

West Coast Classes and Workshops National Caller and Cuer Colleges

April 7, 2024

SQUARES

Every Friday (before the Promenade Squares dance) – **Promenade Squares Plus Lessons** - J W Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, Florida – Caller: Scotty Sharrer – 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please arrive BEFORE 6:30 p.m. so they can start promptly at 6:30.

Shufflin' Squares Mainstream and Plus Workshop - Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven – Callers: Dave Muller and Keith Stevens - Second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: keithuns@yahoo.com or 863-660-8839.

Sundays - Shufflin' Squares C-1 Lessons – Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven – Caller: Keith Stevens – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. There will be an Advanced dance after the lesson – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. \$6 per couple - square dance attire optional. For info: keith@keithstevens.com or 863-326--9774.

January 2 – April 9, 2024 – **Sunseekers Squares Beginners Square Dance Class**, Alligator Park Clubhouse, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, Florida – Instructor: Sam Dunn – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or tn2001@yahoo.com.

January 7, 2025 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Caller/Instructor: Jim Davis – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – first lesson is free; thereafter the cost is \$7 per person, per lesson. Floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air-conditioned – smoke-free – excellent acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com – strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells - at 770-825-6513 – sorrellscherylene@gmail.com.

January 8, 2025 - **Strawberry Square Continuing Mainstream Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, Florida – Caller/Instructor: Jim Davis – 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – \$7 per person, per lesson. Floating hardwood dance floor (please wear dance shoes, no beverages or food on the floor) – hearing enhancement – air-conditioned – smoke-free – excellent acoustics. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com – strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the dance center, please call Cherylene Sorrells - at 770-825-6513 – sorrellscherylene@gmail.com.

January 9 – May 28, 2024 – **St. Pete Live Lively Modern Square Dance Lessons** – Roberts Recreation Center, 1246 50th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida – sponsored by the city of St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation, Department of Leisure Services. Callers/Instructors: Gary and Dianne Hicks – 10:00 am. – 12:00 n - Open to All Ages – Great Family Fun – Single Dancers Welcome – Wonderful Exercise – Casual Clothes and Comfy Shoes – Lots of Fun. Cost: First Lesson FREE - \$12 monthly per dancer or \$4 weekly per dancer. There is also a Mainstream and Plus dance 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. See the details above under the Dance Schedule. For info: 727-823-7652 - 727-893-7755 - DyDy77@aol.com - Gary.Hicks1@gmail.com – [Facebook.com/TampaBaySquareDanceRevival](https://www.facebook.com/TampaBaySquareDanceRevival) – [Facebook.com/StPeteLiveLively](https://www.facebook.com/StPeteLiveLively).

February 2 – April 19, 2024 – **Charlotte County Beginner Squares & Lines** – Harold Avenue Regional Park, 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida – Instructors: Don and Susan Wolford – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - \$20 for 12 weeks. This is a program of Charlotte County Government. For info: 2susanwolf@gmail.com or 256-673-0170.

ROUNDS

Tampa Bay Rounds Dance Lessons - J. W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 – 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida – Cuer/Instructor: Sandy Sturgis – Lessons: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Fee: \$5 per person per session. Smooth-soled shoes are recommended. A partner is nice but also not necessary. Cost: \$5 per dancer per session. For info: 850-814-3861 (call or text).

April 22, May 27, June 24, July 8 and 22, August 26, September 9 and 23, October 14 and 28, October 14 – 28, 2024 – **Slow Two-Step Workshops** – Temple Twirlers, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – Cuer: Sandy Sturgis. These workshops will only be the nights Sandy is scheduled to cue for Temple Twirlers. - casual accepted until Labor Day. Dancers, please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: 850-814-3861 or finallyquilted@gmail.com.

CALLERS/CUERS

April 27, 2024 - **Caller Clinic with Jack and Curt** – White Oak Community Center, 203 N. School Road, Carlock, Illinois – Clinicians: Jack Pladdys and Curt Braffet - 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. This clinic is a part of the Swing Into Spring weekend. Topics to be covered: Managing choreography – making good decisions in times of adversity – programming – singing calls – calling practice with critique – 40 per caller (partner free). Must pre-register – hamburgers and hot dog working lunch included. For clinic info and to pre-register for the Caller Clinic: Curt Braffet – 309-275-6805 – curt.braffet@gmail.com.

June 23 – 26, 2024 – **GSI Caller School at the 74th National Square Dance Convention®** - Hyatt Regency, 333 W. Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration is free for registered guests of the National Convention and is limited to 50 student callers, Preregistration is required, no walk-ins allowed. It is sponsored by GSI and the 73rd NSDC.

July 21 – 25, 2024 – **Pride Square Dance Caller School** - Pride RV Resort, 4394 Johnathon Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina – Callers: Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys – over 40 hours of instruction following the CALLERLAB curriculum. Only \$500 per student caller. Focus Topics: Mechanics & Methods of Choreography, Integrating Module & Sight Calling, Smooth Dancing and Body Flow Programming/Teaching. Emphasis On: Command Delivery & Timing, Managing Local Choreography, Developing a Plan of Action, and Selling Your Material. Price includes Entire school Sunday 7/21 – Thursday 7/25, partners free including meal ops, continental breakfast Monday – Friday, Deli-style lunch Monday – Thursday, Thursday evening dinner cookout, and syllabus, handouts, etc. Special caller education opportunities: limited to 15 callers allowing for increased individual instruction. Each student will call two open evening dances on their own. For info: www.pridervresort.com. Book your reservations at 1-800-926-8191.

October 10 – 14, 2024 – **Northeast Callers School 2024** - Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center, 366 Main Street (Exit 78 from the Massachusetts Turnpike), Sturbridge, Massachusetts – Staff: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts), Bill Harrison, Maryland), Ted Lizotte (New Hampshire), Tony Oxendine (North Carolina), and Steve Turner (Australia). All of these Callers are CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coaches. There are two levels of programs: Beginner designed for new callers who need all the basics, including: Basic Choreography, Microphone Technique, Voice Control, and Introduction to Sight Calling Methods; and Experienced for callers with experience between two or more years. Emphasis will be on Advanced Sight Calling Techniques, better timing and body flow, as well as Creative Choreography, plus much more. The Northeast Callers School hosts evening dances for the duration of the school at the Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Barn, 232 Podunk Road, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Cost: \$475 (USD) – a \$100 deposit is required with reservations - no charge for accompanying spouse/partner. Food and lodging not included. There are several local restaurants available with good food at reasonable prices. For info: Ken Ritucci- 413-262-1875 – kenritucci@gmail.com.

October 19, 2024 - Florida Callers Association (FCA) Fall Clinic – Comfort Suites, 1202 Avenida Central, Lady Lakes (The Villages), Florida – Caller/Clinician: Kip Garvey. Clinic Hours: Friday – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is open to all callers. The cost for FCA members is covered by their membership dues; non-members are \$50 per person. To make reservations, call 352-259-6578 or 352-205-7699. The Group Name is Florida Callers Association. For info: Keith Sevens – 863-660-8839 – keithuns@yahoo.com.