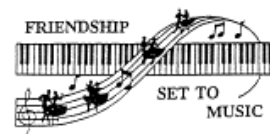

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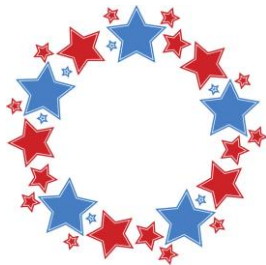
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April 17, 2016 – **Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association (SCCA) Meeting** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 p.m. If you call, cue or teach rounds and/or squares on the west coast of Florida, you should consider membership in this association. For info: ted.hughes@juno.com.

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

May 5, 2015 - **Deadline for submissions to the Bow & Swing June issue.** Send to bowandswing@gmail.com.



We are looking for female veterans (any branch of service) to be a part of the color guard at the next Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Lakeland on May 28, 2016. The plan is to have an all-female guard. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ailene Picheco at apicheco@att.net or 321-652-0680. She will need your full name and branch of service.

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!

The following note from Flo about her visit to **George Varney** on Monday seems to be very encouraging.

George was moved to **Heritage Park Health & Rehab Ctr, 37135 Coleman Ave., Dade City, FL 33525-4526**

The Center's phone # is [\(352\) 567-8615](tel:3525678615). Martha Bird

On 4/4/2016 5:02 PM, Flo Ormsbee wrote:

I have just come from a visit with George Varney. Lorraine was advised earlier that George would be moved to Heritage Park Rehab Center in Dade City. I had a nice visit and while I was there I learned that he is on clear liquids only, no solid food, no pain medication and is in no pain.

The transport team came in to move him as I was leaving, and when I went to find the new location (which is much closer to my home) George had just arrived and was being taken out of the EMT van.... He gave me permission to share his medical status with all. I had on my "I'll do it tomorrow I am going square dancing tonight" shirt and I told him that I would dance as many tips for him as I could. He said ok. He can only speak in a whisper because it is very difficult for him to breathe, but he is not on oxygen.

Please keep the family in your prayers. Share this with everyone you know that might know George and Lorraine. I do not have the exact address of Heritage Park [see my note above] but it's at the corner of Coleman and Ft. King in Dade City within a mile of our house. I told him we are thinking about him and praying for him. Flo (4/4/16)

(4/8/16) Bob and I stopped in to see George Varney. We only stayed about 10-15 minutes. He couldn't talk at all and when he tried he started coughing. When I asked how he felt he waved his up a little like you do when you are not sure of anything; the same thing happened when I asked how he liked the new facility. He did indicate that he did not think he would be moved anymore and that his granddaughter was now here. He waved a very weak bye to us. He was watching the news on tv and the weather was on. I do have their daughter's email and I will post it later for those that might like to keep in touch. She is not sure how much Lorraine will check George's email. When I sent out the email trying to correct all my yahoo to gmail she responded on behalf of her Dad.

TIP: *When you're trying to fill squares on the floor, everyone should start clapping on the same beat to get the attention of everyone sitting out.*



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

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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

Birth of [USDA]

Early efforts to create a National Dancer Organization focused on soliciting individual dancers to become members of the National Dancers Organization by paying annual dues of \$10.00 per dancer. The first of these efforts in the early 1970’s was led by Cacti Pete, a dancer from California who attended each of the first fifty National Square Dance Conventions[®]. The second attempt to unite dancers on a National basis was initiated by Ms. Chris Events of Cedar Falls, Iowa during 1975-1978 when she attempted to form the American Square Dance Association/International by charging family membership fees of \$10.00 or \$5.00 for a single membership.

Seeing little success with this approach to combine individual dancers into a National Dancers Organization, in November of 1978 – Mr. Norm Holloway (General Chairman of the 13th National Square Dance Convention[®] in Long Beach, California – 1064) suggested to the California Square Dance council that their Presidents – Jim and Jan Maczko – seek the interest of the various other State and major Regional Square Dance

Associations, Councils, Federations, etc. into joining together to form a National Square Dancers Organization by amalgamating all of these State and major Regional Organizations into one National Dancers Association where each State would send representatives to an annual meeting.

The Showcase of Ideas held in Milwaukee in 1979 during the annual National Square Dance Convention[®] afforded Jim and Jan Maczko – Presidents of the California Square Dance Council – the opportunity to collect contact information on the various State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Council, Federations, etc. from around the country. It was in late 1979 and early 1980 that the Maczkos initial mailing (USPS was the primary means of communications during that era) survey's seeking these other groups interest in collaborating in the effort to form what was initially envisioned as a National Square Dance Dancers Association.

Early responses were positive – enough so, that with the assistance of Bob and Janette Kemper, President of the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs – arrangements were made to hold an informational meeting during the 1980 National Square Dance Convention[®] in Memphis. This meeting was actually held within the confines of the Memphis Convention Center, site of the 29th NSDC and was open to all. As the initiators of the fact finding efforts, Jim and Jan Maczko were selected to chair this meeting where viewpoints of those in favor as well as those opposed to the creation of such a National Square Dancers Association were expressed.

Those voicing support could see the benefits of the Dancers to have their own voice in the affairs of the Square Dance Movement and to provide support for such efforts to designate Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance of the United States. Those expressing opposition to such a National Square Dancer Association felt that existing organizations such as LEGACY International and the National Square Dance Conventions[®] Executive Committee already provided a venue for Dancers to be heard. Among the most significant shortcomings of these other existing organizations was that they did not exclusively represent Dancers, or did they include Dancers from every State.

In the spirit of cooperative involvement it was determined at the 1980 meeting in Memphis that there was a real need to create an Organizational Committee for the formation of the National Square Dances Association. This Organizing Committee consisted of not only those in favor of the creation of a National Square Dancers Organization but those who opposed as well.

Jim and Jan Maczko were designated as the Chairs of the fifteen member group. Ed and Mary Barbee – Past Presidents of the Texas Federation of Square Dancers – were chosen to serve as interim Secretaries of the Organizing body. Other members of this Organizing Committee consisting of Regional Directors that included Frank and Helen Cavanaugh (New Jersey); Win and JoAnn Edmondson (Wisconsin); Norm and Sharon Frank (California); Dewey Glasa (Alabama); Mike and Mary Gottulo (Nebraska); Freddie Kaitenthaier (Pennsylvania); Bob and Janette Kemper (Tennessee); Elmer and Jean Marose (Oklahoma); Bob and Ginger Prescott (Missouri); **Joe Vaccari (Florida)**; Wayne

and Marilyn Wells (Minnesota); Curtis and Jo Young (Texas); and, serving as advisors were Charles and Ebba Naddeo (California).

Correspondence among this group continued via USPS. Other tasks undertaken by the members of this group continued to determine the interest of additional State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Council, Federations, etc. from around the country to participate in a National Dancer group. These efforts resulted in determining that sufficient interest did exist to create a National Square Dancer Association.

The next step was to generate the Governing Documents for this National Square Dancers Association. To accomplish this goal, a special meeting of the Organizing Committee was scheduled in early November 1980 in Oklahoma City during the Oklahoma State Square Dance Festival. This meeting was well attended with representatives from Florida (Joe Vaccari, Joy Richardson), Texas (Ed and Mary Barbee, Curtis and Jo Young, Ed and Angie McCreary, Russ and Roberta Barton), Oklahoma (Elmer and Jean Marose, and Howard Thornton), and California (Mac and Mary McClure, and Jim and Jan Maczko).

Among the issues discussed during the Oklahoma City meeting was the name of this National Dancer organization. It was suggested that adopting the name of the National Square Dancers Association might be confused with annual National Square Dance Convention[®] which was a well-established and separate entity. In addition, the organizational structure was determined to allow each existing State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Council, Federations, etc. to send four delegates to represent their interests at the annual meetings of this National Square Dancers organization. It was determined that the National Square Dancers organization would be divided into four regions – each region would be serviced by one of four Regional Vice Presidents. To ensure regional equality among the four Regions – thirteen States were delegated to each of the four regions – Eastern Region extending from Maine through Virginia and would include the District of Columbia – Central Regional stretching from West Virginia and would encompass Mississippi up to Michigan – Plains Region covering Illinois through Texas – and the Western Region stretching from Colorado to Hawaii.

Proposed Governing Documents – Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules – were then distributed (again via the USPS) to all points of contact that had been collected to that point in time with the intent to present these Governing Documents during an organizational meeting to be held during the 30th National Square Dance Convention[®] in Seattle, 1981.

(Article by Jim Maczko)

FUN FACTS:

- ✓ USDA currently represents roughly 310,000 dancers throughout the United States
- ✓ Jim Mackzo was the first President of the newly formed USDA – United Square Dancers of America

How Old is Your Dance Club?

USDA is celebrating our 35th Anniversary this year. In a conversation with some friends recently we were discussing square dancing and age. USDA has recently started a Centennial Award program to recognize and celebrate those dancers that have lived to see the age of 100 and are still active in their square dance club. We talked about the callers and how many of them are reaching those golden years. We grew up square dancing with callers and watched their hair turn white, or in some cases turn loose. I think most of us know active callers that are in their 80's and still going strong. Take a look at page 29-30 and notice the age of many of the conventions listed. New Mexico 69 years, Florida 62 years, 58 years for New England and for Rochester and there are many others that may not be mentioned here.

Square dancing has been around for many years and so have our dancers, our callers, our clubs and our associations. You have probably heard me say before that I love old people and I hope to be one some day. I would like to get information on clubs that are 65 years or older. I would also like to hear about your club callers that re 80 plus years old and still calling. If you know of club and/or callers that fit that group please send me an email at: larrydunkel@comcast.net.

Hints for Dancing Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears

By Ed Foote (reprinted from *American Square Dance Magazine*)

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

The true definition says that after the star has turned $\frac{3}{4}$, 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 $\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{1}{4}$, or not to turn the star 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 star other than $\frac{3}{4}$. 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 its 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 IMMEDIATELY SLIDE SIDEWAYS TOWARD THE CENTERS.** If the ends do not do this, the star 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 star is not allowed to turn until all 4 hands are in the star.

(2) But the ends have to do more than just move 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 star 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 elbows bent informing 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

What's Happening This Week?

Week of April 11, 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 (April 11) – *Horizon Village Squares Final Dance of the Season* – 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: 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: **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: BBKJLK@verizon.net or <http://ww.templetwirlers.com>.

Tuesday (April 12) – *Buttons & Bows* - 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: Marty Vanwart – 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: sgdnxfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

Woodmere Final A2 Dance of the Season - 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.

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 Final Dance of the Season – 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 (April 13) – *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.

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

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 Final Dance of the Season - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Mainstream/Easy Plus. Caller: **Sam Dunn**. 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 Collier. Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (April 14) – Charlotte Promenaders - Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: **Red Bates**; Cuer: **Russ Collier**. For info: 941-429-1311 - cbharding@yahoo.com or 941-429-8271 - jdclay8146@gmail.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 Pajama Party 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: dhua7@aol.com or 727-544-0227.

Friday (April 15) – 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: hlhtfh@yahoo.com or 941- 776-0477.

Saturday (April 16) – Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic and Dance Review/Phase V Dance/Class – NO DANCE 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 – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Round 7:00 – 7:30 – Plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Caller: **Ron Reardon**; 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.

Sunday (April 17) – J & C Spinarounds Round Dance Party – La Piazza Mobile Home Park – Recreation Hall – 3rd Street, Largo – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. For info: 941-525-7809 – spinards@tampabay.rr.com – www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin.

Camp Florida Resort Round Dance Party - Clubhouse Great Room, 1231 Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid, FL - 2:00 to 4:30 PM – dancing to two cuers – no charge for all dancers and visitors

– dancers are asked to bring finger food to share. For info: [941-505-1979](tel:941-505-1979) (ionewade@yahoo.com) or Diane Lucey at dialucey@aol.com

Monday (April 18) – Temple Twirlers – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **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: bbkilk@verizon.net or <http://www.templetwirlers.com>.

Tuesday (April 19) – 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 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 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](tel:941-235-1611)

February 17, 2016 – March 30, 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](tel: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 jdprosser@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.

June 8 – September 28, 2016 - **Linville Land Harbor Mountain Mixers A-2 Review** - Highway 221 between Pineola, NC and Linville, NC – Caller: Ron Libby (Land Harbor, NC) - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m. For info: 828-898-8188 or www.mountainmixers.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 kenritucci@aol.com – www.northeastcallersschool.com.

September 24 – October 29, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Two-Step Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins (members of Roundalab and Round Dance Council of Florida; BMI & ASCAP licensed) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: 828-508-3690 (leave message if no answer).

September 25, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Choreographed Ballroom (Round Dancing) Beginners Class in Rumba and Cha Cha** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: 828-508-3690 (cell – leave message if no answer) – BMI & ASCAP licensed.

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...

(DAY CHANGE – Friday to Wednesday) April 20, 2016 – Strawberry Square Fun Plus Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Mary Vanwart – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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 Kowalski 813-754-3109.

April 22 – 23, 2016 – **58th New England Square and Round Dance Convention** – Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI – For info: chairman58nesrdc@cox.net or www.nesrdc.org.

May 6, 2016 – **Strawberry Square First Summer Program Plus/Advance Dance of the Summer** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Keith Stevens - 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 Kowalski 813-754-3109.

May 7, 2016 – **58th Dance-O-Rama – Rochester's Annual Dance Festival** – Perinton Rec Center, 1350 Turk Hill Road, Fairport, NY – Callers: Dave Eno, Brad Deibert, Mike Callahan, and Ron Brown – Cuers: Mark Thone and Jerry Carmen – featuring Mainstream – Plus – A2 – Line Dancing – Round Dancing. Air conditioned – traditional basket raffles – big 50/50 drawing (3 lucky winners) - please bring snacks to share – water will be provided. For info: <http://squaredancingrochester.org> – raf_vp@squaredancingrochester.org.

May 13 – 15, 2016 – **69th New Mexico Square & Round Dance Festival** – McGee Park, Farmington, NM. For info: www.festival.nmsrda.org.

May 28, 2016 – **63rd (2017) Convention Committee Meeting** – Lakeland Center, Exhibition Hall West, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland – 8:00 a.m. For info: rayelsa@aol.com.

May 28, 2016 – **63rd (2017) Convention Committee Meeting** – Lakeland Center, Lake Parker D, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland – 9:00 a.m. For info: rayelsa@aol.com.

May 28, 2016 – **Round Dance Council of Florida Meeting** - Lakeland Center, Sikes K, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland – 8:00 a.m. If you cue or teach rounds in the state of Florida, you should give serious consideration to joining this organization. For info: frausbs@aol.com.

May 29, 2016 – **Florida Federation Meeting** – Ramada Lakeland Hotel, 3260 US Highway 98 North, Lakeland – 9:00 a.m. All Florida square and round dancers are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting. For info: sgdnxfan@gmail.com.

May 29, 2016 – **Florida Callers Association Meeting** – Comfort Inn & Suites, 3520 US 98 North, Lakeland – 9:00 a.m. If you call or teach square dancing in the state of Florida, you should give serious consideration to joining this organization. For info: davecaller@gmail.com.

May 29, 2016 – **62nd (2016) Convention Committee Break Out Meeting** - Ramada Lakeland Hotel, 3260 US Highway 98 North, Lakeland – 9:00 a.m. All Florida square and round dancers are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting. For info: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net, lindactester@bellsouth.net, and wlsyphard@aol.com.

May 29, 2016 – **64th (2018) Convention Committee Meeting** - Ramada Lakeland Hotel, 3260 US Highway 98 North, Lakeland – 9:00 a.m. All Florida square and round dancers are encouraged and welcome to attend this meeting. For info: lindawasserman0@gmail.com or lewiswasserman@gmail.com.

July 28 – 30, 2016 – **Festival 2016 – Partner Up Prairie Style** – A Canadian National Dance Convention – Delta Regina, Sask. For info: 306-580-7141 - treeline@hotmail.com or 306-543-8626 – barrgell@sasktel.net.

August 5 – 7, 2016 – **2016 West Virginia Dance Convention** – West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV. For info: donniemay@att.net or ettamccormick@yahoo.com.

August 12 – 14, 2016 – **23rd Annual Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Convention** – Pasquerilla Conference Center, Johnstown, PA. For info: www.psrdf.org.

August 25, 2016 – **38th Alabama State Convention Trail In Dance** – Pell City Civic Center, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road, Pell City, AL – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. per person – Featured Caller: Wes Dyer (Louisville, KY) – Mainstream with announced Plus – casual attire. For info: 205-353-4820 – bigboybubba93@yahoo.com – www.alabamasquaredance.com.

September 15 – 17, 2016 – **Eighth Annual Kentucky Federation of Square Dance Celebration** – Ramada Plaza & Convention Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY. For info: 859-967-9392 – pepsilady46@aol.com or 502-445-6577 or tomespj@aol.com.

October 28, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Final Summer Program Plus/Advance Dance of the Summer** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Keith Stevens – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 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 Kowalski 813-754-3109.

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.nsddirectory.com/> (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)

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.suziegcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

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

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

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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