

Square Dancing in Florida

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

### February 5, 2016 - Deadline for submissions to the Bow &

Swing March issue. Send to <u>bowandswing@gmail.com</u>.

February 7, 2016 - Special Dance – Fundraiser for Florida National Convention Bid – Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, FL – Caller: Tony Oxendine – Cuer: Susan Snider – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Early Rounds 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Mainstream with Rounds 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. - \$7.50 per person. For info: <u>brucemorgan@embarqmail.com</u> or 407-339-3121.

February 10, 2016 - Dancing at the Florida State Fair – Florida Fair Grounds, Hwy, 301 and I-4, Tampa, FL – tickets 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Admission tickets and armbands are on sale now at http://www.FloridaStateFair.com or at Walgreens locations throughout the State. 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@embargmail.com or 813-885-2816. If you are interested in calling and/or cueing please let the respective coordinator know. Dancing will held be in 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.

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

## 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!

**Murl D. Herbert**, 86, of Sun City Center, Fla passed away January 27, 2016. He served in the United States Navy and retired as Regional Underwriter Manager for Amerisure Insurance Company. He was an avid square dancer and a member of the Square Dance Hall of Fame as well as a member of Sun City Center Men's Club and St John the Divine Episcopal Church. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Lee Herbert and Darl Herbert. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Sally, two sons, Thomas (Teri) Herbert and Gregory (Lisa) Herbert, three daughters, Deborah (Jack) Masters, Julie Herbert and Joyce Sharp, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a sister, Shirley Alling. A Celebration of Murl's life will be 2 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Sun City Center Funeral Home, 1851 Rickenbacker Drive, Sun City Center, Fla. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. Additional information may be found at www.suncitycenterfuneralhome.com.

Merle and his wife, Sally, were presidents of the West Coast Association from 1982-83, chairmen of the 34<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention in 1987, presidents of the Florida Federation from 1991-92, and were inducted in to the Florida Hall of Fame in 2001.

#### This was on Facebook today from Gary Shoemake:

I just got word that **Lou Letson** wife of Mac Letson, passed away last night. Mac is President of American Callers Assoc. and an excellent caller for decades.

Please keep Mac and his family in your thoughts and prayers. No info on services.

#### An update from **Donnie Miller**

Just wanted to touch base with you and let everyone know how things are going with me. I visited the surgical doc earlier this week and he explained that the surgery he did on me was, so far, successful, but on a medical level from 1-5 it was rated a 4.5. Therefore the pain has been pretty severe at times, but seems to be getting somewhat better. The doc did say that recovery will take longer than usual and could take as long as three to six weeks because of the severity.

I want to thank all those who have sent cards and well wishes and prayers, especially the prayers. Please continue to pray for me and Cindie and thank you in advance.

**Leila Lindsey**'s father passed away recently and her mother is with hospice. Leila is Caller Ellis Lindsey's wife. If you would like to send a card, her address is 1069 SW Shiloh Street, Ft. White, FL 32038.

**Bob Hagaman's** daughter Valerie notified the president of Citrus Squares that Bob had open heart surgery the end of January. The surgery successful and Bob is recovering slowly. Please keep Bob and Nancy in your prayers. He is at Life Care Center (Lecanto), 3325 W. Jenwayne Lane, Lecanto, FL. Bob is the West Coast insurance chairman and Citrus County Rep. If you'd like to send Bob a get well card, his address is: 13 Hibiscus Ct., Homossassa, FL 34446.



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#### Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

November 11 – 12, 2016 – West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest - Bartow

#### Florida Winter Festival

Grand Square International announced at the recent Florida Winter Festival in Lakeland that there will be no more Winter Festivals. Due to the rising costs of the Lakeland Center and the declining number of dances attending this weekend, it is not feasible for them to continue.

## Skype Dances

In December 2015 Andy Allemao from Chula Vista, California, USA called a "long distance" Square Dance using a Skype (Internet) connection. Over six squares attended the dance. Reports are that Andy did a GREAT job. As always he was energetic and called a high energy fun filled dance.

Photos and comments are posted on Face Book at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/michael.streby/posts/1308599845832218</u>

Andy called the dance from his home, not at a live dance, therefore, he did not have live dancers in the room with him. However he could see the dancers, via a Skype connection. In other words, the total interaction was via Skype.

There have many other Skype dances, including between Yuma, AZ and Red Deer, Alberta, Canada by Jerry Jestin and a dance called by Vic Kaaria in January 2016 from his den in California. Many additional Skype dances have been scheduled.

The overall consensus is that dances called using a Skype connection are a new and innovative way to bring Square Dancing to remote areas or other areas where there is a lack of experienced qualified callers. While the reports so far have been about Skype Square Dances, there seems to be no reason why Round Dances could not be done with a Skype connection. Reports about these dances show that callers and cuers can save the day by bringing dancing to remote areas or other areas where there is no caller/cuer.

The following "technical" items were provided by Michael Streby:

1. First to ensure the best possible connection, we hardwired directly into the Cable Modem on both ends of the connection and both ends had high speed connections (over 5Mb uplink over 10 Mb down would be sufficient).

2. For obvious reasons, Caller camera at face level showing roughly the upper third of the caller's body. We had a head shot on a 46" monitor. Caller, Andy Allemao, was literally bigger than life.

3. To ensure complete control of the voice/music mix, caller set his MA150 up just like he was calling a live dance, including an 8 Ohm speaker to ensure there was plenty of impedance. Dancers expressed that they were originally worried that they would not be able to hear the calls, but once at the dance they were all comfortable with the voice to music mix. But since Andy had control of the mix he could have adjusted it if it was needed.

4. Caller used the line level output of the MA 150 into the "Mic" input of a USB Sound Card of the Laptop he had Skype running on.

5. The rest is just using Skype, which is a simple tool.

6. Caller will need two computers one for your music and one for Skype.

7. On the dance end we used a laptop hooked into a 46" HD screen. Laptop's camera was set to view 4 squares, next dance we will be raising the camera higher to give the caller even a better view. And if the caller has a large screen available to plug in their laptop, HDMI output, they will get a better effect of actually being at the dance on their end.

8. An ambient "hall mic" makes the virtual experience even better on the caller end.

Andy Allemao was our first Skype Caller here is a few of his comments about the dance:

"I was surprised at how quickly it felt like a real dance."

"I truly had a great time, and feel that we were able to make more than just a virtual connection. I hope the dancers also felt that it was not just novel, but also truly enjoyable as a dance. The bottom line for me is that I would definitely do that again. I see opportunities opened up to bring top notch Square Dancing to under served areas. Not just dances, but workshops and classes. I think you are on to something, and am honored to have been asked to be the first. I expect this will catch on!" Andy

Dancer feedback has been great. Most came for the novelty but soon were just there enjoying the dancing and calling:

"Having a National caller available through Skype was wonderful! We enjoyed the unique patterns and different music that was offered. Andy gave us enough challenge to make it very fun and exciting. He didn't appear to have any trouble seeing dancers and offer suggestions (corrections) to a square. The time went very fast, which meant we had a really good time! We think this is the wave of the future!" Terry & Cindy

"Carl and I enjoyed the dance. The Skype dance was very interactive and fun." Doris

"I had a blast! I was concerned with the quality of sound and being able to maintain a continuous connection. But it seemed flawless. I look forward to attending as many as possible. Thank you Michael for providing this opportunity." Nancy

"I thoroughly enjoyed the dance last Saturday. We learned a lot, and were not intimidated by the fact that the caller was in California. It was really fun." Mavis

All of this really comes down to, the dancers had a great time and the caller was able to do a great job. The dancers came out to have a new experience and went away having really enjoyed a good dance. This will go a long ways in keeping Square Dance alive in our area.

The last few months have had a couple of our callers retire and another deeply reduce his calling. Another moved out of the area and yet another head south for the winter. We are down to almost no callers, I am trying to fill the void but it is a struggle. This option to have a great monthly dance is a life saver and I can see having a club or two that are fully Skype based. Beginner classes, on one end of the building and Advanced on the other?

Skype calling seems to be a great option to replace or work along with a record based club of any dance program. As long as you have a good Internet connection you can have a great caller.

## Hello from America's Got Talent -Looking for Extreme Square Dancers

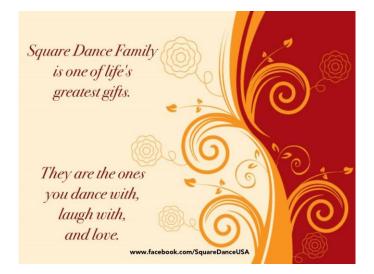
Greetings. My name is Sarah Furlong. I am a casting producer on America's Got Talent. We are coming to Orlando on February 19th.

I am reaching out to your Square Dancing Association because I am looking for amazing square dancers, perhaps with a twist or an extreme.

If you can provide any recommendations, I would be most grateful.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sarah Furlong sarahfurlong.agtcasting@gmail.com



## What's Happening This Week?

#### Week of February 1, 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.

<u>Monday (February 1)</u> – 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. 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/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: <u>callerdave@hotmail.com</u>.

**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: <u>BBKJLK@verizon.net</u>.

**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 <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. Square dance attire preferred – please wear green. For info: 941-627-4889 or <u>loisD523@kingston.net</u> 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: <u>callerdave@comcast.net</u> or 941-235-1611.

**Suncoast Squares** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>www.suncoastsquares.com</u> or <u>suncoastsquares@gmail.com</u> or <u>beemerr90s@juno.com</u>. <u>Wednesday (February 3)</u> – *Camp Inn Grand Squares* – Camp Inn RV Resort, 3455 N. Highway 27, Frostproof – alternating Mainstream and Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - Caller: Ron Reardon. Casual attire. For info: <u>larrycorder50@gmail.com</u>.

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

*Palmetto Palms C-2 Dance* - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: <u>941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com</u>.

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

*Wade-A-Rounds in Punta Gorda* – 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 <u>ionewade@yahoo.com</u>.

**Betmar Acres Round Dance** – Betmar Acres Clubhouse #2, 37137 Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills, Florida – Charlie Lovelace cueing on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Wednesdays and Sandy Burke cueing on the  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , and  $5^{th}$  Wednesdays. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – price \$5 per person. For info: jgiesler1@yahoo.com – 813-782-9818 (H) – 813-312-3954 (C).

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

**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: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> 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: <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, 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; Cuers: 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.

<u>Thursday (February 4)</u> – <u>Shufflin' Squares</u> - Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating tips (Plus/Advance with announced Mainstream) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Sam Dunn; Cuer: Carl Rod – square dance attire optional. For info: <u>lanceandritabaxter@yahoo.com</u>. **C-Gulls Dance Club** – Tony Rotino Center, 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral – Caller: Richard Tuck. 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 session is 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Second dance session is 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 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.

*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* – **NO DANCE** For info: 941-429-1311 or 330-647-4596.

**Pine Ridge Promenaders Ice Cream Social** - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Robert Arias; Cuer: Ione Wade. For info: 828-290-2147 or <u>bobnsue97@hotmail.com</u>.

**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: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> 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 <u>suncoastsquares@gmail.com</u> or beemerr90s@juno.com. Jacaranda Trace A2 Dance/Workshop - 3600 William Penn Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Birthday/Mardi Gras Dance** - 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: <u>dhua7@aol.com</u> or 727-544-0227.

Friday (February 5) – Buttonwood Bay Squares - 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: Ione Wade. Finger foods. For info: Tim Stewart tistewart58@comcast.net or 586-610-8370

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*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: Ron Libby. 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; 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: Alice Bubel. 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: <u>hlhtfh@yahoo.com</u> or 941- 776-0477.

<u>Saturday (February 6)</u> – <u>Stuart Bunch</u> – Temple Shalom, 23190 Utica Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Todd Fellegy. Dance level: hard C3B and easy C4 star tips. Visitors (singles and couples) are welcome and may be invited to a dance by an active Stuart Bunch member or by sending an email request to the chairperson of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee is responsible for return invitations. The dance floor is tile. Dress is casual, computer squares are used for all tips, and the emphasis is on interesting material called by nationally renowned callers. Dance fees are \$47 per person for visitors and \$40 for members. Membership is by invitation, after a minimum of two dances. Annual membership dues are \$10 per person. Dance fees are collected at the dance. For info: Jeff Barlow by going to this link <u>http://www.galburt.com/SquareDance/CGullsDanceClub/tabid/150/Default.aspx</u> and emailing him.

**Buttons & Bows of Venice** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Scotty Sharrer; Cuer: Bill Webb. 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: 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; 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: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-356-4817 <u>jskidancer01@aol.com</u> or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

**Palace Promenaders Cincinnati Chili** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier – Dinner at 6:00 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 (February 7)</u> – <u>Crystal Lake Squares</u> – NO DANCE For info: 765-499-1268. <u>Special Dance – Fundraiser for Florida National Convention Bid</u> – Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, FL – Caller: Tony Oxendine – Cuer: Susan Snider – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Early Rounds 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Mainstream with Rounds 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. - \$7.50 per person. For info: <u>brucemorgan@embarqmail.com</u> or 407-339-3121. **C-Gulls Dance Club** – Tony Rotino Center, 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral – Caller: Sue Curtis. 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 session is 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Second dance session is 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 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.

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**Monday (February 8)** – **C-Gulls Dance Club** – Tony Rotino Center, 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral – Caller: Sue Curtis. 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 session is 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Second dance session is 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 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 <u>http://www.galburt.com/SquareDance/CGullsDanceClub/tabid/150/Default.aspx</u>.

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

**Temple Twirlers Valentine's Dance** – 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: Allen Snell, 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: <u>BBKJLK@verizon.net</u>.

<u>Tuesday (February 9)</u> – Buttons & Bows of Lakeland - 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: Ed Foote, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Beautiful wood dance floor – square dance attire optional – hearing enhancement – fragrance free finger foods. For info: <u>sqdncfan@gmail.com</u> 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 <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. Square dance attire preferred – please wear green. For info: 941-627-4889 or <u>loisD523@kingston.net</u>.

**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: <u>callerdave@comcast.net</u> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### February 1, 2016

**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: <u>lanceandrita@yahoo.com</u>.

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: <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> 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: <u>phonemoves@juno.com</u> 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: <u>walter/lougee@verizon.net</u>.

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), Saundra 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 <u>kenritucci@aol.com</u> – 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 26 – 27, 2016 – **Texas Stampede "Paris"** – Red River Valley Fairgrounds, 590 East Center Street, Paris, Texas – Callers: Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine; Cuers: Christine and Theron Nixson – advance registration: \$45 per person; \$50 per person at the door. Weekend package only – no split session registration. For info: 903-734-7481 or 903-738-8227 or <u>sacaezelle@hotmail.com</u>.

June 21, 2016 – **65<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention Trails End Dance** – Hy-Vee,Hall C, Des Moines, IA – Callers: Gary Shoemake, Tony Oxendine, Ken Bower, and Jerry Story – Plus - 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. - \$10 per person.

August 19 – 20, 2016 – **27<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Convention** – North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC – Stay, eat and dance in one place! Full festival \$16 per person in advance; \$18 per person at the door. Split sessions available. For info: 919-693-4852 or <u>jr53@nc.rr.com</u>.

September 9 – 10, 2016 – **Grand Square International Daytona Beach Ball** – The Ormond Senior Center, 351 Andrews Street, Ormond Beach, FL – Caller: Tony Oxendine; Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. Friday: early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday: Rounds 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Squares 10:30 – noon, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Rounds 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. After party 9:30 – 10:30 p.m. Dance package: limited squares, Plus level, no split sessions. Cost \$80 per couple. For info: 386-679-5020 or ladybirddb@gmail.com.

September 30 – October 2, 2016 – **Branson Exploration of Color** – The Stone Castle Hotel & Conference Center, 3050 Green Mountain Drive, Branson, MO – Callers: Gary Shoemake (Sevierville, TN), Ken Bower (Palm Desert, CA), and Tony Oxendine (Sumter, SC); Cuers: Gerry & Bob (St. Louis, MO) – Plus with announced Advance - Weekend package includes: three days dancing (Friday afternoon and Evening and all day Saturday and Saturday evening, Sunday until 10:00 a.m.), two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday night), two hot breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday), and one evening dinner (Saturday) – only \$160 plus tax (per person). For info: 865-387-2217 or 865-548-0584 or Ishoemake66@yahoo.com.

October 21 – 22, 2016 – **Pride RV Resort Plus & A 2 Weekend "Smoky Mountain Magic"** – Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road (Exit 20), Waynesville, NC – Callers: Noah Siegman (Wisconsin), Tony Oxendine (South Carolina), Jerry Buckmaster (Wisconsin), Jerry Story (Iowa) – Rounds and C-1 sessions included - \$40 per person – two full time halls – Friday night: 8:00 p.m. – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. • 2:00 p.m. • 8:00 p.m. – one hour of Rounds & C1 before each session - cabins and park models available. For reservations contact info@pridervresort.com. For info: www.pridervresort.com or 800-926-8191.

November 18 – 19, 2016 – **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Strut** – Smoky Mountain Resorts & Convention Center, 4010 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN – Callers: Jerry Biggerstaff (North Carolina), Tony Oxendine (South Carolina), Bob Baier (Texas), and Johnny Preston (California); Cuers: Glenn and Rosalee Kelley (Kentucky) and Bev and Bob Casteel (Tennessee). Mainstream hall, Plus and Advanced level. Advance tickets: \$45 per person; at the door \$50. For info: 828-652-6054 or jjbigger@charter.net.

January 5 – 7, 2017 – **Grande Square International Whale of a Dance** – The Landmark Resort, 1501 S. Ocean Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC - Callers: Oxendine, Jerry Biggerstaff, and Jimmy Roberson; Cuers: The Adcocks – Thursday Early Bird Special: Plus, Plus DBD and Advanced Square Dancing, Phase I-VI Round Dancing – dance-eat-sleep-all under one roof – 20+ hours of dancing schedule. Package includes two nights \$295 (Friday and Saturday). Three nights \$355 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). Includes all tax, lodging and dance sessions. All rooms are ocean view. For ocean front add \$10 per night. No partial packages – no dance package only. For info: <u>heath@gsiinternational.org</u> or 704-502-8097.

#### 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://sccafl.com. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

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

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

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

http://www.Callerlab.org (CALLERLAB)

http://www.americanCallers.com (American Callers Assn.)

http://www.roundalab.org/ (ROUNDALAB)

http://ssdusa.org (Single Square Dancers USA<sup>®</sup>)

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 60<sup>th</sup> 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)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

<u>http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/</u> (Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop)

<u>http://www.calyco.com/</u> (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)

<u>http://www.grandsquare07.com</u> (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=3901977.2052http://www.squaredance (round dance publications)radionetwork.com (square dance radio network)

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