

SWF Squares, Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of April 5 - last Newsletter of the 2025/2026 Season

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Date: Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 07:49 PM EDT

Dear dancers,

Happy Easter!

This is the last Newsletter for the 2025/2026 season.

Our best wishes for a wonderful, healthy and safe summer to all y'all. Safe travels. See you in the Fall.

Horizon Squares will merge with Sunseeker Squares to be known as **Sunseeker Squares** starting with their first dance of the upcoming 2026/2027 season, on Thursday, November 5th. The dances continue to be located at the South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center and will primarily be "mainstream" with lines and rounds between tips.

Highlights for this week

- Advanced dancing this Monday, April 6, will be at the Auditorium, last of the season
- Arcadia is not dancing next Friday, April 10, and will be dancing in the summer (check with Mary Dow each week)
- Some dances finish for the summer this week, check below
- **Check flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- **Summer dancing** in Punta Gorda starts in May, contact Dorine Peterson (dorinepeterson@yahoo.com) for details and to confirm your attendance
- **Arcadia summer dancing** (first, third and fifth Friday of the month), call Mary Dow (941) 380-5336 the evening prior to each dance to ensure the dance is on

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 features Vinsobres, a charming village in Drôme Provençale that attracts wine and heritage enthusiasts. Located 9 kilometers from Nyons, this commune stretches across a hill between 180 and 500 meters above sea level.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday April 6

ADVANCED DANCING >>> last of the season today, April 6

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, **auditorium** (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 CLASSES (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 April 7

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> last dance of the season April 7

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 606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com





Wednesday April 8

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 April 9

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> last dance of the season April 9

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

Caller **Robert Arias** Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

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 >>> finished for the season

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

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> finished for the season

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



Friday April 10

ARCADIA DANCES >>> not dancing today, April 10

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 >>> finished for the season

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 April 11



Sunday April 12



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

SPECIAL DANCES

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)

New Price!
Inside \$607⁰⁰
window \$698⁰⁰



INCLUDED:

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

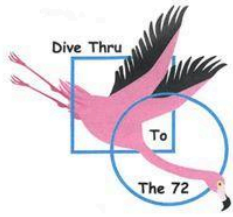
PLEASE NOTE: To participate with the group, you must BOOK thru the group.

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



**72nd Florida State Square
& Round Dance
Convention
Benefit Dance**

Saturday May 16, 2026

Squares:

**Darrell Cevasco
Caller Co-Chairperson**

Rounds:

**Earle & Carol Collins
Cuer Chairpersons**

**Strawberry Square Promenade Blvd.
Plant City, Fl 33563**

ADMISSION: DONATION AT THE DOOR

Early Rounds: 6:00 – 7:00p.m.

Mainstream & Plus w/ Rounds 7:00 – 9:00p.m.*

***Advanced tip if enough**

Registration and merchandise available to purchase

**A gift basket silent auction will be held
donated by fellow dancers.**

**Contact: Annie Minor annien.minor@gmail.com
or 571-276-7137**

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Gift Baskets

Needed for Silent Auction



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You can donate a basket as an association, club, or individual.

Please bring baskets to Strawberry Square in Plant City

Saturday May 16, 2026 by 5:30pm

For the 72nd Florida State Convention Benefit Dance

Please include a list of items that are in the basket and their value.

These must be new, unopened items. The theme is flamingos or Florida. Popular items: wine & chocolate

Please contact Annie Minor annien.minor@gmail.com or

571-276-7137





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.

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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 Drive, 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

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

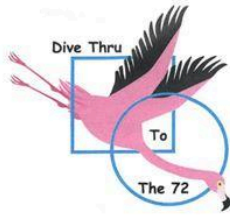
**LEARN PLUS & DANCE WITH
SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
HERE AND EVERYWHERE**





Dance Conventions

FLORIDA



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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

Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

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: [Tim Hettis](mailto:timett1972@gmail.com), 800-779-0934

Key: Min=minute, Wk=week, Dn=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 w/TN SQUARE DANCE CONV.

<p>Beaver Woods Inn - 885 30th best, 225 Kq suite w/brk bed, 280 Hq. Inland 288 Parkway 2 Mh Wls, 1 Mh Dn to CC 800-436-8222 www.beaverwoods.com 3 NIGHT Minimum W-F, outdoor pool, pet-friendly</p>	<p>Solway Inn & Suites 809 2 On CC Solo 600 Airport Rd 809 2 Tr, 2 On, 1 Hq Ctr Side 800-436-9800 (**Mint resort fee) www.solwayinn.com (7 Mh Wls, 4 Mh Dn to CC) www.tnsquaredance.com</p>	<p>Black Bear Inn & Suites 870 On On Rt Hq 570-06 Kq suite (**Mint resort fee) 100 Parkway 800-436-9666 www.blackbearinn.com Breakfast, W-F, balcony, indoor pool www.tnsquaredance.com</p>
<p>Courtyard Downtown 2320 W K / W, 2 On 70 Airport Rd 0 Mh Wls, 1 Mh Dn to CC 800-436-2004 www.courtyard.com W-F, indoor pool, restaurant, private balcony Booking w/air: TNSquaredance.org</p>	<p>Glenview Lodge 506-509 Hq/Del On 304 Airport Rd, 319 329 On w/brk 800-436-9292 0 Mh Wls, 2 Mh Dn to CC W-F, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant w/brk www.tnsquaredance.com</p>	<p>Carson Point Downtown 569 2 On Sun-Th 800-436-3043 3 159 2 On Fr-Sat 200 East Parkway (20 Mh Wls, 3 Mh Dn) www.carsonpoint.com W-F, pool, hot breakfast</p>
<p>The Wander Hotel 819 Sun-Th Hq/Del On 609 Parkway 848 Fr-Sat Hq/Del On 800-436-5432 (2Mh Wls, 2 Dn to CC) W-F, breakfast, Pool, Pet Friendly www.tnsquaredance.com</p>	<p>Edgewater Hotel 229 Th, 7 229 Fr-Sl room 402 River Road 800-436-4511 0 Mh Wls, 4 Mh Dn to CC 24-hour restaurant, breakfast Breakfast, W-F, indoor pool, balcony www.tnsquaredance.com</p>	<p>Park Place Condos 5205 - 2 Bedroom 23 2nd Main Rd, Stegs 6 800-436-6300 200 Home care fee www.parkplacecondos.com On Mh Wls, 4 Mh Dn to CC Full kitchen, W-F, pool, pet-friendly</p>
<p>Chick www.tnsquaredance.com 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 Mh Wls, 3 Mh Dn to CC) W-F, breakfast, Pool, Pet-friendly</p>	<p>Gallop Hotel (280 2 Dn) 3300-3320 2 Dn 0980-9200 Hq 231 Airport Rd. 800-436-5500 0 Mh Wls, 1 Mh Dn to CC www.gallopinnel.com W-F, w/ing, restaurant, pool, balcony www.tnsquaredance.com</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"/> Rounds Pt VI		
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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:conniegoodman22@gmail.com)
 email: conniegoodman22@gmail.com
 423-260-6845

For Convention Registrar 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.