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NEFSARDA's next meeting is Sunday, July 9, 2023 at 3 PM at St. Catherine's Church On Shelby Road in Jacksonville, FL

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## From the Grapevine Editor



The month of July is upon us. July brings so many memories, especially my birthday. Looking back on so many of them. Growing up I did not have the normal parties with all my friends. We all went over to the grandparent Harold and Claralice Richter and had the entire family and extended family to celebrate. One of the most endearing memories is knowing my great grandmother Darling and the stories that I still remember her telling me about the beginning of the 1900's, the great depression and such and as that. She was a wealth of knowledge.

Kindly pay attention to the deadlines for the Grapevine. I would like to receive news from each club every month. The August issue deadline is July 22, 2023.

God Bless You All

Stephen F. Bigelow

### Dance Club News

#### The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut



*On Thursday evenings we begin Advanced lessons start at 6:15; Mainstream dances start at 7pm and move to the plus about 8:15 pm. We would love to have you join us.*

July 6th – July Birthday and Anniversary dance (choose your own colors to wear).

July 13<sup>th</sup> – **Pink Cadillac Dance** – poodle skirts, rolled up sleeves on your tee shirts, 1950's music and a fun evening with our caller, Bill Chesnut!

July 20<sup>th</sup> - **National Caller Dan Nordbye** from Arizona will call for us (and all square dancers) on **July 20, 2023**. Round dancers will thrill to "the lovely and talented"  **cuer, Susan!** Our own caller, **Bill Chesnut,** will be a **dancer** that night. His dance card will fill up fast. (see flier below)

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Social.

July 29<sup>th</sup> – NEFSARDA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoon dance will be a Cowboy-themed dance from 1:30 – 4:30 PM at Middleburg United Methodist Church. There will be a designated area for people who are seeking a dance partner. If you come to the dance without a partner, you might want to gravitate to this "Seeking Partners" corral so others will ask you for a dance. (see flier below)

Plus classes at the Moose Promenaders dances are progressing throughout the summer.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JACKSONVILLE</b> <b>Moose Promenaders</b> Mainstream &amp; Plus Square Dancing and Occasional Line and Round Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:15 PM Advanced Lessons Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:15 PM Plus Level 8:15 - 9:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moose Lodge 2020 5051 Collins Road Jacksonville, Florida Caller - Bill Chesnut</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President Mary Giera</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Banner Chair Hanna Watts</p>
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**Coastal Georgia Squares - Brunswick, GA - Caller Don Heins**  
**(formerly known as Jekyll Island Squares)**

Greetings from coastal Georgia. We normally dance each Thursday of the month except the third Thursday at College Place UMC, 3890 Altama Ave., Brunswick, GA. Please call-in advance at 912-265-1504 or 912-269-7909 to confirm we are having a dance. – caller Don Heins

**Grand Squares – Gainesville, FL –**  
**Caller Lon Ligon and Caller in Training, Frank Plunkett**

The Grand Squares will continue Dancing through the summer on Tuesday Nights from 6:30-8:30. The location remains the same, but the church name has changed. We dance at Meizon Church at 3411 NW 83rd Street in Gainesville. The hall is to the right of the main entrance, around the back. We are dancing mainstream and learning PLUS with Caller, Lon Ligon.

At one of our recent dances, we had three callers present who took turns calling, and even shared a tip! We enjoyed dancing to Bill Cassidy, Lon Ligon and Frank Plunkett.

The Grand Squares plans to start another class in August and will celebrate Lon Ligon's 50th Anniversary as a Square Dance caller in the Fall (keep an eye out for details! Everyone will be invited!!) Contact Robin at 352-317-1636 or at [robin.frazer@yahoo.com](mailto:robin.frazer@yahoo.com) for information.



Bill Cassidy, Lon Ligon & Frank Plunkett





**Dixie Dancers - Lake City, FL - Caller Bill Chesnut**

Dixie Dancers in Lake City

There was a great turnout of Dixie Dancers in Mobile for the National Square Dance Convention last month. As a result of so many traveling, we took a couple of weeks off including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration of Independence Day, so no dancing until July 11. Come join us and dance in the western part of NEFSARDA.

We continue to feature an early tip with Bill Cassidy before Bill Chesnut takes over. We try to workshop a few of the plus calls as well as working with our kids on the mainstream program. There's lots of dancing and we would love to have you be a part of it.

Our kids that are taking lessons continue to entertain us. They have so many activities that they are involved with that they cannot make it every week. Hopefully with summer here they can be more regular, and we can get them up to full speed.

Come out to Lake City almost any Tuesday for squares and limited rounds about 6:45. Bob Rosenthal will greet you and take your money and be willing to sell you a raffle ticket. We do encourage you to contact Bill Chesnut 352-256-8628 or Bob and Barbara Rosenthal at 386-365-7136 if you are coming out. We dance in a city owned building, so they occasionally don't have the building available.

Come out and enjoy all the fun every Tuesday night at Teen Town. It is located at 533 W. Desoto Street, Lake City.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Dixie Dancers.

## **Clover Squares – Chiefland, FL - Caller Jim Duncan**

Clover Squares meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and sometimes the 5th Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church in Chiefland from 3-5 pm. Jim Duncan is our caller, and we dance the Mainstream level with announced Plus tips. Scoop Jesk

## **High Springs Dance Club - High Springs, FL - Caller Bill Cassidy** **Cuer Ann Hadsall**

The High Springs Club continues to reach out to the community to bring in new dancers. We have posted flyers around town and left some with the local Chamber of Commerce. High Springs has added us to the event calendar on their Facebook page. We are the only group permanently listed on the calendar! Not wanting to miss an opportunity to get the word out, two signs were made, one is placed near the busy road and the other is next to the Civic Center door. The most effective thing of all for bringing in people has been our Facebook group. In today's world, if you don't have an up-to-date online presence you don't exist.

We were dark on June 22 so that five of our members could attend the 72nd annual National Square Dance convention. The club resumed dancing the following week and we expect to stay open every Thursday.

We dance at the Civic Center off Highway 441. 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.





## Seabreeze Singles Jacksonville FL - Caller Mike Akers

Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club  
The Place To Find a Dance Partner Or Bring Your Own  
Frances Padgett Senior Center  
1078 Rogero Road  
Jacksonville FL

# HOT JULY

The Seabreeze Square Dancers enjoyed a wonderful June. Indeed, it is a pleasure to have the Rollaways join us for our dances. It is absolutely double the fun. Throughout the month we celebrated Father's Day, the official beginning of summer, and national pineapple day. Here is a glimpse of our salute to pineapples.





Additionally, the NEFSARDA officers visited us to retrieve the banner the Seabreeze dancers earned through their attendance at the last Fifth Saturday dance.

Further, the dance schedule for July will be as “hot” as the weather.

July 4 We are **dark**. Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July celebration.

July 11 Load the Boat for a boatload of fun.

July 18 It’s National Listening Day, so we’ll pay extra close attention to caller Mike!

July 25 Celebration of National Hot Fudge Sundae Day – Yum!!

Should you have any questions or would appreciate more information about the Seabreeze Square Dance Club please contact Pam at: [gabbygirlpam@gmail.com](mailto:gabbygirlpam@gmail.com)



## **Mixed Nuts – Advanced Club - Gainesville FL - Caller Bill Chesnut**

Mixed Nuts Advanced square dance club meets on Mondays at Grace Presbyterian Church in Gainesville 13 St. & 32 Ave. **from 4-6 pm (note new time change until listed otherwise)**. We try to do “A” Dancing so come on out and join us in the fun and exercise both mentally & physically.

- Scoop Jesk

## **Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, FL - Caller Charlie Pergrossi**

. We are dancing through June, but we're **closing down our dance schedule for the month of July** this year as our caller, Charlie Pergrossi, is planning to finally take some time off. But don't despair, we'll be back to our regular dancing schedule on 8 August. Hope you can come to spend some time with us! Until then, Yellow Rocks everyone!!!

## **Joy Seas Caller Mike Akers**

As some of you may know, there are some major construction projects coming up for the Riverview Club where we dance and it is all going to start next week! We sustained damage to the building last year with the hurricanes and we are finally getting things taken care of. First, the new roof will be going on and then we will begin the renovations on the inside. We are going to make every attempt to keep classes going if at all possible. Our number one concern is the safety and well being of everyone who utilizes this building!

The timeline for right now is as follows:

July 10th-July 14th - The Riverview Club will be closed to activities. **No Dance July 12.** During that week, we are going to assess the level of noise and safety as far as building accessibility goes. We do not want anyone to be in danger coming and going, but we won't really know how this crew works until we see them work.

July 14th-August 14th - This is the period that will be determined at a later date. The roof is supposed to take a month, and the accessibility of the building will be based on safety.

7 to 9 PM. Riverview Club in St. Augustine Shores 790 Christine Dr St Augustine FL 32086  
Call before you go to verify they are dancing Call Mary Burzo 904 501-1817.

The remainder of July and up to August 14 is to be determined. I will release an update immediately upon receipt from Christine Hart

**There will be NO dances August 16, 23, & 30.**

## Square Wheels- Camping Club - Caller Bill Chesnut

A new calendar is listed below. Make note of the change in the month of November.

### SQUARE WHEELS Chapter 128 CAMPING SCHEDULE - 2023 (Subject to change – Please verify – Revised 6/7/23)

- Jan 20-21 Florida State Convention – Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., DeLand, FL 32824  
Camping at the fairgrounds – 90 Full-Service Sites. See Flyer for directions and details. Trail End Dance  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb 17-18 Eagle Roost RV Resort, 5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, GA 31636, (229) 559-5192 Rate is \$38.34  
including all taxes. There is no cable tv, but 14-15 channels are available from Valdosta and  
Tallahassee. Must make your own reservation, deposit required. Also they have cabins to rent.
- Mar 17-18 Red Oaks RV Resort – 5551 SW 18<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Bushnell, FL 33513, (352)793-7117 Rally rate - \$30.00  
We will be dancing in the larger “Boots Hall”. You must call campground and pre-register with a  
deposit.
- Apr 14-15 Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park – 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/ Hwy 41, White Springs, FL  
32096. 800-326-3521. Rate normally \$20.00 but \$10.00/night for seniors plus \$6.70 reservation fee.
- May 19-20 Southern Oaks RV Resort – 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL 34491  
(352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Must make your own reservations at  
campground.
- Jun 21-24 72nd National Square Dance Convention – Mobile, Alabama. See [www.72.nsdca.com/](http://www.72.nsdca.com/) for details
- July 11-13 65th NSDCA International Camporee – Hoe Down Time in Tennessee, Lebanon, Tennessee  
See nsdca.org, Camping/Dancing, Camporee for registration forms & additional dances.
- Aug. 18-19 Wekiva Falls RV Resort – 30700 Wekiva River Road, Sorrento, FL 32776. 352-383-8055  
[www.wekivafalls.com](http://www.wekivafalls.com). They accept PassPort America for up to 6 days. PPA rally rate will be updated  
next year but will be approximately \$35/day. You must call campground and pre-register with a deposit.  
Reservations must be made at least a week before to receive rally rate. If your RV is longer than 40 feet  
please call Tim. Rental Cabins available.
- Sep 15-16 Southern Oaks RV Resort – 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL 34491  
© (352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Must make your own reservations at  
campground. Rod Barngrover calling
- Oct. 26-29 **FANSDC 47th Annual State Camp-O-Ree** – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL  
32726. For more Information see Flyer
- Nov 10-11© NEFSARDA dance has been canceled for 2023. Many friends of Bill are going to the Daytona Beach Ball  
in Ormond Beach. Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 600 S. Nova Road in Ormond Beach, FL 32624. For  
more Information see Flyer. Some of the campgrounds in the area: Gamble Rogers SP(386-517-2086),  
Tomoka SP(386-676-4050), Sunshine Holiday CG(888-563-7040), Nova Family CG(386-767-0095).
- Dec 1-2 SQUARE WHEELS CHRISTMAS PARTY The Springs R.V. Resort - 2950 N. E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Silver Springs, FL  
34488. 352-236-5250. Rally rate \$45.00 per night. Also, they will honor Passport America for 3 days. If  
staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be at \$50.00 per night. Must call campground to make  
your reservation. You may have to remind them of the rally rate and no deposit required per Garrett  
Landreth. Any deposit will not be refunded.

For additional information please contact one of the following:  
Mary Chesnut Tim Hill 352-205-0596  
352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880 Angela Brown 352-408-5721  
[marynut4@gmail.com](mailto:marynut4@gmail.com) [doramata62@yahoo.com](mailto:doramata62@yahoo.com)

You can also dance to Bill on Tuesday nights, with the Dixie Dancers in Lake City or  
Thursdays nights with Moose Promenaders in Jacksonville.



**Rollaways Jacksonville, FL -**  
**Caller Mark Fetzer; Cuer Susan Snider**

The Rollaways will continue dancing with Seabreeze Squares through July.

The Rollaways have had an action-packed June. Along with having a great time with Seabreeze, we had a large contingent at the National Square Dance Convention in Mobile Alabama. Emily Jones, our president, and apprentice caller made her national debut in Mobile to a wonderful reception. Susan and I also went to Springfield, Missouri for Round a Lab and Susan will have some new dances for everyone.

The Rollaways were also able to retrieve our banner from the Moose Promenaders and plan to steal theirs in a few weeks. We are also looking forward to capturing a NEFSARDA banner at the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance on July 29, 2023, in Middleburg.

We will be having our annual "Dog Days of Summer" dance in August so keep an eye out for the flier next month with details. We hope to see you in the square.



Rollaways at the Moose Promenaders – June 29

Pictured left to right: Bill & Mary Ellen Ludeking, Susan Snider (cuer), Mark Fetzer (Rollaways caller), Joan Amarino, Virginia Bomhold (Rollaways banner chairman), Sawyer Gray, Hanna Watts (Moose Promenaders banner chairman), Bill Chesnut (Moose Promenaders' caller), Emily Jones (caller and Rollaways president), Walt & Dianne Syphard.







**Claude Holder**

**Tribute Square Dance**

**All Friends Welcome**

**Dancers and Non-Dancer alike!**

**Saturday, August 12th, 2:00-4:00**

**We're For Jesus Church**

**5000 N. Main St. Jacksonville, FL 32206**

**Callers**

**Mark Fetzer, Bill Chesnut**

## **Florida Callers Association President's Report – Mark Fetzer, President**

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### **Ramblings from beautiful downtown Melrose – by Bill Chesnut**

I told it through the Grapevine: Ramblings from beautiful downtown Melrose.

It seems like just yesterday I was welcoming June in and talking about things to come. Now June is gone, July is here, things happened and now new things are on the horizon. 1<sup>st</sup> thing up is Happy Birthday America! Independence Day, commonly known as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, is a time to not only party and celebrate, but also a time to reflect on all the great things about our country. Many have died protecting us and many are serving now to keep us safe. Thank you to all that do so much for us and America.

“We all have our favorite people, people we look forward to seeing and socializing and dancing with. But do we let that get in the way of expanding our circle of friends and getting to better know some of the newer dancers or members of other clubs?” That is a little of a paragraph I wrote for last month's article, and as luck would have it, I was on a panel at the national convention that was based around our clubs and including strangers and new dancers. Invite folks to come join you and then make sure they feel welcome.

Over the last couple of months, I have had the pleasure of working with Mark Fetzer on training and developing a couple of young callers here in Jacksonville. At the National Convention this year there were a few younger callers from around the country. I hope this will start a resurgence of youth involvement in square and round dancing. We were so proud to see and hear of the fine job that Emily Jones did calling in Mobile, AL.

I got to dance at national's a good bit. It was a pleasure to hear how some of the callers put their choreography together. It does make us want to get out and dance to other callers. One thing missing from years ago was no music vendors were set up so callers could hear new music. Alas, it has all moved to the web.

Now is the time to start working on converting non dancers into square and round dancers. Look around your neighborhood, your family, the stores you shop at and your church to recruit a future friend. If anybody knows new Mayor Donna Deegan of Jacksonville, FL, maybe we can get her to officially designate September as square dance month.

Stay safe, enjoy dancing, look for new dancers and visit the clubs whenever you can.

Oh yes, don't forget to wash your hands.

Bill & Mary Chesnut

## **69<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**

**There are several items to point out for this up-coming convention in Deltona, FL on January 19-20, 2024.**

1. Online registration and payment is available for the first time. Just go to this link <https://form.jotform.com/230066767013048>.
2. There is also online registration for the host hotel, Courtyard by Marriott! This is the same host hotel we had for the last convention, but we have a bigger block of rooms. Don't forget to ask for the Square Dance rate!
3. A QR code right on the one page flyer. Just scan the code and it will take you right to the above link.
4. In addition to purchasing your convention ribbons and making a reservation at the host hotel online, you can also purchase Dinner & Show tickets and merchandise.
5. Campers, instead of making your registrations directly with the campground, contact the Camping Chairman, Johnny Brown, at 321-444-5595 or [jbgrumpyJB@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgrumpyJB@yahoo.com) and he will deal with the campground.
6. There are raffle tickets for sale for a \$500 pre-paid VISA card. The tickets are 1 ticket for \$1, 10 tickets for \$5, and 25 tickets for \$10.
7. Everything will still be at one location and there will free parking.

All convention information can be found at <http://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/index.html>

## **NEFSARDA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Afternoon Dance Schedule**

The plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dances in 2023 are:

July 29, 2023, American Cowboy theme. Callers Mike Akers, Bill Cassidy, Cuer Ann Hadsell (see flier)

Sept 30, 2023, American Harvest

Dec 30, 2023, up for discussion if we have it. The Theme would be Christmas in Dixie

Stephen F Bigelow M.Ed., Vice President NEFSARDA



## Cares and Concerns

We have several dancers in our community who are not well. Their situations are sometimes temporary and sometimes serious. We ask that you keep these dancers in your thoughts and prayers, plus we hope for speedy recoveries for all. Please notify us about all dancers who should be on this list by contacting us on [squaredancejax@gmail.com](mailto:squaredancejax@gmail.com) Or [grapevine@sbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sbigelow.com)

John Allen – Moose Promenaders  
Ralph Beekman – Dixie Dancers  
Victor Figueroa - Grand Squares  
Gerry Jesk – Clover Squares/Mixed Nuts  
Bobby Keefe – Caller  
George King – Dixie Dancers  
Rick Lord – Dixie Dancers/Salty Bobbers  
Barbara Rosenthal – Dixie Dancers  
Ken Shacter – Rollaways

## Notes from Mobile – National Convention

### **2023 National Square and Round Dance Convention... A Real BLAST!!!**

#### **By Bill and Paula Dion**

Last week, we attended our second National Square Dance Convention with Debbie and Wayne Miller. It was the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention held in Mobile, Alabama.

(As a side note, we discovered Paula was actually participating in her third National Convention as she attended the 16<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention held in Philadelphia back in 1967! She was 12 years old when her mom and dad, who were avid Square Dancers, took her to the Convention. Stephen Bigelow asked me to write to you all on our experiences at the 72<sup>nd</sup>. So... here is a short article on the fun packed four days we enjoyed.

Not enough praise can be given to the National Convention Committee, those who hosted us all, as well as the City of Mobile for a great Convention and total friendliness that was present throughout the event.

Debbie, Wayne, Paula and I chipped in on a “ARB” comfortable cozy little 2-bedroom apartment only minutes from the beautiful Convention Center located right next to Mobile Bay harbor. It was perfect and allowed us easy exploration of the town.

The first night of the Convention, Wednesday evening, started off with the opening Ceremony, a wonderful dinner with the very best entertainment from the “Excelsior Band”. The band played lots of bluegrass favorites plus other songs filled with fun jokes and skits. We were thoroughly entertained for a good part of the early evening.

Next was the Main Hall, where callers rapid fired their songs with the wonderful background band, “The Ghost Riders”. We all danced steadily with lots of energy that night from 7- 10. We got to meet so many nice people from all over the country. We were lucky that many of the couples joining our squares were full of spirit and fun loving. It was a great starting night!

Next day, Debbie and Wayne took in the exciting Hexagon dance session while we took off on a tour of the “AirBus” Plant Facility and adjacent “Flight Works” Pavilion. This was a fantastic tour. In the Airbus main assembly building, Paula and I got to see the actual operations of airliner assembly from the beginning parts to a fully assembled passenger aircraft. Next, we visited the “Flight Works”

Pavilion. There was much to see and experience! There were many hands-on displays and aircraft assembly tools used in construction methods for aircraft and much more. There also was a wonderful virtual reality exhibit. Paula and I, for the first time, experienced virtual reality and took a walk on planet Mars and worked on and operated the "Rover Explorer"! In addition, I also climbed into a full-scale flight simulator. Though I am not a pilot by any sense of the word, I took some coaching and was able to safely land an Airbus jet passenger liner and taxi to the airport terminal.

As our exciting days continued, we found much to do and dance. We took in a fun time where the caller taught us several of the old-timey square dance calls. One being the "rattlesnake"! We also had fun participating as part of 21 squares doing social square dancing. We did Mainstream and Plus and visited the many vendors set up in one of the grand size halls.

We also found great cuisine in Mobile.... From traditional muffaletta sandwiches, oysters, shrimp, to great BBQ. A real pleasant surprise was "3 Georges" located on Dauphin Street, a combination ice-cream, candy and sandwich shop with an old fashion soda fountain. There was also a wonderful grocery store where we picked up breakfast items and also had the very best BBQ chicken and ribs and sausage, eating in a large dining area, right in the store!

On our last day, Saturday, we took in the Mardi Gras Museum which was spectacular! I never knew the origin of the Mardi Gras and what was all involved with both the royal societies. There is so much.... The Tradition, Administration, fancy coronations, float construction, and decorating and dress attire used in the Mardi Gras Celebrations and Parades.

The Closing Ceremony was also terrific! We repeated our hard charging and spirited square dancing in the after party following the closing ceremonies. We were involved in the traditional march of square dancers by state and visiting countries. There were over 200 square dancers from our State of Florida. I believe we were third in highest in numbers, with only Alabama and Texas having more. I was very proud of our wonderful State and all of our Floridian square dancers. Some of the nicest and most fun-loving folks we met that night were those from Texas. We danced and met many Texans. They were spirited like us and "whooped it" up for dancing! As previously mentioned, we finished our marathon square dancing like we started on Wednesday night. We ended up dancing for 3 plus hours! (Sorry for the pun) Some really fun and inspiring songs were played by the Ghost Riders... "Free bird", "Alleluia" "The Mississippi Squirrel Revival" and of course, "Ghost riders in the Sun"

I could continue easily and expand this article. There was so much to write about. Let me just sum this up. This was truly a wonderful Convention, great City to visit and four super days of fun with the best people on Earth, Square Dancers!!

## **MOBILE, the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Square and Round Dance Convention Bill & Mary Chesnut**

PartyGras happened in Mobile with about 2500 dancers from all 50 states and 7 foreign countries in attendance. Cuers, callers, dancers, spectators and even the staff of the Mobile Convention Center had a great time. The food was good at the convention center and all of the restaurants in the area were happy to welcome the dancers.

The convention lived up to its theme of PARTYGRAS. There were hospitality rooms for callers and cuers, our international attendees and for the youth. Dancing started off Tuesday night and continued all day every day until the Sunday morning Gospel Singing Call Dance, attended by 17 squares. Our NEFSARDA area was well represented by dancers and callers and cuers. Susan Snider and Barbara Blackford were both kept busy in the round dance areas. Mark Fetzer, Bill Cassidy, Rod Barngrover, Emily Jones, and Bill Chesnut all had spots around the convention. New caller Frank

Plunkett from Grand Squares in Gainesville was present as well. They all did a fine job of representing our area. Hopefully I did not miss anyone.

Dancing to the international callers is part of the excitement of a national. The calls are in English but can be a little hard to pick out due to the accents.

Next year's convention heads to Wisconsin. There is a great committee working on making the convention the best it can be. Think about heading up to a great state on a great lake and enjoy all the fun. In 2025 the convention heads south again to Shreveport, LA.

Bill & Mary Chesnut

## **National Square and Round Dance Convention**

**2024**  
**June 26-29**

**73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention Milwaukee WI**  
<https://73nsdc.com/>

**2025**  
**June 25-28**

**74<sup>th</sup> National Square dance Convention Shreveport LA**  
<https://74thnsdc.com/>

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# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Dance with the GRAND SQUARES

**Caller: Lon Ligon**

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30 PM

Meizon Church

3411 NW 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Gainesville

*(Entrance to Hall is to the right of the front entrance around back)*

\$5.00 per Dancer

**Hot Dog Bar with all the fixings!!**

Bring a dish to go with hot dogs...

Chips, Salads, Deviled Eggs, Dessert, Drinks, Baked Beans... Whatever you bring, we'll eat it!!!

CONTACT Robin Frazer at (352) 317-1636 for information



An invitation to all square and round  
dancers

**Moose Promenaders**

proudly announces a special guest appearance by  
national square dance caller from Arizona

*Dan Nordbye*



Rounds will be cued by our own

*Susan Snider*



Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:00 PM – 9 ish

Moose Lodge #2020  
5051 Collins Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32244



# High Springs Dance Club

**Modern Square Dance**

**Round Dance (choreographed ballroom dance)**

**Newcomers welcome! Lessons, Socialize, Fun, Friendships,  
Refreshments.**

**Can't Dance? All left feet? Perfect, you will fit in just fine. Good  
dancer? Great, come on down!**



**THURSDAY NIGHTS (call to verify)**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**Cuer: Ann Hadsall**

**Caller: Bill Cassidy**



**More Information :**

**Debbie 352-262-0760**

**Frank 603-921-1232**

**Dress - casual**

**Location :**

**High Springs Civic Center  
330 NW Santa Fe Blvd  
High Springs, FL**

**Find Us On Facebook**



Courtesy of High Springs Parks & Rec

# Days of Yore in 2024



January 19-20, 2024  
 The Center At Deltona  
 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd  
 Deltona, FL 32725

Mainstream, Plus, A2  
 Phases 2, 3, 4, & 5  
 Plus more

Thursday Night  
 Trail End Dance  
 The Center At Deltona

**ALL AT ONE LOCATION  
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**\*\* Dinner & Show \*\***  
 Enjoy a Taste of Medieval Comedy and Cuisine  
 at the  
**DAYS of YORE**  
 Dinner and Theater Show  
 The Center At Deltona Friday, January 19,  
 2024, 4:15p-6:30p  
 Dinner & Show price: \$40 per person  
 Deadline to purchase: Friday, January 5, 2024

**Camping**  
 The Center At Deltona  
 No Charge / No Hookups  
 Many Other Campgrounds in the Area  
 For Information Contact:  
 Johnny Brown, Camping Chairman  
 321-444-5595 [jbgrumpyJB@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgrumpyJB@yahoo.com)

**Merchandise & Raffle:**

Yellow Polo w/Blue logo on the front	\$25. <sup>00</sup>	Raffle Tickets - \$500 prepaid Visa Card	
Yellow T-Shirt w/Blue logo on the front & back	\$16. <sup>00</sup>	1 ticket	\$ 1. <sup>00</sup>
Convention Button	\$ 1. <sup>00</sup>	10 tickets	\$ 5. <sup>00</sup>
		25 tickets	\$10. <sup>00</sup>



**Registration:**  
 Check dances or the website for a form  
 Make checks payable to: 69<sup>th</sup> FSDC  
 Mail to: Linda Reid  
 1062 Old Millpond Rd.  
 Melbourne, FL 32940  
[Reid20@bellsouth.net](mailto:Reid20@bellsouth.net)

**Host Hotel:**  
 Courtyard by Marriott  
 308 N. Woodland Blvd.  
 Deland, FL 32720  
 386-507-2930

Ask for the Square Dance rate!

Scan the QR code to purchase Convention ribbons, Dinner & Show tickets, Merchandise, and to make a reservation at the host hotel.

For more information click on the convention link at  
[www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com)





### **Fifth Saturday Afternoon Dance**

Grab your cowboy hat and Let's dance!

July 29, 2023



Our Cowboy callers and Cuers are.



**Bill Cassidy**



**Mike Akers**



**Ann Hadsall**



**Come hitch your horse at Middleburg United Methodist Church  
3925 Main St. Middleburg FL 32068.**

**Early Rounds 1:30 to 2:00 PM Dance 2:00 to 4:30 Pm**

**Cost for this Cowboy Extravaganza is \$5.00 a person.**







# Daytona BEACH BALL

2023

Casual or Traditional Attire All Weekend!

Download ALL DANCE FLYERS

## Ormond Beach



# TONY OXENDINE BILL CHESNUT



with Cuers

## Earle and Carol Collins

**FRIDAY**  
Early Rounds 7pm-7:30pm  
Squares/Rounds  
7:30pm-9:30pm

**SATURDAY**  
Rounds 9am-10:30am  
Squares 10:30am-12pm,  
Afternoon Squares 12:30-2pm  
Rounds 2pm-3:30pm  
Early Rounds 7pm-7:30pm  
Squares/Rounds  
7:30pm-9:30pm  
Afterparty 9:30pm-10:00pm

**DANCE PACKAGE**  
Limited Squares



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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Dance Level: Plus \_\_\_\_\_ Δ2 \_\_\_\_\_

NEED ASSISTANCE? Contact Judi Corbett at 386-679-5020 or LadybirdDB@gmail.com

**Remember, IT'S HIP TO BE SQUARE!**  
Visit us at [www.gsiinternational.org](http://www.gsiinternational.org) for upcoming dances!

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.

Stephen F Bigelow M.Ed.  
[grapevine@sfbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sfbigelow.com)  
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

## **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  
We are DARK during the month of July 2023.

### 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 First Christian 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

### Joy Seas

7 to 9 PM. Riverview Club in St. Augustine Shores 790 Christine Dr 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

## 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. Except for 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
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

Advanced dancing 6:15 - 7:00 PM; Club dance 7:00 to 9ish PM at Moose Lodge,  
5051 Collins Road, Jacksonville.  
Caller Bill Chesnut  
President Mary Giera 904-262-9907  
Banner Chairman Hanna Watts (904) 387-6287

# Other Florida Dances & Out-of-Florida Dances

## CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL ***BACONDAY*** Saturday September 2, 2023



Caller  
"Hot"  
Mike Bramlett  
Garland, TX



Cuer  
"Firey"  
Earle & Carol Collins  
Orlando, FL



Caller  
"Sizzling"  
Dave Vieira  
Ocala, FL

Bring It! See who makes the most delicious bacon dish. Appetizers, entrees, even bacon desserts your choice!



9:30-11:00 *Singing Calls-Mainstream*  
12:30-1:00 *Early Rounds*  
1:00-3:00 *Plus & Rounds*  
3:00-4:00 *Advanced*

Everyone is challenged to bring a bacon dish. Proceeds from the voting will be donated to "Brother's Keeper Soup Kitchen" of Ocala.

**ADVANCED TICKETS ONLY**  
**\$10 PER PERSON**

New Circle Squares  
Top of The World Recreation Center  
9030 SW 99th Street Rd  
Ocala, FL

Make Checks Payable to Dave Vieira

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and payment no later than AUGUST 4, 2023 to:  
Dave Vieira, PO Box 770477, Ocala, FL 34477  
Cell 214-952-5269 or Email: DVCaller@gmail.com







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7:30 - Early Rounds with Scott Vallee  
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More Info? [canaveralsquare@aol.com](mailto:canaveralsquare@aol.com)

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| July 9-11 | C2  | (Sunday evening - Tuesday morning) |

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