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July 20, 217 - Deadline to Submit Nominations for West Coast Association's Distinguished Service Award. Nominees must have given distinguished and dedicated service to the West Coast Square and Round Dance Association. Forward all nominations to mdow@embarqmail.com. See below for the details about this award.

Health and Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations, Federation officers and any others well known to the Florida square and round dance community. Listings for others are at www.dancergram.com – Health and Sympathy.

Chuck Drawdy fell in his laundry room recently and broke his left arm and wrist. If you would like to send a card, his address is 947 E. Myers Boulevard, Mascotte, FL 34753.

Chuck is the owner of Virginia's Western Wear and Square Dance Attire.

DANCE

as though no one is watching you,

LOVE

as though you have never been hurt before,

SING

as though no one can hear you,

LIVE

as though heaven is on earth.

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

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Your Source...

Updated 6.12.17

Ribbons, flyers, and fundraising items are available for the following dances:

- 2017 West Coast Association membership badges and bars
- November 11-12, 2017 – West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest ribbons.
- February 23-24, 2018 - 2018 Florida State Convention

Item	Colors/Sizes	Price
T-Shirts w/Convention Logo	Teal, Pink, Red, Royal Blue/S, M, L, XL, XXL	\$15 ea. or two for \$25
Mugs w/Convention Logo	N/A	\$3.50 ea. or four for \$12
Convention Buttons w/Convention Logo	N/A	\$1 ea. or four for \$3
Raffle Tickets for a Google Home and Chromecast ¹	N/A	\$2 ea. or four for \$5
Polo Shirts ²	TBA	\$25 ea. or two for \$45
Passports ³	N/A	\$5 ea. for non-registered convention attendees
Registration Ribbons	N/A	Full Convention⁴: \$40, \$45 Weekender: \$32, \$35 Single Day: \$25, \$25 <i>Breakdown of price increases⁵</i>

¹ Drawing 11/18/17 at the Northeast Association's Fall Festival. You do not have to be present to win.

² Samples received

³ Each 2018 ribbon will come with a "Dance Passport." Bring it to every dance you attend, and have it dated and initialed each time. Bring it to the Convention, and we will award prizes for the most clubs visited, the most days danced, and a random drawing from all passports received. If you are unable to attend in 2018, you may get a passport for a \$5 donation. This will support the convention, and make you eligible for the prize drawing. We will also keep in touch with monthly email updates. If you do not attend the Convention, mail your passport to Dennis Taylor, Registration Chairman, 215 Carib Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

⁴ Friday evening and all day Saturday

⁵ 6/1/17 – 12/31/17; and 1/1/18 and later. All prices are per person

West Coast Association's 43rd Annual Fall Fun Fest

November 10 – 11, 2017 in Bartow, Florida

Here we are, half way through 2017 already! That means the West Coast Association's 43rd Fall Fun Fest is getting closer! We hope you are making plans to join us in Bartow on November 10 – 11, 2017 at the Bartow Civic Center for the time of your life. Advance ribbons are \$18 per person for the entire weekend. The ribbons increase to \$20 per person at the door for the entire weekend. If you can't make it for the entire weekend, you can come for different portions of the weekend, but you have to purchase those ribbons at the door. If you want to just dance Friday night after 6:00 p.m. or just Saturday night after 6:00 p.m., the price is \$10 per person, and if you only want to dance all day and into the evening on Saturday, the price is \$15 per person.

There are two⁶ hotels honoring the square dance rate: Holiday Inn Express (863-533-8070) and Stay Inn & Suites (863-533-0711). Be sure to ask for that square dance rate! All three hotels are in the same general area of north Bartow, near food and shopping and a short distance from the convention center.

In addition to all the dancing – dances on Friday night and Saturday night and workshops during the day on Saturday, there are so many other things to do in the area. You'll want to come a few days earlier or stay over a few more days to see it all! We will be entertained at the Fall Fun Fest by Don Moger, a caller new to our area, Bob Stern from Central Florida, and Jimmy and Carol Griffin from St. Pete, Florida. The main hall will be alternating Mainstream and Plus with Rounds, and there will be a separate room for Advance Dancing with numbers. Rounds will be Phase II – IV. On Saturday, we will have a street dance in downtown Bartow. This has become a tradition and everyone looks forward to it!

We look forward to welcoming you to the city of Bartow, which is the county seat of Polk County. Bartow has a population of less than 20,000 people but it's packed full of things to do while you are here. Just in Bartow alone, there are bed and breakfast inns, antique shops, lots of restaurants, and shopping. During the weekend of our Festival, the downtown Bartow streets will be blocked to traffic as they have their annual craft and antique fair. There is also

- **Main Street Bartow** - The Main Street Bartow community is an eclectic collection of restaurants with local and international tastes, boutiques, cafe's, antiques, salons, gift and home decor stores intermingled with

⁶ The Fall Fun Fest article in the August or third quarter issues of *Bow & Swing*, *Panhandle Press*, *Grapevine*, and *Keepin' Posted* states three hotels are honoring the square dance rate. Hampton Inn will **not** honor the special rate. Please see the revised Fall Fun Fest Flyer dated May 11, 2017.

professional services synonymous with a county seat. Main Street Bartow is also the home of Polk County's History Center, housed in the Historic Polk County Courthouse, which was built in 1908. The Museum collection includes natural and cultural objects related to Polk County and the greater central Florida area that represent the area's history from pre-European times through the present.

- **L. B. Brown House** - The oldest black residence in Bartow, this Victorian style building was built in the late 1800s by Lawrence Bernard Brown, a self-taught master carpenter and former slave.
- **Homeland Heritage Park (south Bartow)** - Homeland Heritage Park represents an early Florida historical community dating back to the mid 1800's. The historical buildings featured within the park are: Homeland schoolhouse and church, the Raulerson house, English Log Cabin, and Pole Barn
- **Peace River Paddling Trail** - The Peace River, true to its name, is a serene, slow-moving river with few signs of civilization. Due to its scenic nature, the Peace River is a designated Florida paddling trail.

For details on these activities and more, go to www.visitflorida.com.

If you want to go out a little further, there is

- **Lakeside Village** in south Lakeland, a large open-air shopping area. Stroll, Shop, Indulge and Enjoy! Located in Lakeland's upscale Grasslands area with beautiful landscaped courts. Whether you are looking for a casual eatery or a fine dining experience, a boutique for unique gifts or just a place to relax – Lakeside Village has it all!
- **Downtown Lakeland** - It's no surprise that Downtown Lakeland has become a destination for food, entertainment, and shopping. With more to do than ever before, people are spending more time Downtown. Whether you head to Downtown Lakeland for work, food, nightlife, shopping, or entertainment, there is something for everyone.
- **International Market World** in Auburndale - Explore a world filled with music, food, shopping, laughter and alligators!! Over 1200 unique vendors make up the International Market World family of shops!

Something new this year, raffle tickets will be sold soon for an exciting state of the art item. Details to be announced soon.

Again, the dates are November 10 – 11, 2017 at the Bartow Civic Center. Ribbons are available now!

A flyer can be found at www.floridasquaredance.com, www.dancergram.com, or www.shufflinsquares.com. If you have any questions, email the chairman at sailaway@tampabay.rr.com.

Penny Green
Publicity



67th National Square Dance Convention

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

- Sunday – **6/24/18**: Dinner Theatre, Kansas City, KS
- Monday – **6/25/18**: BBQ & Jazz, Kansas City, MO
- Tuesday – **6/26/18**: Customs House to White House, Independence, MO
- Tuesday – **6/26/18**: Kansas City on Display, Kansas City, MO

CONVENTION TOURS

- Wednesday – **6/27/18**: Flowers, Fountains & the City Beautiful, Kansas City, MO
- Wednesday – **6/27/18**: Customs House to White House, Independence, MO
- Wednesday – **6/27/18**: Kansas City on Display, Kansas City, MO
- Thursday – **6/28/18**: Quilt Country, Hamilton, MO
- Thursday – **6/28/18**: The Wildest of the West, Liberty, MO
- Friday – **6/29/18**: Beverage, Anyone? Weston, MO
- Friday – **6/29/18**: Flash Mob Dance, Kansas City, MO
- Friday – **6/29/18**: Customs House to White House, Independence, MO
- Friday – **6/29/18**: Kansas City on Display, Kansas City, MO
- Saturday – **6/30/18**: Battle of Westport, Kansas City, MO

POST-CONVENTION TOURS

Sunday – 7/1/18: Post Convention BBQ & Jazz, Kansas City
Sunday – 7/1/18: Post Convention Dinner Theater, Kansas City, KS
Sunday – 7/1/18: Post Convention Tour, Branson, MO *returns 7/3/18*

Crow's Creek Campground at Smithville Lake

Long form w/camping reservation Deadline: January 1, '18



**If camping together, Camping Profiles
Must be received together no later
than January 5, 2018!**

Combination of 30 Amp and 50 Amp

Reserved Areas Are Loops C, E, and F
Honey Wagon Available
Free Dumping Stations



Visit - www.67nsdc.com for more information

USDA Insurance Coordinators Notes

It has happened again – I am caught up on insurance enrollments and additions of new dancers. This may not seem like much to some of you but for me it is a wonderful feeling even knowing that when I return from the Nationals in Cincinnati, I will be behind again. With insurance, it is never ending. But at this moment I am pleased with how empty my desk looks. Again this year USDA will have two seminars at the convention on “How to Properly Insure Your Club”. I will be covered step by step what you need to do you get your club insured working through your state or association insurance chairman. Even if you are not able to attend either seminar, always remember that you can asked me questions at any time through e-mail or by phone.

Most clubs have graduated their classes that began in September of maybe even in January. This is a reminder that when these dancers join a club an enrollment fee must be paid. Be sure your clubs have the proper form to enroll new club members for insurance coverage.

Since I mentioned classes starting in September or any time during the year, I wanted to give you an update on this coverage. Students are covered for 9 months while taking lessons. USDA revised the coverage offered to students and extended it to cover students at any dance they

may attend during the 9 month period while they take classes. However, coverage is only effective if the class roster for a class has been submitted to the insurance chairman listing all students and giving a beginning and ending date for the class.

Some clubs are concerned about how to handle uninsured visitors to their dances. Some clubs have even turned dancers away from their clubs if they did not have insurance or asked them to sign a waiver of liability. This is not necessary if your club has USDA insurance. NEVER turn any dancer away from your club for lack of insurance coverage. Having your club insured by USDA gives your club the necessary protection from being sued by a non-insured dancer if involved in an accident. USDA cannot prevent a dancer from suing your club; however, through the liability portion of coverage all legal issues would be handled through our insurance company at no expense to the club being sued. We are losing dancers too fast for many reasons but we do not want insurance to be an issue when this happens.

Be sure that your club has a supply of the “Club Accident Report” at their dances and ALWAYS be sure that this form is completed regardless of how minor an accident may appear when it happens. Accidents where the dancer does not seem to be hurt can result in major problems a few days down the road. It is better to complete the form when an incident happens rather than trying to remember the details a few days or weeks later.

I will hear from Markel in September about our rate for 2018. I will send each chairman as e-mail with the new rate with explicit directions on how to complete the enrollment form. Please read all the information I send you and please follow the instructions – it makes my job so much easier if you do as requested with the forms you submit. If a new dancer has taken over the insurance position, notify me immediately so that I can be sure the new chairman receives this important information.

Pat Inglis
USDA Insurance Coordinator

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Suggested Reading

As I Saw It
By Bob Osgood

Document Abstract

This is the story of Bob Osgood from his early years in New York City to his passing in Beverly Hills, CA. We get a picture of the Los Angeles area from a child’s perspective during the Depression. More importantly, we see Bob discover square dancing in a small country general store in Northern Arizona and the effect that experience had on him. Later Bob was reintroduced to square dancing at a leadership conference held at the beautiful conference

ground as Asiulomor, near Monterey, California. These two experiences changed Bob permanently, and then he went on the change square dancing. He studied under Dr. Lloyd “Pappy” Shaw who inspired Bob to teach some of the first classes in the Los Angeles area. In the post WWII era, Bob stated a square dance magazine, Sets in Order, which was the most widely read square dance magazine in the world. And Bob took square dancing worldwide with a series of tours to all part of the world. Bob saw first-hand the effect square dancing had on the military returning from the war and how square dancing had a profound effect on America. When the square dance activity became widespread, Bob saw the need to have callers use the same terminology when calling.

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Round Dance Flash Mob

By Judy Taylor

Ever try a “Round Dance Flash Mob?” Well, we did, as the final number of our Encore Chorale group, with the song, “You Make Me Feel So Young”! The Taylors were asked to do some lively-type dancing during our choral group’s performance at the Recreation Center, in Littleton, CO, on May 18. Unbeknownst to the director, we decided to try a Round Dance Flash Mob, and contacted a number of dancers in our area. Accepting, and showing up on a very snowy day, were Jim & Judy Taylor and five other couples, who then came in, one couple at a time. The “Grand Finale” was when Sonny Risley, a cuer and one of our oldest dancers, came in with his cane! Everyone was totally entertained, and especially Sonny (it was his birthday)!

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Virginia’s Western Wear and Square Dance Apparel

There square dance inventory was vastly underestimated, so it will probably take through next to year to sell everything. All square dance apparel has been discounted 50% off the original price and is limited to the stock on hand. There will be no special orders as the majority of the manufacturers have discontinued business. Square Up Fashions is the only manufacturer that is still in business. The store is closed on Wednesdays through the months of June, July, and

August. The address for the store is 947 E. Myers Boulevard (Hwy. 50) in Mascotte. If you need to contact Chuck, the owner, he can be reached at 352-429-3925 or Virginiaswesternwear@gmail.com. They also have a FaceBook page.

What's Happening This Week?

Week of July 10, 2017

All clubs, callers, and cuers are encouraged to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. We reserve the right to delete listings for lack of updates.

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

Monday (July 10) – *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: **Allen Snell** - Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual attire. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: 813-382-8621 or lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com.

Heel and Toe – St. Cloud Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus - \$5 per person. **If you are interested in dancing, please call Rusty Gurgigno at 863-207-5410 before 3:00 p.m. on Mondays.** Website: www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe. For info: rustygurgigno@gmail.com.

Tuesday (July 11) – *Buttons and Bows of Lakeland* – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Caller: Randy Boyd – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free – finger foods. For info: sqdnfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

Horizons Round Dance Club - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Cuer: Russ Collier – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: russcollier1@gmail.com.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Introduction to Round Dancing 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus workshop and dancing 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Beginner classes are at 7:30 and we have some wonderful new dancers who are just starting out on their square dance journey. Come, support them, and enjoy getting to know them. Plus workshop is afterwards at 9:00 p.m. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

Wednesday (July 12) – *Strawberry Square Summer Fun Plus* – CLOSED UNTIL JULY 19TH, AS MARTY IS ON VACATION. 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; Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

J and C Spinaround Phase IV and V Workshop and 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.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Rooms F and G, Port Charlotte, FL. Caller: Robert Arias - Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier – Workshop 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (July 13) – *Shufflin' Squares* – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - **alternating Mainstream and Plus** – Caller: Keith Stevens - square dance attire optional. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

Jacaranda Trace Dance and Workshop – 3600 William Penn Way, Venice - A-2 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. Attending dancers are required to be efficient in all positions A1. For info: 941-408-2627.

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 – 7:00 – 9:00 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 mutschlerdan@yahoo.com.

Promenade Squares Beach Party Dance – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners 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, Cuer: Jimmy Griffin. For info: dhua7@aol.com or 727-544-0227.

Friday (July 14) – *Strawberry Square Summer A-2 Dance* - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: **Marty Vanwart** – Workshop 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Dance 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. 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, Dona Watson & Henry Hillje 813-756-6145, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Saturday (July 15) – *Strawberry Square Summer Plus Dance* – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus/Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. 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; Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Palace Promenaders – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Robert Arias – Cuers: Jenny Martin and Russ Collier – Workshop 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Parking is available behind the building. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336.

Sunday (July 16) –

Monday (July 17) - 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: Robert Arias, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual attire. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: 813-382-8621 or lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com.

Heel and Toe – St. Cloud Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus - \$5 per person. **If you are interested in dancing, please call Rusty Gurgigno at 863-207-5410 before 3:00 p.m. on Monday.** Website: www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe. For info: rustygurgigno@gmail.com.

Tuesday (July 18) – Horizons Round Dance Club - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Cuer: Russ Collier – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: russcollier1@gmail.com.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Review session 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus workshop and dancing 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 mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

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.

Communicate this information to new dancers! It’s not a secret!

July 10, 2017

Sunday - **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.

Thursday – **Craig’s RV Basic 50 Club** – Craig’s RV Park – 7895 N.E. Cubitis Avenue (5.3 miles north of Palace Promenaders’ Dance Hall; west side of Hwy. 17), Arcadia – Caller/Instructor: Robert Arias – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For info: 813-601-1834.

December 4, 2016 – **Russ & Wilma’s Round Dance Workshop** – South County Regional Park Carmalita Hall, 2610 Carmalita, Punta Gorda – Cuer/Instructor: Russ Collier – Phase 3 – 4 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For info: 941-661-1920 or russcollier1@gmail.com.

January 10, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Plus Class** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

January 17, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares New Dancer Classes** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 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 mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

April 29, 2017 – **Punta Gorda Phase III – Intro to Phase IV Round Dance Workshop** – Ventura Lake Park, 27110 Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda (east side of I-75) – Cuer: Russ Collier – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. For info: 941-661-1920.

June 4 – October 29, 2017 – **Strawberry Square First Night of Phase 3/Intro to 4** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 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. Please check www.strawberrysquaredancing.com for schedule changes.

June 5, 2017 – September 11, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Summer Beginners’ Class** – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Callers/Instructors: Marty Vanwart and Keith Stevens – 7:30 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. Please check www.strawberrysquaredancing.com for schedule changes.

July 20 – 23, 2017 – **Atlanta Callers School** – City of Light, 3125 Presidential Parkway, Atlanta, GA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts) (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Tony Oxendine (South Carolina) (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach. Plenty of microphone time • understand what it takes to be a leader • Professional assessment of your skills • Develop a calling career that is best for you • Full CALLERLAB curriculum. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Only \$400 per student – Space is limited! Register today! For info: 413-262-1875 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.com.

August 10 – 13, 2017 – **2017 Norcal Callerlab School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue., Sunnyvale, CA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts) (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Harlan Kerr (California), and Bill Harrison (Maryland). Plenty of microphone time

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October 5 – 9, 2017 – **Northeast Callers School** – Hayloft Barn, Sturbridge, MA – Caller: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab accredited Caller Coach); Special Guest Instructors: Tom Miller (Pennsylvania – Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Ted Lizzote (New Hampshire), and Oliver Kuester (Germany). Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Plenty of microphone time, professional assessment of your skills, understand what it takes to be a leader, full CALLERLAB curriculum, and develop a calling career that is best for you. \$400 per student 0 space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-262-1875 or KenRitucci@aol.com or www.KenRitucci.com.

October 29, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Final Night of Summer Program Phase 3/Intro to 4** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Check website (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for updates just in case there isn't enough participation. 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 1, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares A-1 Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Queensway Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. Square dance attire preferred - \$5 per person. For info: 941-235-1611 or callerdave@hotmail.com or <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

November 2, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Canam Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Caller: Dave Magee. Square dance attire preferred - \$5 per person. For info: 941-235-1611 or callerdave@hotmail.com or <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

November 2, 2017 – March 29, 2018 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn (864-723-6965) – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes.

November 2, 2017 – March 29, 2018 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn

(864-723-6965) – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes.

November 2, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares DBD Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Canam Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. Square dance attire preferred - \$5 per person. For info: 941-235-1611 or callerdave@hotmail.com or <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

November 3, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares Mainstream Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Canam Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. Square dance attire preferred - \$5 per person. For info: 941-235-1611 or callerdave@hotmail.com or <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

November 4, 2017 – March 31, 2018 - **Strawberry Square Phase 5 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn (864-723-6965) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes.

November 4, 2017 – March 31, 2018 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3/4 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn (864-723-6965) – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes.

November 5 – 9, 2017 – **Appalachian Callers School** – Cacapon Resort State Park, 818 Cacapon Lodge Drive, Berkeley Springs, WV – Callers: Betsy Gotta (New Jersey - CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Tom Miller (Pennsylvania – CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Bill Harrison (Maryland – Caller Coach), and Keith Stevens (Florida – Caller Coach). Everything under one roof!!! School – lodging – restaurant. Full CALLERLAB Curriculum for new and experienced callers. Tuition: \$350 No charge for accompanying partner. Food and lodging not included. \$50 discount for previous attendees of the Appalachian or Pocono Callers Schools. Scholarships available at CALLERLAB.com. Lodging: \$67 +_ tax is the room rate in the Cacapon Lodge. Make reservations directly with the Lodge by calling 304-258-1022. Make sure to say you are with the Appalachian Callers School. Food: full restaurant onsite and many local restaurants. School limited to 20 students. Curriculum to include, but not limited to: Mechanics of Choreography, Methods of Choreographic Control, Music, Voice, Programming, Showmanship, Teaching, Timing, Ethics, Beginner Parties, Modules, Sight Resolution, Smooth Dancing, and Self Improvement Techniques. ‘If you can’t excel with talent, triumph with effort.’ – Dave Weinbaum. For info: 732-249-2086 or ugottadance@optonline.net.

November 5, 2017 – March 25, 2018 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3/4 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn (864-723-6965) – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes.

November 6, 2017 – March 26, 2018 – **Heron’s Glen Beginners Class** - Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera, North Fort Myers – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – \$4 per person - Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 6, 2016 – March 26, 2018- **Heron’s Glen Plus Class** - Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera, North Fort Myers – 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – \$4 per person - Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 6, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Beginners Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Angels needed; you do not have to be a member of Strawberry Square to help. 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 6, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Plus Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Angels needed; you do not have to be a member of Strawberry Square to help. 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, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares Beginner Rounds** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Queensway Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Cuer: Ken Klumpp. Square dance attire preferred - FREE. For info: 941-235-1611 or callerdave@hotmail.com or <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

November 7, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares Beginners Class** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Queensway Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. Square dance attire preferred - \$5 per person. For info: 941-235-1611 or callerdave@hotmail.com or <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

November 14, 2017 – March 27, 2018 - **Strawberry Square Line Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn (864-723-6965) – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - \$5 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes. No dance on December 12, 2017.

November 17, 2017 – January 19, 2018 - **Strawberry Square Beginner Two Step Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn (864-723-6965) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. Check the dance center calendar (www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) for scheduling changes.

December 4, 2017- **Bradenton Three-Week Review Prior to New Class** – Village on the Greens Clubhouse, 508 – 44th Avenue East, Bradenton – Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - \$3 per person per session – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info and registration: votgsquaredance@outlook.com or 954-889-6971.

January 8, 2018 - **Bradenton Beginners Square Dance Lessons Start** – Village on the Greens Clubhouse, 508 – 44th Avenue East, Bradenton – Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - \$3 per person per session 12:00 noon 2:00 p.m. For info and registration: votgsquaredance@outlook.com or 954-889-6971.

Looking Ahead

February 16 - 19, 2018 - **Flip the Flamingo XI “Dive Thru 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea”** b– Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, 100 Lake Mirror Drive, North, St. Petersburg, FL – Callers: Bill Eyler (Palm Springs, CA), Chris Phillips (South Florida), and Mike Cox (Tampa Bay area of Florida). Until November 30 2017 \$115 per person for over 20 hours of dancing, three callers, and five meals. On December 1, 2017, the rate will increase to \$125. There is a \$25 per day rate (meals not included), \$15 per session rate (meals not included). New graduates of the Suncoast Squares Mainstream class may deduct \$25 from the registration fee. Levels: Mainstream – C2. Friday night is casual, Saturday night dress for Dive Thru 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Sunday is Sunday Undie Night (participation is optional), and Monday we will dance at the Pavilion on Ft. DeSoto beach. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com. The flyer is available at www.dancergram.com.

June 22 – 24, 2018- **International NSDCA Camporee** – Missouri State Fairgrounds, 2503 West 16th Street, Sedalia, Missouri – Florida will be hosting. For info: <http://www.nsdca.org/FutureCamporees.html>.

June 17 – 20, 2020⁷ – **National Square Dance Convention** – Seattle, Washington. Details TBA. For info: TBA.

⁷ This is a one-time date change to avoid conflict with Hoopfest.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

[https://w](https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658andap=1)

www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658andap=1 (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

Publications

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html> (Sets in Order)

Associations/Organizations

<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.nsdirectory.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 and Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)

sewemupfashions.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Spartanburg, SC)

<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.luvrounds.com/> (Charlie Lovelace)

<http://www.ronreardoncaller.com/> (Ron Reardon)

<http://www.rodbarngrover.com> (Rod Barngrover)

<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)

Miscellaneous

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

[http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-](http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubsandshop=dosadoandcart=3901977.2052)

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