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Important Dates

September is International Square Dance Month!

Now is the time to start planning the ways you can promote square dancing. Special dance? Newspaper coverage? TV and/or radio coverage? September 1, 2019 – USDA News Submission for the Fourth Quarter – usdanews@usda.org. For info: 865-687-6664.

September 1, 2019 – Central Association's *Keepin' Posted* Submission Deadline for the Third Quarter – apicheco@att.net. For info: 321-652-0680.

September 5, 2019 – Bow & Swing Submission for the October Issue – bowandswing@gmail.com. For info: 407-886-7151.

September 5, 2019 – American Square Dance Submission for the October Issue – americansquaredance@gmail.com. For info: 888-588-2362.

September 9, 2019 - 68th (2019) National Square Dance Convention[®] Cruise - Final payment due by September 9, 2019. For info: Lori Haigwood, Cruise Planners, <u>lori.haigwood@cruiseplanners.com</u> – <u>www.vacationplanners.biz</u> – 770-845-6411.

September 15, 2019 – Northwest Association's *Panhandle Press* Submission Deadline for the Fourth Quarter – <u>panhandlepress@hotmail.com</u>. For info: 850-712-5230.

September 21, 2019 – Round Dance Council of Florida Meeting

- Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. If you cue or teach in the state of Florida (even if you're a snowbird), you should consider membership in the Round Dance Council of Florida. You must be a member of RDCF in order to cue at the annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. The Council sponsors two clinics a year and there are great networking opportunities. For info: Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick - 352-288-4973 - <u>dancewithlloydandruth@centurylink.net</u>.

September 25, 2019 – Northeast Association's The GrapevineSubmissionDeadlinefortheOctoberIssue-squaredancejax@gmail.comFor info: Jim Maroldo at jcmaroldo@gmail.comor 904-215-7922Laura Martin at whitedog67@netzero.netor 941-928-8994.

October 1, 2019 – Deadline to Submit Intent to Cue at the 2020 Florida Square Dance Convention. You must be a member of RDCF in order to cue at the annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. The Council sponsors two clinics a year and there are great networking opportunities. For info: <u>frausbs@aol.com</u> or 904-908-5184.

October 5, 2019 – Bow & Swing Submission for the November

ISSUE – <u>bowandswing@gmail.com</u>. For info: 407-886-7151.

October 5, 2019 – American Square Dance Submission for the

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October 15, 2019 – Deadline to Submit Nominations for the West Coast Association Distinguished Service Award. For info: Mary Dow 863-494-6062 (C) ■ - mdow@embargmail.com.

November 1, 2019 - Deadline to submit nominations for the

Hall of Fame. For info: <u>http://floridasquaredance.com/halloffame/index.php</u> or Bill Boyd at <u>BillBoydCaller@gmail.com</u> or 407-252-7517.

December 1, 2019 – Deadline to Submit Nominations for the Extra Mile Award. For info: http://floridasquaredance.com/documents/ExtraMileAwards/extra-mile.php or Cheryl Miller at pe.miller@outlook.com or 850-533-7168.

Inspirational Quotes (from the collection of Ed Foote)

"The purpose of our lives is to be happy."...Dalai Lama

"Approach each new person you meet in a spirit of adventure."...Eleanor Roosevelt

"We must all make the choice between what is right and what is easy."...Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter books

"It always seems impossible until it's done."...Nelson Mandela

"Sometimes the only thing you get out of doing the right this is...doing the right thing."...Ben Stein, author and political commentator

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From the Editor...

The dance season is finally starting up! I don't know about you, this has been a very long summer when it comes to square and round dancing.

With the start of the season, dance schedules and flyers are coming in almost daily. Don't forget callers, cuers, and dance leaders to send your schedules for the new season. If you are a seasonal club, please provide the start and end date for your dances. Your entry should include not only the start and end dates, but the full address of the facility where your dances and/or classes are held, level, name of caller and/or cuer, start and end time of each event, preferred attire, cost, theme (if applicable), contact information (phone and email), and any additional information to "sell" your event i.e. hearing enhancement, solos welcome, wood

floor, etc. Year-round clubs and dances, please forward your schedules for the entire year. By providing your entire schedule now, you won't have to remember to send the information weekly. Many of the seasonal dancers plan their trips to Florida around the opening of their club.

All this information is added to a Master Calendar, which helps identify any conflicts. If there is a conflict, both parties will be notified. If you are attempting to schedule a special dance, i.e. fundraiser, celebration or association date, you are encouraged to contact me to check for conflicts. When there are conflicts, it will affect the attendance for both parties. We are all struggling to get people to our dances so let's work together and support all of the dances and classes.

The Master Calendar no only contains club dances, it also shows the national holidays for the year, dates for the state and national conventions, Florida association annual festivals, CALLERLAB convention, ROUNDALAB convention, West Coast Association meetings, Suncoast Callers and Cuers meetings, Federation meetings, everything that would affect a large majority of dancers.

Did you know there is a calendar available on the Florida website (<u>www.floridasquaredance.com</u>)? that is available to everyone. If you have a special caller, cuer, or dance, you might want to consider adding them to this calendar. It's more free advertising for your use.

What is your club doing? There is a section in the *DANCERgram* for club articles. This is another free opportunity to tell us about your club and its activities. The deadline to submit your articles is the 25th of each month. This same article should also be sent to the *Bow & Swing* magazine as they also have a club section. *Bow & Swing* is our state publication. If you should ever need it, there is also a chart showing all the publications you might want to consider when advertising dances, the due date to submit an article, and the contact information for each. Four of the Florida regional associations will also run ads for a small fee.

The *DANCERgram* is now a monthly publication. Have you considered printing off two or three copies to put on your flyer table. In case you missed it, the DANCERgram is the official publication of the West Coast Square & Round Dancers Association. If you have visitors who are looking for dance information, just give them a copy of the DANCERgram. I also hope that you ensure that dancers without email, receive a hard copy of this newsletter.

This issue is fairly lengthy. As I mentioned earlier, I am starting to receive schedules and they have all been included in this issue.

Demonstrations

September 6, 2019 – **Lakeland's First Friday** – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. For info: <u>sqdncfan@gmail.com</u> or 863-224-3393.

September 21, 2019 (Saturday) - **Demo at "Angels Senior Living at The Lodges of Idlewild"** - 18440 Exciting Idlewild Blvd., Lutz Florida – Caller: Ron Reardon – 11:00 a.m. All Dancers Welcome!! For info: <u>bbkjlk@verizon.net</u>. Please let Bennie know if you will be there so he knows if he has enough people.

October 5, 2019 (Saturday) - **YES! F.A.I.R.** - **Save The Date**...Demo Time TBA – All People's Life Center, 6105 E. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, Florida – Caller: Ron Reardon. Temple Twirlers will have a table at the event and YES! a demo. Last year there were five squares on the floor of mostly young people. All clubs are encouraged to participate. For info: <u>bbkjlk@verizon.net</u>. Please let Bennie know if you will be there so he knows if he has enough people.

October 7, 2019 – Annual Peanut Festival – Heritage Park, Main Street, Williston, Florida -Clover Squares of Levy Co will be hosting a tent to promote square dancing in this area. All area clubs are welcome to join Clover Squares in promoting any classes they may be offering this Fall. Volunteer callers and dancers are needed to do demonstrations from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you can join us, we would love to have you attend. Contact Mignon Craig at 352-208-1450 or Vicki Todd at vftodd18690@gmail.com. EDITOR'S NOTE: What a great outing for the club; carpool, go to the Peanut Festival, and have lunch and/or dinner along the way!

Southwest Florida was well represented at the 2019 Tennessee Square Dance Convention in Gatlinburg! It would be great if we could get a picture of all the Florida dancers at that convention!

L – R: Gail Ventura & Richard ?, Walt
& Carol Draime, Roger and Lesley
Freidman, Sonny and Sandy Booher,
Steve and Winnie House, and Cuers
Judy and Dwayne Barnhill





Collect all types of pop tabs – soup cans, tuna cans, soup, etc. Just set a container on the kitchen counter and drop them whenever you have one!

Bring your collection (or send it) to the 2020 Florida Square Dance Convention February 21 – 22. All of the collections will be combined and taken to the Orlando Ronald McDonald House. They will notify us the weight of all of our donations!

The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with children receiving treatment at hospitals and medical facilities in Orlando.

Joys, Concerns, and Sympathy

The entries listed below are for anyone affiliated with Florida square and round dancing i.e. callers (current, retired, former), cuers (current, retired, former), dancers (current, retired, former), West Coast Association (current and past officers), Florida Federation (current and past officers), and United Square Dancers of America. If time-sensitive information is received between issues, an email, entitled "WC Joys, Concerns, and Sympathy" will be sent to the same distribution list as the DANCERgram.

The names of the deceased from this list will be forwarded to the Florida State Convention Program Book Chairman for inclusion on the Memoriam page in the program booklet for each Florida convention.

Around August 25th, **Roland Blanchette's sister** passed away. They were one year apart in age and passed away four months apart. Tony's address is 2125 Moosehead Trail, Plymouth, ME 24969.

Martha Bird is home recovering from her back surgery. It will be a while before she is able to return to dancing. If you would like to send a card, her address is 522 El Sereno Place #147, Tampa, FL 33603. Martha has been a member of Temple Twirlers for many years and has been the treasurer for most of that time.

Gary Hicks had a cataract removed from his left eye on August 22nd. He had double lasik about eight years ago, two detached retinas in his left eye about three years ago, and now a cataract removed from his left eye. If you would like to send cards, his address is 1658 29th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713. Gary and his wife, Dianne, are callers in the St. Pete area and are members of the Suncoast Callers Association (SCCA).

On August 22nd, **Dave Magee** went to see his family doctor because he had had a few days of breathing problems. By the end of that day, he was in the Lansing Sparrow Hospital having tests run which resulted in having three stents put in. He is doing well and will to call tonight, September 3rd. If you would like to send cards, his address is 189 Bluegill Lane, Coldwater, Coldwater, Michigan 49036. His email address is <u>callerdave@hotmail.com</u>. Dave is a caller in Michigan from mid-April through mid-October and also calls in southwest Florida from November through early April. His Florida clubs are Maple Leaf Squares, R&R Gators, Charlotte Promenaders plus numerous lessons and workshops through A-2.

Angeline (Angie) Kellett (82) passed away on July 2, 2019. She was born on March 29, 1937. Funeral arrangements were handled by Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, Cemetery, & Crematory. If you would like to send cards to her husband, Bob Kellett, his address is 27110 Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982. Angie was a beautiful square and round dancer. She was a member of Cultural Center Squares in Port Charlotte and Palace Promenaders in Arcadia. She was a member of the West Coast Association and attended just about every membership dance. She will be truly missed.

John and Donna Robbins recently lost their son. No other details available at this time. If you would like to send sympathy cards, their address is 3737 Leewood Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32217-4221.

Donna Robbins recently fell and broke her pelvis. If you would like to send get well cards, her address is 3737 Leewood Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32217-4221.

John Robbins is a long-time caller in the Jacksonville area and his wife, Donna, is a clogging leader.



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West Coast Association President's Message

Can you believe the summer is almost over? Where did the first half of the year go?

On August 4th, the West Coast Association held their annual elections with the following results: President: Penny Green; Vice President: Jenny Green: Treasurers: John and Lynne Scott; and Secretary: Deborah Pergande. Our installation will be at the President's Black and White Ball. In addition to the installation, all club, chapter, and association presidents will be recognized. Allen Snell will be calling and Jimmy and Carol Griffin will be cueing. Everyone is asked to wear black and white.

Yes, we have added themes to all the membership dances that are scheduled through March 2020! Everyone is asked to come dressed for each of the themes. Hopefully, by adding themes to these dances, more people will be interested in attending. The scheduled dances are as follows: September 15, 2019 – President's Black and White Ball; October 27, 2019 – canceled due to numerous conflicts that day; January 5, 2020 – Masquerade Ball; February 2, 2020 – There's Love in the Air!; and March 8, 2020 – Leprechaun Dance. Individual flyers for each of these dances can be found at <u>www.dancergram.com</u>. Please print a few and put them on the flyer table at your dances.

The 45^{th} Fall Fun Fest is fast approaching! It will again be held at the Carver Recreation Center in Bartow on November $8^{th} - 9^{th}$. As usual, we have a great staff scheduled this year – the callers will be Jerry Biggerstaff from North Carolina and Scotty Sharrer from southeast Florida. Can you believe that Scotty has as many as 40 people in his beginner classes? No, this number isn't from the 80's! Our cuers will be Judy and Dwayne Barnhill from Tennessee and southeast Florida. Judy started cueing in Florida about the time we lost Cuer Russ Collier and now she's the only cuer in that part of the state but she comes as far north as Arcadia and she's also booked for one or two of our West Coast Membership Dances. If you purchase your ribbons before the dance stars on Friday night, the cost is \$22 per person; at the door they increase to \$25 per

person. There are also special rates for different timeframes. So if dancing the whole weekend isn't something you can do, why not come for a day or an evening?

If you haven't joined or renewed your membership in the West Coast Association, now's the time to do that. The 2020 membership bars are available now and will be at the President's B&W Ball. A new membership is \$12 per person (includes the price of the engraved name badge) and renewals are \$6 per person. All callers and cuers are welcome to join the Association. Their renewals are complimentary.

I know the state convention seems like it's a long time off, but it will be here before you know it. We will again be at the Ocean Center in Daytona. It's not too early to make your reservations and purchase your ribbon! There will be a \$5 increase for full weekend ribbons on January 1, 2020. I don't know about you, but I'm always looking for ways to save money!

Penny Green President <u>sqdncfan@gmail.com</u> 863-224-3393

Club News

(All clubs, dances, callers, and cuers are invited to submit an article each month)

LAKELAND – Buttons & Bows – Yeah! We start dancing again on Tuesday, September 10th with Bob Stern calling and Charlie Lovelace cueing. This will be our Back to School dance and everyone is asked to donate school supplies. Suggested donations are pencils [both regular and colored], loose leaf notebook paper, erasers, pencil sharpeners, and crayons. Please NO pens. These supplies will be donated to a local elementary school.

Our second September dance is on the 24th and we will have our club caller, Dave Muller and Charlie Lovelace.

We dance at the Magnolia Building, a lovely historic building on Lake Wire near downtown Lakeland. There is a beautiful wood floor, hearing enhancement, and lots of goodies on the refreshment table. Early Rounds are 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and we alternate Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Come join us! We love visitors!

TAMPA – Temple Twirlers - Dancing year-round Monday nights with early rounds at 7pm, then mainstream and plus from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Casual dress is in effect through September for those who care to sport their shorts and t-shirts. New dancers and guests are always welcome!

New Monday night beginner classes are starting at Oak Grove United Methodist Church on September 23rd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. If you know someone looking for classes in Tampa, please have them contact Club Presidents Bennie & Joyce Kirkland at (813) 363-2848, via email at <u>BBKJLK@verizon.net</u>, visit us on the web at <u>www.templetwirlers.com</u> or contact us on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/templetwirlers</u>.

We will be dark on September 2nd for Labor Day.

Temple Twirlers upcoming dances include:

- September 9th Mike Cox
- September 16th Bring a can of veggies for the stew! Ron Reardon returns for our annual Hobo Dance
- September 23rd CLASSES BEGIN followed by Allen Snell
- September 30th Ron Reardon
- October 7th Ron Reardon

As always, the legendary Charlie Lovelace will be cueing all dances.

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube page at <u>https://tinyurl.com/twirlersyoutube</u> to see local dance history from the early 1990's to today. It's completely free and full of great memories!

Hope to see you 'round a square at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 West Waters Ave, Tampa, FL.

Star Moran, Club Asst. Secretary



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Dances in the



West Coast Association Area of Florida

Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota (September 2019)

Citrus County						
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Pt. Charlotte	Charlotte Promenaders (Wkly Jan – Apr – Th) (P, R)	S. J. Hoppe - <u>sjhoppe@fluse.net</u>				
Pt. Charlotte	Cultural Center (Wkly year-round (MS, P, R)	Mary Dow - 941-380-5336 - 🖬 mdow@embargmail.com				
Pt. Charlotte	Maple Leaf Squares (Wkly Nov – Mar - Wed) (P)	*Dave Magee - 941-235-1611 - <u>callerdave@hotmail.com</u>				
Pt. Charlotte	Stuart Bunch (as scheduled) (Full C3B)	Jeff Barlow - jb@auk.com - www.stuart.droppages.com				
Punta Gorda	R&R Gators (Wkly Nov – Mar - Tues) (P, Rnds)	*Dave Magee - 941-235-1611 - <u>callerdave@hotmail.com</u>				
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Wauchula	Crystal Lake Squares (twice a month - Sunday)	Ron Storms - 765-499-1268 - ron.storms@gmail.com				
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	Highland	s County				
County Repres	entatives: Jim and Diane Lucey – <u>dialucey@aol.com</u> – 33	15-524-8032				
Lake Placid	Pine Ridge Promenaders (Wkly Jan – Mar - Thurs)	Bob & Sue Broderick				
	(Mainstream, Plus, Rounds occasionally)	828-290-2147 – <u>bobnsue16@hotmail.com</u>				
Avon Park	123 Squares (Twice a mo. Thurs) (alt. MS, P)	*Sam Dunn - 863-214-1923 📱 - <u>samdunn@samdunn.net</u>				
Sebring	Tropical Twirlers (1 st & 3rd Sat) (Basic 2)	*Mike Gormley – 419-376-0557 – <u>WA8VEC@arrl.net</u>				
Sebring	Buttonwood Bay Squares (1 st & 3 rd Fri) (M, P, R)	R. Avery - 585-576-3534 - <u>rdavery@juno.com</u>				
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County Representative: Cliff Reiss – <u>car47wing@yahoo.com</u> – 813-390-1984						
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	(MS - C-2, Rnds Ph 2 - 5) *Itd dancing in the summer	www.strawberrysquaredancing.com				
Татра	Temple Twirlers (Wkly - Mon)	Bennie & Joyce Kirkland - 813-363-2848 - BBKJLK@verizon.net				
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Plant City	Stardust (Ph 2 – 6, Ballroom) - (as scheduled)	*Curt Worlock - 813-431-3235 - <u>cworlock@tampabay.rr.com</u>				
		www.curtandtammy.com				

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N. Ft. Myers	Horizon Village (Wkly Nov–Mar -Mon) (P, Rnds)	*Dave Magee-941-235-1611 - <u>callerdave@hotmail.com</u>
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Pt. Richey	The Huggables (Wkly) (MS, P, Rounds)	*Allen Snell - 727-809-0323 - <u>settarose1@gmail.com</u>
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<u> </u>		County
County Represe	entatives: Rob & Shelly Paradise – parad family@yahoo	
St. Petersburg	Clearview Squares (Wkly - Fri) (MS/Easy Plus)	*Ted Hughes - 727-641-1025 🖬
Dunedin	Hale Sr. Center (Wkly) (MS, P, Rounds)	*Allen Snell - 727-809-0323 - settarose1@gmail.com
Largo	Snell's Bo's & Bell's (Wkly) (MS, P, Rounds)	*Allen Snell - 727-809-0323 - settarose1@gmail.com
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Thends Fulk	(Mainstream, Plus, Rounds)	www.floridasguaredance.com/promenadesguares
		https://www.facebook.com/PromenadeSquares/
St. Petersburg	Suncoast Squares (Wkly) (Tues: MS, Plus, Rnds	Dan Mutschler - 678-656-2523 - mutschlerdan@yahoo.com
St. Tetersburg	Thurs.: Advance, Challenge)	www.suncoastsquares.com - suncoastsquares@gmail.com
St. Petersburg	Sunshine State #018 Square Dance Campers	
St. Tetersburg	(as scheduled)	*Ted Hughes - 727-641-1025
Ct. Datavahuwa		www.floridasquaredance.com/fansdc
St. Petersburg	J&C Spin-a-rounds (Wkly - Wed) (Phase 3 – 5)	*Jimmy & Carol Griffin-727-525-7809 ■ - <u>spinards@tampabay.rr.co</u>
	Polk C	County
County Represe	ntatives: Don and Ann Slocum – <u>anndonslocum@juno.</u>	<u>com</u> – 863-533-6665
Lake Wales	Shufflin' Squares (Wkly) (1 st & 3 rd Thurs.: Plus,	Rita & Lance Baxter - 863-326-1741 - lanceandrita@yahoo.com
	Advance; 2 nd , 4 th , 5 th Thurs.: Mainstream/Plus)	www.shufflinsquares.com
Lakeland	Buttons & Bows of Lakeland (2 nd & 4 th Tues)	Chuck Smith - 813-720-9348 - Waterdoc77@bellsouth.net
	(Mainstream, Plus, Rounds) (no dancing Jun – Aug.)	www.floridasguaredance.com/buttonsandbows
Frostproof	Camp Inn (Wkly - Wed)	Larry Corder - 740-502-3371 - <u>larrycorder50@gmail.com</u>
riostproor	(Mainstream, Plus)	www.samdunn.net
	Sarasota	
County Represe	entative: (Vacant)	county
Venice	Jacaranda Trace (Wkly - Thurs) (A2)	Bob Ives - 941-875-3668 - rives2007@gmail.com
Venice	Woodmere Park (Wkly -Nov. – April - Fri) (A2, C1)	*Red Bates - 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987 - redbates@juno.com
Venice		
For additional information:		For updates:
www.floridasquaredance.com		sqdncfan@gmail.com
f	floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/	863-224-3393 (text)
		www.dancergram.com
	Go to <u>http://www.dancergram.com</u> /	/CurrentPDF/Classes.pdf for class info
	Schedules are su	ubject to change.
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Texting accepted MS = Mainstream

P = Plus R or Rnds = Rounds

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Your Source...

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

- Square Dancing Friendship Set to Music. Ask me! Buttons
- 66th Florida State Convention Ribbons
- 66th Florida State Convention Gold Sponsor Buttons
- 66th Florida State Convention Ribbons (full weekend, weekender [Friday night and Saturday] and single day)

What's Happening This Month?

September 2019

YEAR-ROUND CLUBS

Many of our clubs are seasonal and are therefore closed for the summer. Below is a list of the clubs that are open year-round. If your club or dance is year-round but is not listed here, please mention it to whomever is in charge of your group i.e. caller, cuer, officer.

<u>Monday</u> - Temple Twirlers, Tampa <u>Tuesday</u> - Suncoast Squares, St. Pete; Spin-a-rounds, St. Pete <u>Wednesday</u> - Strawberry Squares, Plant City; Cultural Center, Port Charlotte; Spin-a-rounds, St. Pete <u>Thursday</u> - Shufflin' Squares, Lake Ashton; Suncoast Squares, St. Pete; Promenade Squares, Pinellas Park; Citrus Squares, Dunedin <u>Saturday</u> - Palace Promenaders, Arcadia; Social Dancing, Plant City **Sunday** – Strawberry Square Round Dances (as scheduled) – Plant City

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. This info is as accurate as possible (at the time of writing).

The next two pages are the calendar for the entire month of September. If you need more detail about a dance, i.e. address, times, etc. scroll to the first page after the calendar. These changes have been made due to this becoming a monthly publication

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Temple Twirlers – NO DANCE		4 - SS Mainstream/Plus Vanwart	5 Promenade Squares Vanwart/Griffin	6	7 Palace Promenaders – Arias/recorded rounds
	DANCE		Cultural Center – Arias/recorded rounds	Suncoast Squares –		SS Social Dancing - Miller
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Temple Twirlers –	Suncoast Squares	SS Mainstream/Plus –	Promenade Squares		Palace Promenaders –
	Cox/Lovelace	•	- SS Mainstream, Plus Vanwart	-		Arias/recorded Rounds
	COX/LOVEIACE	Buttons & Bows First	Cultural Center –	Vanwart/Griffin		SS Social Dancing –
		Dance of the Season	Arias/recorded rounds			
		"Back to School" - \$7/8	Anasyrecorded rounds	Cox/Cox		WINCI
		– Stern/Lovelace		Shufflin' Squares – M/P		
				– Stevens		
				Citrus Squares – Lindsey		
15	16	17	18		20	21
						Fall Weekend of
WC Presidents' Black &	Temple Twirlers –	Hitch n' Go – Sanlan –	Hitch n' Go – Sanlan –	Hitch n' Go – Sanlan –	Fall Weekend of	Rounds – Worlocks
White Ball –	Reardon/Lovelace		Reardon		Rounds – Worlocks	RDCF Meeting – SS –
Snell/Griffins		Suncoast Squares	SS Mainstream/Plus –	Promenade Squares		3:15 p.m.
		Birthdays/Anniversaries				•
		– Cox/Cox		Suncoast Squares –		Palace Promenaders –
			Arias/recorded rounds	-		Arias/recorded rounds
				Shufflin' Squares – P/A –		
				Stevens		SS Social Dancing –
				Citrus Squares – Lindsey		Miller

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Fall Weekend of	Temple Twirlers –	Suncoast Squares –	SS Mainstream/Plus –	Promenade Squares 50's		Palace Promenaders –
Rounds – Worlocks	Snell/Lovelace	Cox/Cox	Vanwart	Sock Hop Dance –		Arias/recorded rounds
				Ormsbee/Griffin		SS Social Dancing – NO
		Buttons & Bows -				DANCE
		Muller/Lovelace		Suncoast Squares –		
			recorded rounds	Cox/Cox		
				Shufflin' Squares – M/P		
				– Stevens		
				Citrus Squares – Lindsey		
29	30					
	Temple Twirlers					
	Birthday/Anniversary					
	Dance -					
	Reardon/Lovelace					

<u>Monday</u>

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. casual accepted until Labor Day. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: <u>bbkilk@verizon.net.</u> Temple Twirlers has a YouTube page where all their photography is being posted (videos and stills). Subscribe at tinyurl.com/twirlersyoutube.

<u>Tuesday</u>

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Round Dancing 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Beginner/Mainstream classes 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus Class from 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. If the parking lot in front of the building is full, overflow parking is available at the bank and the printing company. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

<u>Wednesday</u>

- Strawberry Squares Easy/Mainstream Dance Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Plus Workshop – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. Any club wishing to raid or retrieve a banner should plan to banner raid on Wednesday night at this dance. No banners raids and retrievals on any other day or night. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513. Please notify the caller each week if you will be attending – location and time may be changed based on who is attending – have your name added to the distribution list so you will be reminded weekly – dance could be canceled at any time if there aren't enough dancers.
- Cultural Center Squares Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Rooms F and G, Port Charlotte, Florida. 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.

<u>Thursday</u>

Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Class 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on the second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays. On class night, dances are from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus. On the first and third Thursdays, the dance is from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Alternating Plus and Advance – square dance attire optional. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com. please notify the caller each week if you will be attending

- Citrus Squares First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 352-465-2142 (H) – 352-419-2504 (C) – rickducharme@ymail.com.
- Suncoast Squares A2 Dance/Workshop w/C-1 Workshop King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – C-1 Workshop 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Advance Dance/Workshop 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. If the parking lot in front of the building is full, overflow parking is available at the bank and the printing company. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.
- 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. For info: <u>friendib@verizon.net</u> - <u>https://www.facebook.com/PromenadeSquares/</u> -<u>http://floridasquaredance.com/promenadesquares/.</u>

Friday – NO DANCES

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<u>Saturday</u>

- Strawberry Square Social Dance Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – \$6 per person - music will be for social and ballroom dancing – requests welcome. Bring your own soft drinks, ice, snacks, and table service. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY. The facility is air conditioned and smoke free and has a floating hardwood floor and great acoustics! Please help us keep our dance floor clean and neat by not wearing street shoes on the floors. Shoe covers available at the door. Dances will be every Saturday for the months of August and September. For info: Ken Miller – 863-409-7714 or pcsocialdanceclub@inbox.com.
- Palace Promenaders 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia 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 – NO DANCES

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!

The Class list is subdivided into types of dance – Squares, Rounds, Caller/Cuers, Lines, and Clogging.

September 2019

Sunday - **Shufflin' Squares Advance Workshop** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: <u>lanceandrita@yahoo.com</u>.

SQUARES

May 23, 2019 – **Shufflin' Squares Beginners Square Dance Class** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Class 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – open to all new and returning dancers – open the first two weeks for new attendees. For info: <u>lanceandrita@yahoo.com</u>.

June 3, 2019 – September 30, 2019 – **Mountain Mixers A-2 Dance/Workshop** - Linville Land Harbor, Newland, North Carolina – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – casual attire – cool mountain weather, swimming and fishing and hiking, golf and tennis and social activities – short and long term rentals available – camping and motels nearby -appropriate square dance or smart casual suggested, no shorts. For info: Larry Miles, 352-304-8849.

June 5, 2019 – September 25, 2020 – **Mountain Mixers A-2 Review Available to all A-2 Dancers** - Linville Land Harbor, Newland, North Carolina – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – prerecorded music and callers - casual attire – cool mountain weather, swimming and fishing and hiking, golf and tennis and social activities – short and long term rentals available – camping and motels nearby -appropriate square dance or smart casual suggested, no shorts. For info: <u>www.mountainmixers.com</u>.

September 24, 2019 & October 1, 2019 – **Suncoast Squares Open House** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. If the parking lot in front of the building is full, overflow parking is available at the bank and the printing company. For info: <u>www.suncoastsquares.com</u> or <u>suncoastsquares@gmail.com</u> or <u>mutschlerdan@yahoo.com</u> or 678-656-2523.

October 6, 2019 – May 17, 2020 (for 12 weeks) - **Trinity Squares Basic Through Mainstream** – Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel, Annex Hall, 33425 FL 54, Wesley Chapel, Florida – Basic through Mainstream – Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – \$5 per person per session – casual attire – wear closed toe and closed heel comfortable shoes. For info: <u>charliesue44@gmail.com</u> - <u>rsrhun@aol.com</u> or 813-788-7857.

October 7, 2019 – **Promenade Squares Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Forbes Recreation Center, 6401 – 94th Avenue North, Pinellas Park - Caller/Instructor: TBA – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For info: 727-798-3839.

October 8, 2019 - Suncoast Squares Beginning Square Dance Lessons - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. If the parking lot in front of the building is full, overflow parking is available at the bank and the printing company. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or www.suncoastsquares.com or https://www.suncoastsquares.com or www.suncoastsquares.com or www.suncoastsquare

October 8, 2019 - Suncoast Squares Plus Lessons - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 9:00 p.m. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. If the parking lot in front of the building is full, overflow parking is available at the bank and the printing company. For info: <u>www.suncoastsquares.com</u> or <u>suncoastsquares@gmail.com</u> or <u>mutschlerdan@yahoo.com</u> or 678-656-2523.

October 18 - 19, 2019 – Florida Callers Association Clinic – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Clinician: Tom Miller – Friday: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (no dance); Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Free to FCA members; \$50 per person for non-members. For info: <u>BillBoydCaller@gmail.com</u> or 407-886-7151. NOTE: See details under "Looking Ahead" for the Clinic Dance on Saturday night.

November 6, 2019 – March 25, 2020 – **Basic/Mainstream Square Dance Classes** – Sunshine RV Park, 303 State Road 70, Lake Placid, Florida – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - \$3 per person per session. For info: 734-716-1148 or <u>beted31057@aol.com</u>.

November 18, 2019 – Woodmere First Mainstream Teach of the Season – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller/Instructor: Red Bates – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

November 18, 2019 – Woodmere First Plus Teach of the Season – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller/Instructor: Red Bates – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

November 19, 2019 – Woodmere First Plus Workshop of the Season – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller/Instructor: Red Bates - 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

December 2, 9, 16, 2019 - January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020 - February 3, 10, 24, 2020 - and March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020 – **Village on the Greens Beginner Square Dance Classes** – Village on the Greens Clubhouse, 508 – 44th Avenue East, Bradenton – Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - \$4 per person per session. For info and registration email votgsquaredance@outlook.com or call Diane Fortin/Jean-Guy Payant at 954-889-6971 or John Candelora at 203-804-8948.

January 6, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Beginners/Mainstream Square Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

January 6, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Plus Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – You must know Mainstream before taking this Plus call. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

March 30, 2020 – Woodmere Final Mainstream Teach of the Season – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller/Instructor: Red Bates – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

March 30, 2020 – **Woodmere Final Plus Teach of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller/Instructor: Red Bates – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. - casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

ROUNDS

September 3, 2019 – **Griffins' Phase IV - V Workshop** – Walter Fuller Rec Center, 7891 – 26th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – 7:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m. For info: 727-542-8847 ■ <u>spinards@tampabay.rr.com</u>.

September 4, 2019 - Griffins' Beginner/Phase 3+ Workshop – Walter Fuller Rec Center, 7891 – 26th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. For info: 727-542-8847 ∎ <u>spinards@tampabay.rr.com</u>.

January 15, 2019 – Promenade Squares Beginner Round Dance Lessons – Forbes Recreation Center, 6401 – 94th Avenue North, Pinellas Park - \$6 per person per session. For info: 727-542-8847
Spinards@tampabay.rr.com.

June 5, 2019 – **J & C Spinarounds Phase 4 – 5 Workshop** – Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 – 26th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. For info: <u>spinards@tampabay.rr.com</u>.

July 6, 2019 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Teach** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance

floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

July 7, 2019 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Teach Review** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

August 3 – 8, 2019 – **Round-A-Rama Institute** – Purdue University's Memorial Union, West Lafayette, Indiana – Accommodations: Purdue University's Memorial Union Hotel – limited hotel accommodations, moderately priced and all under one roof, and reservations (after April 1st) 800-320-6291 (mention Round a Rama). Cost: \$390 per couple; \$205 per single (subject to change without notice). Package includes: Welcome Reception, Distinctive Badges, Syllabus, Welcome Supper, Party Dancing, Clinics-Workshops-Seminars, and Limited Private Instruction (by reservation only). Registration: registration is accepted only through a waiting-list deposit; \$25 per person required (make checks payable to Linda Robinson), and waiting list is progressive year to year. For info: <u>roundarama@gmail.com</u> or 918-371-4455 (O) or 918-640-9831 (c).

September 4, 2019 – Walter Fuller Rec Center, September 8 – 12, 2019 – **Fontana Village Resort 106**th Accent on Rounds – Fontana Village Resort, 300 Woods Road, Fontana Dam, North Carolina – clinics – hearing enhancement available – spacious, central air-conditioned hall with floating hardwood floor. Check in at the Recreation Hall on Sunday 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Round dance attire required at evening sessions (daytime and Sunday evening optional). Dancers are responsible for their housing arrangements. Advance registration is \$250 per couple; \$130 per person. After April 15th, the deposit is \$275 per couple, \$145 per person. Registration required – no walk ins. Cancellations roll overs within thirty days of the event, subject to fee of \$20 per couple and \$10 per single. Your registration includes all dancing and workshops, plus your syllabus (one per couple) but is not pro-rated. For info: 301-935-5227 – AccentOnRounds@aol.com or www.dancerounds.info/kincaid.

September 20 – 22, 2019 – **Fall Weekend of Rounds** presented by the Round Dance Council of Florida – focus on Rumba – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Friday: 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Clinic. Hotels: Hampton Inn (813-756-5600), Holiday Inn Express (813-719-3800), and dry camping available at Strawberry Square at \$5 per night. Cost: \$75 per couple. For info: Lloyd McKenrick at 352-288-4973. Make check payable to Round Dance Council of Florida (RDCF) and mail along with registration to Terri Wilaby, 3344 Wasatch Range Loop, Pensacola, FL 32526. NOTE: There will be a RDCF meeting on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. *If you cue or teach in the state of Florida (even if you're a snowbird), you should consider membership in the Round Dance Council of Florida. You must be a member of RDCF in order to cue at the annual Florida*

State Square and Round Dance Convention. The Council sponsors two clinics a year and there are great networking opportunities.

September 22 - 25, 2019 – 25th Annual Autumn Holiday of Rounds – Fontana Village, North Carolina – Round Dance package includes three Phase 3 - 5 evening dances • early Phase 5 - 6 request Rounds • two phase 5 workshops or clinic • two phase 3/4 – 4 workshops or clinic • review session • afterparties. Dance attire requested for evening sessions. Potluck lunches: (Bring something to share) bread, lunch meat, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, mayo, mustard, plates, flatware, drinks (coke, ginger ale, and water), etc. are provided by the organizers. Program: Sunday - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Monday: 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Fees: Early Dance Registration (till November 1, 2018) \$100/couple - \$50/single; Dance Registration (after November 1, 2018) \$105/couple - \$52.50/single. No charge for cancellations prior to the day of the event (refund or rollover). Ask for special dancer lodging rates for the Autumn Holiday of Rounds 2019 (rates per night plus tax). These rates are good until August 22, 2019. Types of accommodations: Lodge Room (standard room w/King Bed or 2 Queen Bed) \$89, Willow Cabin (1 BR/1BA) \$109, Hemlock Cabin (2 BR/2 BA) \$139, Azalea Cottage (2 BR/2 BA) \$169 (3BR/2BA) \$219, Magnolia Cottage (3BR/2 BA) \$219, and Campsite (hookups) \$30. There is a \$150 non-refundable charge for any and each pet. Contact Fontana Village for reservations at 1-800-849-2258 or http://www.fontanavillage.com.

October 6, 2019 – May 17, 2020 (12 weeks) - **Trinity Squares of Wesley Chapel Classes and Workshops** – Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel, 33425 FL 54, Wesley Chapel, Florida (the church is on the north side of SR54 about half way (5 to 6 miles) between I-75 and SR 301) – Mainstream – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - \$5 per person - Caller: Ron Reardon – For info: <u>rsrhun@aol.com</u> – <u>charliesue44@gmail.com</u> or 813-788-7857.

November 1, 2019 – March 27, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Phase 5** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn -10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

November 1, 2019 – March 27, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Phase 5 Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965 or Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

November 2, 2019 – March 28, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Intro to 4 Multiple Rhythms** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned

- smoke free - great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965 or Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

November 7, 2019 – January 9, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Waltz Phase 2 Review** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn - 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

November 7, 2019 – January 9, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Beginning Rumba – Phase 3, Intro to 4** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn - 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

November 7, 2019 – May 16, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

November 9, 2019 – December 21, 2019 - **Strawberry Square Beginning Bolero Phase 3, Intro to 4** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

November 19, 2019 – March 17, 2010 - **Stardust Phase 4+ Lessons** – Stardust, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, Florida – Cuers/Instructors: Pamela and Jeff Johnson – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – floating hardwood floors, hearing enhancement, fragrance free, stereo recording stations available (music on the left channel and cues on the right channel). Register and pay at class \$15 per lesson per couple. Prefer you pay for a whole month at a time. For info: 218-256-1873 – rapidballroom@gmail.com – rapidballroom.com.

November 19, 2019 – March 17, 2020 - **Stardust Phase 4 – 5 Figures Only** – Stardust, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, Florida – Cuers/Instructors: Pamela and Jeff Johnson – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – floating hardwood floors, hearing enhancement, fragrance free, stereo recording stations available (music on the left channel and cues on the right channel). Register and pay at

class \$15 per lesson per couple. Prefer you pay for a whole month at a time. For info: 218-256-1873 – <u>rapidballroom@gmail.com</u> – rapidballroom.com.

November 20, 2019 – March 18, 2020 – **Beginners Phase 2 – 3 Choreographed Ballroom Lessons** – Schalamar Creek, U.S. Hwy. 92 E., Lakeland, Florida – Cuers/Instructors: Pamela and Jeff Johnson - 7:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Register and pay at class \$15 per lesson per couple. Prefer you pay for a whole month at a time. For info: 218-256-1873 – <u>rapidballroom@gmail.com</u> – rapidballroom.com.

November 20, 2019 – March 18, 2020 – **Stardust Phase 3 – Intro to Phase 4 Lessons** – Stardust, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, Florida – Cuers/Instructors: Pamela and Jeff Johnson – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – floating hardwood floors, hearing enhancement, fragrance free, stereo recording stations available (music on the left channel and cues on the right channel). Register and pay at class \$15 per lesson per couple. Prefer you pay for a whole month at a time. For info: 218-256-1873 – <u>rapidballroom@gmail.com</u> – rapidballroom.com.

December 2, 2019 – March 30, 2020 - **Village on the Greens Round Dance Classes** – Village on the Greens Clubhouse, 508 – 44th Avenue East, Bradenton – Cuer/Instructor: Mike Cox – I:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - \$4* per person per session. For info and registration email <u>votgsquaredance@outlook.com</u> or call Diane Fortin/Jean-Guy Payant at 954-889-6971 or John Candelora at 203-804-8948. *\$2 for those registered to the above square dance class.

January 6, 2020 – **Buttonwood Bay Beginner Round Dance Lessons** – Buttonwood Bay RV Recreation Hall, 41 Kingfish Drive (off U.S. 27 South), Sebring, Florida – Cuers/Instructors: Chuck and Mary Ryall – 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. For info: Dick Avery <u>rdavery@juno.com</u> or 585-576-3534.

January 4, 2020 – March 28, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Beginning Country Western Partner Two Step** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

January 25, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Country Western Partner Teaches** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 3:05 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

February 8, 2020 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Teach (Florida Fun)** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or

food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

February 9, 2020 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Teach (Florida Fun)** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Tom Bunn – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air conditioned – smoke free – great acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or call Cindy Bunn at 864-723-6965.

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October 10 – 14, 2019 – **Northeast Callers School** – Host Hotel and Hayloft Barn, Sturbridge, Massachusetts – Callers: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach), Special Guest Instructor: Jerry Story (Iowa – CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach), Steve Turner (Australia – CALLERLAB Accredited Caller-Coach), and Barry Clasper (Canada). 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 • Develop a calling career that is best for you. Only \$400 per student – space is limited – register today! For info: 413-262-1875 or KenRitucci@gmail.com or www.NortheastCallerSchool.com.

November 10 – 14, 2019 – **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, Keith Stevens (Florida), Caller Coach, and Dane Bragg (Pennsylvania), Caller Coach. Everything under ONE roof!!! School – Lodging – Restaurant. Full CALLERLAB Curriculum For New & Experienced Callers. Tuition: \$375 – no charge for accompanying partner. Food and lodging not included -\$50 discount for previous attendees of the Appalachian or Pocono Callers Schools. For info: Roy or Betsy Gotta 732-249-2086 or <u>ugottadance@optonline.net</u>.

March 26 – 29, 2020 – **Sunshine Callers School** – Best Western Southside Hotel & Suites, **Jacksonville, Florida** - Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Bill Harrison (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), and Tom Miller (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach). For info: 413-262-1875 – <u>kenritucci@gmail.com</u> – <u>www.northeastcallerschool.com</u>.

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Florida Federation of Square Dancers President's Message

September is here and the weather will soon be cooling down. The fall will bring dances throughout the state! The weather is cooler which makes traveling FUN! Kicking off our September will be "Fall Weekend of Rounds" on September 20-22, to be held in Plant City, FL. Southeast Association will hold their "Membership Dance and Ice Cream Social" on September 22nd to be held in Briny Breeze and the Northwest Association is having a "66th FSSRDC Benefit Dance" on September 28 being held in Pensacola. The month of October will bring dancing to Plant City with the "FCA Fall Clinic" on October 19. Our Florida Association of National Square Dance Campers will hold their 44th Annual Florida Camp-O-Ree on October 24-27 in Eustis. On October 25-26, Northwest Association of Square Dancers website: www.floridasquaredance.com for information and flyers on these dances on the "Calendar of Events". Clubs please utilize our website "Calendar of Events" to promote your special dances. Dancers utilize the website to find clubs dancing in your area. We have a great organized website that offers information to you and we hope you will utilized the website.

Our next Florida Federation of Square Dancers meeting will be held in conjunction with the "Annual Northwest Association Round Up" on Sunday, October 27 at the host hotel; Comfort Inn & Suites, 137 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL at 9:00 am. **PLEASE BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS BY SEPT. 25 TO RECEIVE THE FLORIDA FEDERATION SQUARE DANCE GROUP RATE OF \$89.00 + TAX per night** (850) 362-6700. Please join us for this very informative meeting. The Florida Federation of Square Dancers continues to work on your behalf to promote square and round dancing in the state of Florida. We are always looking for "new" and "brilliant" ideas and our dancers are "brilliant"!!

I hope you are making your plans to join us at the 66th FSSRDC to be held in Daytona Beach on February 21 & 22, 2020 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center. Have you booked your hotel room? The Convention Host Hotel is the Homewood Suites, 165 Bill France Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL. Square Dance Rate is \$99.00 + tax per night. Please see the convention website for more information and make your plans now! www.floridasquaredance.com/convention

Dancers, purchase your 66th Florida State Convention Square & Round Dance Convention "2020 The Power to See the Future", to be held February 21-22, 2020 **NOW**! We are excited the 66th Convention is going to take the dancers into the "Future"! And the FUTURE is our YOUTH! So, the Convention is offering a special promotion to encourage our families to bring our dancing youth to the 2020 66th Florida State Convention....ANY YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WILL GET IN FREE...Yes, FREE! If the youth attends the convention with a parent, grandparent, etc., whom has purchased a ribbon to the 66th FSSRDC Convention. The 66th Convention Chairmen are not setting a limit on the number of youths that can attend with their family. Youth are the future of square and round dancing and our adult dancers will lead the way for them to join in the laughter, smiles and fun just dancing!

Purchase your Convention Polo Shirt (Ladies Purple & Men's Navy) 1 for \$25.00 or 2 for \$45.00. Also, on sale are raffle tickets for a beautiful Quilt sewn and donated by Diane & Jeff Hissong and a Ring Video Door Bell. These both are a must have!! A doorbell that offers you security and you can link it to your cellphone and be able to see who is ring the bell or hanging around your home while you are in or away from your home. This Raffle is worth the value of purchasing your tickets; 3 tickets \$5.00 or 7 tickets for \$10.00. A quilt that will add beauty to any room is 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Check with your Association Presidents or Ways & Means Chairman in your area. Each Association has a photo flyer for the quilt raffle. You can also see the quilt on the Federation website by visiting the Convention page.

The Convention Committee is collecting "pop top" can rings to be given to the 66th FSSRDC Co-Chairman Shannon Reid, whom is utilizing this activity for school credits. Please save the pop tops from all cans and give them to a 66th Convention Chairman or your Association President. Shannon will be donating these pop tops to a Charity. And we as a square dance community will be showing our support for our organization and community!

I hope you have the opportunity to find some great dancing this fall!

Cheryl Miller, President (850)533-7168; pe.miller@outlook.com www.floridasquaredance.com

Florida Hall of Fame History Project

There is currently a project in progress to gather photos of all the Florida Hall of Fame Inductees to add to the Florida website. We have made good progress and have found a good majority of them, but we are still missing some and hope that some of you may be able to furnish some of the pictures. To see what has been accomplished so far, go to http://floridasquaredance.com/federation-pictures/hall-of-fame/index.html.

Below are the photos we still need. If you have any of them, please scan and email them to <u>sqdncfan@gmail.com</u>. If you do not have access to a scanner, please mail them to Penny Green, 530 S. Florida Avenue, Apt. 1005, Lakeland, FL 33801-5249. I will scan them and return the original(s) to you.

<u>1984</u>
Don & Marie Armstrong
Caller Ernest (Bart) & Cuer Ruth Bartley
Jimmy & Elizabeth Clossin 🗲
Al & Dot Cody
Harry & Helen Moore
<u>1986</u>
Cuer Charlie & Madeline Lovelace (a photo of just
Charlie was located, would like one of him & his
first wife Madeline)
<u>1990</u>
Frank & Iris Gilbert 🗲
<u>1996</u>
Jack & Marie Pierson 🗲
<u>2018</u>
Ron ¹ & Mary Lee Van Valkenburg

← Also need association affiliation. Please send to the same address as above.



66th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION – "POWER TO SEE THE FUTURE"

February 21-22, 2020 <u>www.FloridaSquareDance.com</u>

Interesting facts you might not know about the 2020 Convention: Susan Snider is the Cuer Chairperson. Dress Code is square dance attire or casual attire.

¹ Awarded posthumously

Bob Poyner is the Caller Chair, and Charlie Pergrossi is the Assistant. Line Dancing will be available. Decorations for the main stage are being done by Keith and Angie Olds. Kathy McKinney, Linda Tester, and Diane Syphard are in charge of the After Party.

Posted on the Florida Federation Website are some cool opportunities for you to help with fund raising for the 2020 Convention. <u>http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/66/fund.html</u>

Lodging information: If you have a camper, call the Sunshine Holiday RV Park, 1701 North US Hwy #1, Ormond Beach, 877-570-2267. Ask for the square dance rate – it's only \$25.63 a night.

The Homewood Suites Hotel (386-258-2828) is the host hotel, but the Hilton Daytona Oceanfront Resort (386-254-8200) is another good place to stay. It's not too soon to make your reservations. Ask for the square dance rates.

The Trail End Dance will be held on Thursday, February 20, and more details will be available later. STOP right now and purchase your ribbons.

Ribbons purchased between now and 12/31/19 are \$40 per person.

Ribbons purchased 1/1/20 and later are \$45.

Any dancing child under the age of sixteen will be admitted to the Convention FREE of charge with a dancing, paying adult.

Please make checks payable to: 66th FSDC.

Mail to: Marilyn Scott, Reg. Chair

731 Creighton Rd, Fleming Island, FL 32003

904-264-9392 Email: mjanescott@bellsouth.net

Returned ribbons cheerfully refunded until Feb. 21, 2020 for any reason.

The theme for the 66th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in February of 2020 is Power to See the Future, and you can have a positive impact on the future leaders of our country – children. As a service project, the 66th Convention committee has decided to collect pull tabs from drinks and other cans. These will be turned in for cash which will be used to help needy children of Florida. Please help this worthy cause by saving your tabs and bringing them to the Convention. There will be a box at the registration booth for you to deposit your tabs.

Susie (Moon) Beachy, Publicity

Confessions of "The Reluctant Square Dancer"

Kay Schmidt shared a post.
Admin · August 12 at 9:30 PM
Our very own, <u>Ron Eubanks</u>, shared his own experience and it should inspire others to at least give it a try!

Ron Eubanks to AGAPE Squares August 12 at 2:43 PM

Confessions of "The Reluctant Square Dancer."

Did I ever think that I would be Square Dancing....."No, that's for old people!" There is the saying "ignorance is bliss" and, I defined it by ignoring all the health benefits of dancing: reduces risk of dementia, reduces stress,

increases energy and serotonin, improves flexibility, strength, balance and endurance, to mention a few. So, why did I ever become a Square Dancer?

First reason, and most important: my wife has always loved dancing.....that's how we first met.....and, she fell instantly in love with square dancing. Me....not so much! After finding out how much time and energy I would have to invest in an activity that I was not interested in, I was beginning to regret the Open House we had first attended. But, I pressed on because....my wife loved dancing, and I love my wife!

Second reason is that my Mom, at the age of 65 started dancing! She lost 30 lbs and was taken off BP medication. Dancing gave her a whole new lease on life, and she danced one or two times a week until she was 91!

So, two very influential women in my life are responsible for getting me on the dance floor. I am thankful for both....one for setting the example, and the other for pushing/dragging me along. Through square dancing I have met some wonderful people and enjoyed some great experiences.

So, encourage folks to try square dancing.....it really is for "old people".....how do you think they lived to be so old? Here's a picture of my Mom dancing the night away.....at the age of 91!

CALLERLAB Viewpoints

From Mike Seastrom

Your Club & Association Can Grow If You Really Want It To

Do you want your club to grow? Do you want to see our activity thrive again? The tools are out there. The methods to make your plan work, but it takes diligence and dedication I'm here to tell you that the joy you will find in a fun, thriving club will be more than worth the effort you put into. Our club has grown by more than 100 new members in the last 4 years and now has more than 230 members. Let me lay out the basics and how you start this process. Everyone needs to be on the same page and know that each and every member shares the responsibility and reward for growth and fun.

- 1. Eliminate Negativity. Every time your club or part of your club gets together, keep the relationships and the interactions positive and supportive. You're there for fun and to forget about everyday problems and issues, so remember to keep it positive and keep it fun. Avoid looking back to how things used to be. It only takes you down a negative road and brings nothing positive to the moment or the evening. The important thing enjoying the moment you are currently in and the party you are attending; and every night should be a party.
- 2. Welcome Everyone. Each and every guest that comes to an event of your club should be treated as if they are a guest in your own home. Every member is a host and should reach out and welcome each guest. Share information about your guests with other club members and bring together those that may share and relate with this information. As an example, if your guests are from a particular area of the United States and someone from your club is also from that area, bring them together and introduce them.

- 3. Empower Others. Each member's opinion and contribution to the club to deserve respect. When a task is assigned to someone in the club, micromanaging by club leaders is unnecessary. Although the task may not be accomplished as expected by the club leader, supporting the work that was done empowers your members to become leaders and volunteer again. As a club leader, finding and mentoring the person to replace you should be at the top of your priority list. Mentoring and encouraging other members to lead will add strength to your club. Getting as many of your members involved in the club leadership and in the tasks to run club events creates camaraderie, fun, and in the long run success.
- 4. Food Connects People. Whether it is simple or extravagant, food creates conversation, stimulates social interaction, and can create fun, laughter, and even friendly competition. Potluck always seems to bring out people's best recipes and those recipes, inspire ideas and encourage others to bring their best recipes. Friendly competition can crate fun and bring about more conversation. Consider giving a raffle ticket to each pe4rson that brings refreshments. The prize may be a simple gift card or admission to the next club dance, but the important thing is it gives recognition and recognition promotes a sense of belonging and the inclination to bring refreshments again.
- 5. Club Newsletters and Regular Emails. Club newsletters help to spread the word to your members about what is going on and is a great reference in case a club member forgets the pertinent information about a club event. Mentioning as many club members as possible in this newsletter elevates enthusiasm and positive feelings of the members and their friends. Including your new dancers in your newsletters as if they were already in your club encourages them to join and be a contributing member. Regular emails are also a great way to connect your club and new dancers as well. It's a great tool that club officers can use and class coordinators can send weekly emails to mention the calls taught, online resources to review calls, upcoming new dancer events, and feature weekly new dancer or new dancer couple with a brief bio about them. Information about us connects us.
- 6. Make Your New Dancer Program a Top Priority. Make each night of class a party. Encourage people to bring food, decorate if there is an occasion, celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and member or new dancer milestones. Strive to know the names of your new dancers and introduce them to other club members. Take your new dancers out and visit other classes and appropriate events in the area. Dance with your new dancers and encourage them. Call them to tell them they were missed if they miss a class night. Promote the start of your dancers program all year round. The CALLERLAB Marketing Manual is full of great ideas and you can obtain a copy or download from the CALLERLAB KnowledgeBase website at: <u>callerlabknowledge.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CALLERLAB-Square-Dance-marketing-Manual-V1-2b.pdf</u>.

Let's continue with more thoughts about growing your club next month. See you then!

Reprint from American Square Dance – August 2019

American Callers' Association Viewpoints

By Patrick Demerath

New Dancer Fragility and Encouragement

This month's Viewpoint is the third part of a new dancer recruitment program of Planning and Commitment to attract and keep new dancers despite all the bumps along the way. The question is: How to Best Treat New Dancers during Square Dance lessons in and out of the square. Remember the new dancer's exposure and commitment is very fragile. We must encourage them with sincere Interest, Understanding and Respect. History states that approximately 50% of New Dancers withdraw during square dance lessons and 50% of those who graduate withdraw soon after graduation.

The Dancers' fragile feelings could be argued that it lasts one full year after graduation. Next month's Viewpoint will discuss the first year of square dancing after graduation, and how to encourage and help them.

Club members and callers must focus on the needs of the new dancers not cub interests. This equates to treating new dancers as the present and future life blood of square dancing. Make it enjoyable with welcoming for them or lose them.

The American Callers' program addresses the popular calls used in dances and eliminates the calls that are taught but seldom used. If callers are to do what they say and call to the floor, then advertise and teach and use the ACA one floor program.

Dancers and Callers often confuse the terms fragile relationship to commitment. Callers must remember to be aware of the new fragile relationships of new dancers and not judge them on our terms. To support this is the following proverb: DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS BASED ON OUR ITENTIONS OR THEY MAY LEAVE U. Why not make their needs and intentions our intentions.

What is the rush if clubs have to back track some to bring new dancers who are absent due to other activities or having a problem keeping up? Letting this become an issues is the Self Defeating Prophesy and can rack the fragile relationship and dancers will leave square dancing. Square dance new dancers are aging and may not learn as fast and/or have health issues.

Square dancing is by all counts a local activity. A national campaign of advertising for square dancing has been attempted but has not been able to get off the ground due to the high costs for local clubs, state organizations and national organizations. None of which have that kind of money.

Local and costless methods to increase square dancing would be to contact schools, 4-H groups, junior colleges, home school groups and others. Groups like these may help clubs find new

members remembering that square dancing is a local club activity first and foremost with the goals of friendship and enjoyment.

The ACA bottom line is that new dancers are out there and go find them, invite them to visit your club and make them feel welcome and appreciated. Next month we will publish the suggestions on nourishing newly graduated dancers for the first year after graduation. Let's keep new dancers in the clubs.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject or communicate their success story in recruiting is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at <u>loulet@aol.com</u> or Dr. Patrick Demerath at <u>pdemerath14@gmail.com</u>.

Until next time: Happy Dancing.

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On the Record – Squares

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When You Have No Caller

Looking at the square dance world today, you will find many areas that have a shortage of callers or no caller at all. This may be hard to believe in cities that have many talented callers available, but it is a fact. A sad fact when you consider that some of these regions were flush with callers, dancers, and club not so long ago.

This dearth of callers is reminiscent of the early days of modern square dancing. In that era people turned to recordings to learn square dancing and maintain their skills. Really, the square dance recording business got its fundamental start not by making music for callers, but by producing media for dancers. Early on in the form of 78 RPM albums (multiple shellac discs bound in a book) evolving to the 33 1/3 RPM vinyl long-play records then cassette tapes and finally digital. These recording were done in a studio, often with a square of dancers in another room moving along to the caller so his timing would be correct (or close). The music was clean, the vocals were clear, the material used tailored to the occasional dancer or the avid dancer. More than a few clubs used square dance albums as their club caller – they had no choice.

Are you without a caller? If so, there is a website that since October has been providing studio quality recordings of called patter and singing calls at various levels. Originally designed to be a resource where existing callers may learn calling techniques by listening to audio of some of the best callers may learn calling techniques by listening to audio of some of the best callers ever
recorded. Emails sent in revealed the usefulness of the ore recent recordings for dancers without a caller. If you have no caller, then this website may be what keeps your group going. The only provider of these recordings is buddyweavermusic.podbean.com.

At this website you will find:

- Studio quality recordings that have been digitized by the producer. No scratchy records recorded on an old turntable. Lean, clear, and danceable.
- Top name recording artists. Some names you may recognize as traveling and festival callers while others may no longer be active. Only the best callers recorded on these albums and they make for great dancing.
- Each recording may be streamed (listen now) or downloaded to the listen's computer. These recordings are MP3 files and can be played through a computer, phone, or any media players capable of MP3 playback.
- Made available on this website for square dance educational purposes. The producer grants the use of these recordings for dancing at home or any non0-commercial event.
- Over one-hundred twenty five files are currently available. A combination of patter, singing calls, and contra. This is over 400 minutes of square dancing for dancers who don't have a caller. A new file is added every day.
- The albums come from the blue Star, Hi Hat, and Dance Ranch Music labels. Audio is from the R&R Video collection.
- THERE IS NO CHARGE. Compliments of buddyweavermusic.com for the betterment of square dancing.

Please take a moment and share the information provided here. A good resource can only be great when it's shared. Your comments and questions are welcome; please contact me at <u>buddy@buddyweaver.com</u>.

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Importance of Vocal Warm Ups for Square Dance Callers

By Lisa Lincoln (reprinted from Behind the Mike July/August 2018)

I'm sure you've all heard that we should warm up before calling or singing and are saying, "I know but there's no time," or "I try when I can but it doesn't always happen." Or, "warm ups are just for exercise, I'm good." Our voice is like an engine and it needs to warm up. Singing and putting on a dance take a lot of energy and effort, so warm up that engine and it will last longer!

The whole body should be involved in producing sound. Your own personal vocal warmup should include lots of breath exercises along with your vocal work. You can pick half a dozen ideas that work for you and make it a routine before each dance. If you have to do the warm up

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in your car, sit toward the edge of the seat to access your breath. Just make sure you can still reach the gas and brake! You can also go into the bathroom (where there are usually good acoustics) or step outside before you start a dance.

It doesn't hurt to practice these warm ups every day, even when you aren't calling a dance. They will make your voice and breath support stronger.

Here are few vocal warm up ideas for you to try. There are many more ideas in books, on Youtube or in classes. Find some warm ups that work for you. You can record some exercises from the internet or with a voice coach and use those for your personal warmup anytime. Working with a voice coach who can get to know your personal vocal needs, strengths, and weaknesses is best. They can customize a warm up that works for you.

Here are a few warm up ideas for you to try:

- 1. Make sure your back is straight and you have strong but relaxed posture.
- 2. Breath Panting like a dog with diaphragm (belly) breath
- 3. Deep breath in thru the nose and fill the diaphragm (belly) until you have a big belly and then quickly exhale thru the mouth with force.
- 4. Hum softly on scale or any song.
 - a. Scales are the do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do you might have heard from "The Sound of Music."
- 5. Sirens up and down the scale with lip trills or on "eeee" or hum.
- 6. Do some scales with diaphragm (belly breath) action (Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha). The scales don't have to be perfect; they are just to give your range some elasticity work.'
- 7. Sing the word "Zing" with a big belly breath using high to low notes. "Chew" and "moo".
- 8. Do some tongue twisters to get your lips/mouth warmed up. Do them on one pitch and then try to do them on different pitches.
- 9. Say or sing, "The lips, the teeth, the tip of the tongue" over and over and concentrate on each area you are saying to overdo warming up that part of your mouth. You can do on different pitches or in a chant.

Lisa Lincoln (Caller Profile and vocal coach)

Lisa comes from a voice and musical theater background both singing and acting. She has performed in over 40 musicals and has a degree in both vocal studies and theater. She has also gone on to study various vocal teaching techniques to get the best vocal results from her students.

Lisa started her own children and teen musical theater company, and has directed several large scale musicals with professional orchestras. Lisa directs all of her company's musicals, as well as teaching students healthy singing, vocal and acting techniques (all the tings every caller needs). She is currently on the faculty at Desert Academy in Santa Fe teaching music, voice choir,

acting, and public speaking classes. She has trained and inspired multiple students to go on to win high level vocal awards and further their studies in voice and theater.

Lisa is a Callerlab Member and has presented at Callerlab on vocal issues. She is a recording artist with Arrow Head Recordings, private voice coach for all ages, singer and square dance caller in New Mexico actively calling mainstream and plus for two clubs.

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

Rough Dancing? Men Win!

A while back I participated on a panel at the National Convention entitled "Defensive Dancing." After a few opening comments from the other panelists and me, we asked the floor comments. We were immediately swamped with complaints from women about rough dancing from men.

The biggest complaint was that men squeeze women's hands too tightly. This was repeated over and over again.

In response to a woman's question about why men do this, one man offered the logical theory that men work with machines and tools and are used to gripping tightly things like screwdrivers, pliers, and wrenches.

Another strongly emphasized complaint against men was that they drag the women through the calls, instead of letting the women dance. This seemed especially prevalent on the calls Ferris Wheel, Recycle, and Linear Cycle.

Finally, one man said: "Well, there are rough women too." A few heads nodded in agreement, and that was the last we heard of this. Everyone was back to criticizing the men.

Solution: Having identified the problem, here are possible solutions that were proposed/

For men squeezing hands too tightly: (1) the woman can say, "Ouch that hurts!" This should cause sufficient embarrassment to the man that he will not do it again. It was noted that this should be said only if a particular man has a history of squeezing too tightly, and not for an isolated instance.

(2) Women have a good defense in fingernails. If the man's grip is causing pain, the woman can squeeze the man's hand with her fingernails.

(3) Some women have a badge-maker prepare a badge they can wear that says: "injured hand" or "injured arm." This usually results in a lighter touch by all men.

For men dragging the women through the calls: (1) for Ferris Wheel from a standard boy-girl set-up with the boy on the left and the girl on the right: The man has farther to go to do the call, so there is a tendency for him to pull the woman. To counteract this, the woman should double her speed in doing the Ferris Wheel. This will keep her beside the man instead of behind him, and thus no dragging would occur.

(2) For Recycle and Linear Cycle, many dancers use hands for the entire call. But except for the initial Single Hinge on Linear Cycle, these are no-hands calls. So if the man is dragging the woman, she can simply push his hand away. If he asks why she did this, her reply should be: "Don't you know these are no-hand calls? I want to do the calls correctly" This should render the man speechless.

There is no excuse for rough dancing. The situations described above are still prevalent in square dancing today. Therefore, it would be appropriate for all men to review their dance habits to be sure they are not being rough.

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Evolution of Square Dance Attire

OUR SQUARE DANCE IMAGE

The arguments in favor of changing to a more open dress code are, first it is more economical. Second, young people – who we dearly want and need – view traditional square dance dress as outdated and unstylish. Third, an open dress code is more convenient. Fourth, casual dress is more comfortable.

A counter argument to an open code is that the uniqueness of the square dance will suffer. If everyone came as they pleased, the spectacle of a floor full of colorfully dressed dancers would suffer. Square dancing is, more than anything else, a community of people. In any dealings with people, there are certain rules and etiquette that must be followed. For instance, you wouldn't go to a fancy dress ball wearing jeans and a T-shirt, and conversely, you wouldn't go to a sporting event in an evening gown or tuxedo. These events by custom and common sense have their own dress code. Square dancing, likewise has, over the years, developed a dress code. That dress code is more complex than most and this very complexity prompts the controversies and misunderstands. Some common sense rules should clarify the situation.

 When in Rome, do as the Romans do – if you are visiting a club where you know how they usually dress, dress likewise. It will make you more comfortable and make the club friendlier because they will see that you respect their preferences. If you have doubts, wear traditional square dance attire (petticoats and square dance dresses for women' pants and long sleeved western style shirts for men).

- 2. At evening dances and special events, dress in the traditional square dance attire (unless otherwise specific). Evening dances are parties and it is considerate to dress up for a party (rather than to dress down).
- 3. At day dances where level is advanced or challenge, you are probably safe to dress casually, but it is never wrong to dress traditionally. A simple advance phones call an answer the dress code for these dances.
- 4. At all times, dress neatly; never dress down for a dance.

One square dance dress code will not fit all square dance situations. Different dress codes apply to different types of events and facilities – convention, camping, festival, picnic, theme party, club dance, barn, civic center, gym, church, etc. Dress codes therefore must be flexible and dependent on the rules established by the sponsor of the event. Most of this is common sense. Unfortunately, when common sense is not followed by some, sponsoring organizations need to make and advertise in advance their desired dress code rules.

PROPER SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE

What is "Proper Square Dance Attire"? Many dancers and leaders use terms such as "traditional", "western", "proper", "casual", "club", and "country" attire, but have not clearly defined each of these terms. "Proper Square Dance Attire" has changed many times through the years and probably will continue to change as years go by. "Proper Attire" has generally been accepted through use and prevailing fashion, not from something written down and decided on by vote of anyone.

There are many different situations that determine the proper square dance attire. For example: Would you wear the same identical square dance attire at a National Convention, club picnic, club dance, barn dance, theme party, exhibition, demonstration, etc." My guess is probably not! Each of these functions would probably have a separate set of rules or guidelines for "Proper Square Dance Attire." Proper attire for a club picnic or camp-out would not be proper for a National Convention. So "roper Square Dance Attire" could easily have several different definitions.

Spectators attending any convention, large festival or club activity never fail to be impressed by the beautifully dressed dancers who form an exciting and colorful picture. And because this traditional costume is seen so much now, even a non-dancer recognizes a square dancer when he is dressed appropriately. It has become a TRADEMARK. Just one person in shorts, undershirt, spandex, ragged, dirty, and torn jeans could destroy the exciting and colorful picture at a square dance. When you are in square dance dress, YOU represent the entire worldwide activity. YOU ARE square dancing!

Perhaps the National Square Dance Convention is responsible for establishing the first official dress code for square dance attire. At the 1968 National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, the weather was hot; however the heat was no excuse for some dancers to be appearing on the

dance floor wearing short shorts, undershirts, and bare feet. Since that unpleasant situation, the National Square Dance Convention has had a dress code printed on all registration forms stating:

PROPER SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE IS REQIRED AT ALL NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS

What is that makes the National Square Dance Convention unique to the hosting city? IT'S OUR ATTIRE 0 on the dance floor and on the street. Most everyone knows when a National Square Dance Convention is in town, because of the colorful costumes worn by dancers. You would not know when the rotary, Kiwanis, or Lions' Clubs are meeting because they are dressed the same as everyone else.

The basic dress code for omen is long sleeve shirts with tie and trousers (if jeans, neat and clean), while for the ladies, a full-skirted dress, or full skirt and blouse, the crinoline is acceptable and pettipants. However, many dancers enjoy dressing up a little more than the basic dress code calls for. The men will wear western cut suits and buckles, sparkling ties or impressive bolos, along with attractive jewelry, and fancy leather western style boots."

J.R. Ewing, of "Dallas" fame came upon the scene with his western cowboy hat and multifeathered hatband, which is a stylish piece of head gear, but should be worn outdoors, and not on the dance floor any more than one would wear combat boots to bed. No western cowboy hats on the dance floor please, as some unsuspecting dancer could very easily receive an eye injury from the brim of the hat. It has already happened more than once. Hats for the caller on stage may be appropriate if that is part of his "calling card." The caller should remove his hat when on the dance floor.

The ladies really put the frosting on the cake with their colorful dress of many shades, multiruffled crinolines, matching pettipants and slippers, making these delightful feminine costumes contribute so much beauty and dignity to our image. Many of our ladies make their own square dance dresses, with matching shirts for their dancing partner, while others purchase attractive ready-to-wear dressers, circular skirts, and peasant blouses, from a host of vendors, many of whom are on hand at a National convention. Now with the introduction of Country/Western dancing at the National Square Dance Conventions, the long Prairie Skirts, without the full petticoats, has been included in the "Proper Square Dance" costume.

Since the international, national, state and area square dance organizations cannot dictate to member clubs or organizations, who establishes and monitors the dress code for conventions, festivals, and club dances? The organizers or sponsors of these events should establish the dress code desired for their event. The theme, location and surrounding environment may influence the dress code or the relaxation of code for the events.

Everyone wears a name badge!

We have seen that there is no hard, fast, written definition of "Proper Square Dance Attire" or "Dress Code" that will fit all occasions and events at the club, area, state, national or international levels. The "Dress Code" is flexible and depends on the event being sponsored. The sponsors set the Dress Code for their individual functions and monitor and enforce the code as they may desire.

In response to many requests for an official definition of "Proper Square Dance Attire", the following dress code has been developed and enforced at many National Square Dance Conventions and serves as the most recent Convention Dress Code of the Square Dance activity:

1. SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS ATTIRE:

Ladies – Square dance dress, or square dance skirt and blouse, or prairie skirt. Crinoline slips and pettipants are recommended with square dance attire but not with prairie skirts. No pants, shorts or T-shirts on square and round dance floors.

Men - Long sleeve shirts and long pants a must, bolo or square dance tie recommended. Western attire recommended. No short sleeves, T-shirts, or shorts allowed on square and round dance floors.

2. CONTRA DANCERS ATTIRE:

Ladies – Regular floor length contra dresses or same attire as the square and round dancers wear.

Men – Same as for square and round dancers.

3. CLOGGING ATTIRE:

Traditional clogging outfits for both male and female. Square and Round Dance attire is also permitted.

Females – Clogging/Square dance dress of reasonable length. Blouse/Skirt ensemble of reasonable length. Wear petticoat (optional in Clogging Halls), pettipants, and proper dance shoes with taps (taps worn only in the clogging hall). No pants, jeans, shorts or T-shirts.

Males – Western style shirts (long or short sleeves), long pants or nice clean jeans, bolo tie or scarf tie (optional) proper dance shoes with taps (taps worn only in the clogging hall). No shorts or T-shirts.

4. COUNTRY WESTERN ATTIRE:

Male and Female – Country and western outfits but no short shorts allowed. Square and round dance attire is also permitted.

All dancers will be permitted in any hall, but need to be dressed in proper attire to dance in that hall.

SUMMARY

Evolution and change are inevitable, constant processes and square dancing is no exception. Witness the changing movements and costumes over the years. Modern square dance clothes are no longer "Authentic Covered Wagon" type. Men wear well-fitting western shirts, bolo or scarf ties, western pants or jeans, and boots or comfortable leather or non-marking soft-soled shoes. Women may be as individual as they like in their dress, letting their imagination run free. Sleeves, necklines, skirts, trims, colors, combinations, there is no limit! Some of the choices that we have today include denim western dresses, prairie skirts, belts, and accessories to change and mix and match outfits. Dance shoes are available in many styles, heel heights and colors. The choice is yours. Good taste in underpinnings, in skirt lengths and necklines should always be considered. What looks well on the wearer and to the beholder are the criteria.

When we want to show people what we represent, we wear the square dance costume that distinguishes us form those not in our activity. It is a matter of pride. You are special because of the way you dress. You feel the part of the clothes you wear. Our square dance activity has a combination of informal fellowship and friendliness sprinkled with some finesse and good manners. The reason our square dance activity has outlived so many other styles is the close adherence to rules of the dress code and behavior on a national scale. We may be the only national organization in which no two costumes are intended to be alike, yet all represent the same hobby. We may also be the largest and friendliest group of exclusive folks in the country. You can exclusive without being a snob, but let's keep it exclusive with pride in our dress and behavior, not only at citywide functions, but any occasion that might be viewed by the public.

How do we maintain proper attire? First, as club leaders we must instill in the dancers the pride in good dress, looking good to not only their spouses and their friends, but also the general public. Start with the classes and carry it through to the clubs. Club dresses with men's attire to match are another way. Maybe having an annual Mr. and Mrs. Square Dancer of a club would be another way, with one of the necessary qualifications being proper attire all times.

We have a wonderful heritage in square dance dresses to look back on. Who can tell what the future will bring. Evolution and changes can be good but let's not allow change from such a beautifully exquisite tradition to deteriorate to street, work and business level of sameness. We live for expectation and in pride. We should expect ourselves, and each other, to fulfill this responsibility of tradition. The general public expects and pride in our activity's customs should stimulate our desire to dress as square dancers – not in clothes showing no relation or respect to the National Folk Dance of American.

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THE SQUARE DANCERS PLEDGE

"With all my ability, I will do my best to help keep square dancing the enjoyable, wholesome, friendly and inspiring activity I know it to be. This I pledge in the sincere desire that it may grow naturally and unexploited in the coming years and be available to all those who seek the opportunity for friendship, fun and harmony – through square dancing."

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Looking Ahead

September 4, 2019 – **J&C Spinarounds** – Walter Fuller Rec Center, 7891 – 26th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. – Phase III-V. For info: 727-525-7809 (H) – 727-542-8847 (C) – 727-743-8278 (C) – www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin.

September 6 – 7, 2019 – **Pride RV A2 Weekend** – Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina – Caller: Jerry Story – casual attire. For info: <u>www.PrideRVResort.com</u> or 800-926-8191.

September 8 – 12, 2019 - **Pride RV Plus Week** – Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina – Callers: Jerry Story, Bob Asp, Curt Braffet – casual attire. For info: <u>www.PrideRVResort.com</u> or 800-926-8191.

September 6 – 13, 2019 – **Cruzen for Bob 6** – New York City to New England and Canada on the Carnival Radiance – stops include Boston, Portland, Saint John and Halifax – Contact Manny at Carnival on 800-819-3902 (extension 85172) and cite Group 8PD27. Final payment is due in June 2020. Square dance calling by Bill Chesnut. For info: Marilyn Scott on 904-264-9392.

September 15 – 19, 2019 - **Pride RV All Rounds Week** – Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina – Cuers: Wayne and Barbara Blackford – casual attire. For info: <u>www.PrideRVResort.com</u> or 800-926-8191.

September 20 – 21, 2019 – **48th Georgia State Convention** – Gainesville Civic Center, 830 Green Street NE, Gainesville, Georgia. For info: Roscoe Johnson 229-377-9635 or Willis Crump 706-491-0130 or <u>www.gssda.org</u>.

November 15, 2019 – **Woodmere Park First C-1 Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller: Red Bates – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

November 17, 2019 – J & C Spinarounds First Dance Party of the Season – La Plazza Mobile Home Park Recreation Center, $6700 - 150^{\text{th}}$ Avenue North, Clearwater – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – The third Sunday for the season. For info: 727-525-7809 (H) – 727-542-8847 (C) – 727-743-8278 (C) – www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin.

November 19, 2019 – **Woodmere Park First A-2 Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice - Caller: Red Bates – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

January 1, 2020 – **Palmetto Palms First C-1 Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – Caller: Red Bates – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

January 1, 2020 - **Palmetto Palms First A-2 Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – Caller: Red Bates – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

January 9, 2020 – **Charlotte Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Red Bates – Cuer: Judy Barnhill – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire or casual are acceptable. For info: <u>carolynaustin5266cev@gmail.com</u> - 419-826-0715 (H) - 419-309-9617 (C).

January 11, 2020 – **A January Snowflake Special** – Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street (off SR 200), Ocala, Florida – Callers: Whit Brown and Rod Barngrover – Cuer: Bev Landwehr – includes pulled pork meal - \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. For info: Norm Barnes 352-873-1734, Whit Brown 407-736-9022 or Rod Barngrover 386-275-6342.

January 16, 2020 - **Charlotte Promenaders Hat Night** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Don Bachelder – Cuer: Ruth Siegmann – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire or

casual are acceptable. For info: <u>carolynaustin5266cev@gmail.com</u> - 419-826-0715 (H) - 419-309-9617 (C).

January 18, 2020 – **Southeast Association's 28th Annual "Snowflake Frolic"** – Briny Breezes Auditorium (behind 5000 N. Ocean Boulevard), Briny Breezes – hosted by Briny Breezes Square Dance Club – Callers: Jack Lewis and Scotty Sharrer – Cuer: Zail Greenbain – Early Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Rounds and Squares 8:00 p.m. – donation of \$8 per person. This is a fundraiser for the Southeast Association and the 2020 Florida Convention. For info: Steve Adler – 781-771-2322 or <u>steve.adler35@yahoo.com</u>.

February 13, 2020 - **Charlotte Promenaders Chocolate Night** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Lenny Newberry – Cuer: Margaret Newberry – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire or casual are acceptable. For info: <u>carolynaustin5266cev@gmail.com - 419-</u> 826-0715 (H) - 419-309-9617 (C).

February 14 – 17, 2020 – Flip the Flamingo XIII – "Slither thru the Jungle" – The Sunshine Center, 330 5th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida – Callers: Don Moger (Canada), Chris Phillip (S. Florida), and Mike Cox (Tampa Bay Area of Florida) – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Sunshine Center and Monday at Ft. Desoto Park.

March 5, 2020 - **Charlotte Promenaders 51**st **Anniversary** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Red Bates – Cuer: Ruth Siegmann – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire or casual are acceptable. For info: <u>carolynaustin5266cev@gmail.com -</u> 419-826-0715 (H) -419-309-9617 (C).

March 13 - 14, 2020 – **65th Annual Mississippi Square & Round Dance Association State Festival** – Pearl Senior Center, 110 Valentour Road, Pearl, Mississippi. Caller: Mike Bramlett – Cuers: David and Linda Holladay. For info: Suzanne Smith 662-640-5481 or Al & Sherry Harrington 601-408-6111.

March 19, 2020 - **Charlotte Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Lenny Newberry – Cuer: Margaret Newberry – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire or casual are acceptable. For info: <u>carolynaustin5266cev@gmail.com -</u> 419-826-0715 (H) - 419-309-9617 (C).

March 25, 2020 - **Palmetto Palms Final A-2 Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – Caller: Red Bates – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

March 25, 2020 - **Palmetto Palms Final C-1 Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – Caller: Red Bates – 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

March 27, 2020 - **Woodmere Park Final C-1 Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller: Red Bates – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

April 2, 2020 - **Charlotte Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: Lenny Newberry – Cuer: Margaret Newberry – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire or casual are acceptable. For info: <u>carolynaustin5266cev@gmail.com</u> - 419-826-0715 (H) - 419-309-9617 (C).

April 14, 2020 - **Woodmere Park Final A-2 Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice - Caller: Red Bates – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For info: 941-223-0987 or <u>redbates@juno.com</u>.

April 17 – 18, 2020 – **29th Spring Fling 2020** – PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Street Northwest, Fort Walton Beach, Florida – Callers: Larry Belcher (Auburn, Alabama) and Willis Simmons (Eufaula, Alabama) – Cuers: Miriam Merriwether and David Parker – Mainstream through Advance – weekend dance package \$40 per couple; \$20 per single – one night, Friday or Saturday, \$20 per couple; \$10 per single. For info: 334-703-2054 or <u>caller4u@gmail.com</u>.

April 17 – 18, 2020 – **FANSDC Spring Fling** – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis – phone 352-357-8882 – This is a regular campout, but with all the clubs camping at the same campground. Club members will pay their own treasurer and each club will pay their own expenses. Please make your own reservations. Additional information TBA.

May 3, 2020 – **Second Annual Spring Fling** – Location TBA – Callers: Bill Chesnut, Rod Barngrover, and Don Heins – Details TBA.

June 24 – 28, 2020 – **62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention "Darwin 2021 - Living our Dream Together in the Top End** – Marrara Stadium – Darwin has everything from Asian food markets and crocodile encounters to open-air movies, sunset cruises, balmy nights, colorful characters, outdoor adventures and rich Aboriginal art and culture. More details TBA. For info: <u>www.darwin2021.com</u>.

June 29, 2020 – July 2, 2020 – **63rd NSDCA International Camporee – Roaring into the 20's** – Gladeville Community Center (June 29) and at the Wilson County Exposition Center (July 1 and 2), 945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, Tennessee. For info: John & Dolly Ide – 352-208-2980 or 352-598-7162 johndide2016@outlook.com or Sue House 615-714-7153.

March 19 – 21, 2020 – WASCA's 61st Spring Square and Round Dance Festival – 2020 "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia – Callers: Jerry Biggerstaff (North Carolina), Eric Henerlau (California), Tom Miller (Pennsylvania), Joe Saltel (Texas), Mike Seastrom (California), Mike Sikorsky (Arizona), Jerry Story (Iowa), and Buddy Weaver (California) - Cuers: Linda and Paul Robinson (California), Sherry & Rey Garza (California), Marie & Randy Preskitt (Washington), Tammy & Curt Worlock (Florida) – Line Dance Leaders: Donna & Doug Riley (Virginia). For info: festivalregistration@wascaclubs.com or 703-573-8378.

July 18 – 20, 2020 – **56th Star Spangled Banner Festival "Lands on the Moon"** - Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland

August 6 – 8, 2020 – **46**th **Tennessee State Square and Round Dance Convention** – W.L. Mills Conference Center, 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, Tennessee – over 70 gifted, talented and challenging callers, cuers and lines instructor – 6 halls – live band hall – wood flooring in all halls – Mainstream hall, Plus hall, Advanced hall, Rounds hall, lines program, Thursday night Trail-In dance – singing calls hall, dedicated round dance hall – workshops, intros, request rounds (higher levels), fun squares, hot hash, singles' activities, after party, fashion show...NOT your ordinary runway stroll!, sewing clinic and used clothing sale. For info: Shea Meinke, 45th TN State Convention, P. O. Box 7056, Maryville, TN 37802-70565 or email at meincke us@yahoo.com.

June 23 – 26, 2021 – **70th National Square Dance Convention** – Jackson, Mississippi. For info: <u>www.70nsdc.org</u> – <u>register70@yahoo.com</u> or 921-412-8140.

June 22 – 25, 2022 – **71st National Square Dance Convention** – Evansville, Indiana. For info: <u>www.71nsdc.or</u> or <u>register71@yahoo.com</u> or 765-662-2553.

June 21 – 24, 2023 – **72nd National Square Dance Convention** – Mobile, Alabama. For info: <u>www.72nsdc.org</u> or <u>register72@yahoo.com</u> or 205-908-1058.



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Links

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Websites

http://floridasquaredance.com/

Florida Federation's Facebook page - <u>https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658andap=1</u>

Conventions

Spokane, WA – June 2020 - <u>www.69nsdc.com</u> Jackson, MS – June 2021 - <u>www.70nsdc.com</u>

Publications

National Square Dance Directory – information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world - <u>http://www.nsddirectory.com/</u> Sets in Order - <u>http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html</u>

Associations/Organizations

Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance (arts) - <u>http://www.arts-dance.org</u> American Callers Association - <u>https://americancallers.wordpress.com/</u> CALLERLAB - <u>http://www.Callerlab.org</u> Florida Callers Association - <u>http://www.flCallersassoc.org/</u> International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs - <u>www.iagsdc.org</u> National Square Dance Campers - <u>http://www.nsdca.org</u> ROUNDALAB - <u>http://www.roundalab.org/</u> Round Dance Council of Florida - <u>http://www.floridasquaredance.com/rdc/</u> Single Square Dancers USA[®] - <u>http://ssdusa.org</u> Square Dance Marketing - <u>http://www.you2candance.com</u>

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Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association (SCCA) - <u>http://sccafl.com</u>. United Square Dancers of America - <u>http://www.usda.org/</u> West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association -<u>http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/index.html</u>

Vendors

Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/ Brantley's Western and Casual Wear – www.brantleyswesternsupply.com CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop - http://www.calyco.com/ E-Bay Sales – Margaret Cahan – mcahan904@aol.com – 904-777-Geelong Square Dance Merchandise - https://squaredancing.com.au/square-dance-merchandise Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories - http://www.grandsquare07.com JL Custom Vinyl Store (vinyl decals including dancing) – http://www.jlvinyl.com Perfect Petticoats - www.PerfectPetticoats.com Petticoat Junction – https://petticoatjct.com Redbubble - https://www.redbubble.com/people/dwht71/works/36406970-glsd-proud?p=tshirt Resashay – http://resashay.com Sew em up Fashions – www.sewemupfashions.com or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog - www.sheplers.com Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance - www.travelinghoedowners.com Suzie Q Creations - www.suziegcreations1@gmail.com Tic TAC Toes - shoe vendor - http://www.tictactoes.com/ Vinyl decals - sewemupfashions.com or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions,

Roebuck, SC)

Dance Halls

Strawberry Square Dance Center - <u>www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com</u> Stardust - <u>http://curtandtammy.com/index.cfm</u>

Callers/Cuers

Rod Barngrover - <u>http://www.rodbarngrover.com</u> Sam Dunn - <u>http://www.samdunn.net/</u> Mike Gormley - <u>http://www.mike-gormley.com</u> Jimmy and Carol Griffin - <u>http://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/</u>

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Pamela and Jeff Johnson - <u>www.RapidBallroom.com</u> Charlie Lovelace - <u>http://www.luvrounds.com/</u> Dave Muller - <u>http://www.davemuller.net</u> Ron Reardon - <u>http://www.ronreardoncaller.com/</u> Keith Stevens - <u>www.keithstevens.com</u> Curt and Tammy Worlock - <u>http://curtandtammy.com/</u>

Miscellaneous

New square/round dance logo - <u>http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com</u> square dance radio network - <u>http://www.dosado.com/cqi-bin/lib/shop-</u> <u>wrapper.pl?page=rdpubsandshop=dosadoandcart=3901977.2052http://www.squaredance</u> (round dance publications)radionetwork.com

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