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### **From The Bow and Swing Editor**



Welcome to the Reborn Bow and Swing. My name is Stephen F Bigelow and I publish Grapevine, which is the square dance Magazine for Northeast Florida. I hope to make this magazine the answer to everyone's questions about what is going on in the state of Florida regarding Square and Round dancing. I would like your feedback, your articles, and your fliers. What is going on in your area. This is your magazine.

If anyone has any cause for concern, complaints, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me at either address.

Stephen F. Bigelow M.Ed.

#### **Note\*\*\***

I had a computer crash that unfortunately had the information on the Bow and Swing. I think I have reconstructed all the information. Please look at this carefully and let me know if I have missed any updates.

I would like to start putting club news in this magazine like Bill Boyd used to. Please send me your club news complete with pictures. This applies not only to individual clubs but also callers and cuer's send me your information.

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From the ACA President  
By President Bill Chestnut

Square dancing in Florida through the years

I got home from my dance a short while ago and sat down to write something that hopefully will enlighten you or at least entertain you a bit.

As a caller, the success of the activity and of individual dancers is a major concern to me. I want to see dancers grow and thrive and bring in more dancers. I want to see clubs flourish as we did years ago. I think as callers we need to continue to teach to the best of our abilities and provide dances that are fun for the dancers. I think one of the ways we do that is through smooth flowing, well timed dancing. No one wants to stand around and wait on the next call. Some dancers enjoy moving at a fast pace and others just want to move to the beat. It is our job to "read" the dancers and provide what they expect. In some clubs we have both types of dancers, so try to hit that happy medium. In your calling, listen to the beat of the music and try to phrase your calling to be a pleasing match to that music.

I am pleased to be able to work with newer callers around Florida. I was recently asked about guest tips and how to start them. Here is an outline I have used and suggest as one way to do it:

Remember - **It's SHOWTIME**

**STAND TALL – SMILE – WAVE – What is in your comfort zone?**

**SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY - You are THE CALLER**

**INTRODUCE YOURSELF: I am Bill Chesnut**

**I am a member of the Florida Callers assoc and I call for a number of clubs in the North East Florida area. (The intro gives the dancers a chance to hear you and you a chance to check sound)**

**Now all Say Howdy to those in your square and LET'S DANCE**

Patter should be about 3 – 4 minutes, compliment the dancers, then start the singing call.

Thank the dancers again at the end.

Remember that you are a guest and it is not your place to workshop or teach a figure. Keep it simple and smooth and the dancers will want you back.

There is a convention fund raising dance May 4 in Port Orange. If you can help spread the word, please do. And if you can attend, come on down. Fliers are out and we encourage you to promote Spin the Big Top happening next January in Deland. Happy Dancing, Happy Calling and Cueing.

Bill & Mary Chesnut

## Rebuilding Square Dancing By Mac Letson

Rebuilding Square Dancing What Will Square Dancing look like two or three years from now? Are will there even be square dancing? If we do not rebuild the mainstream level and allow people time to know that Mainstream is the foundation level of our activity and be able to dance and help with the next Class, before they are allowed to go to the Plus level. This will allow time to become a better dancer and will make it better for them as a Square Dancer. Will there even be Square Dancing if we do not help rebuild the activity and give them time to enjoy and understand what they have learned. This is just my opinion after calling and teaching for 64 Years. They need that time to get to know the people that help them learn to dance and pass it on to the next class. By allowing them time they will understand the call better and will be able to dance it better. This will require CALLERS NOT to try to get them in Plus and give them time to become a real Square Dancer that will stay in Square Dancing. We must do a better job of teaching new dancers the definition of calls and stop saying Boys or Girls unless the call definition is written Boy or Girls. I know it's hard to break old habits, but this will help the new dancer understand how the call works from left side or right-side Dancer as a couple this will make them understand the call better. New Dancers respond better to calls if they are exposed to both the Left & the Right-side part of a couple call. The good thing about teaching this way is that it may take a little more time but in the long run it will cut down teaching time for calls as you get farther into the class. This is the reason we are suggesting teaching this way and if we keep them in Mainstream until they help the next class they will be better dancers and will stay in Square Dancing longer. That is why we need to do this, It will bring back a foundation for the Square Dance activity and we will have better Dancers and a way to rebuild this Activity. For the last 25 to 30 years, we have totally wiped out the foundation of our Square Dance activity which WAS and WILL always be MAINSTREAM. Nobody coming in at the Mainstream and everyone trying to climb the level later. Then the Covid thing just about killed out Square Dancing as we knew it. There are some places that are trying to hold on. Its just my opinion but if we don't have a solid Mainstream program and KEEP IT I think we will not save Square Dancing. IF WE DO NOT KEEP MAINSTEAM HEALTHY WE DO NOT HAVE A FOUNDNATION TO BUILD FROM. I believe we can rebuild Square Dancing, but we have to do with Mainstream.

Mac Letson (I have been Calling & Teaching for 64 Years hope we can turn this around)

### **From the President of Florida Callers Rod Barngrover**

Hey all you Fellow Callers, Cuers and Dancers, I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the convention this year at the new venue at the Deltona Convention Center. With all the comments regarding the venue and all the calling and dancing I think everyone had a great time and everyone is looking forward to next year. I want to thank each one of

you for the great honor for the Extra Mile Award that I was presented after the nomination from all the dancers. I am humbly grateful for your support, and I hope to continue to share the joy of square dancing with others for many years to come. As we start to enter into the spring months, I hope that everyone gets their tickets early for what sounds like a great convention next year. The Florida Square Dance Federation has chosen the theme for the 70th FSSRDC Convention "Spin the Big Top" on January 17 and 18, 2025. I am sure there will be many surprises in store for all, especially after the opening night with all those clowns and mimes. You never know what they might have in store for the fund raiser dancers this year. Watch out if they come at you with a bucket! Please go out and support your local clubs including with the helping with the new dancers and the lessons for beginners I know that the clubs can all use more "angels". Until next time I hope you get a chance to cloverleaf in your squares sometime for this month of March. So, Shamrocks and Yellow rocks.

Rod Barngrover FCA President

### **100 Caller Survey By Ralph Trout**

At the last 2 national conventions (Mississippi and Indiana), 2 Tennessee State conventions and the Callerlab convention in Pittsburg, PA. I took a survey of 100 callers, and this is the result of the feelings of most of the callers.

1. We need more new Basic Classes
2. Square dance Clubs have to have new Basic Classes
3. Callers have to start teaching new Basic Classes.
4. Angels needed.
5. Levels need to stay at Basic and mainstream.

These are the results of the survey.

1. Try as many forms of promoting square dancing to the general public as we can to get more people in new class such as demonstrations, quality dress code and the one-night dancers with churches, organizations, schools, etc.
2. Square Dance Clubs must go back to having basic classes again. This is what makes the clubs grow and we find new callers this way. New callers create new classes and clubs this way.
3. Many callers need to go back to teaching new classes and not just call dances. This experience will make them better callers.
4. The caller should pick Angels to have a better quality class.
5. Dancers should stay in Basic to mainstream level dancing for up to two years before even thinking of the Plus level of dancing. Some may never go any

further as they are having fun and making many new friends. We should not let the level of dancing control our hobby of dancing and what's the big hurry.

I could probably fill many more pages on this but let's get back to good basis dancing and fill the halls with happy sounds the way it used to be. Remember when!!

## **State Convention HELP!!**

We had a wonderful 2024 State convention and planning is well underway for the 2025 convention. As you can imagine, the state convention takes a lot of effort to come together. There are still vacancies on the committee. Please consider volunteering for one (or more) of these committees. There will be people to help with any position that you may choose. This is a great opportunity to get involved with a great group of people. Positions that are in greatest need are:

- Campers' representative – promote the convention to the campers, negotiate special rates at local campgrounds, and be the contact for camping questions.
- Dangle Dances – coordinate the dangle dances on Saturday afternoon, select themes for each of the dangle dances, coordinate with the badge vendor on creating each dangle, and communicate with the callers for the dangle dances
- Entertainment/Dinner Show – make arrangements for the entertainment at the dinner show, identify a caterer and coordinate meal options.
- Assistant Facilities/Lodging Chairman – assist the Facilities/Lodging Chairman with identifying hotels that will offer special square dance rates, work with the Center staff to report any problems that need to be taken care of.
- Photographer – take pictures at the Benefit Dances, Trail End Dance, and convention.
- Vendor Chairman – solicit vendors for the convention, communicate with the vendors regarding booth set up and tear down, and collect rental fees.
- Vice Chair Central – represents the convention in your area encouraging registrations and purchase of fundraising items.
- Vice Chair Northeast – represents the convention in your area encouraging registrations and purchase of fundraising items.
- Vice Chair Northwest – represents the convention in your area encouraging registrations and purchase of fundraising items.
- Vice Chair Southeast – represents the convention in your area encouraging registrations and purchase of fundraising items.
- 2026 Convention Chairperson(s) – Coordinate and delegate all the activities for the Convention. Work with the 2025 convention chairpersons to learn the ropes. All these committees can be chaired by couples or solos, any age, any level dancer, new dancers or dancers that have danced for years.

If you are interested in any of the first 10 positions, please contact the 2025 Convention Chairpersons, Dawn DeWitt or Charles Tharp at [ddewitt03@bellsouth.net](mailto:ddewitt03@bellsouth.net) – 561-252-7729 (D) or 561-252-6236 (C).

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74th NSDC  
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National Square Dance Convention  
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<https://nsdcnec.com>

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49th CALLERLAB Convention  
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<https://callerlab.org/>

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<p><b>Sandy Sturgis</b> 300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Unit 1B Palm Harbor, FL 34683 850-814-3861 <a href="mailto:finallyquilted@aol.com">finallyquilted@aol.com</a></p>	<p><b>Susan* &amp; Don Wolford</b> <a href="mailto:2susanwolf@gmail.com">2susanwolf@gmail.com</a> 1435 Razorbill Lane Punta Gorda, FL 33983 256-673-0170</p>	<p><b>Vallee Scott* &amp; Lynn Lenoci</b> 1057 Collins Street Melbourne, FL 32935 321 426-9813 <a href="mailto:llandsv@gmail.com">llandsv@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Terri* &amp; Tim Wilaby</b> 3344 Wasatch Range Loop Pensacola, FL 32526 850 712-5230 <a href="mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com">terriwilaby@hotmail.com</a></p>		
<b>The Round Dance Council of Florida Honorary Members</b>		
<p><b>Boyd, Bill* &amp; Joann</b> Apopka</p>		
<b>The Round Dance Council of Florida Lifetime Members</b>		
<p><b>Wayne &amp; Barbara* Blackford</b> 8178 Galaxie Drive Jacksonville, FL 32244 904 307-5362</p>	<p><b>Charlie* &amp; Leona Lovelace,</b> Dade City</p>	<p><b>Curt* &amp; Tammy Worlock</b> (Oct-Apr) 3613 Citrus Tree Court</p>

<a href="mailto:wayneandbarbara@theblackfords.us">wayneandbarbara@theblackfords.us</a>		Plant City, FL 33566 813-759-8313 – Cell <a href="mailto:curtworlock@juno.com">curtworlock@juno.com</a>

<b>Past Round Dance Council of Florida Leaders</b>
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1959 +	Gene Baylis	1991	Pat Hagen
1960 +	Gene Baylis	1992	John Ayres
1961	Kay Mack	1993	Phyllis Williams
1962 +	Ruth Bartley	1994	Phyllis Kent
1963	Bob Waites	1995	Carol Griffin
1964	John Jones	1996	Frank Dubois
1965	Russ Ayrotn	1997	Ray Corcoran
1966	Bill Fleishman	1998	Jim Runnels
1967	Dorothea Brammeier	1999	Bev Landwehr
1968	Byron Markle	2000	Bev Landwehr
1969	Bill Bliss	2001	Sharon Roberts
1970	Charlie Lovelace	2002	Conrad Protzman
1971	K. O. Williams	2003	Conrad Protzman
1972 +	Volly Reynolds	2004	June Leverette
1973	Chuck Heiss	2005	June Leverette
1974	Marty Martin	2006	Bev Landwehr
1975	Bill Cascio	2007	Bev Landwehr
1976	Frank Gilbert	2008	Lisa Wall
1977	Irv Zimmerman	2009	Lisa Wall
1978	Frank DuBoiis	2010	Lisa Wall
1979	Phyllis Williams	2011	Tim Willaby
1980	Hal Neitzel	2012	Tim Willaby
1981	Joen Augenblick	2013	Tim Willaby
1982	Norma Smoyer	2014	Tim Willaby
1983	Jim Runnels	2015	Susan Snider
1984	Jack Jenkins	2016	Susan Snider
1985	Mike Burkhardt	2017	Susan Snider
1986	Ted Fasnacht	2018	Susan Snider
1987	Mike Burkhardt	2019	Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick
1988	Jennie Runnels	2020	Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick
1989	Al Brauer	2021	Tom and Cindy Bunn
1990	Frank Tokanos	2022	Tom and Cindy Bunn

As of 6-1-2023 Sandy Sturgis

+ =Deceased

## Round A Lab Happening

### Sad news for Round Dancing

Debbie Taylor, of Cle Elum, Washington, passed away this weekend. Debbie and Paul have been active round dance leaders in the Northwest and received a ROUNDALAB Distinguished Service Award in 2020. Details of a celebration of life will be forwarded later. Condolences may be sent to Paul Taylor at 1350 Sunlight Dr., Cle Elum, WA 98922.

## News from AI and Roundalab

### CLASSICS VOTING

Classics Voting is now open on the Members Only Home page. Please be sure to cast your votes. Voting will be open until April 15.

### BUDGET 2024-25

The Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed 2024-25 budget and voted to recommend to the membership that they approve the budget. The proposed budget has been posted at the Members Only page for review. Questions may be sent to the office until March 11. Voting will commence for one 10-day period after the question period. Should there be a need for an online session, one (or more) will be scheduled.

#### Why are we doing this now?

Last year, the ROUNDALAB Bylaws and Operating Procedures were amended to allow for budget approval before the start of the fiscal year (April 1). To accomplish this, the budget is presented electronically to the membership and adequate time allowed for review and questions. An optional live-online question time may also be scheduled. To approve the budget, 15% of eligible votes must be cast. In the event that the budget fails to pass due to lack of quorum or lack of affirmative votes, the budget will be modified, and the process repeated.

### CONVENTION MENTORS

If you are attending the RAL convention this year and would like to mentor a First Timer, please contact our First Timer Coordinator Dawn Mee at [dawnadele57@gmail.com](mailto:dawnadele57@gmail.com). She is looking for volunteers.

### CUE AT CONVENTION

Thank you everyone who signed up to cue. Our dance coordinator says her dance card is full! We should have great dances.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals are due by March 31. Renewals received on April 1 and later will be charged a late fee. Emeritus members will not be charged late fees. However, all memberships

not paid on April 1 will lose access to RAL member resources. If you are retiring this year, please let the office know and I'll not send you multiple reminders.

### **ROUND OF THE QUARTER**

The deadline for submission for third quarter ROQ consideration is April 15. Be sure to submit it early and look for an email confirmation that your dance has been received. If you do not get that email, your dance may be lost in the ether. You may follow up with the phase chair or the office.

### **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The RAL office will be closed the week of March 25 while I attend CALLERLAB in Grapevine, Texas. The office will also be closed from June 19 to July 1 for the RAL Convention and NSDC. Again, email and voicemail will be answered occasionally but no shipping or financial transactions will happen that week.

### **DEADLINES**

Mar 31	Membership Renewal deadline
Apr 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter RoQ Submissions

That's all for now.

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### **SUBMISSION FOR March 2024 By Judy Barnhill**

Happy Saint Patrick Day! This month we found a dance that used a Connie Francis Song "Till We Say Goodbye." Connie Francis is still alive at the age of 85. Her life was full of tragedy with involuntarily commitments to mental institutions 17 times, rape, a murder of her brother by the mob and divorced 4 times. The most interesting thing I found out about her was her relationship with Bobby Darin. She and Bobby had planned an "elopement" and her father found out about it and chased him away from her with a gun. I will always think about that when I play "Till We Meet Again." The wonderful waltz was choreographed by Stella & Peter Tennant of Canada. It is a phase II waltz that a cuer can use at square dances. The full cue sheet is on Roundalab, and I purchased the music on iTunes. When you hear this song, wonder who she is singing it to?

Till We Meet Again Stella & Peter Tennant  
Connie Francis  
Phase II + 1(Hover) Waltz  
Sequence: Intro, A, B, A, B (1-14), End

Intro:

2 measure Wait in CP Wall ;; Dip Back & Hold; Rec, Tch; Canter Once;

## **A**

Left Turning Box;;;;

Twisty Vine 3; Fwd Fc Cl; Hover; PU to CP;

Fwd Waltz; Drift Apart; Twinkle Thru, 2X to CP fc Line;;

2 L Turns, fc wall;; Twirl Vine; Thru, Fc, Cl / BFLY;

## **B 1-14**

Waltz Away; X- Wrap fc Rev; Bk Waltz; Lady Roll -X;

Twinkle Thru; Thru, Fc, Cl / BFLY; Roll 3; Thru, Fc, Cl / BFLY;

Waltz Away; Lady Wrap; Fwd Waltz; Maneuver;

2 R Turns, fc wall;; Canter, 2X;;

## **End**

Canter Once -music slows; Dip Back & Hold; Rec, Tch; Twirl Vine; Thru, Fc, Cl; Give Partner a HUG and say -“TIL WE MEET AGAIN”

**All Clubs in Florida (For addresses look at listings below)**

<u><a href="#">Northwest</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Northeast</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Central</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Southeast</a></u>	<u><a href="#">SCCA/West Coast</a></u>
<p><u><a href="#">Agape Squares</a></u> Niceville</p> <p><u><a href="#">Capital Twirlers (*)</a></u> Tallahassee</p> <p><u><a href="#">Seaside Squares</a></u> Pensacola</p> <p><u><a href="#">Swinging Squares</a></u> Panama City</p> <p><u><a href="#">T-N-T Rounds (url)</a></u> Pensacola</p> <p><b>Area Club (not a FL Federation Member)</b></p> <p><u><a href="#">Panama City Square Dancers (*)</a></u> Panama City</p> <p><b>Also Check Out These NW Dance Halls... ...<a href="#">click here</a></b> Pensecola &amp; Panama City</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Clover Squares</a></u> Chiefland</p> <p><u><a href="#">Dixie Dancers</a></u> Lake City</p> <p><u><a href="#">Grand Squares (*)</a></u> Gainesville</p> <p><u><a href="#">High Springs Square Dance Club</a></u> High Springs</p> <p><u><a href="#">Joy Seas</a></u> St. Augustine</p> <p><u><a href="#">Mixed Nuts/ BAD Dancers</a></u> Gainesville</p> <p><u><a href="#">Moose Promenaders</a></u> Jacksonville</p> <p><u><a href="#">Rollaways</a></u> Jacksonville</p> <p><u><a href="#">Salty Bobbers (*)</a></u> Steinhatchee</p> <p><u><a href="#">Seabreeze Singles</a></u> Jacksonville</p> <p><u><a href="#">Square Wheels</a></u> ..campers..</p> <p><b>Out of State Member Club</b></p> <p><u><a href="#">Coastal Georgia Squares</a></u> Brunswick, GA</p>	<p><u><a href="#">A Stars (*)</a></u> Port Orange</p> <p><u><a href="#">Canaveral Squares (*)</a></u> Rockledge</p> <p><u><a href="#">Casselberry Hoedowners (*)</a></u> Casselberry</p> <p><u><a href="#">Celebrity Squares (*)</a></u> Anthony</p> <p><u><a href="#">Dixie Diamonds (*)</a></u> Melbourne</p> <p><u><a href="#">Granada Squares &amp; Denim &amp; Lace (*)</a></u> Ormond Beach</p> <p><u><a href="#">New Circle Squares (*)</a></u> Ocala OTOW</p> <p><u><a href="#">Hitch 'N' Go</a></u> ..campers..</p> <p><u><a href="#">Orange Blossom Squares (*)</a></u> The Villages</p> <p><u><a href="#">Ocala Twirlers</a></u> Ocala</p>	<p><u><a href="#">A-Jacks (*)</a></u> Boynton Beach</p> <p><u><a href="#">Castoffs (*)</a></u> Boynton Beach</p> <p><u><a href="#">Galaxy Squares (*)</a></u> Wilton Manors</p> <p><u><a href="#">Long Key Squares (*)</a></u> Long Key</p> <p><u><a href="#">Roadrunner Squares # 193 (*)</a></u> ..campers..</p> <p><u><a href="#">South Florida Mustangs (*)</a></u> Wilton Manors</p> <p><u><a href="#">Treasure Coast Squares</a></u> (Ft. Pierce-Closed-History Only)</p> <p><u><a href="#">Whirlaways Round Dance Club (*)</a></u> Fort Pierce</p>	<p><u><a href="#">C-Gulls Dance Club (*)</a></u> Fort Myers</p> <p><u><a href="#">Herons Glen A1/A2 Dancers</a></u> N. Fort Myers</p> <p><u><a href="#">Horizon Village Square &amp; Round Dance Club</a></u> N. Fort Myers</p> <p><u><a href="#">Susan's Fun Rounds</a></u> N. Fort Myers</p> <p><u><a href="#">Maple Leaf Squares &amp; Rounds</a></u> Port Charlotte</p> <p><u><a href="#">Palace Promenaders</a></u> Arcadia</p> <p><u><a href="#">Pine Ridge Promenaders</a></u> Lake Placid</p> <p><u><a href="#">Promenade Squares</a></u> Pinellas Park</p> <p><u><a href="#">Rounds With Judy (*)</a></u> Fort Myers/Port Charlotte</p> <p><u><a href="#">Shufflin' Squares (*)</a></u> Lake Wales/Winter Haven</p> <p><u><a href="#">Strawberry Square (*)</a></u> Plant City</p>

		<u>Pilot Squares</u> Ocklawaha  <u>Space Trackers</u> Merritt Island  <u>Spindrifters (*)</u> Port Orange  <u>Sternwheelers</u> Bellevue  <u>Whirl &amp; Twirl (*)</u> Oveido  <u>Wrangler Country Squares (*)</u> Barberville		<u>Strawberry Travelers</u> <i>..campers..</i>  <u>Stuart Bunch</u> Punta Gorda  <u>Suncoast Squares (*)</u> St. Petersburg  <u>Swingin' Gators</u> Punta Gorda  <u>Tampa Bay Rounds (url)</u> St. Petersburg  <u>Tampa Bay Square Dance Revival (*)</u> St. Petersburg  <u>Temple Twirlers (*)</u> Tampa  <u>Whispering Pines Village</u> Sebring  <u>Charlotte Promenaders Port</u> Charlotte FL
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This is the current list that I have for all NEFSARDA clubs in the Northeast area. If your information is wrong or changes, please have an officer of your club notify the Grapevine editor, Stephen Bigelow. If you would like your club added, consider joining NEFSARDA, then send me your club information.

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904-612-1081

## **Monday Clubs**

### Mixed Nuts

Mixed Nuts Advanced Square Dance Club, Dancing Monday afternoons 4 – 6 pm  
Grace Presbyterian Church, 3146 N W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL  
Caller Bill Chesnut 352-256-8628

### Joy Seas

7 to 9 PM. St Augustine South Club house in St Augustine FL 32086  
Call before you go to verify, they are dancing Call Mary Burzo 904 501-1817. See our current article for updates.  
Mike Akers Caller

## **Tuesday Clubs**

### Rollaways

7:00 – 9:00 PM at Sandalwood High School 2750 John Prom Boulevard, Jacksonville  
Caller Mark Fetzer  
Cuer Susan Snider  
President Emily Jones  
Banner Chairman Virginia Bomhold (904) 521-2754

### Seabreeze Singles

Dance Review 7:00 to 7:30 PM, Club Dance 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Frances Padgett  
Arlington Senior Center, 1078 Rogero Road, Jacksonville.  
Caller Mike Akers  
President Pamela Newman (904) 516-7115  
Banner Chairman Vickie BeLue (904) 707-8188

### Salty Bobbers

7:00 - 9:00 PM at Community Center, 612 SW 812th Street, Steinhatchee.  
Caller Charlie Pergrossi  
Club Contact Jeanette Geer (352) 507-9425  
Banner Chairman Doug Moore (512) 605-7773

### Dixie Dancers

7:00 - 9:30 PM at Teen Town, 533 NW DeSoto Street, Gainesville.

Caller Bill Chesnut

President and Banner Chairman Bob and Barbara Rosenthal (386) 466-2984

### Grand Squares

6:30 to 8:30 PM at Meizon Church, 3411 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL

Callers Lon Ligon

Club Contact Robin Frazer (352) 317-1636

## **Wednesday Clubs**

Clover Squares - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 3-5 at the First United Methodist Church in Chiefland, 707 North Main Street, Chiefland, FL

Caller Jim Duncan

Club Contact Gerry Jesk (352) 949-4446

## **Thursday Club**

### Coastal Georgia Squares

7:00 to 9:00 Christian Life Center behind College Place UMC, 3890 Altama Ave, Brunswick, GA. If you're planning to attend the dance from out of town, **please contact me prior to the dance** in case there is a conflict with a church activity.

Don Heins – (912) 269-7909. [donheins@MSN.com](mailto:donheins@MSN.com)

High Springs Square Dance Club is conveniently located halfway between Gainesville and Lake City. We dance at the Civic Center off Highway 441 near Winn Dixie. The dance is every Thursday night from 7 to 9 pm with the setup starting at 6:30 pm. The address is 19107 NW 240th Street, High Springs, FL. **Contact Deborah Cassidy to confirm we are dancing. 352-262-0760.**

### Moose Promenaders

Club dance 7:00 to 9ish PM at Moose Lodge,  
5051 Collins Road, Jacksonville.

Caller Bill Chesnut

President Wayne and Debbie Miller (904) 891-7016

Banner Chairman Hanna Watts (904) 387-6287

## **NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION CLUBS**

**AGAPE SQUARES** Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm (SSD, M, P)

Caller: Varies (class 6-7 pm)

Cross Point Church Fellowship Hall, 214 Partin Dr. Niceville, FL.

CONTACT: Sherrilee Lewis (850) 217-7746

**CAPITAL TWIRLERS** Mondays 7-9 pm (MS, P, A)

Caller: George Lavender (January 29th classes start)

Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe, Tallahassee, FL.

CONTACT: Libby Penrod (850) 566-2117

**SEASIDE SQUARES** Friday 7:30-9:30 pm (MS, P)

Caller: Varies

2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL.

CONTACT: Deecee Haslett (850) 293-7720

**SWINGING SQUARES** Friday 6-8pm (MS, P)

Callers: Mike Goff and Miriam Merriwether (class 6-7pm)

Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Rd, Panama City, FL.

CONTACT: Jon & Kathy Kern (850) 896-5798

**T-N-T ROUNDS** Sundays 3-5 pm

Cuer: Terri Wilaby

T-N-T Hall

6419 Dallas Ave., Pensacola, FL.

CONTACT: Terri and Tim Wilaby (850) 712-5230 [terriwilaby@hotmail.com](mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com)

West Coast Dances by Day  
Monday

Citrus Squares Recreational Building Whispering Pines City Park 1700 Forest Drive Inverness Caller: Charlie Pergrossi Alternating class level Mainstream & Plus 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Weekly, year-round cpergrossi@gmail.com 352-213-6559 (Closed for the season)

Heron's Glen 2250 Heron's Glen Boulevard N. Ft. Myers Callers: Darrin Henry and Alan Hall Advance Lessons and Dance Lessons: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dancing: 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Weekly, seasonal 317-504-3894 or dhenrycaller@aol.com 423-313-6508 or 706-937-5038 Or hallcsa@aol.com

Suncoast Squares Garden Club of St. Petersburg 500 Sunset Drive South St. Petersburg, Florida Caller: J.R. St. Jean Mainstream & Plus Weekly year-round 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. A GLBTQ+ Club - all are welcome (Including the straight community) www.suncoastsquares.com suncoastsquares@gmail.com 678-656-2523 - [mutschlerdan@yahoo.com](mailto:mutschlerdan@yahoo.com)

Temple Twirlers Oak Grove United Methodist Church 2707 W. Waters Avenue (Northeast corner of Habana Avenue) Tampa Guest Callers & Cuers Mainstream, Plus, & Rounds 2 nd & 4th Mondays 813-407-0935 - murphysclan@aol.com

Tuesday

Susan's Fun Rounds Horizon Village 9200 Littleton Road N. Ft. Myers Cuers: Susan Wolford Weekly, November – April 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 256-673-0170 2susanwolf@gmail.com

Swingin' Gators Alligator Park 6400 Taylor Road Punta Gorda Plus & Rounds Callers: Varies - Cuer: Judy Barnhill Weekly January – March 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 606-302-1731 or [tn2001@yahoo.com](mailto:tn2001@yahoo.com)

Wednesday

Grand Squares at Camp Inn Camp Inn RV Resort 10400 U.S, Highway 27 Frostproof Caller: Sam Dunn Mainstream & Plus Weekly, January - March 740-502-3371 218-831-7799 [Larrycorder50@gmail.com](mailto:Larrycorder50@gmail.com)

Strawberry Square Mainstream & Plus Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Caller: Various Cuer: Various Mainstream, Plus, & Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Weekly, November - April 813-752-0491 www.strawberrysquaredancing.com strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com 770-825-6513 sorrellscherylene@gmail.com

Strawberry Square C-2 Teach & Dance Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Caller: Various C-2 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Weekly, November - April 813-752-0491 [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) [strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com](mailto:strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com) 770-825-6513 [sorrellscherylene@gmail.com](mailto:sorrellscherylene@gmail.com)

Snell's Bo's and Bell's Dunedin Community Center 1920 Pinehurst Road Dunedin Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell Mainstream, Plus, Easy Rounds or Lines 727-809-0323 [settarose1@gmail.com](mailto:settarose1@gmail.com)

Whispering Pines Village 2323 Brunns road Sebring Caller: Mike Gormley SSD Class and Dance 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 419-376-0557 [mike@mike-gormley.com](mailto:mike@mike-gormley.com)

Thursday

Pine Ridge Promenaders Sunshine RV Resort Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27) Lake Placid Guest Callers and Cuers Mainstream & Plus 828-290-2147 [shbroderick97@gmail.com](mailto:shbroderick97@gmail.com)

Village Horizon Village 9200 Littleton Road N. Ft. Myers Caller: Varies Cuer: Judy Barnhill Plus and Rounds 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm Early rounds beginning at 2:30 pm Weekly, seasonal [llonah1@netzero.net](mailto:llonah1@netzero.net)

Shufflin' Squares Lake Ashton Golf Club 4141 Ashton Club Drive Lake Wales Guest Callers & Cuers 1 st & 3rd Plus, Advance 2 nd, 4th, 5th Mainstream, Plus Weekly, year-round 863-318-8011 [heidwhite416@aol.com](mailto:heidwhite416@aol.com)

Strawberry Square Phase IV Teach & Dance Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Cuer: Tom Bunn 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Weekly, November - April 813-752-0491 [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) [strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com](mailto:strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com) 770-825-6513 - [sorrellscherylene@gmail.com](mailto:sorrellscherylene@gmail.com)

Suncoast Squares Garden Club of St. Petersburg 500 Sunset Drive South St. Petersburg, Florida Caller: J.R. St. Jean A2 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A GLBTQ Club - all are welcome (Including the straight community) [www.suncoastsquares.com](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) [suncoastsquares@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@gmail.com) 678-656-2523 [mutschlerdan@yahoo.com](mailto:mutschlerdan@yahoo.com)

Charlotte Promenaders 2, Dance January thru March. Harold Avenue Recreational Park, Port Charlotte. Workshop Rounds: 6:30-7:00 Squares and Rounds start at 7:00 to 9:00 At~8:00 there will be a 10-minute A1 tip. At9:00 to 9:15 there will be another A1 tio to finish the evening.

## Friday

Maple Leaf Squares & Rounds 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in the months of Jan, Feb and March Harold Avenue Regional Park 23400 Harold Avenue Port Charlotte Caller: Homer Magnet Cuer: Judy Barnhill 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 606-302-1731 or tn2001@yahoo.com

Palace Promenaders 1627 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia Caller: Robert Arias Cuer: Judy Barnhill Mainstream, Plus, & Rounds 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays, year-round 941-380-5336 [marymarydow@gmail.com](mailto:marymarydow@gmail.com)

Promenade Squares Forbes Recreation Center 6401 94th Avenue N. Pinellas Park, Florida Mainstream, Plus, Rounds Caller: Scotty Sharrer Cuer: Sandy Sturgis Every Friday, year-round 727-544-4704 [friendib@verizon.net](mailto:friendib@verizon.net)

Strawberry Square a Workshop & Dance Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Callers: varies Workshop 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Dance 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Weekly, November - April 813-752-0491 [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) [strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com](mailto:strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com) 770-825-6513 [sorrellscherylene@gmail.com](mailto:sorrellscherylene@gmail.com)

Sunshine Plus & Lines Dance Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Caller: Sheila Terhune Fun Plus 813-752-0491 [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) [strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com](mailto:strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com) 770-825-6513 [sorrellscherylene@gmail.com](mailto:sorrellscherylene@gmail.com) Saturday

Strawberry Square Phases  $\frac{3}{4}$  Multi Rhythm Dance Thrus and Teach Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Cuer: Tom Bunn 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 813-752-0491 [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) [strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com](mailto:strawberrysquaredance@gmail.com) 770-825-6513 [sorrellscherylene@gmail.com](mailto:sorrellscherylene@gmail.com)

## Sunday

Strawberry Square Rounds Strawberry Square Dance Center 4401 Promenade Boulevard Plant City Weekly, November - April Cuers: Varies Levels: Varies [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) 864-710-0182 [tomandcindybunn@gmail.com](mailto:tomandcindybunn@gmail.com)

Riverwood Plantation 4600 Robert E. Lee Boulevard East Estero Caller: Red Bates Cuer: Judy Barnhill Mainstream, Plus & Rounds January – March (once a month) 239-530-0675 [marjorietobey@yahoo.com](mailto:marjorietobey@yahoo.com)

Shufflin' Squares Lake Ashton Health & fitness Center 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard Winter Haven Caller: Keith Stevens C-1 lesson 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Advanced dancing 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Year round, weekly 863-326-9774 or keith@keithstevens.com SCCA Dances These dances have been taken over by the SCCA. Judy Barnhill – 865-212-7808 Judymassey\_rn@yahoo.com As Scheduled Dances

C-Gulls Challenge Dance Club Palmetto Palms Club House Game Room 19681 Summerlin Road Ft. Myers Guest Callers C4 Must RSVP to Iwema – 513-498-3328 dk.lwema@jno.com Mayers – 239-220-4433 mayersdf@gmail.com www.c-gulls.org

Rapid Ballroom Stardust 3613 Citrus Tree Court Plant City Cuers: Pamela and Jeff Johnson Phases 3–4 218-256-1873 rapidballroom@gmail.com rapidballroom.com

Strawberry Travelers #153 Square Dance Campers 813-447-1883 [Bspectrum319@aol.com](mailto:Bspectrum319@aol.com)

Stuart Bunch Temple Shalom 23190 Utica Avenue Punta Gorda Guest Callers C3B thru C4 dancing Must RSVP to 239-220-4433 [mayersdf@gmail.com](mailto:mayersdf@gmail.com)

# Beginning Cuer's Clinic

Sponsored by Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Strawberry Square Dance Center

4401 Promenade Blvd.

Plant City, FL

10:00 – 12:00

- Subjects covered to be determined by attendees



Barbara  
and  
Wayne  
Blackford

1:30 – 4:00

- Questions
- Practice Cuing with positive pointers

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Cost – SCCA Members are free

Non-members \$25.00

Send your registration to Cindy Bunn, 4381 Sashay Lane., Plant City, FL 33562 For more info or housing info email Cindy at [tomandcindybunn@gmail.com](mailto:tomandcindybunn@gmail.com) or text (864) 723-6965

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a SCCA Member
- I am not a member, enclosed is \$25.00 for my registration
- Please indicate the subjects you would like covered:

# Northeast Florida Square and Round Dance 70th Fall Festival!

November 1st and 2nd, 2024  
Jacksonville, Florida



**Wayne and Barbara  
Blackford  
Cuers**

#### Recommended Hotels

**Hilton Garden Inn Orange Park**  
145 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL, 32073  
904-458-1577

**Hampton Inn & Suites**  
141 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL, 32073  
904-278-6140

**Recommended Campground**  
**Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park**  
500 Wonderwood Dr., Jax., FL 32233  
(904) 249-4700



#### Location:

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**1415 McDuff Ave S.**  
**Jacksonville, Fl., 32205**

**\$25 per Person**

Includes Saturday Evening  
Spaghetti Dinner



**Dave Vieira  
Caller**

#### Schedule

**Friday**  
7:00 p.m. - Early Rounds  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 - Squares with Rounds

**Saturday**  
12:00 - 2:00 Round Dance workshop  
2:00 - 4:30 Square Dancing  
Mainstream, Plus and Advanced  
4:30 DINNER  
7:00 p.m. Early Rounds  
7:30 Squares with Rounds



Contact Susan Snider to get all the gossip: (904) 908-5184



# Camp & Dance Till The Cows Come Home

JUNE  
18, 19 & 20  
2024



66<sup>th</sup> NSDCA  
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Three Full Days of Dancing  
Squares, Rounds, Lines & Workshops  
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Games & Campfires  
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Contact: Tricia Chartier - 414-807-4083

E-mail: [secnsdca@gmail.com](mailto:secnsdca@gmail.com)

Hosted by: Chapter 002 Pine Tree Campers

## Fond du Lac Fairgrounds

520 Fond du Lac Ave.

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Beautiful campground - All sites 50 Amp

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from the Nationals  
in Milwaukee"



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this one!

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# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



## NEWS RELEASE

2023-04



For immediate publication for dancer awareness

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### SEE THE USA WITH USDA! USDA's USA Traveler Program

Do you like to square dance? Do you like to travel? Then USDA's USA Traveler Program is made for you!



The program is intended to promote visitation throughout all 50 states by encouraging dancers to attend club dances, festivals, state conventions, or national conventions across state lines and around the United States. The goal – to dance at an event in each of the 50 United States! Dancers participating in the USA Traveler Program carry a form to be signed by an

official at a club dance, festival, or convention.

As the forms are completed (in sets of 12 states), they are submitted to the USA Traveler Program chair. Upon completion of the first 12 states, the dancer receives a USA Traveler badge and a bar denoting 12 states visited. New forms can then be completed for subsequent sets of 12 states (no duplication permitted), with new bars awarded at 24, 36, 48, and 50 states. Each participant who reaches **48 and 50** states will also be **awarded paid admission** to the next National Square Dance Convention. Then it's time to start again for a "second time around" award!



If you haven't yet started the USA Traveler Program, now is the time. Download a form from the USDA website at [www.usda.org/traveler.htm](http://www.usda.org/traveler.htm), get it signed off at a local dance, then start traveling! For further information, check out the website or contact the USA Traveler Program chairman Jerry & Donna Robey at [Traveler@usda.org](mailto:Traveler@usda.org).

Head out to see the USA with USDA!

# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA



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## Do You Hear What I Hear? Getting the Word Out!

How does USDA – the United Square Dancers of America – get the word out about our events, programs and services? Check out the following!

- **USDA News:** Our quarterly newsletter is packed full of information about USDA programs and services along with special articles and fliers about dancers and dancing around the country. Check out the USDA News website at [www.usda.org/USDA\\_News.php](http://www.usda.org/USDA_News.php) to find out how to subscribe as well as to look at the current and past editions.
- **USDA Facebook Group:** Follow USDA on Facebook to keep up with our latest news as well as announcements about national square dance activities. To join, go to Facebook and search for United Square Dancers of America.
- **Beyond the Dance Floor:** Our monthly webinar series offers presentations and discussion on timely topics of interest to the dance community. Some sessions highlight USDA programs and services while others feature topics such as the Social Square Dance (SSD) program, marketing our activity, “growing” new callers and cuers, and more. Upcoming sessions are announced on the USDA website as well as on Facebook. Videos and handouts from past sessions are also available on the website ([www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org)).
- **News Releases:** USDA creates periodic news releases to highlight special programs and activities. Look for our posts at [www.usda.org/PressRelease.php](http://www.usda.org/PressRelease.php), and feel free to share them with your dance community.

