing of the feet is done with the pressure on the ball of the foot with the knee flexed, as the heel is lowered for knee straighten and the heel of the other foot is released allowing the hips to move softly sideways. Also when placing the foot forward and backwards it should be done before taking weight, with the toe turned out slightly.

GENERAL NOTES – A lot of separation occurs in Rumba moving from Closed position to Open position, left open, underarm turns, etc. Good use of the FREE arms adds much to the appearance of the dancers as well as their balance. When extending the arms, do so with a fluid motion moving the elbows away from the shoulders first, before continuing through to the hands. Arm use can be misleading giving the impression that the top line is doing a lot of work, when in fact very little happens to the body above the waist. Keep the weight forward over the balls of the feet and the hips pulled back so that as each step is taken it can be done comfortable as a ball flat action. If you allow yourself to lean backwards; you will find the heel hitting the floor first which totally changes the action and of course means you are not doing the rumba. Because of the separation in Latin dancing there is a tendency to do "YOUR OWN THING". However, you should be just as aware of your partner in the Latins as in contact dancing such as Waltz and Foxtrot. It is not only more pleasing visually but makes each part danced easier and therefore more enjoyable.

We could go on infinitum describing basic figures that have been written and rewritten for Round Dancing many times and which you can look up in the URDC or Roundalab Manuals. Instead we pass on to you some basic do's & don'ts that may enhance your enjoyment of all Round Dancing.

SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER:

DO: Express and dance the rhythm you're doing with your whole self.

DON'T: Walk a routine, dance it.

DO: Look at your partner occasionally and smile.

DON'T: Stare at your partner or totally avoid looking as this can make him/her uncomfortable.

DO: Be aware of your dancing space within the Round Dance Circle.

DON'T: Give the impression you would rather be anywhere else by slouching or sagging.

DO: Keep the arm and back firm but comfortable.

DON'T: Be a grabber, squeezer or a wet rag.

DO: Show appreciation to your partner, have fun, and remember this is recreation.
DON'T: Blame your partner when things go wrong, let a mistake spoil a dance or even worse a whole evening.

To Round Dance, is to have the joy of moving to beautiful music and the pleasure of meeting wonderful people.

Signing off now, gang, but hoping you thoroughly enjoy your Round Dancing whatever the phase level you choose.

Happy Dancing
Bev Landwehr

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EMERGENCY CALL for MEDICAL AID

- 1** When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends to him/her
- 2** The remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This will allow the injured person and the attendant air and room
- 3** Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle
- 4** On seeing this signal, the caller or hall monitor will immediately respond and place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid if required. Caller and Dancers should continue as usual while aid is administered.

What's Happening This Week?

Week of March 10, 2014

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

Monday (March 10) – Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Wes Morris. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Sun-N-Fun Cake Walk - 7125 Fruitville Road, Woodland Hall, Sarasota – Phase 3 – 4 Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus squares with rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: Bill and Marge Webb at 941-343-9720 or 440-526-7258 or billwebb2@gmail.com or John and Shirley Galik at 941-371-3914.

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: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

Heel and Toe – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Dancing to the level of the floor 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$5 per person. Please call ahead to ensure there will be a dance. For info: 407-319-0790 (C), 407-931-1688 (H), or bell-gelt@mpinet.net. Website: www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe.

King's Point – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – A2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or George 813-642-0900.

Tuesday (March 11) – Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Lucky Shamrock Dance – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Plus with two rounds between tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Beautiful wood dance floor – square dance attire optional. For info: 863-224-3393 / sqdncfan@aol.com.

Maple Leaf Squares - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. For info: 941-624-0871 or r.friedmann97@gmail.com.

Woodmere A2 - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Sadly, **Ding-a-Lings** will be closing their doors after 30 years of dancing. Their final dance will be April 1st and it will be a FREE dance.

Ding-a-Lings - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Marty Van Wart, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road, N. Ft. Myers (south of the shell factory and west of US 41)

– Plus and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Wes Morris, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: 239-282-6322.

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 rritter@ij.net.

Wednesday (March 12) – Camp Inn Grand Squares – Camp Inn RV Resort, 3455 N. Highway 27, Frostproof – alternating Mainstream and Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - Caller: **Ron Reardon**. Casual attire. For info: larrycorder50@gmail.com.

Palmetto Palms A-2 Dance - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. Casual attire. For info: redbates@juno.com or 941-828-0481.

Palmetto Palms Plus Dance - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. Casual attire. For info: redbates@juno.com or 941-828-0481.

Betmar Belles & Beaus St. Patrick's Day Dance - Betmar Park Clubhouse #2, 37137 Lakewood, Zephyrhills – Mainstream and Plus Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: **Allen Snell**; Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. Optional attire. For info: Roger Bertrand 989-742-4639.

Strawberry Square Club - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Mainstream/Easy Plus. Caller: **Marty Van Wart**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Dee Ann Wilson 404-405-8946 or dwilson299@charter.net.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance & Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Ross Howell. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Nancy Hall at 802-318-7691 or nhallcms@gmail.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance & Intro to C-2 - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Ross Howell. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Nancy Hall at 802-318-7691 or nhallcms@gmail.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Art Miller; 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. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (March 13) – Glen Haven Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance - Betmar Park Clubhouse #2, 37137 Lakewood, Zephyrhills – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Mainstream and Plus Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: George Varney; Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. Optional attire. For info: Roger Bertrand 989-742-4639.

Snobirds St. Patrick's Dance – Citrus Park, 25601 Trost Boulevard (Clubhouse), Bonita Springs – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Mac McCall**, Cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: blingley@gmail.com.

Charlotte Promenaders 45th 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. Callers: **Chuck and Gerry Hardy**; Cuer: **Bill Webb**. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sgdbird@aol.com.

Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Mike Doughty**; Cuer: **Larry Chatos**. For info: 863-243-1226.

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. - \$6 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or jsantoro6@verizon.net.

Suncoast Squares 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 rritter@ij.net.

Jacaranda Trace – 3600 William Penn Way, Third floor in Auditorium, Venice – A2 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: Mike cox 813-649-0754 or Alice 941-408-2627.

Promenade Squares Strawberry Festival – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner's Class 6:00 p.m., Early Rounds 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: mblackburn13@tampabay.rr.com or 208-369-6949.

Friday (March 14) – Corkscrew Curliques– 21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd. Estero – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Wes Morris. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Strawberry Square C-3A Dance/Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Casual attire – fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Nancy Hall at 802-318-7691 or nhallcms@gmail.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

Punta Gorda Phase 3 & 4 Round Dance Club - South Community Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Cuers: Wally and Lone Wade. For info: 941-505-1979 or ionewade@centurylink.com.

Woodmere C-1 Dance - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A-2 Dance – 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: **Johnny Preston - \$7 per person**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Art & Ruth Kinsley 603-721-2206, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance and Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Art & Ruth Kinsley 603-721-2206, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Snell's Bo's and Bells (Largo) – 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. – Caller: Allen Snell - \$6 per person. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or jsantoro06@verizon.net.

Sun City Swingers St. Paddy's Party - 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. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. The members will provide “Irish Tinted” finger food and the Club will supply lime punch.. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

Saturday (March 15) – Strawberry Square C-1 Dance/Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Johnny Preston – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - \$7 per person. Casual attire – fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Nancy Hall at 802-318-7691 or nhallcms@gmail.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

Buttons & Bows of Venice - Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: TBA; Cuer: **TBA**. Square dance attire optional. For info: vickikoors@sbcglobal.net.

Strawberry Square - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus with Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Square dance attire preferred – Caller: **Johnny Preston**; Cuer: **Pat Hagen - \$7 per person**. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Palace Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance - Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier – 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. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

Sunday (March 16) – Round Dance Extravaganza – Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – hosted by Jenny Martin and Russ Collier – Phases II - IV – everyone welcome - \$5 per person. For info: Jenny Martin 863-494-2749 or Russ Collier 941-505-0960 or russcollier1@gmail.com.

Strawberry Square Beginners Ball – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Johnny Preston; Cuer: Mike Cox - \$5 per person. Square dance attire preferred. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns St. Patrick's Dance - 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 Stern, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: 352-666-7433, slerner3@tampabay.rr.com or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>. - 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: Dick DeMeritt, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: 352-666-7433, slerner3@tampabay.rr.com or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>.

Monday (March 17) – Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Wes Morris. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Sun-N-Fun St. Patty Party - 7125 Fruitville Road, Woodland Hall, Sarasota – Phase 3 – 4 Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus squares with rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Bill Webb. For info: Bill and Marge Webb at 440-526-7258 or billwebb2@gmail.com or John and Shirley Galik at 440-526-3841.

Temple Twirlers St. Patrick's Day - 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: bbkjl@verizon.net.

Heel and Toe – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Dancing to the level of the floor 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$5 per person. Please call ahead to ensure there will be a dance. For info: 407-319-0790 (C), 407-931-1688 (H), or bell-gelt@mpinet.net. Website: www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe.

King's Point – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – A2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or George 813-642-0900.

Tuesday (March 18) – Maple Leaf Squares St. Patrick's Dance and Pie Night - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. For info: 941-624-0871 or r.friedmann97@gmail.com.

Woodmere A2 - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Sadly, **Ding-a-Lings** will be closing their doors after 30 years of dancing. Their final dance will be April 1st and it will be a FREE dance.

Ding-a-Lings - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road, N. Ft. Myers (south of the shell factory and west of US 41)

– Plus and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Wes Morris, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: 239-282-6322.

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 rritter@ij.net.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

National Caller and Cuer 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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Round Dance Workshop – Kings Point, Main Club House, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cues: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754.

July 14 – 17, 2014 – **Maryland Summer Caller School** – 5049 Durham Road West, Columbia, MD – Callers: Tom Miller (Pennsylvania – Callerlab accredited caller coach); John Marshall (Virginia – calling and teaching callers internationally); Tom Sellner (Maryland – teaching caller schools since 1984). Programs for beginning and experienced callers. Just 20 minutes from BWI airport and train stations in Baltimore, MD or an easy drive from Reagan National and Dulles International airports. Catering to your needs and interest. Lots of mike time! Improve your voice, choreography, and showmanship. \$250 per caller (no charge for non-calling partner). Food and lodging not included. Begins Monday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. Ends Thursday, July 17 at 12:00 noon. Hotels are located a few miles from the site. A large variety of local restaurants are available within a short driving distance. Send registration form with \$50 deposit to Tom Sellner, 5049 Durham Road West, Columbia, MD 21044. For info: 443-812-8048 or 410-730-2354 or sellnerthomas@yahoo.com.

July 14 – 18, 2014 – **Jubilee Callers School** – Fultondale, AL – Callers/Instructors: Ken Ritucci and Tim Marriner. For application and more info: kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.com or 413-734-0591.

August 14 – 17, 2014 – **Norcal Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Instructors: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach), Scott Byars, and Harlan Kerr. Whether you 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; full Callerlab curriculum; and understand what it takes to be a caller. Space is limited – register today - \$37/student. For application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com.

October 9 – 13, 2014 – Northeast Callers School – Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers/Instructors: Ken Ritucci, John Marshall, Rob French, Dottie Welch, and Mickey Braithwaite. For application and more info: kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.com or 413-734-0591.

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Links

Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

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

Publications

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html> (Sets in Order)

Associations/Organizations

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/index.html> (West Coast Assn.)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/rdc/> (Round Dance Council of Florida)

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

<http://sccafl.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.ebay.com/csc/LBakedAlaska/m.html?LH_Complete=1&_ipg=50&_since=15&_sop=13&_rdc=1 (EBay used square dance attire site)

<http://virginiaswesternwear.com/> (Virginia's Western Wear & Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)

<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)

<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.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

http://www.mike-gormley.com/square_dance/Crystal%20Lake%20Squares.htm (Crystal Lake Squares)

Miscellaneous

<http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052>[http://www.squaredance\(rounddancepublications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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