

DST starts tomorrow! SWF Squares Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of March 8

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Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 07:55 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Daylight savings time starts tonight (Saturday as I write)!!! Time to move your clocks forward.

Special Luck of the Irish Dance this Sunday, March 8 – flyer below

Highlights for this week

- Arcadia is not dancing next Friday, March 13
- Maple Leaf is dancing next Friday, March 13
- Luck of the Irish special dance this Sunday, March 8
- Ruth Siegman will be the cuer for the Horizon Dance next Thursday, March 12
- **Check flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- Special end of season dance on March 29 – flyer below
- Promenaders 2 will be dark on March 12 (hall unavailable) and March 19 (Harold Park closed all week)

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

Continuing with photos from our trip to Greece and France, trip we took in the spring of 2010. This week a few more photos of Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, showing a bit around town, the Popes' palace, and the famous bridge where the children dance, singing "*sur le pont d'Avignon, on y dance, on y dance tous en rond*".

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday February 9

ADVANCED DANCING

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, **restaurant** (until further notice), 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

Leaders: **Darrin Henry and Alan Hall**

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 March 10

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> at the new location

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

Location: **South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center**, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda

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

SUNSEEKERS SQUARES

Beginners' classes are cancelled for the season – insufficient number of attendees

Sunseeker Squares **Plus Square Dance Lessons** from **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM** will continue as usual. 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

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

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill [606-302-1731](tel:606-302-1731) TN2001@yahoo.com





Wednesday March 11

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 March 12

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> permanent change of location

Alternating Mainstream and Plus dances, new time 2:00 to 4:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants)

Caller **Curt Braffet**, Cuer: **Ruth Siegman**

New location: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Avenue, Punta Gorda

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

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS

Dances Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Location: **Sunshine RV Resort** located south of Lake Placid on SR 70, just east of US27.

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

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

03 12 Ed Ritchey St Patrick's Dance and Annual Meeting at 6:00
03 19 Nelson Wakeman S.O.S. Support Our Students
03 26 Robert Arias Farewell and safe travels

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> NO DANCE TODAY, March 12, hall is unavailable

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

New time: 5:45 to 7:45 PM

Guest caller: **NO DANCE TODAY**, cuer: Susan Wolford

Snack table will be open: Bring snacks to share.

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



Friday March 13

ARCADIA DANCES >>> not dancing today, March 13

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 >>> dancing today, March 13

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 March 7



Sunday March 8



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES

Luck of the Irish Dance

Sunday, March 8, 2026



Caller:
Curt Braffet



Cue:
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

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.

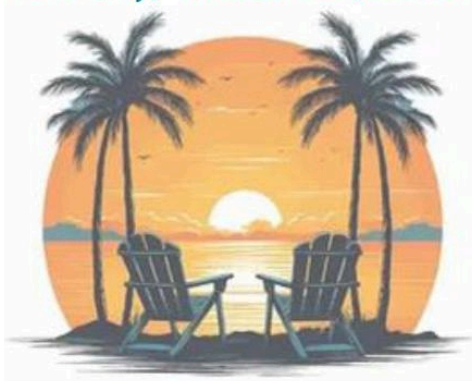
For answers to your questions and to book your cruise:

Call Cruise Planners (toll free)

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

email: jmanning@cruiseplanners.com

**2025/26 End of Season
Farewell Dance
Sunday, March 29, 2026**



1:30 – 2:00pm Pre Rounds
2:00 – 4:00pm MS/PLUS and Rounds/Lines

**Darrin Henry ~ Alan Hall
Judy Barnhill**

\$8.00 per person

Alligator Park Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd Punta Gorda FL

Information: 865-216-7808

...See ya next season





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.

Sunseeker Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons are cancelled for the season.

Sunseeker Squares is offering **Plus Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center. 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.

January 12 – 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

IS PROUD TO HOST PLUS SQUARE
DANCE LESSONS
(12 WEEK PROGRAM)
NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CALLER
RALPH PEACOCK, INSTRUCTOR

STARTS TUESDAY, JAN 13TH 2026
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
SOUTH PUNTA GORDA HEIGHTS
CIVIC CENTER
11200 FIRST AVENUE,
PUNTA GORDA, FL
\$8.00

FOR INFORMATION:
CONTACT DWAYNE BARNHILL
404-302-1731 OR TN2001@YAHOO.COM

**LEARN PLUS & DANCE WITH
SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
HERE AND EVERYWHERE**

LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING!



ALL ARE WELCOME

**NO EXPERIENCE OR PARTNER NEEDED
JUST A DESIRE TO HAVE FUN!!!**

Caller: Curt Braffet - Carlock, IL

Progressive classes begin
Monday, January 12 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. at

Lake Kennedy Center
400 Santa Barbara Blvd. - Cape Coral, FL

\$8.00/wk

Info: 309-275-6805 (Curt)

616-481-4120 (Judy)

Judy@MagnusonMail.com

Please wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes
(no flip-flops) and bring a water bottle.





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 - DBO
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

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

51st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

W.L. Mill Conference Center, Gettysburg, Tennessee
234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

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

Visit: www.tnsquaredance.org Convention Chairman: tmatt@t2@gmail.com 800-779-0934

Key: Min=minute, Wk=week, Dr=drive, CC=Conf. Ctr, St=standard room, Kgr=king room, Qn=queen room, DB=double room

Please support your Convention by booking with the listed hotels. Inform them you are at TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.

<p>Beaver Woods Inn - 885 30th East, 225 Kq suite w/whc bed, 3801 Hq located 288 Parkway 2 Mi W/ls, 3 Mi Dr to CC 800-436-8222 www.beaverwoods.com 3 NIGHT Minimum W/F, outdoor pool, pet-friendly</p>	<p>Solway Inn & Suites 809 2 Dr CC Side 600 Airport Rd 819 2 Tr, 2 Dr, 1 Rg Ctr Side 800-436-9800 (**Mint resort fee) www.solwayinn.com (7 Mi W/ls, 4 Mi Dr to CC) Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</p>	<p>Black Bear Inn & Suites 870 Old OnRt Rg 570-06 Kq suite (**Mint resort fee) 100 Parkway 800-436-9666 www.blackbearinn.com Breakfast, W-F, balcony, indoor pool (State Code 17323) TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</p>
<p>Courtyard Downtown 2320 W K / W, 2 On 78 Airport Rd 0 Mi W/ls, 1 Mi Dr to CC 800-436-2004 www.courtyard.com/hotels W-F, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking in-ut: TNSquaredance.org</p>	<p>Glenview Lodge 506-509 Rg/Del Dr 304 Airport Rd 819 829 Del On w/whc 800-436-9292 2 Bk, W/ls, 2 Mi Dr to CC W-F, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</p>	<p>Carson Point Downtown 569 2 On Sun-Th 800-436-3043 3 Dr 2 On Fr-Sat 200 East Parkway (20 Mi W/ls, 3 Mi Dr to CC) www.carsonpoint.com/8193 W/F, pool, hot breakfast</p>
<p>The Wander Hotel 819 Sun-Th Rg/Del Dr 609 Parkway 848 Fr-Sat Rg/Del Dr 800-436-5432 (2Mi W/ls, 2 Dr to CC) W-F, breakfast, Pool, Pet Friendly Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</p>	<p>Edgewater Hotel 229 Th, / 229 Fr-Sa room 402 River Road 800-436-4811 0 Mi W/ls, 4 Mi Dr to CC 23000sqm+ restaurant Breakfast, W/F, indoor pool, balcony Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV</p>	<p>Park Place Condos 5205 - 2 Bedroom 23 2nd Main Rd, Stegs 6 800-436-6300 200 Home clear fee (State Code 17304) 0n Mi W/ls, 4 Mi Dr to CC Full kitchen, W-F, pool, pet-friendly</p>
<p>Chick www.tnsquaredance.org after August 2026 for links to SOME of these hotels!</p>	<p>Stone Lodge Inn/Suites on the River 3840 2 On 80 Cottage Dr 800-436-6930 0 Mi W/ls, 3 Mi Dr to CC W-F, breakfast, Pool, Pet-friendly</p>	<p>Gallop Hotel (280 2 DR) 6300-6320 2 DR 080-8202 Rg 231 Airport Rd 800-436-5600 2 Mi W/ls, 1 Mi Dr to CC www.gallopinnel.com Inform us TN SQUARE DANCE CONV W-F, w/ing, minivan, pool, balcony</p>

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

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 51st 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 @ \$90.00 = \$ _____
 Friday at the Door @ \$25.00 = \$ _____ Saturday at the door @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Name: _____ 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 SS	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pt II	<input type="checkbox"/> Linea	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pt III	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pt IV		<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Heat		<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds Pt V		
<input type="checkbox"/> 3RD				
<input type="checkbox"/> Her				

Write check to: 51st TN State Sq/RD Convention
 Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention
 PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353

Registration Chairman: [Connie Goodman](mailto:conniegoodman622@gmail.com)
 email: conniegoodman622@gmail.com
 423-260-6845

For Convention Register Use Only.

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



Squares and rounds go hand in hand

CLARIFICATION for new readers: this newsletter is issued on Saturday evenings or 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" has been added.