

SWF Squares, Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of November 30

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Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 08:02 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Time to dance off all the calories consumed at Thanksgiving!...

Highlights for this week

- Horizon Dances start this coming Thursday at a new location and new time
- Judy's refresher sessions basic & mainstream continue on Tuesday
- Arcadia is dancing this Friday, December 5
- **Check all classes and flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Afternoon New Year's Eve Dance on December 31st check flyer below
- Advanced Dance **at the ballroom** every Monday until December 29, location may change in January
- Maple Leaf will start dances on January 9, 2026
- Check out **beginners' squares lessons** starting in the New Year under CLASSES below
- Pine Ridge Promenaders will start dances on January 8, 2026
- Sunseekers Squares beginner classes start on January 6, 2026, full info below
- Promenaders 2 will start dances on January 8, 2026

Reminders

The end of this Newsletter is reached when you see "**Squares and Rounds go hand in hand**".

Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements section near the end shows future events' flyers as they become available.

Photos

The photos are from our trip to Greece and France, with a detour through Brussels, trip we took in the spring of 2010. Today's photos feature Crete.

Crete is the largest island in Greece and the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean Sea. It is located south of almost the rest of the country, in the southern part of the Aegean Sea separating the Aegean from the Libyan Sea.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday December 1st

ADVANCED DANCING

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, **ballroom**, North Fort Myers

A2 Workshop from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, A2 Dancing from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM with Darrin

Leader: **Darrin Henry**

Info: 765-620-3813

JUDY'S ROUND DANCE CLASSE (INTRO TO WALTZ) >>> Nov 10, 2025 to April 6, 2026

"Rounds With Judy" offered from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM prior to the Beginner Waltz classes. Dance easy two-step, waltz, rumba, cha, foxtrot and more. Request rounds honored.

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Info: 865-216-7808



Tuesday December 2nd

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Plus dances 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress (or pants), guest caller: **Darin Henry**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or TN2001@yahoo.com

SUNSEEKERS SQUARES >>> starting January 6, 2026 to March 31, 2026

Beginners' class time changed to 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM caller/instructor Alan Hall

Location: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Avenue, Punta Gorda.

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com

Note: Sunseeker Squares is proud to announce sponsorship of **Plus Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The plus program is for dancers who have taken basic beginner and mainstream lessons as well as those plus dancers who need a review of plus figures. Ralph Peacock will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome



Wednesday December 3

JUDY'S LINE DANCING >>> **Nov 5, 2025 to April 8, 2026**

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Assoc. Community Center, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731



Thursday December 4

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> **first dance of the season today December 4**

Regular Plus dances **new time** 2:00 to 4:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants)

Caller **Ralph Peacock**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

New location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or Tn2001@yahoo.com

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS >>> first dance of the season on January 8, 2026

Dances Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

New location: Lakeside Christian Church, 500 Kent Avenue, Lake Placid FL33852

Contact: Diane Lucey at 585-465-7466 or Jaluc4@aol.com

Full info for the club can be found here: Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com

1/8/26. Welcome Back dance with Ed Richey

1/15/26. Mike Doughty-Cookie night

1/22/26. Ralph Peacock-Peanut Butter & Jelly

1/29/26. Bill Chase-Motor City Cars

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> first dance of the season on January 8, 2026

Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida

New time: 5:45 to 7:45 PM

Guest caller: **TBA**, cuer: Susan Wolford

Snack table will be open: Bring snacks to share.

Contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-0170 or 2susanwolf@gmail.com

Note: We will be dark for the FL State Conv, January 15, 2026, last dance of the season on March 26, 2026





Friday December 5

ARCADIA DANCES >>> dancing today, December 5

Dances first, third and fifth Friday (unless otherwise announced)

Location: former Palace Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL,

Caller: **Robert Arias**; Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**. **3:00 PM to 5:00 pm**. Plus and Mainstream tips and rounds.

For info: Mary Dow [941-380-5336](tel:941-380-5336).

MAPLE LEAF DANCES SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> starting on January 9, 2026

Location: Maple Leaf G&CC 2100 Kings Hwy, Punta Gorda FL, CanAm Hall

Dances every 2nd and 4th Friday of January, February and March, **3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Mainstream and Plus cost \$7.00 per person, singles are welcome

Caller: **Darrin Henry** cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Contact: Roger Friedmann (r.friedmann97@gmail.com)

Note: Dates chosen to alternate with Arcadia dances



Saturday December 6



Sunday December 7



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES



Ring in 2026 with an early
afternoon
New Year's Eve celebration

December 31, 2025

1:30 – 2:00pm Advance Dancing
2:00 – 4:00pm MS/PLUS and Rounds/Lines
** 4:00-5:00pm Social Time @ dancehall

Darrin Henry
Judy Barnhill

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center
11200 First Avenue - Punta Gorda FL


\$8.00 per person

Drinks will be provided
Snacks/Finger food welcome

Information:
Judy 865-216-7808
Darrin 765-620-3813



Aloha Florida



Sunday, January 11, 2026

1:30 Advance Tip + Rounds

2:00-4:00 Squares & Rounds



Caller
Curt Braffel

\$10.00 Per Person

**ALLIGATOR RV PARK
CLUBHOUSE**

**6400 TAYLOR RD
PUNTA GORDA, FL**

For more information contact
Susan Wolford 256-673-0170



Cuer
Susan Wolford

**Mardi Gras FLORIDA Style
Square & Round Dance**



Nick Hartley
Caller



Susan Wolford
Cuer



Darrin Henry
Caller

Sunday, January 25, 2026
\$10.00 / Person

Squares with Rounds
2:00—4:00 pm

Alligator RV Park Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd
Punta Gorda, FL

Advanced 2
1:30—2:00 pm

For more information contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Luck of the Irish Dance

Sunday, March 8, 2026



Caller:
Curt Braffet

Cuer:
Susan Wolford



Alligator RV Park Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd
Punta Gorda, FL

1:30—2:00: Advanced

2:00—4:00: Squares & Rounds

\$10.00 per person

1/2 & 1/2 Pot of Gold



For more information: call Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Come join the Beach Boys at the...



Alan Hall – Darrin Henry – Nick Hartley

With Judy Barnhill on rounds

Sunday ~ February 15, 2026

1:30 - 2:00pm Advance Dancing

2:00 - 4:00pm MS ~ PLUS ~ Rounds

\$10.00 per person

Alligator Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Rd - Punta Gorda FL

Information: 765-620-3813



2027 Square Dance Cruise Aboard...Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas

Departing Tampa Florida
February 28-March 7, 2027



(5 Ports)

Cozumel, Mexico ~ Roatan, Honduras ~ Belize City, Belize ~ Costa Maya, Mexico ~ Tampa, Florida

Callers:

Nick & Lynette Hartley / Darrin & Tammy Henry



Cuer:

Judy & Dwayne Barnhill



RESERVING YOUR CABIN

(book early to get the best room location and price)

- Cabin prices start at \$763 per person (all taxes and fees included)
- REFUNDABLE Deposit: \$250 per person
- Final payment due: November 20, 2026
- INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED (*call John Manning for details)



INCLUDED:

- SQUARE & ROUND DANCING on-board
- A 1-HOUR COCKTAIL PARTY (with Open Bar)
- EARLY Group Dining

PLEASE NOTE: To participate with the group, you must BOOK thru the group.


For answers to your questions and to book your cruise:

Call Cruise Planners (toll free)

***JOHN MANNING 954-674-2521 (or) 877-822-2009**

email: jmanning@cruiseplanners.com

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WinterFest in Punta Gorda

Sunday
February 1st 2026

Early Rounds
1:30 p.m.
plus 2-4 p.m.

CALLERS

JACK PLADDYS

CURT BRAFFET

CUERS



Judy & Dwayne Barnhill

Alligator Park
Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd.
Punta Gorda, FL

\$10
per
person

For more information: Email
Tn2001@yahoo.com





CLASSES

Judy's Round Dance class (Intro to Waltz) meets from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Mondays at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center.

Judy Barnhill is currently offering mainstream refresher sessions on Tuesday afternoons thru Dec 30th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts. Civic Center. This is a review of basic and mainstream figures which will be helpful for those dancers who plan on attending the plus program in January. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome.

Sunseeker Squares will be sponsoring **Beginner Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center. Alan Hall will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome. (Note: The **hours have changed and are now from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM** rather than 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

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January 5 – March 30, 2026 – **Cape Coral Beginning Square Dance Lessons** - Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, FL – Caller/Instructor: Curt Braffet – 1:00-3:00 p.m. No experience needed – wear casual attire and comfortable shoes. Cost is \$8 per person, per lesson. For info: Judy@MagnusonMail.com or 616-481-4120.

Learn to Square Dance with Caller Instructor Alan Hall
Harbor Isle's, 1 Palm Harbor Dive, North Port, FL, starting Sunday January 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Cost is \$8.00 per person, first time is free – check the flyer
No experience needed – wear casual attire and comfortable shoes
Contact 423-316-9038 or hallcsa@gmail.com

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

Come and join the fun!

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 4, 2026
6:30 PM**

**HARBOR ISLE'S
1 PALM HARBOR DRIVE
NORTH PORT, FL 34287**

CALL/TEXT NUMBER BELOW FOR GATE CODE

**FIRST
NIGHT
FREE**

**EASY STEP BY STEP
INSTRUCTION
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
MODERN MUSIC
\$8 PER PERSON
DRESS CASUAL
INSTRUCTOR: CALLER ALAN HALL**

For more information call
/text 423-316-9038 or email
hallcsa@gmail.com

PGICA PRESENTS
LINE DANCING

★ WITH JUDY BARNHILL ★



\$10 PER CLASS


ALL CLASSES AT THE PGICA ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Basic Beginner Class: Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Advanced Beginner/Improver Class: Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Check the calendar at PGICA.org to confirm the class is still available.

Learn beginner choreographed line dancing with a repeating sequence of steps to a variety of musical rhythms. The dances are performed individually without a partner, in rows of other dancers. Dancing enhances physical and mental health as well as providing social interaction. So get your cowboy or cowgirl hats & boots and let's "Boot Scootin' Boogie"! Participants can register online at PGICA.org or pay as they attend at the PGICA office.


 Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association
2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda

 info@pgica.org

 PGICA.org



NEED MORE INFO? CALL:

 **941-637-1655**

Sunseeker Squares
Beginner
Square Dance Lessons

starting
Tuesday, Jan 6th
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM



Now's your chance to try something different in the New Year. Dancing is a fantastic way to improve your physical and mental health. It keeps you moving while having fun and interacting with others. So, what are you waiting for? Come and join us for our first weekly class on Tuesday, Jan 6th, at the South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center. You'll be glad you did. The Center is located behind the Circle K right off Hwy 41 South. National Caller, Alan Hall of Ringgold, GA, will be the instructor. Info: 606-302-1731 or Tn2001@yahoo.com

- Healthy Activity
- Casual Attire
- Singles Welcome
- Wide Variety of Music
- Fun and Fellowship
- Only \$8.00 person/session

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center
11200 First Ave., Punta Gorda, FL





Dance Conventions

TENNESSEE

JOIN the FUN at "51"

AUG. 6, 7 & 8 2026

TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

**LIVE
BAND!
WOOD
FLOORS!**

ROUNDS

Phases II-VI
Waltz - Rumba
Foxtrot - Jive
Mambo - Cha
Bolero - 2 Step
W Coast Swing

SQUARES

SSD/ Club 50 - DBD
Mainstream - Hex
Plus - Singing Calls
Advanced - Hot Hash
Challenge - Progressive

Specials

Contra
Singles Dance
Sewing Clinic
After Party
Fashion Show
Vendors

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY

Trail-in Dance 8:00-11:00pm

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am - 11:00pm

9 Halls of Dancing

*Live Band: Evening Hours

W.L. Mills Conference Center
234 Airport Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

51st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

Sponsored by the TN Assn. of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

Visit: www.tnsquaredance.org

Convention Chairmen: Tim Kittle, tkittle52@gmail.com, 865-719-0614

Key: Mn=minute, Wlk=walk, Drv=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Kg=kings room, Qn=queen room, Dbl=double room

Please support your convention by booking with the listed hotels. Inform them you are w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.

Reagan Resorts Inn - \$265 2Qn bed, \$285 1 Kg suite w/sofa bed, \$385 1 Kg Jacuzzi 938 Parkway 865-436-5607 3 NIGHT Minimum Wi-Fi, outdoor pool, patio/balcony Inform-w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Sidney James Mtn Lodge 610 Airport Rd 865-436-7851 www.sidneyjames.com (7 Mn Wlk, 4 Mn Drv. to CC) Inform-w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Black Bear Inn & Suites \$170 Dbl On/St Kg \$210.00 Kg suite (**\$15/night service fee) 1100 Parkway 865-436-5656 www.blackbeargatlinsburg.com Breakfast, Wi-Fi, balcony, indoor pool (Rate Code 173235) TN SQUARE DANCE CONV
Courtyard Downtown \$299 3R / 9L 2 Qn 315 Airport Rd. 865-436-2008 www.marriott.com/STLCY Wi-Fi, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking link at: TNSquaredance.org	Glenstone Lodge \$99-\$139 Kg/ Dbl On 504 Airport Rd. 865-436-9361 (2 Bdr Wlk, 2 Mn Drv. to CC) Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site Inform-w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Clarion Point Downtown \$69 2 Qn Sun-Th 865-436-5043 \$139 2 Qn Fri-Sat 200 East Parkway www.choicehotels.com/tm103 Wi-Fi, pool, hot breakfast
The Wonder Hotel \$119 Sun-Th Kg/ Dbl On 929 Parkway 865-436-5032 Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Pools, Pet Friendly Inform-w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Edgewater Hotel \$139 Th. / \$159 Fr-Sat room 402 River Road 865-436-4151 https://edgewater-hotel.com Breakfast, Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, balcony Inform-w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV	Parle Place Condos \$205 - 2 Bedroom 215 Shi Mtn Rd. 865-436-6303 Sleeps 6 \$35 1-time clean fee (Rate Code 502028) Full kitchen, Wi-Fi, pool, patio/balcony
Check: www.tnsquaredance.org after August 2026 for links to SOME of these hotels!	EconoLodge Inns/Suites on the River \$140 2 Qn 380 Cottage Dr. 865-436-5836 (10 Mn Wlk, 5 Mn Drv. to CC) Wi-Fi, Breakfast, Pool, Patio/Balcony	Gillette Hotel (180 2 Dbl) (\$200-\$220 2 Qn) (\$190-\$200 Kg) 235 Airport Rd. 865-436-5601 www.gillettehotel.com Wi-Fi, refri, microwave, pool, balcony Inform-w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV

Cash or check only at Convention Center, NO credit cards.

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/Rd Dance Convention

Early Registrations MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2026

TICKETS (PER PERSON)		YOUTH 18 and under, FREE with an adult.		# attending (please list below*)
Early Registration	@ \$45.00 = \$	Weekend after 7/1/26	@ \$50.00 = \$	
Friday at the Door	@ \$25.00 = \$	Saturday at the door	@ \$30.00 = \$	
Name(s) _____		Phone _____		
Address _____		City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
E-mail _____		Club Name _____ TN State Assn. Area _____		
*YOUTH Attending, Name(s) _____				
HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE. PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:				
DANCE LEVEL / TYPE:				
<input type="checkbox"/> SS/ Club 50	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph II	<input type="checkbox"/> Lines	Other Interests:
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph III	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph IV		<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Hash		<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph V		
<input type="checkbox"/> DBD		<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Ph VI		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hex				

Write check to: 2026 TN State SQ/RD Convention
Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention
PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353

Registration Chairman: Connie Goodman
email: conniegoodman022@gmail.com
423-280-6845

For Convention Registrar Use Only:

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date Registered _____
Registered by _____ Ribbons Received: Yes _____ No _____



Squares and rounds go hand in hand

CLARIFICATION for new readers: this newsletter is issued on Sundays with info for the coming week. It lists days of the week starting with the Monday immediately following the Sunday of issue. Under each day of the week header there is a list of the dances offered that day, complete with location (street address and town), caller/cuer, contact person's phone and/or email, times plus other info such as dance level(s), attire, bring food to share, etc as applicable. In order to emphasize changes, special events, etc, the very first section of the newsletter, **Highlights for this week**, only lists changes to regular dances of the week or reminders of special events. Similarly, the **Looking ahead** section lists advance notice of events to take place later. For full information on any dance mentioned in the **highlights for this week** section please scroll down to the appropriate day of the week header to find the info you are looking for. The end of the newsletter is reached when you see a small cartoon and the words "**Squares and rounds go hand in hand**". "Line dancing" had been added to the mix.