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September 1, 2017 – Deadline for Submission of Caller Profiles to Call at the 2018 Florida State Convention. You must be a member of the Florida Callers Association (FCA) to call or teach at the state convention. For info: Bill Chesnut, Convention Caller Chairman, 352-475-2550 or billchesnut4@gmail.com.

September 1, 2017 - **Deadline for Submissions to the Central Association's Keepin' Posted October 2017 issue.** For info: apicheco@att.net.

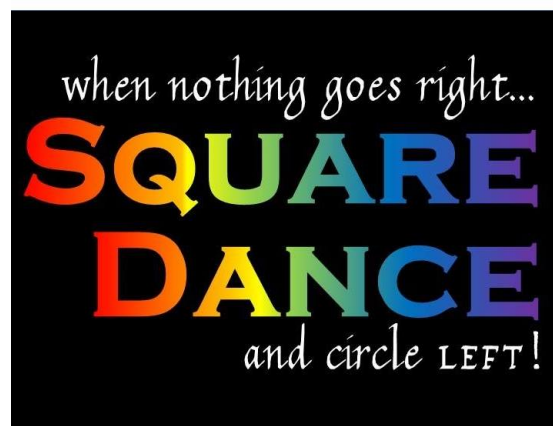
Health and Sympathy

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.

Caller Jack Lewis is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on August 9th. If you would like to send a card, his address is 9770 Lemonwood Way, Boynton Beach, FL 32083. Jack calls in southeast Florida as well as the Florida State Convention.

The last word received regarding **Wilma Collier** was that she is in a hospice room at the hospital awaiting a room at Hospice House in Port Charlotte. She suffered a massive stroke last week. If you would like to send a card, her address is 601 Shreve Street, Apartment 23B, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Wilma is the wife of Cuer Russ Collier who cues at the Cultural Center Squares in Port Charlotte, Palace Promenaders in Arcadia, and guest cues at several dances in southwest Florida.



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

This contact list is also at

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Your Source...

Updated 7.31.17

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

- 2017 West Coast Association membership badges and bars
- Square Dancing – Friendship Set to Music. Ask me! Buttons
- 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



(August 2017)

Dear ARTS,

We've all been trying to spread the word about ARTS-DANCE for quite some time, but when I ask people now, if they know what ARTS is, I swear, hardly any of them know what I'm talking about. I really think we need to tell them again just who makes up the ARTS-DANCE organization and what our common goal is.

A Current ARTS-DANCE Member

Dear Current,

Thank you for your support. I agree with you. Informing current dancers about the ARTS-DANCE mission is a gargantuan task, and, lots of folks have yet to get this important message.

ARTS-DANCE stands for Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, and combines ten organizations whose goal is to bring new dancers into the activity. ARTS member organizations are; All Join Hands, CALLERLAB, CONTRALAB, International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC), National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA), National Square Dance Convention Executive Committee (NEC), ROUNDALAB, Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA), United Square Dancers of America (USDA), and USAWest Square Dance Convention Policy Board (USAWest).

The ARTS mission is to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round and Traditional Folk Dance by encouraging and assisting a coalition of allied dance groups. The ARTS will provide leadership and resources necessary to create an achievable marketing program. The ARTS will encourage, promote and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events that provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interaction.

We have one annual meeting with all individuals paying their own airfare, hotel and meals. An action plan is established, however, the goal of 50,000 new dancers can only become reality if we have the backing and help of many more of our current dancers.

Our operating funds come from donations. We encourage Individual Memberships with a donation of \$25.00/person. We also offer Associate Membership to organizations with a

donation of \$100.00. We have also established a "\$100 Club" with the goal of 1,000 Members. Meeting this goal will provide a very large fund of \$100,000 for regional and possible national promotion.

We have accomplished much over the past few years including: 1) Established an Education Grant Program, 2) Helped fund Square Dancing 101 and Contra 101, 3) Created the online information web site www.You2Candance.org 4) Funded promotion of the Live Lively Re-Image Project, 5) Creation of the ARTS web site www.ARTS-Dance.org 6) Provided support to National Square Dance Conventions and USAWest Conventions, 7) Created an electronic information distribution system, and others.

Check out our web site at WWW.ARTS-DANCE.org for more information or contact our Executive Director, Jerry reed At: DirectorArts@aol.com

ARTS-DANCE

Please direct any questions for "Ask ARTS" to www.askarts@arts-dance.org

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64TH Florida Square and Round Dance Convention Newsletter #5

Summer is heating up in the Enchanted Forest, and the gnomes have been doing their best to calm down the dragons so they won't make as much heat. The saplings planted for the Convention's wood floor are growing well, and they have gotten their bark as well as their bite!

We would like to tell you about a new feature that your Ways and Means wizards will be bringing around soon. Wish trees are a Japanese tradition where people write their wishes on paper or wood and hang them from trees or wire forms resembling trees. I can't tell you how often the wishes come true, but I can say for sure that when you buy a wish, it will help our dreams of a great Convention come true by helping to pay for the flooring. We will have colorful paper and other materials to choose from, and you can decorate them any way you fancy. Make a wish, say Hi to that special someone, or share whatever philosophy happens to move you at the moment. Put anything you want (that would not be bleeped on broadcast TV)

on the card, and we will display it for the duration of the Convention. Also, be sure to look through the wish trees during the Convention, because, who knows, there might be one for you! Here is an example: <https://www.travelblog.org/Photos/4064835>.

We have mentioned the Blast Class before, and we would like to remind you of the opportunity that is available for new dancers and dancers who will be taking classes in February. Wizards Bob [Ormsbee] and Keith [Stevens] are preparing a great weekend of fun and learning for folks who are new to square dancing. The class is intended for people who are completely new to square dance, and for people who are already taking lessons. The goal will be to teach about half of the mainstream program, but the focus will be on a fun weekend and a chance for learners to get some good floor time.

In the past, there was really nothing for people to do at a Convention until they had completed Mainstream classes. This class will give your friends a chance to experience the fun of dance as well as the fellowship and excitement of a whole convention of dancers. Please let your non-dancer friends know about this opportunity, and please ask your caller to announce it when your fall or winter square dance classes begin. Also, at the Convention, please stop by the class from time to time to be angels. Ribbons for Blast Class students will be \$35 no matter when they register.

Lastly, I have a few words about the dress code. Some folks have actually asked me what “clothing required” means. Many of us love getting all gussied up in our Square-Dance Finest. Nothing beats the sight of folks in their fancy outfits, skirts whipping and bolos flying. And some folks are a little put off by it. Wizard Linda and I frequently go out in square dance outfits, and never, not once, ever, has anybody told us “I just have to learn to square dance so I can dress up like that too!” So, what kind of clothing is required, you might ask. Go ahead, I’m listening.

Funny you should ask, because I actually have several answers for that: Dress as you wish to be remembered. You will be dancing with 6 or 7 hundred of your best friends, and they will remember. If you would wear it to the shopping mall, you can wear it here. If you would wear it to the gym, maybe not. Most important, don’t let clothing choices be a problem. Be comfortable. Be stylish. Be outrageous. Be traditional. Be unique. Be whatever makes this the best Convention that it can be for you! Any questions?

Until next time, be nice to the dragons. Summer is hot enough already!

Head Wizard Lewis Wasserman

What's Happening This Week?

Week of August 7, 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 (August 7) – 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: **Bob Ormsbee**, 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: 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 (August 8) – Buttons and Bows of Lakeland – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Caller: Keith Stevens – 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: sgdncfan@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 (August 9) – Strawberry Square Summer Fun Plus – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City - Caller: Marty Vanwart – 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.

J and C Spinarounds 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 (August 10) – *Shufflin' Squares* – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Class 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – followed by either Plus or Advance – 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 – 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 (August 11) – *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 (August 12) – *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 (August 13) – Suncoast Squares Bling Dance - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox – 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus with Rounds, and one advanced tip. Wear something shiny, outrageous, or just come to dance and to enjoy the spectacle. 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.

Monday (August 14) - Temple Twirlers Ice Cream Social Dance - 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: Marty Vanwart, 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 (August 15) – 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!

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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.

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.

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.

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

- 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 22, August 29 or September 5, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Beginners Square Dance Open House** – King of Peace Church, 3150 – 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – LGBT club - all are welcome (including the straight community) - Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - high energy dancing – singles and couples – no partner needed – casual attire. For info: Leslie – 727-366-4235 or Dan – 678-656-2523.

August 31, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Advance Class** - King of Peace Church, 3150 – 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – LGBT club - all are welcome (including the straight community) - Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - high energy dancing – singles and couples – no partner needed – casual attire. There will be a special workshop at the end of the evening for the experienced Advanced dancers. For info: Leslie – 727-366-4235 or Dan – 678-656-2523.

September 12, 2017 - **Suncoast Squares Beginners Square Dance Lessons** – King of Peace Church, 3150 – 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – LGBT club - all are welcome (including the straight community) - Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - high energy dancing – singles and couples – no partner needed – casual attire. For info: Lisa – 727-366-4235 or Dan – 678-656-2523.

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

August 13, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Bling Dance** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox – alternating Mainstream and Plus with Rounds, and one advanced tip. Wear something shiny, outrageous, or just come to dance and to enjoy the spectacle. 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.

August 16 – 19, 2017 - 17th USA **West Square Dance Convention “A Quality International Dance Experience in the Western United States”** – Sweetwater County Events Complex, 3320 Yellowstone Road, Rock Springs, Wyoming – 307-362-1126 – Squares: Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced; Rounds: Phase II – VI; and Contra. Onsite RV parking complete with showers, electricity, and water are available for \$10 per night. Free parking at the convention center. No shuttle service provided from the campground. Registration: \$65 per delegate. Sponsored by the Sweetwater County Joint Travel and Tourism Board. For info: <http://www.squaredancemontana.com/assets/2017-usa-west-convention.pdf>.

August 15 – 18, 2018 – 17th USA **West Square Dance Convention “The Biggest Little Dance in the West”** – Circus Circus/Silver Legacy, Reno, Nevada – Dancing will take place within Circus Circus and the Silver Legacy; the facilities are connected with a walkway through the many dining facilities. Tours available. Square Dancing (Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and C-1), Round Dancing (Phase II – II, Phases IV – V, and Showcases), plus Country Western Couples, Line Dancing, Contra, and Educational Panels – pre-register before August 30, 2017 and receive a \$15 food voucher. Please use the host hotels. We get great rates on the Ballrooms if enough hotel rooms are used. Food vouchers also help pay for the Ballrooms. Host hotels: Circus Circus – 1-800-648-5010 – ask for group rate by mentioning USA West Square Dance Convention. Silver Legacy – 1-800-687-8733 – ask for group rate by mentioning USAW18. The group rate deadline is July 16, 2018. RV parking available; host park: Keystone RV Park – 1-775-324-5000 or 1-800-686-8559 – 1 miles from Circus Circus – limited spaces available – sorry, no shuttle. Visit www.nevada.usawest.net to register. Registration fee is \$70 and covers the three full days of dancing at Circus Circus and Silver Legacy in Reno. For info: www.nevada.usawest.net or 408-393-8453.

2019 USA **West Square Dance Convention** – Boise, Idaho. Details TBA.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&andap=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://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.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 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/icspin/> (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-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubsandshop=dosadoandcart=3901977.2052>[http://www.squaredance\(round dance publications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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