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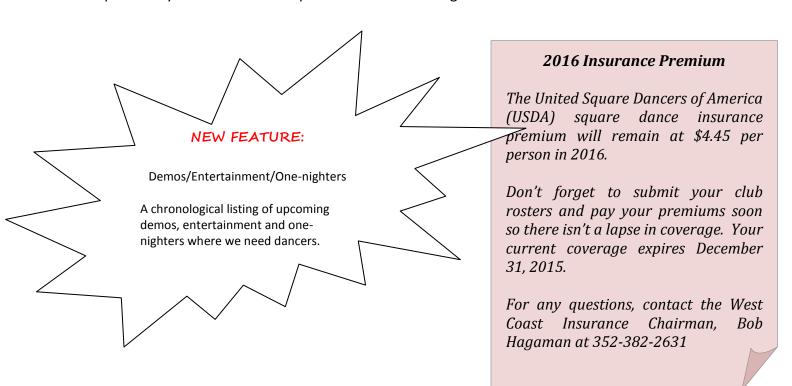


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Past, Present, and Future
of
Square Dancing in Florida
At

<u>www.FloridaSquareDance.com</u> Florida Federation of Square Dancers October 30 - 31, 2015 — **40th Annual Round Up** – Addie R. Lewis Middle School, 281 Mississippi Avenue, Valparaiso, FL – Callers: Dave Muller (Enterprise, AL), Tom Miller (Chest Springs, PA); Cuer: Susan Snider (Jacksonville, FL). Friday evening: Halloween costume contest! 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds and Fun Level Squares; 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Squares with Rounds between tips. Square dance levels: Mainstream/Plus/DBD/A1-A2; 10:00 – 10:30 p.m. "Musical Highlights". Pizza Served! Saturday morning and afternoon: NWFSRDA meeting 9:45 a.m.; Afternoon workshops: Rounds Workshop 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; Squares Workshop 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; Mainstream/Plus/DBD/Intro. A/1-A/2. Saturday evenings: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Early Rounds with Fun Level Squares; 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Squares and Rounds between tips; Dance Levels Mainstream/Plus/DBD/A1-A2 Squares; 10:00 – 10:30 p.m. "Musical Highlights". \$10 per person for NWFSRDA or \$20 for non-members, Split ticket nonmember Friday night \$10 per person/ Saturday workshop and dance \$15 per person. For info: marlahodgell@gmail.com or 970-515-9857 or aschmidtmd@aol.com or 850-678-8711.

November 5, 2015 - Deadline for Submissions to the December 2015 Issue of the Bow & Swing – For info: bowandswing@gmail.com.

November 22, 2015 — Florida Federation Meeting — Hampton Inn Ocean Front, Sand Dollar roam, 1515 First Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL — This meeting is open to anyone interested in square and round dancing. For info: 904-241-2311.



Health & Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations, 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!

Leo Champagne recently lost his father after a short illness. Leo and his partner, John, started Suncoast Squares in St. Petersburg and they were recipients of the Gold Boot Award at their national convention this year. If you would like to send a card, their address is Leo Champagne and John O'Grady, 8285 30th Avenue North, St Petersburg, FL 33709.



We were notified this morning of the passing of **Bill Willis**. He and Pat were at the camp-o-ree in Eustis for the past few days. He passed away peacefully this morning. Bill and Carolyn Deese helped Pat get her rig home. If you would like to send a card, her address is 1825 Oak Street, Clearwater, FL 33760. Bill and Pat are presidents of the Strawberry Travelers.



Jim Lucey has been having some health problems. He went to the emergency room for a small health issue and came out with e-coli and c-diff, two very powerful infections. He spent five days in the hospital to get a handle on the e-coli only to develop c-diff after. He's been on various antibiotics for over a month. Jim and Diane are Highlands County reps and are members of Pine Ridge Promenaders.

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Do you have favorite recipes you take to the dances? Would you like to share them?

A cookbook is being created for a fundraiser for the 2017 Florida State Convention.

If you have recipes you want to share, please forward them to Terri Little at <u>islandmom74@att.net</u> along with your name and what association you are affiliated with by December 15, 2015.

Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

November 13 – 14, 2015 – West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest – Bartow

January 29th – 30th, 2016 – Florida Winter Festival – Lakeland





62nd FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION – "SWEET 16"

May 27-28, 2016 www.FloridaSquareDance.com

Did you know that the 2016 convention is less than seven months from now? Are you ready?

Did you know that Randy Poole, Housing Chairman, has already lined up the host hotel in Lakeland? It is not too early to make your reservations for May 27-28, 2016. The host hotel will be the Ramada Inn, 3260 US Hwy 98 North, Lakeland, FL. 863-688-8080. Be sure you say you are a square dancer so you will get the group rate of \$65 a night. There will be an ice cream social on Friday night for all those who stay at the Ramada Inn. Thank you, Randy!

Did you know that Joan Amerino, Northeast Ways and Means Chairperson, has been ordering the convention shirts and the colorful T-shirts and distributing them for sale? These are major fundraisers for the 2016 convention. She has also been coordinating the sale of raffle tickets in the Northeast. Thank you, Joan!

Did you know that Carol Poole, Assistant Registration Chairperson, has been busy typing up all the information from the registration forms on a spreadsheet? To help with registration, she attends dances around the state and sells ribbons, constantly updating the registration spreadsheet. This continuous work occurs all year before the convention. Thank you, Carol! Did you know that Susan Snider, Cuer Chairperson, is contacting all the cuers in the state to find out which ones will be willing to cue at the convention? Each cuer sends Susan a list of songs that they will be able to cue. Then she has to schedule all the songs for each square dance hall that will have round dancing and for the two round dance halls. Susan also puts together the teaches for the two round dance halls, making sure that cuers and the dances are not double booked. This schedule has to be done by February so that it can be sent to the Bow and Swing for publication in the May issue. Thank you, Susan!

General chairmen Kathy McKinney, Dianne Syphard, and Linda Tester have been travelling all over Florida and Southeast USA promoting the convention. They are selling new adorable t-shirts that say, "Strike Up The Music – We've Come To Dance!" The shirts are available in various colors and cost only \$12. Order one for yourself now by contacting Joan Amarino at jnorve@netzero.com. Thank you, Kathy, Dianne, and Linda.

Time is quickly running out to buy raffle tickets to win the cupcake that is worth \$516. The drawing will be held at the NEFSARDA Fall Festival at Jacksonville Beach, Nov. 20-21, but you don't have to be present to win. Husbands, these raffle tickets would make a great Christmas gift for your wife. If you haven't seen them for sale at a dance, then email Kathy McKinney at jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net or Cheryl Miller at pe.miller@mchsi.com or Dianne Syphard at diannehall6@aol.com or Linda Tester at lindactester@bellsouth.net to buy a raffle ticket.

You must be eager to get your Sweet 16 Convention ribbon, and they are only \$27 a person. Here's how to do it – Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to: Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net

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CALLERLAB Viewpoints

By Mike Seastrom

The CALLERLAB Foundation

The purpose of The CALLERLAB Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing is: "to support the funding of projects which will preserve and promote square dancing." The projects are designed to help protect the activity, contribute to its growth, and emphasize the social, physical, and mental benefits of square dancing.

The Foundation was formed in1992 with a mission to not only preserve and promote the folk art of American square dancing, but also its related dance forms. Its vision has been to coordinate the efforts to raise funds by seeking grants, endowments, and donations to support it mission. It is a 501(c)(3) organization which means that most of the contributions may be tax-deductible, but it's always a good idea to consult with your tax advisor for more information.

The accomplishments of The CALLERLAB Foundation are many and on-going. They began with funding an internet marketing survey to find better and more effective ways to market our dance form and find better and more seamless ways to allow non-dancers access to our new dancer programs. The Foundation published and distributed almost a million brochures to promote square dancing and produced and distributed over 4,000 promotional video tapes containing TV public service announcements to be used for recruiting dancers. The CALLERLAB Foundation also provided grant money to The Square Dance Foundation of New England, educational materials to the Czech Republic, and funded an educational exchange between master dance instructors from the People's Republic of China and square dance leaders in the United States.

At www.allerlabfoundation.org, one can find contribution information and applications for grants and scholarships that are currently available. There is a sample document of a codicil that can be added to a will allowing people to bequeath funds to the Foundation and also grant information with an application to support efforts to establish a continuing series of square dances at College and universities. The Foundation website also contains information and grant applications for youth and newer callers to get useable equipment at little or no cost. All callers, dance leaders, and organization are being encouraged to support this important project to further encourage new callers and teachers for the future of our dance activity. There is also grant information and an application form for clubs to apply to receive up to \$250 grant money to help manage a new dancers' program. A club can be eligible to reapply two years after receiving this grant.

Another section on the Foundation website contains applications and information for various scholarships and grants for caller and dance leader education. The first application is for callers in need to receive to funds to attend an organized caller school and the second application is for financial aid available to organizations that need help presenting an educational event.

Also in this section of the website is information on the David Krediet Scholarship Fund, the Paul Place Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Kenneth Reid Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Michael Jacobs Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Music Producers Committee Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are aimed at helping new callers acquire funds to attend a full caller school. The CALLERLAB Foundation Executive Directors review each application and may award additional grants deemed appropriate by the circumstances of the application.

There is also information on the Grand Square Incorporated (GSI) Education Fund. Proceeds from the G5rand Square Inc. fund are intended for use by:

- 1) A deserving dancer who has indicated a desire to learn how to better serve square dancing.
- 2) A deserving caller who has a background of calling or dancing and who has indicated a desire to learn to call or a desire to improve their calling.
- 3) A square dance organization which has indicated a desire to sponsor a seminar or clinic to provide training to dancers or callers to help them better serve square dancing.

Wouldn't you like to give something back to the activity which has given you so much pleasure? You have that opportunity because the Foundation operates through private contributions, public grants, and endowments. The goals and objectives can only be met if funds are made available. Here are some ways you can help:

- A. Make a tax-deductible contribution The Foundation is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) Corporation and donations may be tax deductible as previously mentioned.
- B. Hold a dance with proceeds donated directly to The Foundation.
- C. Sell promotional merchandise available from the Foundation.
- D. Sponsor a caller to attend a Foundation sponsored caller seminar.

- E. Add a standard codicil to your last will and testament, bequeathing funds to The Foundation.
- F. Add \$1.00 to the admission fee for dances, festivals, and weekends and send them to The Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing.

In the past 5 years, The CALLERLAB Foundation has awarded over 90 scholarships totaling over \$21,000 to assist callers attending caller schools. The Foundation has also distributed almost \$20,000 in grants to assist clubs, organizations, and callers with lessons, calling in schools, educational seminars, marketing surveys, history projects, re-imaging project, and donations to the ARTS (Alliances of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, Inc.) Additional information regarding this organization can be found at www.arts-dance.org.

Become actively involved in preserving and promoting our dance activity in all its various forms. Find out how you, your club, or your organization can donate and if necessary obtain grants or scholarships from the CALLERLAB Foundation by visiting the website mentioned in the first part of this article. The future is up to us and investing in callers and dance leaders now will make all the difference in passing our dance to future generations.

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

The Looming Caller Shortage

In the past year some areas of the country are reporting a shortage of callers. There appears to be three reasons for this.

- 1. **FEWER DANCERS**. A person has to become a dancer before becoming a caller. With fewer dancers coming into the activity, this means the pool of available dancers from which to recruit dancers is smaller.
- 2. **FEWER DANCERS** PART 2. Established callers are dropping out because there are fewer clubs for which they can call. Full-time callers can no longer support themselves from square dancing, so they get another job. This means they either cut back sharply on their calling, or drop out altogether due to work demands.
- 3. **LACK OF AVAILABLE ALLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW CALLERS**. A new caller needs a place to call. There is nothing more discouraging than for a new caller to return home from callers' school all enthused, only to find no available place to call.

Yes they could start a club, but this often not an option, for a variety of reasons. So they languish, calling an occasional tip at their home club and getting an occasional booking during the year. The result is that they do not improve their skills due to lack of practice, so eventually they become discouraged and stop calling.

SOLUTIONS.

1. **PROMOTE "AMATEUR NIGHT" AT CLUBS.** Years ago many clubs sponsored an Amateur Night, where anyone in the club could try calling. The club caller would provide the music, and stand beside the person as they called. This inspired some people to say: "Yes, I can do this." And they would continue with calling.

Unfortunately, Amateur Night seems to have fallen into disuse, so people never get a chance to try calling. If Amateur Night could be revived, this would help bring new callers into the activity.

2. **SCHOLARSHIPS TO CALLER SCHOOLS.** There are a few of these available – from Callerlab and from some local caller organizations – but not many. We need more scholarships.

But a normal scholarship only covers school tuition — ie \$250-300. The actual cost includes lodging and travel, which can easily total \$1000. So the dollar amount of scholarships needs to be greater.

This means that dancer organizations need to sponsor scholarships, as well as two or three clubs combining resources to give a scholarship.

3. **PLACES FOR NEW CALLERS TO PRACTICE CALLING MUST BE PROVIDED.** This can be done by caller organizations, dancer organizations and clubs. Ideally, all of these groups should provide these opportunities.

SUMMARY

If this problem of caller shortage is not addressed, then this problem will become a crisis.

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of October 26, 2015

All clubs, callers, and cuers are asked to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. Failure to do so will result in your listing being removed from this publication.

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

Monday (October 26) – Temple Twirlers Halloween/Birthdays/Anniversaries – 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. – Callers: Roland Blanchette, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: WLFLOYD@aol.com.

Heel and Toe – Community House, 716 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud, 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 **863-207-5410 before 3:00 pm on Mondays to** ensure there will be a dance. For info: 863-207-5410 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.

<u>Tuesday (October 27)</u> – <u>Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Hobo Night</u> - 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. Bring a can of vegetables to add to the hobo stew! Come dressed as a hobo or in Halloween costume! Beautiful wood dance floor – square dance attire optional – hearing enhancement. For info: sqdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

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 suncoastsquares.com or <a href="mailto:sunc

Wednesday (October 28) – Cultural Center Squares — Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Rooms F & G, Port Charlotte, FL - Caller: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

<u>Thursday (October 29)</u> – <u>Strawberry Square Phase 4 Dance with Teach</u> – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins. For info: <u>jskidancer01@aol.com</u>.

Strawberry Square Phase 3 Dance with Teach – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 5 Dance/Teach – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL – Caller: Ellis Lindsey – Beginner lessons from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (based on experience level of individuals) – Mainstream and Plus 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – square dance attire between Labor Day and Memorial Day For info: 352-465-2142 (H) – 352-419-2504 (C) – rickducharme@ymail.com.

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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or beemerr90s@juno.com. **Jacaranda Trace** – 3600 William Penn Way, Venice - A-2 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dancers must be proficient in A1. Caller: Mike Cox. For info: hpsawyer@aol.com or 941-408-2627.

Promenade Squares Halloween Party and Costume Dance - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park — Beginner Lessons 6:00 p.m. Early Rounds 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Ormsbee, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: MyrnaKBlackburn@gmail.com or 208-369-6949.

Friday (October 30) – Dixie Square Dance Club – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven, FL – Mainstream with announced Plus tips – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares and Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod - \$3 per person per session. For info: 863-293-9369.

Sun City Swingers – North Campus Dance Studio, Atrium Building, North Course Lane, Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: TBA. Please come join us for this Festive Holiday Special Dance. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: 941- 776-0477 or cape pss@msn.com or veannacape@hotmail.com.

<u>Saturday (October 31)</u> - <u>Strawberry Square Plus Dance</u> — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — Early Rounds: 7:00 — 7:30 p.m. — Squares and Rounds: 7:30 — 9:30 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square Phase 3+ Intro to Phase 4 Dance/Teach – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins - \$6 per person per session.

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

<u>Sunday (November 1)</u> — <u>Cloverleaf Leprechauns First Dance of the Season</u> - 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 DeMerritt, Cuer: Judy Doane. For info: sandy.bloedel@tampabay.rr.com or http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601.

Strawberry Square Phase 2 & 3 Workshop/Dance Review - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Phase 2: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Phase 3: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$6 per person – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

Monday (November 2) – 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. – Callers: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: WLFLOYD@aol.com.

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<u>Tuesday (November 2)</u> – <u>Strawberry Square C-2 Dance with C3A Star Tips</u> – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens - \$6 per person per session.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 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 suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares

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. – Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754.

Shufflin' Squares Advance Workshop – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Caller: Keith Stevens – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

September 20, 2015 – November 29, 2015 - **Strawberry Square Phase 2 and Phase 3 Workshop/Dance Review** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Phase 2: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Phase 3: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person for both phases. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

October 15, 2015 - **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person per session. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

October 15, 2015 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person per session. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

October 15, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - \$6 per dancer – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

October 19, 2015 – **Ft. Myers Basic/Mainstream Square Dance Class** – N. Ft. Myers Recreation Center, 2000 N. Recreation Parkway, N. Ft. Myers – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris. For info: 239-282-6322. For registration: 239-533-7200.

October 20, 2015 – **Grand Squares Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Westside Park Recreation Building, 1001 NW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Lon

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October 23, 2015 – **Clover Squares Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Oman Masonic Lodge, 250 NE 6th Boulevard, Williston, Florida – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Charlie Pergrossi – first two classes are free, after that \$5 per person per session – casual attire – bring friends – children age 8 and up welcome – refreshments served. For info: Susie 352-283-1296 or susiemoon@cox.net.

October 24, 2015 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3+, Phase 4 Intro Dance/Class** — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — 2:30 — 4:30 p.m. — Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person per session For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

October 26, 2015 – Auburndale Introduction to Round Dancing or Choreographed Ballroom Dance – Ariana Clubhouse, 320 Ramsgate Road, Auburndale, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. Casual attire – wear comfortable shoes. For info: 863-293-9369.

October 26, 2015 – **Auburndale Phase II & III Review** – Ariana Clubhouse, 320 Ramsgate Road, Auburndale, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. Casual attire – wear comfortable shoes. For info: 863-293-9369.

October 29, 2015 – **Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Hale Senior Center, 300 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin, FL – 6:30 p.m. preceding the dance from 7:30 p.m. – 9:0 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Allen Snell - \$6 per person per session. For info: 727-862-4842 – 727-809-0323 – 727-809-3429.

November 1, 2015 – **Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Buena Vista Clubhouse North, 4200 Buena Vista Avenue, Holiday, FL – 12:00 noon preceding the dance from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Allen Snell - \$6 per person per session. For info: 727-862-4842 – 727-809-0323 – 727-809-3429.

November 3, 2015 – April 26, 2016 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Review Workshop** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens - \$6 per person per session.

November 3, 2015 – April 26, 2016 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Workshop** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens - \$6 per person per session.

TBA – **Shell Point Beginners Square Dance Class** – 15000 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers – 6:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

TBA – **Shell Point Mainstream Class** – 15000 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers – 7:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 4, 2015 – Herons Glen Mainstream Review with Intro to Plus – Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera, North Fort Myers – 8:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 4, 2015 – **Herons Glen Beginners Square Dance Class** – Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera, North Fort Myers – 6:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 6, 2015 – **Dixie Square Dance Club Beginners Square Dance Class** – Grace Lutheran Church Gym, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Carl Rod. Casual attire – wear comfortable shoes. For info: 863-293-9369.

November 6, 2015 – **Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road, Largo, FL – 6:00 p.m. preceding the dance from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Allen Snell - \$6 per person per session. For info: 727-862-4842 – 727-809-0323 – 727-809-3429.

November 6, 2015 – March 25, 2016 – **South County Regional Park Phase 3 Waltz** – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Phase 3 Waltz – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

November 6, 2015 – **Maple Leaf Plus Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Dave Magee. For info: 941-627-4889 or lois479@gmail.com.

November 7, 2015 - Strawberry Square Phase 5 Round Dance Figure Clinic and Dance Review and Phase 5 Dance/Class – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Figure Clinic: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; Dance/Class: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

December 6, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person per session. For info: jskidancer01@aol.com.

December 7, 2015 – March 27, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Basic/Mainstream Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette - \$5 per person per session.

December 7, 2015 – March 27, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette - \$5 per person per session.

January 4, - March 30, 2016 – Intro of Phase 3 Foxtrot, Jive, Rumba, and Cha – 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Cuer/Instructor: Ione and Wally Wade. For info: Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 4, 2016 – **Strawberry Square A-1 Class** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart - \$5 per person per session.

January 4, 2016 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Class** – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart - \$5 per person per session.

January 4 – March 21, 2016 – **Two Step Review** – Camp Florida, 100 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 - 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 4 – March 21, 2016 – **Phase 3 Waltz** – Camp Florida, 100 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 - 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 4 – March 21, 2016 – **Beginning Waltz** – Camp Florida, 100 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 - 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 4 – March 21, 2016 – **Slow Two Step Review** – Camp Florida, 100 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 - 12:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 4 – March 21, 2016 – **Intermediate** – Camp Florida, 100 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852 - 2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 5, 2016 – Estero Square Dance Refresher Workshop and Basic/Mainstream Class – Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, Estero - Workshop: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Class: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris. For info: 239-282-6322. For registration Rebecca Wemer 239-498-0415 or register online at www.leeparks.org.

January 6, 2016 – March 30, 2016 – South County Regional Park Intro to Phase 3 Round Dance Class, South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Intro to Phase 3: Foxtrot, Jive, Rumba, Cha Cha – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Wally and Ione Wade – 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

January 6, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares Plus Workshop** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula (2 miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17 – every Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – possible pre-January start (call for info) – learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 6, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares Mainstream Square Dance Workshop** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula (2 miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17 – every Wednesday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – possible pre-January start (call for info) – learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 6, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares Beginners Square Dance Class** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula (2 miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17 – every Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

October 6 – 10, 2016 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-round Dance Center, Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers/Instructors: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Norm Poisson; Special Guest Instructors: Steve Kopman (Tennessee), Bill Harrison (Maryland), and Walt Bull (Maine). Plenty of microphone time – professional assessment of your skills – understand what it takes to be a leader – full CALLERLAB curriculum – 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. Only \$400/student. Space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com – www.northeastcallersschool.com.

Demos/One-nighters

This is a new section for you to promote your demos and one-nighters. If you need dancers to help you out, please forward the information so it can be added here.

DEMO - Sunday, November 1, 2015 – **Hillsborough County Fairgrounds** – 215 Sydney Wash Road, Dover, FL – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: bbkjlk@verizon.net – 813-363-2848.

ENTERTAINMENT - Friday, November 6, 2015 — **University of Florida Gator Homecoming Parade** — The Swamp, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL - All square dancers are invited to dance in the University of Florida Gator Homecoming parade at noon on Friday, November 6th. For info, please contact <u>mignoncraig@yahoo.com</u> or 352-528-3323.

ENTERTAINMENT - Wednesday, November 11, 2015 – **Veteran's Day Parade** – James A Haley Veterans Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs, Tampa, FL – Time TBD – Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: bbkjlk@verizon.net – 813-363-2848.

ENTERTAINMENT - Thursday, November 12, 2015 – **Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter** – GPS address to be provided shortly – 2:30 p.m. – Caller: Roland Blanchette. For info: sqdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

DEMO - Saturday, November 21, 2015 – **Swamp-Land Music Festival** – Freedom Park, 7750 Berkley Road, Polk City, FL – Festival: 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. – square dance time TBA – Caller: Roland Blanchette – casual attire. Spend the day listening to LIVE music...Country, Blue Grass, Gospel, and Rock. Featured Artist: Hoyt Hughes and the Hoyt Hughes Band. Enjoy food, crafts, and exhibits. For info: sqdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

Looking Ahead...

November 22, 2015 – **Florida Federation Meeting** – Hampton Inn Ocean Front, Sand Dollar roam, 1515 First Street North, Jacksonville Beach, FL – This meeting is open to anyone interested in square and round dancing. For info: 904-241-2311.

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)

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

<u>http://www.flCallersassoc.org/</u> (Florida Callers Association)

http://www.usda.org/ (United Square Dancers of America)

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

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

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

Vendors

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

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

<u>www.travelinghoedowners.com</u> (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

<u>www.swskirts.com</u> (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suziegcreations.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)

<u>www.sheplers.com</u> (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog) <u>www.PerfectPetticoats.com</u> (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

Miscellaneous

http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com (New square/round dance logo)

http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-

<u>wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052</u>http://www.squaredance (round dance publications)radionetwork.com (square dance radio network)

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