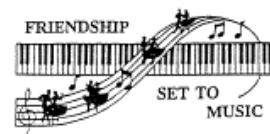

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Florida State Convention May 27 – 28, 2016!

Greeters for one or two hour blocks of time to greet dancers as they enter our section of the Lakeland Center. You will be asked to hand out program books, answer questions, and give directions. If you can give some time, please contact Jenny Green at jgreen102286@gmail.com or 863-287-5724.

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.

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 – Lakeland Center, Lakeland – held in conjunction with the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention – 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. For info: sqdnxfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

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 &

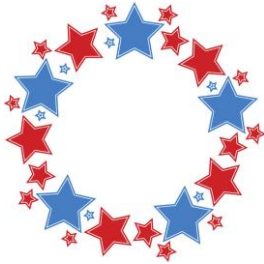
Suites is the Florida State Square Dance convention host hotel for the Florida Caller's Association. For info: davecaller@gmail.com or 334-475-0975.

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.



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.

Inspirational Quotes

(from the collection of Ed Foote)

“Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace.” ...Dalai Lama

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” ...Theodore Roosevelt

“If you can dream it, you can do it.” ...Walt Disney

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” ...Theodore Roosevelt

“Whether you think you can or you think you can’t you’re right.” ...Henry Ford

“What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.” ...Ralph Marston

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!

A few months ago it was reported that **Caller Donnie Miller** had back surgery. A recent report has been received that there is good hope for him – though a slow recovery. He is still pain, but says each day is a little better. If you would like to send cards, his address is 6511 Bo Peep Drive North, Jacksonville, FL 32210. His email is revdonm@aol.com.



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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

West Coast Association membership badges and bars

On The Record – Squares

By Buddy Weaver

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So You Want To Be A Caller?

Before starting in to this month’s topic, I want to share the news that the Music for Callers website just passed a landmark. It has been one year since re-launching this site as a “one-stop” website for all square dance music. The criteria of being user friendly, free of charge, and 100% accurate 100% of the time, has been met. In one year, monthly visits have gone from 2226 to 5045. There are now 533 page views, dialing, and the number of square dance music labels accessed through the website has doubled. Music For Callers website is a success.

This month's topic started when the question was asked, "What do you consider to be the needed qualities of someone who wants to be a caller?" Prefacing my answer, I think the needed traits are the same for an established caller as they are for a novice. I think you'll agree after you've read my opinion.

First necessary attribute – patience. Patience with dancers who may struggle with your voice or the way you call. Even the best callers in the world are a new voice, new vocal style, and new musical style to dancers hearing them for the first time. If the dancers themselves are relatively new or in beginner classes, then the challenge is even greater. Sometimes experienced dancers have forgotten how to be encouraging of new callers. For all of the above, be patient with the folks and while you are at it, be patient with yourself. It took lots of work, practice, and time for great callers to reach their station. Remember also to be patient with your significant other as they learn their new role as caller's partner.

Second, have a good work ethic. Here is where successful entrepreneurs tend to be the best square dance callers because they know that being self-employed means that you show up and you show up on time. You set goals for your own personal/professional growth and you stay the course regardless of how difficult it becomes. Square dance callers who enjoy long-term success are willing to put "skin in the game". They understand there is investment of money in the equipment they use and in the music they purchase. There is an investment of money and time in attending a quality caller school and CALLERLAB conventions. There is an investment of money, time, and effort to rent a hall, do effective advertising, and teach classes. A good work ethic has nothing to do with financial gain rather it's about working towards what is of benefit to most if not all.

Third, a great caller is someone who delights in the happiness of others. Obviously in the happiness of people square dancing, but also happily engaging with genuine empathy for challenges other folks may be going through, and celebratory in their triumphs. Neither a gossip or someone who listens to gossip, the great caller shuns negative talk and actions then in doing so, becomes a magnet for like-minded people. In my opinion, it is a blessing to know the wonderful folks I've met through square dancing and a caller with an attitude of gratitude serves as a role model to others.

Speaking of being a role model, appearances matter. The caller should always wear clothes that are clean and neatly pressed. Clothing should fit properly and not be threadbare. The small monetary investment in dental floss, tooth paste, and shoe polish will go far in not only improving one's image, but also one's self-confidence.

Finally, have a desire to learn. You may have noticed that nowhere did I state a new caller should have a talent for singing or a good voice or a mind for choreography. Musically, choreography, and teaching techniques are learned then re-learned. For example, in my own 39 years of calling, I've changed my teaching order of calls for beginner lessons, every single class. Every class I make it a point to learn something new and refine my teaching skills. The same holds true for my understanding of music and choreography. If there was ever a time that I felt "I knew enough", then it would be time for me to leave the activity. My desire to

learn – to improve – is what keeps me fresh and makes me an asset to the square dance activity.

Once you've made the decision to go "all in", then start searching for resources to help you learn about what is introduced here. Read the "Square Dancing Magazine" series, in particular the Callers Notebook. All years of the magazine are free from the Internet. Listen to CALLERLAB convention panels. Almost every year of conventions is available by contacting the CALLERLAB home office. Research techniques on teaching, goal setting, business building, "how to make friends" and "tipping points". What you learn as a business professional will serve you well as a caller. If you have questions or concerns, send your email to buddy@buddyweaver.com.

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Breaking Records

By Corben Geis

I Can't Wait to Show and Tell Everyone What I Learned

One of the roughest and toughest things to do, after returning home from any kind of a convention, is to share your rejuvenated enthusiasm and new found skills with those who didn't attend that very same convention. Let's say you recently attended a work-related convention and you returned back pumped, psyched and filled with many new (and old) ideas. You jump up onto a perch and start chanting your concerns and pitching your new thoughts, just like Professor Harold Hill, from the musical *The Music Man*. I can hear him now, singing to the stubborn and ignorant townsfolk, "Ya Got Trouble!".

Every time I return from a Callerlab Convention, I feel totally refreshed. I can't wait to tell all and show all. So many fun, interesting and cool things I have taken in over the past few days. "Wait'll they get a load of me" or "Wait'll they see this stuff"! Now, over the years I have figured out not to hit the dancers heavy with everything on the first night back. It used to be my dancers would have that look on their faces of, "Uh, oh, he's back from another one of those 'caller' pep rallies" or just plain "We're doomed". And, I hadn't even said anything over the microphone yet, such as "Wait'll you see this new dance I just learned." Oh, man, does that bring back some funny memories and horror stories at the same time.

I often wish more dancers would attend the Callerlab Conventions. Dancers are always invited, but need to be encouraged more or maybe even enticed, to take part in our conventions. There is so much good material in all of the different panels, seminars and committee meetings. Surprisingly, I did see some dancers attending April's convention in Norfolk, Virginia, and I was delighted. The feedback and impression I got from them was that of "WOW!" and "We should have brought more of our club officers with us". Wouldn't that be awesome if the dancers could share in their callers' enthusiasm? I write that line with a wink and a smile thinking how great it would be if I wasn't the only one who had to convince the dancers that "the stuff I bring back to you good stuff'.)

Many people seek different things, themes and topics when they attend a convention of any kind. Usually it's...

1. New material
2. See the latest tools of the trade
3. Check out the newest technology (or research something classic)
4. Reacquaint with old friends and colleagues
5. Meet new friends and colleagues
6. Swap ideas, stories and business cards
7. Rub elbows with the veterans the well-knowns of that particular activity
8. Attend (or lead) educational forms of that certain convention

These are all of the reasons why I enjoy attending a Callerlab Convention. Nowadays, specifically numbers 5 and 6. When I first started it was more for the other 6 reasons.

After attending any kind of seminar or convention, be it work-related or Callerlab, I feel better about myself, the trade I've chosen and square dancing. Definitely! Always do. If I don't feel better, then I need to re-evaluate a few things about myself and the convention in general. You'll hear some may say, "Great convention!" while others will murmur, "So-so convention." If you attend a convention putting in 50% only to get 50% back, then that's what you'll get. If you approach with giving it your 100%, you'll hopefully get 100% in return. Set some people on fire! That's what conventions are all about.

- Did you attend the meetings and seminars and/or did you also ask questions and give your input too!
- Did you go to a session where a new idea or change was being presented and/or did you also voice YOUR opinion as well?
- Did you check and circle the critique sheet questions and/or did you also fill out the back of the page writing down more ideas, comments and suggestions?

That's what I mean by 'getting out of what you put in to something'. With any kind of a convention, you will have folks who go regularly and routinely. You will get the ones, like me, who go occasionally or when they can get to one, due to other priorities in their lives. Then there are people who attend every once in a blue moon. These are ALL better than never going to a convention at all. Please know that in every kind of convention, dance related or work related, there are a lot of people working tirelessly and are putting in a ton of 'blood, sweat and tears' hours to bring you the best kind of convention in the biz.

I am thankful to all of the good folks who led us over the microphones and I am especially grateful for all of those crew members who worked behind the scenes. Great CALLERLAB convention! BRAVO!

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

Wheel Thru: What Most Dancers Do Not Realize

Wheel Thru (A-1 call) definition: From facing couples, the right side dancers do a right-face turn, while the left-side dancers pass left shoulders with each other to finish standing beside their original partner. The all equals a Lead to the Right.

Formations. Wheel Thru is done from many formations, including facing lines, centers in a starting double pass thru, the centers in a made-by set-up, the centers from inverted lines where the centers are facing in and the ends are facing out, and from a squared set (designated couples are told to Wheel Thru).

How it should be danced. In all but one set-up, the right-side dancers must NEVER step forward as they do their quarter right – they must do the quarter right in place. If they step forward, they get in the way of the left-side dancers who are trying to pass each other.

The problem. Unfortunately, the right-side dancers mistakenly often do step forward. This results in awkwardness for the left-side dancers to do their part, and can lead to a square breakdown.

WHAT MOST DANCERS DO NOT REALIZE. Wheel Thru from a squared set is danced differently from any other formation. A squared set Wheel Thru is the EXCEPTION TO THE RULE for how the all is danced elsewhere.

Why does this exception exist? Because Wheel Thru equals a Lead to the Right, from a squared set the right-side dancers, MUST step forward as they do their quarter right. They must do this in order to finish facing the inactive couple, because this is how the call finishes when done from a squared set.

Why do dancers get confused? Because many callers only call Wheel Thru from a squared set, the dancers come to believe that THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE is in fact THE RULE. This is the trap.

Because the dancers hear Wheel Thru from a squared set far more often than from any of the other formations named above, they think that how they dance it from a squared set is how they should always dance it. So the right-side dancers think they should always step forward as they do their quarter right, no matter from what formation the all is given.

Lesson to be learned. Dancers must remember that how they do wheel Thru from a squared set is DIFFERENT from any other starting formation. If dancers forget this, then they will always have a problem dancing the call from these other formations.

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of April 25, 2016

All clubs, callers, and cuers are asked to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. Failure to do so will result in your listing being removed from this publication.

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's issue.

Monday (April 25) – **Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary** – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **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: bbkilk@verizon.net or <http://www.templetwirlers.com>.

Tuesday (April 26) – **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: Bob Stern – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – **Members: \$6 per person and Guests: \$7 per person** – finger food – wood floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free – square dance attire optional. For info: sgdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

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.

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 27) – **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.

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.

Chase-A-Rounds in Punta Gorda – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Phase III Waltz Review - Cuer: **Dick Chase** – **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**. For info: **239-770-5257** or prentice0626@gmail.com.

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 28) – 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.

Promenade Squares Graduation Night - 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 29) – Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082 – Wekiva Falls, Sorrento, FL. Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: pd1956@verizon.net.

Strawberry Square Summer Program Plus/Advance Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Mike Cox - 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 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.

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: TBA. 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 30) – Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082 – Wekiva Falls, Sorrento, FL. Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: pd1956@verizon.net.

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 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 (May 1) – Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082 – Wekiva Falls, Sorrento, FL. Caller: Ron Reardon. For info: pd1956@verizon.net.

Monday (May 2) – 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 (May 3) – 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 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)

April 27, 2016 – **Chase-A-Rounds Beginner Round Dance Class** - South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Cha-cha and Rumba - Cuer: Dick Chase – 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

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 11 – 14, 2016 – **Summer Caller School** – 5049 Durham Road West, W. Columbia, MD. For info: Tom Sellner, 5049 Durham Road West, Columbia, MD 21044; sellnerthomas@yahoo.com; 410-730-2354.

July 28 – 31, 2016 – **Atlanta Callers School** – City of Light, 1379 Tullie Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Bill Harrison. Plenty of microphone time – professional assessment of your skills – understand what it takes to be a leader – full CALLERLAB curriculum – develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Only \$400/student. Space is

limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com – www.northeastcallersschool.com.

August 18 – 21, 2016 – **NORCAL Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach), Sandra Bryant, and Rob French. . Plenty of microphone time – professional assessment of your skills – understand what it takes to be a leader – full CALLERLAB curriculum – develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Only \$400/student. Space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com – www.northeastcallersschool.com.

September 22, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 – 3 Class** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cues/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

September 24 – October 29, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Two-Step Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cues/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 – Cues/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.

October 20, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Figure Teach/Dance** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cues/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

October 22, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Dance w/Phase 4 Intro Teach** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cues/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per

person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

November 5, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic/Dance** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

November 7, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Beginners Square Dance Class** – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

November 7, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 8:00 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 Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

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...

July 6 – 9, 2016 – **International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association Convention 2016** – Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV. For info: 440-256-8851 – 440-298-9810 – 440-382-1698.

August 17 – 20, 2016 - **USA West Square Dance Convention** – Red Lion Hotel (Squares) and Clarion Inn (Rounds), Pocatello, ID. For info: <http://www.idaho.usawest.net/>.

August 19 – 20, 2016 – **54th Annual Michigan State Convention** – Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Detroit – Dearborn, 5801 Southfield, Detroit - 313-336-3340 – www.dearborndoubletree.com.

September 16 – 17, 2016 – **Georgia 45th Annual Convention** – The Classic Center, 130 Foundry Street, Athens, GA. For info: Joyce Mosely, 3390 S. Lizella Road, Lizella, GA 31052 – 478-737-1565 – joyce.mosely@cox.net.

September 25 – 27, 2016 – **38th Alabama State Convention** – Pell City Civic Center, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road, Pell City, AL – For info: 205-353-4820 – bigboybubba93@yahoo.com – www.alabamasquaredance.com.

October 8 – 9, 2016 – **Fall Weekend of Rounds** – Stardust Dance Center, 3613 Citrus Tree court, Plant City, FL – Sponsored by the Round Dance Council of Florida – Clinicians: Curt and Tammy Worlock. Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics – open to all dancers and cuer/instructors – weekend package \$75 per couple; RCDF members \$40 per couple. Host hotel: Best Western, 2003 S. Frontage Street, Plant City. For info: frausbs@aol.com. Mail registration to Tim and Terri Wilaby, 1614 Galvin, Pensacola, FL 32526.

October 20, 2016 - **Strawberry Square First Phase 4 Figure Dance/Teach of the Season** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

October 22, 2016 - **Strawberry Square First Phase 3 Dance w/Phase 4 Intro Teach** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

October 28 – 29, 2016 – **53rd Mid-South Festival** – Memphis, TN. For info: Glinda Torvik – 901-581-7805 – gtorvik@bellsouth.net.

November 5, 2016 – **Strawberry Square First Phase 5 Figure Dance/Clinic of the Season** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

November 13, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 – 5 Round Dance Party** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

December 11, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 – 5 Round Dance Party** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

January 15, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Snowflake Ball** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - \$7.50 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

January 28, 2017 – **Advanced Dance** – Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Callers: Ron Libby and Keith Stevens – 3 dance sessions – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - \$36 per couple. Reservation form online at www.keithstevens.com. For info: keith@keithstevens.com or 863-326-9774.

February 12, 2017 - **Strawberry Square Sweetheart Ball** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - \$7.50 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

March 12, 2017 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 – 5 Round Dance Party** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

April 9, 2017 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 – 5 Round Dance Party** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

2017 – **USA West Square Dance Convention** – Rock Springs, WY.

August 15 – 20, 2018 – **USA West Square Dance Convention** – Circus Circus and Silver Legacy, Reno, NV.

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.ilvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

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

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

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

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

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

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

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

Square Dance Halls

www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

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

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

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

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

Miscellaneous

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

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