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Visit the Past, **Present**, and **Future** of Square Dancing in Florida March 1, 2016 - The *Grapevine* Submission Deadline for the April 2016 Issue – For info: thegrapevinemag@hotmail.com.

March 1, 2016 - Deadline for Submissions to the April 2016 issue of Central Association's *Keepin' Posted*. For info: apicheco@att.net.

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

March 6, 2016 — Retirement Party for Roland Blanchette — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — Callers/Cuers: members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association — 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. Finger food and cards appreciated. \$5 donation requested. For info: sqdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

March 20, 2016 — Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association (SCCA) Meeting - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — 12:00 noon immediately prior to the Student Ball. If you call, cue or teach rounds and/or squares on the west coast of Florida, you should consider membership in this association. For info: mvanwart@tampabay.rr.com.

March 20, 2015 — Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association's Beginners Ball — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - Callers/Cuers: members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association — Entry Class Level Rounds 1:30 p.m., Class Level Squares 2:00 — 4:00 p.m. - \$5 per person. For info: 813-788-2004 or 936-366-2504.

From the Editor...



We had a successful Working Weekend on Saturday, February 27th. There were several moves and distractions due to other events in the hotel but we managed to cover everything; many thanks to everyone in attendance for your patience and understanding.

Saturday night we all attended the 2017 Florida Square Dance Convention fundraising dance at Whirl & Twirl with Jack Lewis calling and Joann Helton and Chuck Ryal cueing. We had 15 squares in attendance!

Don't forget to attend Roland Blanchette's retirement party this Sunday, March 6^{th} , at Strawberry Square Dance Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association will keep us dancing all afternoon. Finger food and cards would be appreciated. A \$5 donation is requested.

Pictures below from the Tony Oxendine Dance on February 7th at Whirl & Twirl.



Jenny Green



Middle: Penny Green



In front of the stage: Penny Green



Top: Penny Green; Middle: Terry Wetherby & Ed Drexel



Jenny Green



Terry Wetherby & Ed Drexel

Following are pictures from the 2017 Florida State Convention Benefit Dance on February 27th:



Middle: Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby; bottom



Top row L - R: Caller Jack Lewis, Cuer Chuck Ryal, Cuer Joann Helton & husband Ken. Second row L - R: Cuer Dick Nordine, Unk, Unk, Unk, Caller Charlie Pergrossi, Unk, Cuer Earl Collins, Unk, Flo & Caller Bob Ormsbee.



Left: John and Jane Palm



Ann Slocum



Middle: Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby; Lower right: Bob and Flo Ormsbee



Bob and Flo Ormsbee and John and Jane Palm



Bob and Flo Ormsbee and John and Jane Palm

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!

Obituary for Bernice Prior



"Bernice Maud Prior, 90 years old, made her transition on February 18, 2016 with her family by her side. She maintained a positive and loving energy and won the trust and hearts of many who are even now being changed by her nurturing kindness. She was known for her ease in frequent conversations with even total strangers, offering a [listening] heart, and encouraging word, or a tender touch.

Bernice was born on October 7, 1925 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to James and Kate Holness. She grew up in Lakeview and met and married (William Lawrence Robert) Larry Prior on June 25, 1949. They built their first home step by step. They built and lived in the basement and every pay day bought lumber, shingles, or plumbing materials for their home. The Prior homestead was literally built with love. In 1954, they moved to Michigan where they raised their family. They owned the Wagon Wheel Western Store where Bernice sold square dance clothes, boots, and dancing shoes. She was a wonderful salesperson and said the best part of her day was making new friends.

Bernice and Larry were International Square Dance Leaders for over fifty years. They danced across the globe together, teaching in all fifty states, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The two built a square dance hall in the woods of Michigan and that developed into Cross Trails Campground. They traveled around the country in their motorhome bringing music, dance, and enjoyment to hundreds of people.

Bernice is survived by Larry Prior, her loving husband of 66 years; daughter Gail Lulek (Mark) and Wendy Hoin (David); daughter in law, Rosa Prior; brother, Bruce Holness; grandchildren, Scott Catalano (Nicole), Tammy Wiley (Thaddeus), Alan Prior, Alana Prior, Kate Hoin, Andrew Hoin, Sarabeth Prior, Spencer Hoin; great-grandchildren, Lauren Catalano, Kayla Wiley, Noah

Catalano, Brianna Wiley, Lexi Catalano, Andrew Grawe. She was preceded in death by her brothers Edward and Barney Holness and her son Glen Prior.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a future date. Memorial donations may be made in her honor to Suncoast Hospice, 2675 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684."

Larry was a caller in the Palm Bay (Tampa) area and is a life time member of the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 2960 Tampa Road, Apt 115, Palm Harbor, FL 34684. His daughter said he would enjoy receiving cards and letters from the square dancers.



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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

Volunteers Needed

As we get closer to the next Florida State Convention on May 27th – 28th, there will be calls for volunteers in various areas.

We need volunteers to help with greeting dancers as they arrive. As a volunteer you will stand at your assigned entrance, hand out programs books, and answer questions. Listed below are the time slots that are still open. If you can help out in any way, please choose the time slot(s) you are available for and notify Jenny Green at igreen102286@gmail.com or call her at 863-287-5724.

You do not have to be a member of a Florida club to volunteer for our convention. You can choose as many time slots as you want.

Friday, May 27th:

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (need 1 more)

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (need 1 more)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (need 2)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (need 1 more)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (need 2)

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4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dinner Break
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (need 1 more)
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (need 2)
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Saturday, May 28th:

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9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (need 2)

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (need 1 more)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (need 2)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (need 2)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (need 1 more)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dinner Break

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (need 2)

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (need 2)
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We also need volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets. As a volunteer to sell tickets, you will be asked to walk around the halls selling tickets. Below are the time slots that are currently available; 30 minutes each shift. You can work as many shifts as you like.

Friday, May 27th:

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7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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Saturday, May 28th:

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8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m. - 9:00 pm.
9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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Please choose the time slots you are available and contact Tom and Pat Herscha at Pehtah@yahoo.com - Tahpeh@comcast.net - 904-406-0275.



Inspirational Quotes (from the collection of Ed Foote)

"A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow."...William Shakespeare

"But as for me, I will always have hope."... Psalm 71:14

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it."...Aristotle

"People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built."...Eleanor Roosevelt

"Set you sights high, the higher the better. Expect the most wonderful things to happen, not in the future but right now. Realize that nothing is too good. Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you or hold you up in any way."...Jack Ma, Found of Alibaba

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

Hints For Dancing Spin Chain & Exchange The Gears

PROBLEM #1: Most dancers think they know the definition of the call, but they do not.

The true definition says that after the star has turned ¾, a center ocean wave is formed and it is the two centers of this wave that lead everyone out.

In the majority of cases, this means the point that is facing out after the star has formed is the person who will be leading everyone out. But this is not the definition – it is simply what happens as a result of applying the definition.

What if the caller says to turn the star only ½, or ¼, or not to turn the start at all? Those who think the definition says the outfacing point will always lead out will have no idea what the caller is talking about.

But dancers who understand the definition will have no problem if the caller says to turn the start other than ¾. They will simply turn the star the indicated amount, see who is in the center of the ocean wave, and follow that person out.

Remember: After the star is done turning – THE CENTERS OF THE WAVE WILL LEAD EVERYONE OUT.

PROBLEM #2: In dancing the call, sometimes the star does not form. Reason: The ends of the two initial waves who turn back do not get into the star. Why? Because they are not thinking. They believe the star will magically form on their own and include them. If the star does not form, the call is dead and the square will break down.

So, once the ends turn back, they must do two things: (1) THEY MUST IMMEDIATLEY SLIDE SIDEWAYS TOWARDS THE CENTERS. If the ends do not do this, the start will not form and the centers will not wait for them. Unfortunately, many centers are so involved with their own part, they ignore the ends and just take off as though the ends were part of the star. They forget that this is a team game, and that the start is not allowed to turn until all 4 hands are in the star.

(2) But the ends have to do more than just moved toward the centers. THEY ALSO HAVE TO BEND THE ELBOW OF THE HAND THAT WILL BE FORMING THE STAR. If they do not bend their elbow, they will be too far removed from the star for it to turn efficiently. The star will start to turn, but the points can easily become lost and drift out of the star.

You can always tell the people who do not bend their elbow – they are tipped sideways at a 25 degree angle. If you see this, you know the start is in trouble.

So, there are 3 hints to remember in forming the star:

- (1) As soon as the ends turn back, they must slide sideways toward the centers.
- (2) The ends must have their elbow bent in forming the star.
- (3) The centers must wait for the ends to join the star, no matter how long it takes.

ADDING "ROLL" TO THE CALL. We know that Roll means to turn ¼ more in the direction you are turning after a call is completed. The problem with Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears is that at the end of the call people are all over the place; they may complete the call successfully, but they often do not know how they did it. If they are now told to "Roll," they are likely to be drifting around and not know where to go.

Therefore, the solution is not to try and do the Roll by remembering how you completed the call. The solution is to memorize one simple thing that will guarantee you will be in the correct ending position for the Roll.

RULE FOR ROLL ON THIS CALL: Do the full call in the normal way. WHEN YOU ARE DONE, FACE THE PERSON BESIDE YOU IN THE OCEAN WAVE.

Ending formation is an 8 chain thru. Be sure to look for this and take hands with the person beside you.

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of February 29, 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 (February 29) – Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory), N. Ft. Myers – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: callerdaye@hotmail.com.

Temple Twirlers Leap Year; 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: 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: BBKJLK@verizon.net.

<u>Tuesday (March 1)</u> – *Woodmere A2 Dance* - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 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. 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), N. Ft. Myers – 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.com or www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares.com or www.suncoastsquares.com or www.suncoastsqua

<u>Wednesday (March 2)</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: 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 - Cuer: 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 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: <u>igiesler1@yahoo.com</u> – 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. – Cuers/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; 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.

Thursday (March 3) – Shufflin' Squares - 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: Gary Bubel; Cuer: Carl Rod – square dance attire optional. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

Citrus Park Snobirds Gone Country — 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: Russ Collier. For info: 603-361-3009.

Charlotte Promenaders 47th Anniversary Dance - Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-429-1311 - cbharding@yahoo.com or 941-429-8271 - jdclay8146@gmail.com.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Hawaiian Night Dance - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: lone Wade. 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: beemerr90s@juno.com. www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 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 Birthdays/Dance/Clothing Sale - 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: dhua7@aol.com or 727-544-0227.

<u>Friday (March 4)</u> — <u>Buttonwood Bay Squares Cookies Dance</u> - 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. For info: Tim Stewart tjstewart58@comcast.net or 586-610-8370.

Woodmere Park C-1 Dance – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 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: 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.

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: <a href="https://hl

<u>Saturday (March 5)</u> – *Indian Creek Squares* - Seminole Hall, Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL - Early rounds at 7:00, Plus 7:30 to 9:30 - Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 989 372-0852.

Buttons & Bows of Venice - Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Walter Lougee; Cuer: Karen Haiflich. 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 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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 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: Sam Dunn; Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells – 770-490-1670; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg – 813-707-1702; Barb & Don Huff – 813-752-2278; Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

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.

Palace Promenaders – 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 (March 6)</u> — <u>Retirement Party for Roland Blanchette</u> — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — Callers/Cuers: members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association — 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. Finger food and cards appreciated. \$5 donation requested. For info: <u>sqdncfan@gmail.com</u> or 863-224-3393.

Happy Promenaders '40 something' Anniversary Party — Happy Promenaders—Hitching Post RV Park Rec Hall, Naples (Directions: From Rt. 41 (Tamiami Trail East), turn south at the traffic signal/RaceTrac filling station onto Barefoot Williams Road (west of Rt. 951/Collier Blvd. and just east of the Hitching Post strip mall). Pass the filling station and take first left turn toward pool and Rec Hall.) Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick chase. Early Rounds 7:00 — 7:30 p.m., Mainstream and Plus Squares 7:30 — 9:30 p.m. For info: call Jan (239) 642-8612 or playwalt@comcast.net.

Crystal Lake Squares Crazy Hat Dance - Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Road (on Rt. 17 – 2 miles north of Wauchula) – Mainstream/Plus/Phase II Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Gormley. Refreshments will be served. Square dance attire optional. For info: 765-499-1268.

Monday (March 7) – 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.com.

C-Gulls Dance Club – Tony Rotino Center, 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral – Caller: David Heffron. 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 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 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), N. Ft. Myers – 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: BBKJLK@verizon.net.

<u>Tuesday (March 8)</u> – <u>Buttons & Bows</u> - 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. – Callers: Chuck and Gerry Hardy – 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: sqdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

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Woodmere A2 Dance - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 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 lois D523@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!

February 22, 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: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

January 15, 2016 - **Maple Leaf Mainstream Workshop** — Can Am Hall, 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** - Can Am Hall, 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.

February 14, 2016 - **Basic 50 Workshop** – Pleasant Lake Carefree RV Resort, 6633 53rd Avenue East, Brandenton, FL – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Robert Arias. For info: 813-601-1834.

February 17, 2016 – **Eagle Point Mobile Home Park Beginner Square Dance Class** – Eagle Point Mobile Home Park, 10303 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: 941-235-1611

February 17, 2016 – **Crystal Lake Squares Plus Workshop** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Road (on Rt. 17 – 2 miles north of Wauchula) - 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. Learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. For info: 419-376-0057 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

February 17, 2016 - Crystal Lake Squares Mainstream Square Dance Workshop — Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell road (on Rt. 17 – 2 miles north of Wauchula) — 2:30 — 4:00 p.m. —

Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. Learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. For info: 419-376-0057 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

February 17, 2016 – **Crystal Lake Squares Beginners Square Dance Class** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Road (on Rt. 17 – 2 miles north of Wauchula) – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. Learn by definition \$4 per person per session. For info: 419-376-0057 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

February 25, 2016 – **Plus Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, CanAm Hall, Port Charlotte – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dancers are expected to be proficient in Plus. This is not a Maple Leaf Square Dance Club offering. For info: 941-235-1611.

May 29, 2016 – Seminar for Experienced Callers – Monaghan Community Fire Hall, 245 W. Siddonsburg Road, Dillsburg, PA – Accredited Caller Coach: Tim Marriner and Caller Coach: Bill Harrison – All day seminar – three sessions (Morning, Afternoon, and Evening) – specifically for callers, working for clubs, that have a method of Choreographic Management, be it Sight, Modules, Mental Image, Memory, Reading, or any combination. Sponsored by the South Central Pennsylvania Callers & Cuers Association. Schedule: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (probably pizza delivered); Session 1; 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Session 2; 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Session 3. Cost: \$50 per call – spouse and guests free. Things to bring: note pad, recording device, music, mic. checkers. For info: 717-432-8043 or idprosser@juno.com.

June 8 – 12, 2016 – **Heart of America Callers School** – KAW Valley Dance Center, 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 105, Topeka, KS (next door to the CALLERLAB home office) – CALLERLAB accredited caller coaches: Tim Marriner, Paul Henze, and Jerry Junck – full CALLERLAB curriculum emphasizing Formation Management – Modules, Presentation Techniques – Music, Singing Call Techniques – Voice, Patter Calling – Sight Resolution – for new and experienced callers – enrollment is limited, register early! Cost: \$325 per student; no additional charge for partners who are encouraged to attend. For info: 402-375-2420 or 402-980-2446 (C) or junck@aol.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

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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...

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March 19, 2016 – **Round Dance Council of Florida Meeting** – Stardust Dance Center, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, FL – 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Anyone cueing or teaching rounds in the state of Florida should consider membership in the Round Dance Council of Florida. This meeting is held in conjunction with the Spring Weekend of Rounds. For info: frausbs@aol.com or 904-908-5184.

March 19 – 20, 2016 – Round Dance Council of Florida Spring Weekend of Rounds – Stardust Dance Center, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City – Clinicians: Rey and Sherry Garza. Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics – open to all dancers and Cuer/Instructors – weekend package \$75 per couple – RDCF members \$40 per couple – split pricing available. For info: frausbs@aol.com or 904-908-5184.

May 20 – 22, 2016 – **Cloud Nine Weekend** – Turkey Run Inn, Marshall, IN – Callers: Curt Braffet (Illinois) and Tom Miller (Pennsylvania); Cuers: Shirley & Don Heiny (Indiana). The weekend includes: dancing and workshops, two nights of lodging and buffet meals – dancing on a wood floor – by advance reservation only – no part time participation. Package cost per couple: 2 double beds \$395; 1 double bed \$362; 1 queen bed \$384; 2 queen beds \$418; cabin (2 dbl beds) \$389; and site \$458. Deposit \$75 per couple – price includes gratuities – prices subject to change. Payment due 30 days prior to weekend. For info: curt.braffet@gmail.com.

May 26, 2016 – **62**nd **Florida Square and Round Dance Convention Trail End Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Callers: Charlie Pergrossi (Convention Caller Chairman) and Dave Muller (Assistant Convention Caller Chairman); Cuers: Susan Snider and Joann Helton (Convention Cuer Chairman) – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – Squares 7:30 p.m. - admission by donation – wear your convention t-shirt. For info: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net.

May 29, 2016 – **Florida Callers Association Meeting** – Comfort Inn & Suites, 3520 U.S. Highway 98 N., Lakeland – 9:00 a.m. Anyone calling or teaching squares in the state of Florida should consider membership in the Florida Callers Associations. Comfort Inn & Suites is the Florida State Square Dance convention host hotel for the Florida Caller's Association. For info: davecaller@gmail.com or 334-475-0975.

June 17, 2016 – **65**th **National Convention Trail In Dance** – Odell Library, 307 South Madison, Morrison, IL – Callers: Tom Manning, Bob Asp, and Curt Braffet – 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. For info: SGbobasp@aol.com or 815-262-9080.

June 18, 2016 - **65th National Convention Trail In Dance** — Robert A. Lee Rec Center, 220 S. Gilbert Street, Iowa City, IA — Callers: Tom Manning, Bob Asp, and Curt Braffet — 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. For info: <u>SGbobasp@aol.com</u> or 815-262-9080.

June 19, 2016 - **65**th **National Convention Trail In Dance** – Eagles Club, South Green, Ottumwa, IA – Callers: Tom Manning, Bob Asp, and Curt Braffet – 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. For info: SGbobasp@aol.com or 815-262-9080.

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)

http://www.nsdca.org (National Square Dance Campers)

http://www.arts-dance.org (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

http://www.61stnsdc.com 60th National Square Dance Convention – Spokane, WA

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

Vendors

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

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

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

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)

<u>www.PerfectPetticoats.com</u> (Perfect Petticoats)

http://www.grandsquare07.com (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

http://www.mike-gormley.com (Mike Gormley)

http://www.samdunn.net/ (Sam Dunn)

http://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/ (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

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