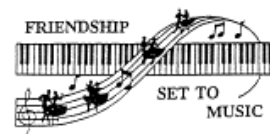

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January 29 – 30, 2016 – **Grand Square International's Florida Winter Festival** – The Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime Street, Lakeland, Florida – Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, John Sunders, and Jack Pladdys; Cuers: Don and Linda Hichman and Carol and Jimmy Griffin Plus, DBD, Advance Squares and Phase II – V Round. \$42.50 per person for the entire weekend. Split prices are available at the door. For info: johnnysa@aol.com or 386-428-1496.

February 1, 2016 – **Deadline for Extra Mile Nominations** – For info: <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/documents/ExtraMileAwards/extra-mile.php>.

February 5, 2016 - **Deadline for submissions to the Bow & Swing March issue**. Send to bowandswing@gmail.com.

February 10, 2016 – **Deadline to Register for the 2016 Polk Senior Games**. See details below. For info: keithuns@yahoo.com.

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 Donnie Miller, who recently had two back surgeries, is back home. He still has pain, but is very happy to be home at last. Cards may be sent to: 6511 Bo Peep Drive N., Jacksonville, 32210.

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

May 27 – 28, 2016 – **Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

Dancing at the Fair

For 20+ years, Florida square dancers have entertained at the Florida State Fair in Tampa. Dancers meet at the Special Events Center and dance from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a Grand March at 1:30 p.m. Spectators are also invited to get up and dance with us.

There is a new director at the State Fair and he had decided not to include square dancers this year. Our coordinators Merle Lewis and Phyllis Woodlief were able to convince him to continue the square dancing. Now what we need to do is to show this new director how many square and round dancers participate in this event and how they look forward to it every year.

Merle has received a small supply of free tickets for entrance into the fair grounds and he is working on getting them distributed throughout the West Coast Association area. If you are not able to get a free ticket, they can be purchased for \$7 for seniors¹, \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 – 11, and children under 5 are free. All advance discounts have to be purchased prior to February 3rd. Admission tickets and armbands are on sale now at <http://www.FloridaStateFair.com> or at Walgreens locations throughout the State. Square dancing will be held on Wednesday, February 10th. This event is open to all square and/or round dancers and we invite all of you from around the state to join us. Get your club members together and come as a group! Bring your banner for the Grand March and club and class information to give out to the spectators! Square dance attire is preferred.

All callers and cuers are welcome to participate on the stage. Ron Reardon will be the caller coordinator and he can be reached at rsrhun@aol.com or 321-287-4350. Charlie Lovelace will be joining us this year as the cuer coordinator and he can be reached at luvrds@embarqmail.com or 813-885-2816. If you are interested in calling and/or cueing please let the respective coordinator know.

Dancing will be held on the west side of the Charles M. Davis Special Events Center (near the giant slide), Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 North (intersection of I-4 and Hwy. 301), Tampa 33610. Parking is free. You are welcome to take breaks and walk around the fair or you can stay afterwards and enjoy the activities.

- Weekday Ride armbands – \$20 for unlimited rides (Valid only on Feb. 4 and Feb. 8-11).
- Any Day Ride armbands – \$30 for unlimited rides (Valid during all Midway hours).

Last year we had close to 300 dancers in attendance; let's see if we can go over 300 this year! When you arrive at the Special Events Center, please be sure to sign in and give where you are from so we can give this information to the director for consideration about keeping square dancing at the Florida State Fair.

2016 Polk Senior Games

Did you know that square dancing is a sport? You work up a sweat and get your heart pumping. Doesn't that qualify as a sport?

For several years now, in Polk County, Florida, square dancing is one of the numerous events in the Polk Senior Games. For those of you who are not familiar with the Senior Games, this is an Olympic style competition for seniors 50 and older. Why do we do this? It gives us exposure to advertise square dancing. In addition to participants in other events, spectators come to watch these events and it gives us the opportunity to tell them about our fun activity.

¹ Senior tickets must be used February 8 – 12 (Senior Week)

The square dance event will be held on Monday, February 29th at the Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales. Warm up will start at 1:00 p.m. and the event starts at 1:30 p.m. followed by a free square dance from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

You do not have to be a resident of Polk County to participate must you must be at least 50 years of age. You must register as a square. Many of the squares choose team names and wear matching outfits. There will be Mainstream, Plus, and Advance level events. All participants receive a Senior Games t-shirt and the winning squares are given awards.

An entry form must be completed and submitted along with the fee no later than the postmark date of February 10, 2016. To request an entry form please email polkseniorgames@verizon.net or go to www.polkseniorgames.org.

Keith and Margot Stevens are the Event Managers and they can be reached at 863-326-9774 if you have any questions.

New Year's Resolutions for the Square Dancer

Most of us have already broken up or given up on our resolutions for this year. Here are some suggestions that you might be interested in for your square dancing friends' sake. So forget about those weight loss resolutions and let's concentrate on more important resolutions, like square dancing.

1. **SMILE!** Have you ever noticed the other dancers in your square? Some of them look like they are so mad they could bite a ten penny nail in two. Bet you hadn't heard that expression in a long time, have you? Of course, I don't for minute think you look like that, but maybe your contagious smile will rub off on them and they will start smiling also. This could snowball and before long we would have dance halls full of dancers smiling. Non-dancers might see us and actually think we are having fun. OMG!!!
2. **LISTEN TO THE CALLER.** You can't be a good dancer if you can't hear the caller's instructions. That happens all too often when someone else in your square is talking to the point you cannot hear the caller. Of course, I don't think for a minute that you would be the person talking, but since everyone respects your knowledge and ability to dance without listening to the caller they will surely pay attention if you put your finger across your lips and go shhhh. Set an example.
3. **LEAVE THE CALLING TO THE CALLER.** I know you have been dancing for many years and yes, it could be that you have danced longer than that guy up there has been calling. But, for a new dancer it can get quite confusing when more than one person is trying to tell him what to do. So unless that "guy up there" asks that you help him and call let's just back off and let him handle it. That is why is making the big bucks, so let's make him earn it.

4. **MAKE THE VISITORS WELCOME.** I have actually had this happen to me. We were traveling and trying to earn states for our USDA Travel Program badge for dancing in 12 states. I get on the computer and go to “where’s the dance dot com” and found a dance about 10 minutes from where we are staying So we get all dressed up in the one dance outfit we took with us and headed on down to “little town, NC”. The only person that spoke to us was the lady taking up the money and that was only to tell us how much we owed. On the other hand and a different, but similar trip we found a club dancing in “small town, AL”. As I parked the car there were four dancers that met us and walked us across the parking lot. Everyone at that dance spoke to us that night. Some just said “hi, glad to have you”, while others actually sat down with us and chatted. Caller came by and introduced himself during one of the breaks, found out we were from TN and the first song on the next tip was, “Rocky Top”. We have been back to this club on several occasions and even been to a couple of their weekend events. Guess how many times we have returned to “little town, NC?”
5. **BE AN ACTIVE CLUB MEMBER.** If you are not already doing so, get involved. It takes people to properly run a club. Ever wonder who opens and closes the building, or why Big Bertha Barton is always the one taking your money? Who gets these wonderful callers to come here and call for us? Clubs need leaders and helpers in many capacities. So, if all you are doing now is coming to dances, then ask yourself, “What kind of club would my club be, if every member in it was just like me?” So, suck it up cupcake, and accept some responsibility around here. Your club needs you!
6. **BE ON TIME.** You are late because you did what??? You mean seven people had to sit out the first tip because you did what? How rude! Oh, that reminds me of our “no alcohol” policy. If you are going to be late because you stopped to have a drink on the way to other dance, then I suggest you take your time and have another one. After that first drink we no longer want you tonight. Drinking and Dancing is not acceptable for square dancing. So skip the drink on the way to the dance and get there on time. If you still want that drink after the dance we may all join you...who’s buying?
7. **SUPPORT OTHER CLUBS IN YOUR AREA.** Many clubs are not able to keep going without the financial help of other club members. In my neck of the woods, we call it “Banner Raiding”. I am sure you have a similar program, but perhaps with another name. But the idea is to take a square of dancers and visit another club in the area and you get to take their club banner back to your club. Then in order for them to get it back they have to bring a square to your club dance. Banner raiding can be a lot fun, give you a chance to get to know others in your club a little better while you are traveling to the dance and it helps provide the financial support for the neighboring club.

Well, these are just a few suggestions to help you become a better all-round dancer if you need them. Whether you do or not.....**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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What is USDA?



The UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. (USDA) was formed on June 26, 1981, during the National Square Dance Convention held in Seattle, Washington, and has grown to a size that approaches the representation of 250,000 dancers throughout the United States. USDA is an organization formed by dancers, for dancers, and is under the operational control of dancers. The purpose of the organization is to:

Promote and perpetuate the total Square Dance movement which includes Square, Round, Contra, Clogging, Line and Heritage dancing.

Establish a line of communication from the individual dancer to a recognized unified body so that an expression of varied opinions can establish or influence policy for making decisions at the national level.

Provide for education to further the growth and enjoyment of Square Dancing.

Encourage cooperation between member clubs, state associations, councils, federations; national and international organizations, or other groups involved or interest in the promotion of Square Dancing.

Provide a forum for implementing the benefits of membership in the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA and assist members in any way possible.

Represent Square Dancing to the general public as a wholesome, enjoyable family-type recreation.

As a “dancers” organization, the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. serves to represent the square, round, contra, clogging, line and heritage dancer in decisions which are made at the national level relative to the development and growth of the dance activity. This representation takes place through the various State and Regional organizations affiliating with the USDA. As a united voice, the USDA is able to express the views of the dancers on a national level so that they might be relayed to other national and international groups with whom the dancers interact such as leaders, callers, cuers, instructors, commercial enterprises, other dancers, etc.

Membership is open to any organized nonprofit square dance groups or other groups representing square, round, contra, clogging, line or heritage dancers that will subscribe to the By-Laws, rules and Policies of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. In states which do not have a statewide organization, or when the organization elects not to join USDA, area or regional organizations may join the USDA to represent the dancers of their state. Applications for membership in USDA are available from any of the USDA officers.

Numerous projects have been specifically undertaken by the USDA to fulfill the organization's goals and objectives, and are progressing and expanding very rapidly. Dancers and their organizations, as members of the USDA, are afforded the opportunity to participate in the following programs available through the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA INC.:

An economical Accident and Group Liability Insurance Program is offered for dancers, their clubs and associations. It is the best insurance coverage available in the USA at an unbeatable price.

A "Handicapable" Dancer program has been initiated by USDA to support the Square Dance activities of mentally or physically handicapped or disabled individuals. Association with these dancers has proved them to be most "capable," thus the "Handicapable" title being bestowed on our very special dancers. The Handicapable Program has received the attention and outstanding support of the President of the United States. The USDA is working to further the interaction of handicapable dancer groups throughout the nation and to achieve interest and recognition of the handicapable dancer as an integral part of the Square Dance activity.

A Youth Program to promote the introduction of youthful dancers and youth organizations in the Square Dance activity.

An Educational program designed to inform dancers of club leadership and management techniques; the duties and responsibilities of officers, members and callers; data concerning square dance heritage and history; growth; development and the current trends and activities of the square dance movement. This program includes the preparation and distribution of educational and training literature, conducting educational seminars and panels, and the general sharing of knowledge of leadership experience.

A program to provide a communication loop with the leaders, dancers, dance publications and organizations of the total Square Dance activity. Communications are accomplished by the distribution of USDA news releases and the quarterly publication of USDA NEWS.

Display tables and an After Party for all dancers at each National Square Dance Convention.

Other programs may come under USDA consideration for inclusion when their addition enhances the fulfillment of the organization's goals.

The UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives from each affiliate member. The USDA Executive Committee consists of a President, four Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Information, Historian, Parliamentarian and Committee Chairs.

Interested dancers and leaders are invited to attend the annual meeting of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC, which is held immediately prior to each National Square Dance Convention.

Educational and training materials are available, most of them at no charge, on the USDA display tables in the Showcase of Ideas at each National Square Dance Convention from the Education Committee Chair.

Dancers are also invited to attend the USDA After Party at the National Square Dance convention, featuring the best National callers available.

Be a part of the world's Largest Square Dance Organization and participate in its activities. It is YOUR association. Take care of it, it's the best we have!

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

By Ed Foote

Secret Hints For Dancing Cast Off 3/4

There are two solutions where Cast Off 3/4 gives dancers a problem.

1. **FROM ANY LINES THAT HAVE TWO DANCERS FACING THE SAME DIRECTION.** This includes facing lines, lines back-to-back, two-faced lines and 3&1 lines. Often the dancers do not know who walks forward.

This is especially true when lines are back-to-back – often the ends will attempt to walk forward, because this is what they do from this formation on a Wheel & deal. Dancers often ask me, “How do you Cast Off 3/4 from lines?”

SECRET HINT #1: THE CENTERS WALK FORWARD. This is ALWAYS TRUE. Remember this and you will never break down on Cast Off 3/4.

2. **FROM OCEAN WAVES AND COLUMNS.** Here everyone walks forward, so that is not a problem. But dancers will sometimes lose track of how far 3/4 is – they will either overdo or underplay the call. Some dancers might get dizzy.

Callers may tell dancers to count 3 walls, but that does nothing to overcome the dizzy factor.

SECRET HINT #2: THINK OF CAST OFF 3/4 AS: trade & single hinge. Don't actually dance it this way, because that will interrupt the flow of the call. But mentally think this way as you are doing the 3/4. You will find that this solves the problem.

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Inspirational Quotes

(from the collection of Ed Foote)

"Whatever you are, be a good one." ...Abraham Lincoln

"Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty." ...Albert Einstein

"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." ...Mother Teresa

"I always listened to my own voice, and it always told me that for some reason I'm meant to be better. I'm meant to succeed again. And I did." ...Maria Sharapova, tennis champion

"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, dreams are forever." ...Walt Disney

"Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend." ...Albert Camus

"Star by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible' and suddenly you are doing the impossible." ...Francis of Assisi

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of January 25, 2016

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 (January 25) – C-Gulls Dance Club – Tony Rotino Center, 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral – Caller: Ben Rubright. The dances are moderate C4 level, rich in the use of calls with moderate speed and concept difficulty. Visitors (singles and couples) who are reasonably competent at a moderate C4 level are always welcome. They appreciate knowing when guests are coming, so please use email to let us know your plans (having your contact information will allow them to update you if anything changes). Out of town guests planning to attend a dance, please provide contact information to Pat Harrington so you can be notified in case of any last minute changes in time or dance location. Day one: First dance sessions is 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Second dance session is 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Day two: First dance session is 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Second dance session is 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. For info: email Pat Harrington at this link <http://www.galburt.com/SquareDance/CGullsDanceClub/tabid/150/Default.aspx>.

Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Round 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Marty Vanwart**, 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.

Tuesday (January 26) – Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 64th Anniversary Dance – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Bob Asp – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – Members: \$5 per person and Guests: \$6 per person – finger food – wood floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free – square dance attire optional. For info: sqdnxfan@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. Square dance attire preferred – please wear green. For info: 941-627-4889 or loisD523@kingston.net or 941-235-2736.

Horizon Village Round Dance Club – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Cuer: Russ Collier – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 941-505-0960 or 941-661-1920.

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 – casual attire. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Round 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 beemerr90s@juno.com.

Wednesday (January 27) – **Camp Inn Grand Squares** – Camp Inn RV Resort, 3455 N. Highway 27, Frostproof – alternating Mainstream and Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - Caller: Sam Dunn. 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. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

Palmetto Palms C-2 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 Plus Dance - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

Wade-A-Rounds in Punta Gorda – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Phase III Waltz Review - Cues: Ione Wade – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. For info: 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

Betmar Acres Round Dance – Betmar Acres Clubhouse #2, 37137 Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills, Florida – Charlie Lovelace cueing on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and Sandy Burke cueing on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – price \$5 per person. For info: igiesler1@yahoo.com – 813-782-9818 (H) – 813-312-3954 (C).

J & C Spinarounds Phase IV & V Workshop & Dance – Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26th Avenue N., St. Pete, FL – 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. – Cues/Instructors: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. For info: 727-525-7809 or spinards@tampabay.rr.com or www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance with C3A Star Tips – 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.

Strawberry Square Club - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Mainstream/Easy Plus. Caller: **Mike Cox**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Bob and Barb Hancock – 419-633-0610 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513. Banner Chairman: Sharon Kowlaski 813-754-3109.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance w/Intro to C-2 Star Tip - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 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; Nancy Hall 813-752-1816, Jack Gano – 813-759-8172 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Rooms F & G, Port Charlotte, FL. Caller: Art Miller; Cues: Jennie Martin and Russ Colliers. 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.

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Citrus Park Snobirds – 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: Dick Chase. For info: 603-361-3009.

Charlotte Promenaders – 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte – Early Rounds: 7:00 p.m. - Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Robert Arias; Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: 941-429-1311 or 330-647-4596.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Cookie Night - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: 828-290-2147 or bobnsue97@hotmail.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 4 Dance with 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.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL – Caller: Ellis Lindsey – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 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 A2 Dance/Workshop – 3600 William Penn Way, 2nd floor on the far right of the elevator, Venice - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dancers must be proficient in positions A1. Caller: Mike Cox. For info: hpsawyer@aol.com or 941-408-2627. Please call if you will be unable to attend.

Promenade Squares - 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: Bob Ormsbee, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: mblackburn13@tampabay.rr.com or 208-369-6949.

Friday (January 29) – Grand Square International's Florida Winter Festival – The Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime Street, Lakeland, Florida – Callers: Tony Oxendine, Ted Lizotte, John Saunders, and Jack Pladdys; Cuers: Don and Linda Hichman and Carol and Jimmy Griffin Plus, DBD, Advance Squares and Phase II – V Rounds. \$42.50 per person for the entire weekend. Split prices are available at the door. For info: johnnysa@aol.com or 386-428-1496.

Buttonwood Bay Squares Pie Dance - 10001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring (5 miles south of Sebring on Rt. 27) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Square Dance 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Nelson Wakeman; Cuer: Lone Wade. For info: Tim Stewart tjstewart58@comcast.net or 586-610-8370

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.

Wade-A-Rounds Round Dance Club – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Phase III Waltz Review - Cuer: Ione Wade – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. For info: 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

Corkscrew Curliques – Corkscrew Sanctuary, 21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd., Estero – Caller: Wes Morris; recorded Rounds - Mainstream with announced Plus 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – square dance attire optional. For info: 239-560-2572 or 239-282-6322.

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: Mike Cox. 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.

Dixie Square Dance Club – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven, FL – Mainstream with announced Plus tips – Early Round 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares and Round 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, 945 North Course Lane, Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Marty Vanwart, Cuer: Sandra Burke. 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.

Saturday (January 30) – Grand Square International's Florida Winter Festival – The Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime Street, Lakeland, Florida – Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, John Sunders, and Jack Pladdys; Cuers: Don and Linda Hichman and Carol and Jimmy Griffin Plus, DBD, Advance Squares and Phase II – V Rounds. \$42.50 per person for the entire weekend. Split prices are available at the door. For info: johnnysa@aol.com or 386-428-1496.

Buttons & Bows of Venice – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Ed Foote; Cuer: Ione Wade. Square dance attire optional. For info: 941-493-6035 or chrisziomek@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic and Dance Review/Phase V Dance/Class – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Figure Clinic: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Dance/Teach: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-356-4817 jskidancer01@aol.com or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Plus Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Round 7:00 – 7:30 – Plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Caller: Gary Bubel; Cuer: Alice Bubel. 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; Barb & Don Huff – 813-752-2278; Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513. Banner Chairman: Sharon Kowalski 813-754-3109.

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. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-356-4817 jskidancer01@aol.com or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – 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 (January 31) – **Ted Lizotte is coming to Shufflin' Squares!** – Lake Ashton Health and Fitness Center (HFC), 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL – A-2 Dance/Workshop - \$5 per person. For info: Janice Wideman 413-454-5846 or Keith Stevens 863-326-9774.

Monday (February 1) – **Harmony Hoedowners** – 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. Effective January 2013 the 2nd Mondays will be all Plus; 4th Mondays will be Mainstream and Plus. Casual attire. All dancers are welcome. For info: www.samdunn.net or samdunn@samdunn.com.

Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Round 19:00 a.m. For info: callerdave@hotmail.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/Round 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.

Tuesday (February 2) – **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. Square dance attire preferred – please wear green. For info: 941-627-4889 or loisD523@kingston.net.

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

Horizon Village Round Dance Club – 9300 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory), N. Ft. Myers – Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Round 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 941-505-1960 or 941-661-1920.

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@gmail.com or beemerr90s@juno.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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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.

January 15, 2016 - **Maple Leaf Mainstream Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. For info: phonemoves@juno.com or 941-235-1611.

January 15, 2016 - **Maple Leaf Plus Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. For info: phonemoves@juno.com or 941-235-1611.

January 25, 2016 – **Morning Side Park Squares Workshop** – Morning Side Park behind Walmart on Hwy. 301 – Caller: Walter Lougee – 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. For info: walter/lougee@verizon.net.

January 29 – 31, 2016 – **21st Annual Smoky Mountain Celebration** – Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, 303 Henderson Chapel Road – traffic light #1, Pigeon Forge, TN – Callers: Ron Libby and Steve Kopman. Dancing starts Friday 7:45 p.m. and ends Sunday 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$294 per couple. Price includes: 5 dance sessions, 2 nights lodging, after party Saturday night, expanded continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday, indoor swimming pool and sauna, and private balcony or porch for each room. Send \$75 deposit to Steve and Debby Kopman, 1021 Bridgestone Place, Knoxville, TN 37919. Balance \$219 due January 2, 2016. For info: 865-691-1580 – sdkopman@aol.com.

July 14 – 16, 2016 – **Maryland Summer Caller School** – 5049 Durham Road, W. Columbia, MD – Callers: Tom Miller (Pennsylvania - Callerlab accredited Caller Coach), Tim Marriner (South Carolina – Callerlab accredited Caller Coach), and Tom Sellner (Maryland – teaching caller schools since 1984) – improve your voice, choreography and showmanship – catering to your needs and interest – lots of mike time – cost: \$300 per call (no charge for non-calling partner), food and lodging not included. Begins Monday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.; ends Thursday, July 14 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. For info: 410-730-2354 or sellnerthomas@yahoo.com.

July 28 – 31, 2016 – **Atlanta Callers School** – City of Light, 1379 Tullie Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Bill Harrison. 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.

August 18 – 21, 2016 – **NORCAL Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach), Sandra Bryant, and Rob French. . 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.

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.

Looking Ahead...

February 10, 2016 – **Deadline to Register for the 2016 Polk Senior Games.** For info: keithuns@yahoo.com.

March 7, 2016 – **Deadline for Submissions to the April 2016 Issue of the Northeast Association's The Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevinemag@hotmail.com.

June 7, 2016 - **Deadline for Submissions to the July 2016 Issue of the Northeast Association's The Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevinemag@hotmail.com.

September 7, 2016 - **Deadline for Submissions to the October 2016 Issue of the Northeast Association's The Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevinemag@hotmail.com.

December 7, 2016 - **Deadline for Submissions to the January 2017 Issue of the Northeast Association's The Grapevine.** For info: thegrapevinemag@hotmail.com.

Links

Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

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

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/national-bid.html> (2021 National Square Convention Bid)

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

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

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

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

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

Vendors

<http://virginiawesternwear.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.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

Miscellaneous

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

<http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052><http://www.squaredance.com> (round dance publications)
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