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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.

Would you like to see what is for sale? Go to

http://www.ebay.com/csc/LBakedAlaska/ m.html?LH Complete=1& ipg=50& since =15& sop=13& rdc=1

February 28, 2015 - Wilkerson Family Benefit Dance — Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) — Brandon Community Center, 520 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL —

Caller: Allen Snell; Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream, Plus, and Squares 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. This is a regular dance and admission will be charged as usual. There will be a donation basket as you sign in for those who wish to donate to this benefit. For info: 813-571-7786 or 813-685-3826 or www.floridasguaredance.com/bats.

February 28, 2015 – Florida Federation Work Day - Comfort Suites 626 Lee Road, Orlando – 8:30 a.m. – everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend – the day will include a business meeting and committee meetings. For info: anitainop@comcast.net.

March 1, 2015 - Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association

Meeting – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 noon. If you call, cue, or teach square and/or round dancing in the West Coast Association area, please support this association with your membership. For info: 936-366-2504 or fisher.karen1026@gmail.com.

March 1, 2015 - SCCA Beginners Square & Round Dance Ball -

Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers and Cuers: Members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association. Class level dance – experienced dancers encouraged to attend too! For info: Karen Fisher fisher.karen1026@gmail.com.

March 2, 2015 - Polk Senior Games - Square Dancing Event -

Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – 1:30 – p.m. – form your square now and register to compete in or all levels of Mainstream, Plus, and Advance. Members of your square must register together. Gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded - \$10 entry fee. First, second and third prizes awarded. Registration begins in January; the registration must be postmarked no later than February 11, 2015. You do not have to be a Polk County resident to participate. For info: 863-533-0055, email polkseniorgames@verizon.net or visit www.polkseniorgames.org. For info on the square dancing event, contact Keith Stevens at keithuns@yahoo.com or 863-326-9774.

From the Editor...



The final numbers are in for the state fair square dancing – 236 dancers, 10 callers and three cuers; three clubs didn't show up.

Next weekend will be a busy time for square dancing. Saturday night, Febrary 28th, there will be a benefit dance for the 61st Florida State Convention. It will be held at Whirl & Twirl in Orlando (details below). Two great callers and a great

cuer are scheduled for the evening so come join us. This dance is being held in conjunction with the Florida Federation's Work Day.

Also on Saturday night is the Wilkeson Family benefit dance at Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) in Brandon. Allen Snell will be calling and Charlie Lovelace will be cueing. The Wilkersons just lost their husband, father, and grandfather, Dan Wilkerson. Show them how square dancers are family and we take care of our own.

Sunday, March 1st is the annual Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Beginners Ball at Strawberry Square Dance Center. If your club is sponsoring a class, please bring them to this fun class level (rounds and squares) dance. You notice I said "bring them". They probably won't come on their own so you need to bring them and stay and dance with them. By this time your class should have learned all the mainstream calls and now they need some floortime.

Monday, March 2^{nd} is the Polk Senior Games at the Lake Ashton Clubhouse in Lake Wales. The competition is at 1:30 and the free dance is from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Keith Stevens will be calling and Carl Rod will be cueing.

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!

Caller Doug Waldren and his wife, Sharon, were involved in a head-on collision on the way to Bob Ellis' funeral last week. Sharon has whiplash. If you would like to send a card, their address is 1331 Costine Drive, Lakeland, FL 33809.

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

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Your Source...

2015 West Coast Association membership bars are now available!

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

May 23 – 25, 2015 – 61st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention – Lakeland

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

Dancers flock to Strawberry Square for fun, fitness, friends



Flo Byington of Tampa cuts a rug with Phil Harris of Plant City at Strawberry Square, a community that regularly hosts square dances and classes.

By D'ANN LAWRENCE WHITE Special Correspondent

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PLANT CITY As the clock strikes 7 on Saturday night, a steady stream of men sporting bolo ties and women dressed in petticoats topped by brightly colored circle skirts pour into Strawberry Square.

Although the dance hall is tucked off a remote country road west of Plant City, the secluded location hasn't prevented nearly 70 senior citizens from making their way to Strawberry Square, some traveling from as far away as Sebring and Davenport.

"We're Plant City's best-kept secret," said Cherylene Sorrells of Plant City, who co-chairs the Strawberry Square Dance Committee with her husband, Wayne. "People come from all over the area to dance here."

The main attraction is the dance hall's floating hardwood floor, Wayne Sorrells said.

"It's one of just a few in the state," said Sorrells, noting that floating floors absorb shock better and, therefore, are more comfortable for dancing.

But that's only part of the draw, said Barbara Huff of Plant City, who formerly co-chaired the dance committee with her husband, Don.

"It's good, clean fun, great exercise and an inexpensive night out," said Huff, noting that the hall's alcohol-free and smoke-free environment is appreciated by the avid dancers who flock to Strawberry Square.

However, for many of the seniors who frequent the dance hall, it's the social aspect of dancing that holds the greatest allure.

The Huffs met 54 years ago at a square dance in Dayton, Ohio. That meeting led to their wedding with a square dance reception. They've continued dancing throughout their marriage.

"We're here at least two nights a week," Don Huff said.

Like the Sorrells and the Huffs, Ed House lives in Strawberry Square mobile home park, which owns and maintains the dance hall within the park's boundaries. A dancer for 23 years, House now teaches the highest level of square dance classes, called Challenge dancing, at Strawberry Square.

"We've traveled all over the country to dance and, wherever we go, we always have an immediate collection of friends," House said.

Soon to be married, Bob Ormsbee and Flo Byington of Tampa also met on the dance floor.

"A friend in the military service took me to my first dance years ago and I loved it," Ormsbee said. "Later, I started calling. It's a great way to meet people. I've never met a person on the dance floor who wasn't nice."

Now 94 years old, Wayne Lewis of Sebring met his partner on and off the dance floor, C.J. Wiggin, while dancing as well.

But beyond finding romance and friends while performing a do-si-do, Lewis is convinced that square dancing is responsible for keeping him active at an age when others have succumbed to arthritis pains and memory loss.

"Square dancing not only keeps you physically fit, but it keeps your brain sharp and active," said Lewis, who dances three nights a week. "You have to concentrate on what the caller is saying and then respond correctly."

House agreed.

"I think every senior citizen should be square dancing," he said. "It's good for the mind and body."

"The type of square dancing we do here is a lot different than the barn-style hoe-downs you normally associate with square dancing," caller Mike Cox of Ruskin said. "We perform Modern Western square dancing, which is a more contemporary style."

Although Modern Western square dancing is still performed in groups of four couples, the callers entertain the dancers with impromptu commands they either call out (pitter calls) or sing.

And it's not unusual for Modern Western callers to substitute the traditional fiddle music with disco music or show tunes.

As a result, said Cox, Modern Western square dancing has a wider appeal.

Strawberry Square has attracted as many as 140 dancers on a single night, said Wayne Sorrells.

The dance hall also offers round dancing.

Although the types of round dances are the same as ballroom dances (rumbas, waltzes, foxtrots and cha-chas), round dancing is led by a cuer who directs the dancers through a choreographed sequence of steps that the dancer must memorize.

"Between our Plus Dances, special-occasion dances and our classes, we have something going on here seven days a week," said Wayne Sorrells.

Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., was founded in 1979 by and for people who like to square dance. The community offers beginning to Challenge classes and workshops in addition to dances open to the public. The cost ranges from \$5 to \$7 per person and includes refreshments.

Although traditional square dance attire is not a requirement, Strawberry Square also has an apparel store and consignment shop open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and during all dances.

Strawberry Square is currently accepting registrations for summer dance classes. Call Bob Switzer at (813) 719-3803 or (413) 454-4482 or Lee Hall at (231) 349-0907 for information.

For more information on Strawberry Square, call (813) 752-0491 or visit www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

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CASTING CALL #8

Judy Anderson
Director of Publicity

While trying to conjure up something interesting to write about this month I was given an article entitled:

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION HAPPENINGS Sub-titled: "A NOTE TO NEW DANCERS"

Quote: "You can dance your feet off at a State Convention. By Memorial Day Weekend, Convention time, you will be able to dance in the Basic Hall or the Mainstream Hall. A few of you may be ready for the Plus Hall; it's which ever you feel comfortable in."

Here is a synopsis of each evening's activities:

"Friday Night is the time that most Florida State Dresses are worn but if you are not a member of the Florida Federation, not to worry or fret, just wear whatever outfit you want to show off.

Saturday Night is the "Grand March" and is considered to be Club Dress night. Wear your Club Outfit, if you have one, otherwise again wear another of your own choosing. Each club is represented by one square of dancers who will carry your club's banner in the Grand March and then they will dance the first tip of the evening.

Sunday Night is the night when the next years Convention Organizers will put on a little show (Or as we call it – a Kick-Off) for their Convention. Dress for this night is of your own choosing.

You will not feel uneasy after your first tip or two because you will find you are as good as anyone there – just ask anyone who has been there about their first time experience. We have all been "new dancers" and attended our "first" convention. You can dance your feet off and visit with friends but you will also make some really nice new friends from all over the State.

Come see what we are talking about. We are convinced you will enjoy yourself and feel you have gotten your money's worth for a full weekend of dancing, fun and entertainment. You will have a good time – we promise". Unquote. So get your Registration Form sent in now before the price goes up on May 1st. Check your clubs flyer table or go to http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/ to find everything you need about the convention.

Here is a little reminder for those of you attending the Trail-In Dance on Thursday evening---have all of you Clark Gables and Elizabeth Taylors got your costumes ready for the "Parade of Starts"? Let's see just how creative your imagination is for dreaming up the best outfits. There will be several prizes awarded.

And don't forget to purchase your "Name Star" for our <u>Wall of Fame</u> at the Convention center. To purchase one contact Jack or Barbara Hoffman, <u>jackbarb@juno.com</u> for the needed information. Only \$5.00 each and you get to take the Star home with you at the end of the convention. So will we see you there????

West Coast Association's 41st Annual Fall Fun Fest

Plans are well under way for the West Coast Association's 41^{st} Annual Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, Florida, November 13 - 14, 2015.

You'll really enjoy the staff we have scheduled – Callers: Tim Marriner and Ross Howell and Cuers Jimmy and Carol Griffin. I know many of you have danced to Tim in the past and know what an energetic caller he is. Some of us in the West Coast Association area got to dance to Ross Howell recently, and you won't be disappointed with his calling either! And of course, all of you know the husband and wife duo of Jimmy and Carol Griffin from St. Pete.

Dancing will be at the Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Avenue, where two halls will be available for dancing. The main hall will alternate Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds, and the smaller hall will be for Advance dancing.

Have you ever been to Bartow? This quaint historic town is the town seat of Polk County. They have a historical museum and a geology library in downtown Bartow as well as several restaurants and shops for your enjoyment. Bartow is also close to Legoland in Winter Haven, the International Flea Market in Auburndale, and a huge shopping area in south Lakeland. There are several tea rooms in the area that are in old historic homes where you can enjoy a light lunch. During the weekend of the Fall Fun Fest, there will be a craft show and antique sale on the main street through downtown Bartow.

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 1565 N. Broadway Avenue in Bartow. Call 863-533-8070 now and book your room at the square dance rate of \$89 plus tax per night and includes a full breakfast! This hotel is located centrally and is within walking distance of several restaurants and shopping areas. If they are full, there is another hotel you can contact — Stay Inn & Suites, 1035 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow; 863-533-0711 or 800-424-0711. Be sure to request the square dance rate of \$60 plus tax per night.

For you campers, there is free self-contained camping at the Bartow Civic Center for the first 10 rigs to arrive. If you want full hookups, you can stay at Sanlan Ranch Campground and RV Park on Highway 98 S. in south Lakeland. Their phone number is 863-665-1726.

Now is the time to purchase your ribbons! They are \$18 per person for the entire weekend until November 14th; they then increase to \$20 per person. Split prices are available at the door only.

For more information or to find a flyer, go to www.floridasquaredance.com or www.dancergram.com or you can contact the chairmen, Lance and Rita Baxter at lanceandrita@yahoo.com or 863-326-1741.

Penny Green Publicity

What's Happening This Week?

Week February 23, 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 (February 23) – Temple Twirlers 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: Walter Lougee, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. 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 – 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.

<u>Tuesday (February 24)</u> – <u>Buttons & Bows of Lakeland</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: Dave Muller, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Beautiful wood dance floor – square dance attire optional – hearing enhancement – finger foods. For info: sqdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

Woodmere A2 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. **Maple Leaf Squares** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Ione Wade. Square dance attire preferred. For info: 941-627-4889 or loisD523@kingston.net.

R&R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Caller: Wes Morris; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 239-282-6322 or j.h.morris@embargmail.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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or janai@mail.com.

Wednesday (February 25) – *Camp Inn* – 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 C-1 Dance - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

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

Palmetto Palms Plus Dance - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

Betmar Round Dance – Betmar Park Clubhouse #2, 37137 Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: 813-782-9818 or 813-312-3954 or icgiesler1@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Square Club - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Mainstream/Easy Plus. Caller: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Dee Ann Wilson 813-704-4329 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513. Banner Chairman: Sharon Kowalaski 813-754-3109.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance and Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Ross Howell. For info:

<u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u>; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Nancy Hall 813-752-1816, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance/Intro - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon — Caller: Ross Howell. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Nancy Hall 813-752-1816, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

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 (February 26)</u> – *Citrus Park Snobirds 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 - 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: Chuck and Gerry Hardy; Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sqdbird@aol.com.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Mardi Gras 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.

Strawberry Square Phase 3+ Figure Clinic & Dance/Teach - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Phase 4 Dance/Teach – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

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, website: www.suncoastsquares.com or email: suncoastsquares@gmail.com or janai@mail.com or contact Joe U at 727-443-6242.

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

Promenade Squares Ice Cream Sundaes Social - 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: myrnajayblackburn@gmail.com or 208-369-6949.

<u>Friday (February 27)</u> – <u>Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082</u> – Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL. Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: <u>jelohart@gmail.com</u>.

Woodmere Park C-1 Dance - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Corkscrew Curliques – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd., Estero – Caller: Wes Morris; recorded rounds - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 239-560-2572 or 239-282-6322.

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, Nancy Hall 813-752-1816 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square A-2 Workshop/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: 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; Dona Watson 813-756-6145, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Sun City Swingers – SCC Atrium Dance Studio, N. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City - Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Marty Vanwart, Cuer: Alice Bubel. Chocolate treats will be served. Square dance attire preferred. 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.

<u>Saturday (February 28)</u> – **2016 Florida State Convention Benefit Dance** – Whirl & Twirl Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, FL – Callers: Charlie Pergrossi and Dave Muller; Cuer: Susan Snider – Early Rounds 7:30 p.m. – Squares 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the 61st Florida State Square Dance Convention. This dance is being held in conjunction with the Florida Federation Work Day at Comfort Inn, 626 Lee Road, Orlando. For info: jacknkathy1@att.net or lindactester@bellsouth.net or wlsyphard@aol.com.

Wilkerson Family Benefit Dance – Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) – Brandon Community Center, 520 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – Caller: Allen Snell; Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream, Plus, and Squares 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. This is a regular dance and admission will be charged as usual. There will be a donation basket as you sign in for those who wish to donate to this benefit. For info: 813-571-7786 or 813-685-3826 or www.floridasquaredance.com/bats.

Gem Estates — Gem Estates Clubhouse, 3945 Elgin Drive, Zephyrhills — alternating Mainstream and Plus — 7:00 — 9:00 p.m. Caller: Marty Vanwart; Cuer: Sandra Burke. For info: petrsan.burke495@gmail.com

Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082 – Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL. Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: <u>jelohart@gmail.com</u>.

Buttons & Bows of Venice - Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice - Plus/Rounds 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Caller: Walter Lougee; Cuer: Charlie Hearn. Square dance attire optional. For info: jigurumd@verizon.net.

Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic & Dance — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — Cuer: Jack Jenkins — 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne at 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Plus Dance Strawberry Night – 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: Kip Moulton; Cuer: Linda Moulton. 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.

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

Sunday (March 1) – SCCA Beginners Square & Round Dance Ball – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers and Cuers: Members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association. Class level dance – experienced dancers encouraged to attend too! For info: Karen Fisher fisher.karen1026@gmail.com

Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082 – Blueberry Hill RV Resort, Bushnell, FL. Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: jelohart@gmail.com.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns - 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 – finger foods. For info: 352-799-8625, lmuttit@tampabay.rr.com or http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601.

Monday (March 2) – Polk Senior Games – Square Dancing Event – Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – 1:30 – p.m. – form your square now and register to compete in or all levels of Mainstream, Plus, and Advance. Members of your square must register together. Gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded - \$10 entry fee. First, second and third prizes awarded. Registration begins in January; the registration must be postmarked no later than February 11, 2015. You do not have to be a Polk County resident to participate. For info: 863-533-0055, email polkseniorgames@verizon.net or visit www.polkseniorgames.org. For info on the square dancing event, contact Keith Stevens at keithuns@yahoo.com or 863-326-9774.

Harmony Hoedowners Final Dance of the Season – Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Driver (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring – Alternating Mainstream and Plus 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Jenny Martin. Casual attire. All dancers are welcome. For info: www.samdunn.net or samdunn@samdunn.com.

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. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: www.weigh.com.

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.

<u>Tuesday (March 3)</u> - *Woodmere A2 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 <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

Maple Leaf Squares - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Ione Wade. Square dance attire preferred. For info: 941-627-4889 or lois D523@kingston.net.

R&R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Caller: Wes Morris; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 239-282-6322 or j.h.morris@embargmail.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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

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.

February 13, 2015 – **Foxwood Estates/Village Beginners Square Dance Class** – 4700 Foxwood Boulevard, Lakeland – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: rolandblanchette@gmail.com or 863-670-4366.

June 14 – 17, 2015 – **North Star Callers School** – Oak Grove Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN - Staff: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), and Special Guest Instructors: Ed Foote

(Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Randy Dougherty (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach). Plenty of microphone time, professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a leader, full 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. Only \$375 per 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.kenritucci.com.

July 13 – 16, 2015 – **Jubilee Callers School** – BSDA Friendship Hall, Fultondale, AL – Staff: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and John Marshall (Virginia). Special emphasis on understanding music, rhythm and signing call development and on-sight calling techniques. Plenty of microphone time, professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a caller, full 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. Only \$385 per 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.jubileecallerschool.com.

July 13 – 16, 2015 – Maryland Summer Caller School – 5049 Durham Road West, Columbia, MD - Callers/Instructors: Tom Miller, Pennsylvania (Callerlab accredited callercoach); Tim Marriner, South Carolina (Callerlab accredited callercoach); and Tom Seller, Maryland (teaching caller schools since 1984). Program for beginning and experienced callers. Catering to your needs and interests – lots of mike time. Improve: your voice, choreography, and showmanship. Cost: \$300 per caller (No charge for non-calling partner). Food and lodging not included. Program: Begins Monday, July 13 at 0:00 a.m. Ends Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 12:00 noon. Lodging: Hotels are located a few miles from the site. Food: A large variety of local restaurants are available within a short driving distance. Location: 504For info: Tom Sellner, 443-812-8048, sellnerthomas@yahoo.com, 5049 Durham Road West, Columbia, Maryland 21044.

August 13 – 16, 2015 - **NORCAL Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Staff: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Rob French (California), Scott Byars (California), Harlan Kerr (California). Plenty of microphone time, professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a leader, full 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. Only \$400 per student – space is limited – register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com.

October 8 – 12, 2015 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-round Dance Center, Manchester, NH – Staff: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Norm Poisson, Ted Lizotte (New Hampshire) and Special Guest Instructors: Betsy Gotta (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach from New Jersey) and Tom Miller (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach from Pennsylvania). Plenty of microphone time, professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a caller, full 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. Only \$400 per 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.northeastcallerschool.com.

October 18 – 22, 2015 - **Pride RV Resort Smoky Mountain Caller School** – 4394 Jonathan Creek Road (I-40 and Exit 20), Waynesville, NC – Callers: Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys. A one of a kind Callers School featuring two of the world's most well-known callers. This will be an intense week with an emphasis on choreographic and music management and presentation – featuring in depth sessions on sight calling, modular calling and CRaMS. Because of the intense nature of this school, and to ensure adequate microphone time and one-on-one sessions, ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO 10 CALLERS. Spouses encouraged to attend - \$100 surcharge includes all meals. For info: 800-926-8191 – or www.pridervresort.com.

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