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**February 28, 2009 – Deadline for submission of all updates, additions, changes, ads and articles to the *West Coast Dancer*.**

Please limit Club News to 150 words (approximately 15 lines). For info: [evhenning@peoplepc.com](mailto:evhenning@peoplepc.com).

**February 28 - Florida Federation Working Weekend – Stardust**

Center, 1405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. For info: [pemiller@mchsi.com](mailto:pemiller@mchsi.com).

**March 1, 2008 – Florida Federation Working Weekend – Stardust**

Center, 1405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL. Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. For info: [pemiller@mchsi.com](mailto:pemiller@mchsi.com).

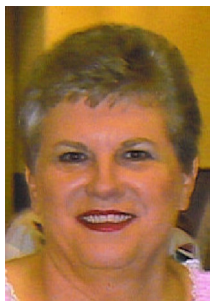
**March 1, 2009 – Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting**

– Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 12:00 n – immediately preceding the SCCA Beginners' Ball at 2:00 p.m. For info: [stocker38@worldnet.att.net](mailto:stocker38@worldnet.att.net).

**March 1, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the April 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*.** For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net).

**March 1, 2009 – Deadline for submissions to the April issue of *The Grapevine*.** For info: [thegrapevine@pergrossi.com](mailto:thegrapevine@pergrossi.com).

**From the Editor**



Boy is this going to be a busy weekend! Many of us will be attending the Florida Federation Working Weekend at the Stardust Center in Plant City, attending the 2010 Florida State Convention Benefit Dance Saturday night (also at the Stardust Center), then some of us will be racing from the Sunday morning Federation meeting to the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association meeting at Strawberry Square and then staying for the Beginners' Ball that afternoon at 2:00!

Plus all the deadlines for this weekend! So we'll be busy writing our articles for all the publications and getting our reports ready to present at the Working Weekend! Are we having fun yet????

I received an email over the weekend from a petticoat vendor in Orlando so I have added their website to the list of vendors at the end of this newsletter. I don't know anything about them so I can't make any recommendations. I forwarded the email to everyone that I know of that is a chairman of a festival or convention for a possible vendor so maybe we will see them soon and check out their merchandise.

When I started writing this issue yesterday, I didn't think it was going to be a very long one but I keep thinking of more and more information to add! I hope you find at least some of it useful.

*Mary Wiewiora, Sun  
City Swingers Club  
Cuer since 1992, has  
announced her  
retirement from  
cueing. Friday,  
February 20<sup>th</sup> was her  
last night cueing for  
the club. They will  
have guest cuers until  
a decision is made on  
a new club cuer.*

*Did you know that American Square  
Dance Magazine and Bow & Swing  
is always happy to send you free  
magazines to give to your  
graduating class? Just let them  
know when and how many!*

## Health Updates

**Cheryl Coble** - wife of caller Van Coble – Her father had major surgery on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**John Occhipinti** – West Coast photographer – John was in surgery for two hours on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and everything went well. They did a spinal injection so he was awake during the procedure and the good news is that the specimen was benign. He was in the hospital for a few days and is staying with Yolanda until he is up and about again. They will be back to the dances as soon as he is able (probably three to four weeks). John also wants to put in a plug for the West Coast Blood Bank because they replaced the three units of blood that he needed.

I think John may already be out visiting dances because I have been receiving pictures from him! You can't keep a good man down! If you would like to send cards, his address is 144686 Reuter Strasse Circle, Apt. 505, Tampa, FL 33613-3033. His email address is [personphoto1@aol.com](mailto:personphoto1@aol.com). Yolanda's phone number is 813-960-0460.

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## Florida Federation Working Weekend

The Working Weekend is not a closed meeting and is open to any square and or round dancer to attend and participate. In fact we encourage you to attend to find out what the Florida Federation is and how it operates. I guarantee that after you get involved in the Federation, you will have a better understanding of why things are done the way they are, you will get to know the “movers and the shakers” in our activity and you will make contacts with people who are more than willing to give you assistance and provide you with advice and information on our activity in the state of Florida.



Don't let the name “Working Weekend” scare you off! It's more like our “annual retreat” for those of you who have a corporate background or even an “annual meeting”. To some people “working” might sound like manual labor! It's not; it's brainstorming, discussing ideas, trying to come up with solutions, etc.

We start with a business meeting in the morning with all the traditional agenda items you have at a business meeting i.e. Minutes, Financial Reports, Committee Reports, Unfinished Business, and New Business. We also hear from the editors of each of the publications, the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida, each of the Regional Associations, the Florida Singles, and maybe the Florida Campers this time.

We then break for lunch (on our own) and reconvene for breakout meetings on various topics. The leaders of these breakout meetings are designated prior to the meeting and participants are given the opportunity to sign up for the meeting they want to attend prior to the meeting and during the morning session. These meetings are approximately an hour to an hour-and-a-half long and we are done for the day when your meeting is finished.

We reconvene on Sunday morning for each of these breakout committees to report back to the main group on what was discussed and the outcome, if any. We are usually finished by noon.

The Working Weekend can be held anywhere at the discretion of the Federation president; so since it is being held in Plant City this time, those of us in the Tampa Bay area should take advantage of it being so close and make an attempt to attend.

The agenda for the two days is reprinted below.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009  
AGENDA

8:00 AM

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Call to Order                        |                             |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance                 |                             |
| 3. Invocation                           | Ken Brasfield               |
| 4. Roll Call                            |                             |
| 5. Introduction of Visitors & Guests    |                             |
| 6. Minutes of the November 2008 Meeting | Charlie & Val Newsom        |
| 7. Treasurer's Report                   | Bob & Maria Spence          |
| 8. Sunshine Report                      |                             |
| 9. Correspondence                       |                             |
| 10. Florida Caller Liaison              |                             |
| 11. Florida Cuer Liaison                | Lisa Wall                   |
| 12. Association Reports                 |                             |
| Southeast                               | Bobie & Carol Hutcheson     |
| Northeast                               | OuidaTaylor - Thomas Tramel |
| West Coast                              | Brasfield/Walker            |
| Central                                 | Bob & Jennie Courter        |
| Northwest                               | Paul & Cheryl Miller        |
| Florida Singles                         | Penny Green                 |
| 13. Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame   | Dave & Shirley Nihart       |
| 14. Historian Records                   | Bruce Morgan                |
| 15. USDA Report                         | Paul & Cheryl Miller        |
| 16. USDA Insurance                      | Carol Poole                 |
| 17. ASCAP/BMI                           | Dave Nihart                 |
| 18. ARTS                                | Ailene Picheco              |
| 19. Old Business                        |                             |
| By-Law Review Committee                 | Dee Dee Stovall             |

20. New Business  
Committee Assignments
21. Next Meeting will be Sunday March 1st at 9:00 am, Stardust, Plant City, FL
22. Adjourn

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009  
AGENDA

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation Ken Brasfield
4. Roll Call
5. Introduction of Visitors & Guests
6. Publications
  - Keepin' Posted Dick & Jeanne Lysobey
  - Panhandle Press Tim & Terri Wilaby
  - Grapevine Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi
  - West Coast Dancer Ed & Gennie Henning
  - Bow & Swing Bill Boyd
7. State Convention Reports
  - 2009 Central Randy & Carol Poole
  - 2010 Northeast Bud & Anita Taylor
  - 2011 Central Terri Little & Ailene Picheco
8. Committee Reports
  - Finance Bob & Maria Spence
  - Showcase of Ideas Jack & Barbara Hoffman
  - Historian Sandy Brasfield
  - Preservation, Education, Publicity Val Newsome
  - Publications Sarah Pergrossi
  - USDA Insurance Carol Poole
  - State Convention Procedures Randy Poole
  - Association Presidents Ken Brasfield
9. Old Business
- 10 New Business
  - Friendship Set to Music (Public Broadcasting) Bill VanHoesen-NW Rep.
11. Announcements
  - Next Federation meeting will be at the Lakeland Center, Sunday May 24, 09:00am. Lake Morton, Lakeland Center.
12. Adjourn



## **DANCE TIP**

### **End of the Evening**

Hopefully you have stayed until the end of the evening! Leaving the dance before the end of the evening gives the caller, cuer and the hosts the impression that they have not met your expectations of having a fun dance.

The caller and cuer have spent several hours preparing the program for the dance, and sometimes have driven quite a distance to get there; then to have dancers walk out early is not very courteous.

Attending a dance is like visiting a friend's house; after the visit, hopefully, the host(s) is thanked for a wonderful visit, a nice time and the delicious refreshments (if provided).

After the very last tip, everyone should form a horseshoe (if the caller and cuer are still on the stage) with the opening at the stage end of the hall. Forming a horseshoe allows you to include the caller and cuer. If the caller and cuer join the dancers on the floor, it can be a circle. Then everyone says "thank you" together.

## **DANCE TIP**

### **Repair the Square**

You're dancing and your square missed a call and you can't catch up; what do you do?

Grab a partner; anyone; it doesn't have to be the partner you started dancing with. Form a square and bend the line.

Remain in lines until the caller calls "lines". The caller will see you standing in lines and will bring all the dancers to lines so that everyone will be together.

It doesn't matter which position you are in or who your partner is; as long as your square is dancing.

## A Square Dancer Needs Our Help

**Burt Bueg**, a square dancer in Clearwater, has been diagnosed with cancer and is very sick. He and his wife, Joyce, are in need of financial assistance for Bert's medical care and expenses. A benefit dance has been scheduled for Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Clearwater Industrial Park, 2140 Range Road (between Belcher and Hercules), Clearwater from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller Allen Snell and Cuer Pat Fiyalko will be donating their time for the evening. Finger foods would be appreciated. \$5 donation per person plus any additional that you would care to donate. For info: Allen Snell at 727-809-3429; Rosie Snell at 727-809-0323; Edna or Norm at 727-791-1726 or 727-686-7538.

## Come Play with Keith & Gary!

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Polk Senior Games kicks off Feb. 28 and runs until March 15. "The Olympic-style series of 35 sports and games promotes friendly competition and an interest in sports and recreation, an awareness of the abilities and capabilities of older persons, health and wellness through an active lifestyle, a safe and social opportunity for senior adults, and volunteerism. The Games have grown to be the largest of the 20 local senior games in Florida with 2,340 participants in 2008.

Polk Senior Games is sanctioned to qualify participants to advance to the annual Florida State Senior Games Championship that leads to the bi-annual National Senior Games. Gold and Founding Sponsor is Publix Super Markets Charities; Bronze Sponsors are James W. Sikes Family and CPS Investment Advisors. There are a host of specific event sponsors as well.

.....who have inspired her with their volunteerism and athleticism include: Elizabeth Grant of Bartow, who volunteered for years even as cancer put her on oxygen and then in a wheelchair; Mary Jane Shafer of Lake Wales, who through her 70's and 80's continued to better her times in swimming...

Still others are Gilbert Fair, who at age 92 was blown over by a strong wind during a walking race and got up though scraped and shook up to finish the race to a cheering crowd; 102-year-old Charlie Brock who joined the first Games in 1992 at age 85 and has competed every year since (was recognized as the oldest competitor in the Games the past few years); Claudette Braswell who has won the Outstanding Female Competitor for three consecutive years. She loves the competition and trains for her events throughout the year; adding Helen Grieshaber,

a board member, volunteer, and competitor, “is an inspiring example of good sportsmanship. She has even given up winning a medal to help another competitor in distress.”

Other inspiring stories involve Gaylord Hopkins who won the gold medal in 10 swimming events and broke the Polk Senior Games record in all ten. Doug McGarvey, age 85, who took a city bus or cab to 14 events one year. Earl Black has won the gold medal in racquetball for 13 consecutive years. The simple philosophy to graceful aging is to keep playing and have fun!

Partial Reprint from “Senior Spotlight” – *Lakeland Ledger* – Sunday, February 22, 2009

A few years ago square dancing was added as an event to the Polk Senior Games, and each year there are more participants in this event. Since square dancing isn’t competitive, why would we have any interest in adding it to the Senior Games? To give it exposure to people who want to stay in shape and have fun.

On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the square dancing event will be held at the Lake Ashton Golf Club on Thompson Nursery Road in Lake Wales. The squares have already been formed (registration deadline was February 15<sup>th</sup>) and there will be Basic, Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced events. Polk County residency is not a requirement; and in the past, we have had participants from outside the county.

What is the “competition”? You do have to know how to dance and you do need to know the definitions of the movements. You can’t take “shortcuts”. There won’t be any “trick calls”, but if you know the definitions you will be able to dance without any mistakes. You are watched for how many mistakes are made and timed for how long it takes your square to start dancing again.

The games start at 1:30 p.m. Immediately following the games, there will be a FREE dance from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Gary Brown and Keith Stevens will call for the games and the dance.

**COME TO PLAY! COME TO DANCE!**

If you’ve never been to Lake Ashton, Thompson Nursery Road is west off Hwy. 27 (at the entrance to Eagle Ridge Mall). Lake Ashton Community is about 1 – 1 ½ miles west on the left hand side. Tell the guard you are there for the Senior Games and he/she will let you through. Follow the main boulevard to the stop sign. The clubhouse will be in front of you. There is parking on both ends of the building. We will be in the ballroom on the right end of the building.

## Editorial from Bill Boyd

At the risk of offending some of my readers I feel that I must mention the CALLERLAB Convention coming up April 6 to 8, 2009, at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Many people do not know that you do not have to be a member of CALLERLAB to attend this convention (I attended several before joining). The days are filled with Committee Meetings, Interest Sessions, Panels, Seminars and Instruction. The evenings are filled with fun and fellowship. The novice caller can rub elbows with and enjoy the company of legends of the business all sharing a common bond of loving the square dance activity. In fact many newer callers are surprised at the welcome that they receive as they are welcomed into the small but worldwide fraternity of square dance callers. The most difficult part for me has always been which seminar to attend. There are also several things for caller partners to attend. The price is inclusive so you do not have to buy meals or pay extra for rooms and includes all the banquets. I sometimes think callers go just to eat and communicate with old friends. I hear some people complain about CALLERLAB, but when pressed as to why I hear, "I sent them a letter and they did not change", or "I attended one convention and my suggestion was ignored". I also hear I do not like the lists or level programs. As to the lists or levels I ask what are you doing about this problem, the reply is usually, "I don't teach what I don't like." In my opinion the answer to that is that is fine as long as you inform your dancers that they will have some difficulties attending a Local, State, National or International Convention. I know of two successful callers in Florida who follow this guideline. Their dancers have fun, they just do not attend other events. When you attend CALLERLAB Convention you learn that these lists are not created in granite, there is room for flexibility. You learn that committees meet and discuss programs and lists and they work very hard to create a uniform policy so dancers can move freely from one part of the world to another and be able to dance. Whether you agree or disagree with CALLERLAB policies, you should attend to make your voice heard.

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Bill Boyd is the editor of *American Square Dance Magazine*

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Does this sound like any other organization you know? The complainers never join organizations or attend meetings to make a difference.)

## CALLERLAB VIEWPOINTS

By John Marshall

### **Invest in the Momentum**

Has the square dance sunshine spread to your area yet? Oh yes, it's starting to spread! We at CALLERLAB are hearing from callers, clubs, and associations around the world who are having improved success with classes. This is partly as a result of CALLERLAB's experimental initiative, encouraging every one to try various new approaches to running, recruiting, and teaching of classes. There are definite bright spots. We have termed the reports of these various successes "Winning Ways" and have posted them to the CALLERLAB website at [www.callerlab.org](http://www.callerlab.org). These are for any and all to view and emulate. Please use this resource when starting your new groups or revamping your current clubs. Recognize that what works in one area might not work in another, but there are very likely some different ideas that could work for you. If you have had successes in recruiting and/or teaching new dancers please share those experiences with CALLERLAB Home Office, so we can make your story available to others. Who knows, maybe your ideas and successes will help other clubs across the country or around the world!

As the current CALLERLAB Chairman, I am privileged to enjoy communication with a very broad spectrum of callers and cuers as well as dancer and caller associations and other organizations. One constant I find is that while some discouragement does exist, people are for the most part, passionately hopeful about the rebuilding of our activity. After nearly 40 years of calling, I believe I understand why this positive attitude exists. Square dancing is our family. Friendships, a sense of belonging, the creation and experience of fun and laughter, the joy of dance, and the human linkage to music bind us all together. In short, the positive physical, mental, and emotional aspects that compliment, and in many instances, ground our lives, are all encompassed in square dancing. It is all of these elements that I believe guarantee that square dancing will never go away. It may take on a different appearance, as has already happened multiple times since the late 1800s, but it will always be with us. Ours is an activity of people, and people in modern cultures are dynamic. To survive and grow, square dancing must, by definition, also be dynamic. We need to be aware of and be open to change. In the larger view, I see consensus beginning to form in the caller and dancer communities. We know change takes time, and cause turmoil, and may be hard to accept, but I believe we are getting close to our next chapter in square dancing.

During CALLERLAB's upcoming convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 6, 7 and 8, 2009, we will be continuing to work towards achieving a highly energized cohesive approach to generating new dancers. Various aspects of this include continuing caller education, developing broad view marketing techniques, the exchange of caller, teacher and dance leader

experiences, sharing of opinions on an international basis, and the renewal of energy and enthusiasm on the part of CALLERLAB members, partners, visiting dance leaders, and guests both inside and outside of today's square dance world. All callers are welcome to participate, as are dancers and dance leaders.

The cost of CALLERLAB membership, as well as the cost of convention attendance, are burdens that have generally been borne by each caller individually. To dancers, I would like to suggest that by helping your caller defray some of the expenses associated with either attending the working convention and/or of being a member of CALLERLAB, you are helping your club directly and square dancing in general. Please consider investing in the activity that we all love. I became a CALLERLAB member in 1980, and have attended every CALLERLAB convention since then. In every instance, I have come away from the convention renewed, enlightened, energized, and feeling that I was doing my part in helping secure the future of square dancing.

So to callers and dancers alike, I say please, keep helping each other make a difference that will improve and ensure the future of square dancing. No organization or individual can make a difference alone; it takes a team effort. We invite you to be a part of the team!

John Marshall is the current CALLERLAB Chairman of the Board.

Reprint from the *American Square Dance Magazine* – March 2009

## Quick! I need an Allemande Left!

By Donna Cox, Executive Assistant, Bank of America, Charlotte, North Carolina

While packing a few personal items inadvertently left behind by my boss (and dear friend) who was a recent victim of the lay-offs spurred by our economic times, strangely my thoughts turned to the healing power of square dancing.

I stood in that now-empty office and fought back tears of sadness for several dear coworkers with whom I would probably lose contact. I thought of so many other companies in so many other states also making "tough decisions" affecting hundreds of thousands of people across our nation, all of whom need Yellow Rocks, for sure.

Everyone needs a Yellow Rock on occasion. Although I love Yellow Rocks, what I needed at that moment was an Allemande Left (or two or three!) in the worst way. I needed to whoop and holler and just let-er-rip with a really big Allemande Left, knowing that the security of home was a short promenade away.

I love the crescendo to Allemande Left in a good patter call. You can feel the excitement in the buildup, just teasing you over and over until. BAM! there it is, ALLEMANDE LEFT! Allemande Left means you're going home. Home position is where everything is proper and fitting, where there are no friends departing in tears, no family members suffering with illness, no bills to pay. Home, in your square, with friends, is where everything is just right.

I wish I could keep little instant, add-water-and stir Allemande Lefts in my pocket to use whenever I have the need. A recent TV commercial depicted a lady buying laughs, contented sighs, and such, in the form of little tokens from a store. I don't even remember the product they were trying to advertise. In my opinion those laughs and contented sighs pale in comparison to Yellow Rocks and Allemande Lefts. Just think about a TV commercial where someone is buying Do Sa Dos, Yellow Rocks, and Allemande Lefts. Unquestionably, the viewer would know the product is square dancing with its magic power of love.

Square dancing is more than an extracurricular activity for me, it is my release. Second only to prayer, it is my chance to shake out all the bad emotions and fill up on loving friendship that can sustain you through life's problems.

So, when you need a "pick me up that won't let you down", remember the magic of Allemande Lefts and be the first to square up.

Reprint from the *American Square Dance Magazine* – March 2009

## American Callers' Assoc. Viewpoints

By Patrick Demerath

### Issues, Answers and Reality

This month's ACA Viewpoints looks at issues and situations dating back 30 to 40 years. Yes there are and were many issues facing square dancing as it grew over the years. Today there is one issue that square dancers and leaders just "can't get their fingers around the Jell-O." Some of the issues that have not changed much are problems of leadership, fewer volunteers, low retention rates, dress codes and poor teaching techniques. Many of these issues could not be rectified any more than schools and universities can fix similar problems. In summary, square dancing has had these issues continuously for 40 years during the period of growth and during the period of decline. Due to decreasing numbers of square dancers, they may be more prominent and pretentious today than in the past.

Still, there is one issue that has made a complete 180 degree reversal. Roughly from the late 1950s to the late 1970s square dancing was growing despite these weaknesses. Beginning in the early 1980s and up to the present, square dancing is declining in the number of dancers, recruiting and retention. The same aforementioned problems exist as before. In statistics one would judge that these problems are not statistically significant as they were present during both the growth and decline of the number of square dance participants.

If these issues are not statistically significant or appear to be neutral at best, one must conclude that other variables come into play. There appears to be two major variables leading to the decline in the number of square dancers, one of which is uncontrollable and one is controllable.

The first variable is change in lifestyles/entertainment times. With the advent of cable television and satellite television with its hundreds of stations and VCR and DVD recordings, potential square dancers began to spend more time watching more television.

To digress a minute, look what has occurred in the shrinkage in the number of movie theaters and the growth in video stores. All of it points to more people watching television than before. In addition to geometric increases in the number of television shows being watched, we also have the internet as a great source of entertainment. Unfortunately, the growth in television and internet entertainment is called in marketing an “uncontrolled variable” or in a Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats marketing analysis as an uncontrolled External Threat to square dancing. Yet these two hurt square dancing.

What then is the controllable variable in this scenario? It is based upon the fact that as life styles were being manipulated and changed by television and the internet, square dancing was moving contra to societal trends; in that, we made the dances more difficult and complicated and stressful programs and absurdly long lessons upwards of two years. Instead of following the changes in society, square dancing ignored them and made it complicated to become a square dancer. In order for a person to be able to dance with fun and relaxation in today’s square dancing, it takes about the same amount of time that it takes to earn a Masters of Business Administration or a Masters of Public Administration.

Square dancing leaders have denied the problem of lengthy and stressful dances while some acclaimed callers blamed other club callers. In reality, the product is the problem. The worldwide decline in the numbers of square dancing lies at the recruiting and retention level. Let us look at why people join square lessons and clubs. They join because of the new friendships and to enjoy the “fun” that square dancing offers. If either of these is missing, the new dancers drop off. To deny the fact that the absurdly long period square dance lessons take for new dancers, and the stressful and unequal and segregated dance programs awaiting new dancers, cause the dancers to leave square dancing is kin to “putting our heads in the sand”.



The American Callers' Association's International One Floor Program (which will keep everyone dancing together and can be taught in as little as three to four months) is one answer to convert square dancing to the needs of today's society.

The One Floor Dance Program is a start to bring in excess of 95% of the dancers together by reducing and simplifying the current cumbersome and separatist dance programs.

The One Floor Dance Program was created to unite the vast majority of the dancers and to simplify square dancing. The American Callers' Association maintains definitions of each call currently in use. The ownership of the calls and the definitions are based in Public Domain and are not the property of any single organization. The Board of Directors of the American Callers' Association unanimously encourages callers to teach movements as they were written, teach more than one approach to the maneuvers, and show patience and understanding to their students. This way we can do more with less, reduce the stress on the callers and dancers and help stop the loss of dancers.

The American Callers' Association is dedicated to publicize, promote and preserve square dancing and continuously invests all its assets, time and funds to communicate with callers, dancers, and associations to bring the dancers back together to dance on a one floor program and at the same time the American Callers' Association stays tuned into the desires and needs of the dancers. The Board of Directors of the American Callers' Association invites each of you to visit our website and newsletters at [americancallers.com/news](http://americancallers.com/news) and communicate with us. Give us your ideas "We Will Listen".

The American Callers' Association does not and never has claimed that the one floor dance program is a cure all. At the same time the American Callers Association is committed to unifying the dancers and to preserve square dancing (recognizing that the Renaissance can begin by unifying the dancers into a one floor program) and seeks to work with caller organizations, square dance organizations and others to reverse the growth and energize square dancing.

Any individual club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at [mac@americancallers.com](mailto:mac@americancallers.com) or Dr. Patrick Demerath at [pdemerath@uwa.edud](mailto:pdemerath@uwa.edud). Please visit our website and newsletters at [AmericanCallers.com/news](http://AmericanCallers.com/news).

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## All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

### Announcements at Dances

Most clubs have announcements during the food break in the middle of the dance. This works fine, because people can relax, eat and listen to announcements at the same time. Unfortunately, sometimes people talk among themselves during this time, and this can interfere with the announcements.

To counteract this talking, some clubs have announcements between the patter call and singing call of the tip immediately before the food break. This is a BAD IDEA, for several reasons.

- 1) People are standing instead of sitting. If the announcements are longer than 3 minutes, people get tired, so they don't listen well. Announcements seem to average about 7 minutes, so people really get tired standing.
- 2) Combine the time of the announcements with the dance time for the tip, and people are on the floor for a long time. They really get tired.
- 3) Announcements between the patter and singing call destroy the continuity of the tip established by the caller. The caller attempts to make each tip one continuous unit, and to interrupt this in the middle with announcements kills the mood the caller has established. Most callers hate announcements between the patter and singing call, but seem afraid to suggest having the announcements made at another time.

So we come back to announcements when all are sitting as the best time, but what to do if people are talking? Simple – the speaker goes quiet. The speaker could say something like: “I don't like to interrupt while people are talking, so I'll just remain quiet until everyone is done.” Invariably the floor will become quiet. Even if the speaker does not say anything just looks at the audience, the people will get the message and quiet down. I have used the silence method for a long time with good results

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### A Simple Solution! *To a Potentially Serious Situation*

One night last fall, a caller was calling a demo at a hall he had been to many times before. However, this night turned out different from all the previous times. He had a female dancer collapse to the floor during a tip. He quickly pulled out his cell phone and called 911. As the dispatcher asked the most important question **WHERE** are you? He rattled off the name of the

hall and the town, but when asked for the **full street address**, he didn't know it. Just like many of us, once you have been somewhere a couple of times, you don't particularly remember the specific street address. And, of course, by using a cell phone, the street address does not show up on a dispatcher's screen. Luckily, there were others there that did know the street address and emergency crews were able to respond quickly. The woman did receive the help she needed and has recovered. Based on this situation and a similar situation that occurred a few months later (the numbers of the street address were reversed when given to the dispatcher), the Denver Area Square and Round Council with urging from the Denver's Callers and Cuers organization developed a **SIMPLE SOLUTION**.

The Denver Area Square and Round Dance Council is strongly recommending, and many of their clubs have adopted, this simple solution. The recommendation is to have, at every club function, a sign on the treasurer's table and/or the caller and cuer's table that identifies the name of the hall, the FULL street address, town and state. In the heat of the moment, it is easier to read off an address rather than relying on memory. The reasoning behind these particular locations within the hall is that most dance attendees know where these tables are located and could reach them quickly. Also, by standardizing the sign's location, any area dancer attending will know where to find the information if needed. If you haven't thought about this serious safety issue, please consider adopting this "Simple Solution!"

Submitted by Joan and Bob Gaunt, Local Publicity  
Dancer Area Square & Round Dance Council

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## Master of Ceremonies

This information sheet was developed by the Education Committee of the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. and will provide a brief summary of being a Master of Ceremonies or speaker as it pertains to our hobby. Most dancers will be asked to speak before a group sometime during their lifetime, whether it is to make an announcement, introduce someone, or give a talk about the square dance activity.

Leadership Education material can also be printed directly from the USDA website at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org).

## **INTRODUCTION**

Being a Master of Ceremonies (M.C.) or giving a speech can be fun if a person understands what is expected of him and has the knowledge of what to say, as well as how to say it. According to the World Book Encyclopedia Dictionary, an M.C. is a person in charge of a ceremony or entertainment who makes sure that all parts of the program take place in proper order. At a club dance the speaker may make the announcements for the evening and introduce special guests. At meetings a person may want to speak on subjects that are brought up before the assembly. At festivals or big affairs, the M.C. may have the job of introducing many callers and special guests, some of whom the M.C. may not know. By following a few rules and practice, the part of an M.C. can be fun.

## **SELECTING AN M.C.**

The selection of an M.C. is a very important job. Not everyone makes a good M.C. Remember when selecting the M.C. that the objective is to keep the program moving in accordance with the established program plan and schedule.

## **RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION**

If you have been selected to be an M.C., communicate with the leaders of the activity so you will know what is expected of you, and then do your homework. If you must introduce people you don't know, find out all you can about them. Prepare your cards or notes, research all announcing details and prepare all information to be communicated. When you have prepared your plan, check again with the leaders for last minute changes.

## **VOICE**

The prime tool of an M.C. is the voice and the method of presentation. An excellent way to practice is to use a cassette recorder and tape yourself in front of a full-length mirror. After you tape yourself several times you'll soon become accustomed to how you sound and obviously how you sound to others. Proper breathing will help you to relax and gain confidence. Speak clearly and as briefly as you can. Monotone is a danger to guard against. Make your presentations dynamic, sincere and pleasing to the listeners.

## **MICROPHONE TECHNIQUES**

A microphone is an expensive instrument and is a necessary tool for the caller. When a person is asked to make announcements, ask your caller to show you where to hold the mike and how far to hold it from your mouth. A caller is knowledgeable about his own equipment and can quickly demonstrate how to use it. Check to see if the mike is on, one of the easiest ways is to ask someone ahead of time to let you know if he can hear you. Banging or even tapping on the head of the mike may damage it, and even snapping one's fingers in front of it can be disconcerting. The purpose of a mike is to amplify the voice, so there's never a need to shout into it. At the conclusion of your talk, hand the mike back to the caller or lay it down very gently, preferably on a protective padding or in the case.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is an honor and a privilege to be asked to perform as an M.C. at any function. The first responsibility as an M.C. is to the audience. The M.C. should never perform in any manner that might discredit them. An M.C. needs to be prepared. One secret of public speaking is for the announcer to sound as if he is talking "off the cuff" while knowing exactly what he intends to say. The M.C. may not be responsible for the sound but he should monitor the floor for first hand knowledge of sound problems and if necessary aid in the adjustment of speakers, etc.

An M.C. sets the stage and pace of the program, welding it together so the audience has the feeling of attending a well-planned presentation.

## **DUTIES**

A few points to check off when you are an M.C. are:

1. Start the program on time and end it on schedule.
2. If you are introducing a number of people, callers, etc., plan what you are going to say well in advance and make yourself some notes. Notes on 3" x 5" cards are handy for immediate reference.
3. Be at the activity at least 30 minutes early, to check the sound, to see if there are any last minute changes to become familiar with the hall, equipment and the program.
4. Be sure to acknowledge and give credit to those who deserve it.
5. Group the necessary announcements in such a way that they can be delivered without losing your audience.
6. Get the attention of the audience. Often a clever gimmick can be worked out to get their attention.
7. Remember, being an M.C. is an honor. Treat this honor with careful consideration and you will add pleasure for everyone, even yourself.
8. If conducting a meeting whether it is a small or large meeting, an agenda is needed. It may be simple: Call the meeting to order, read minutes, treasurer's report, committee reports, old business, new business, announcements and adjournment or a more elaborate agenda.
9. Remember the M.C. can make or break any program.
10. The MC. should dress according to the activity. Square dancers should wear square dance clothes, etc.
11. If the callers, cuers, are donating their time, give them praise and solicit applause from the dancers. "Applause" is their pay!
12. Look at your listeners while you speak. Eye contact is essential. Watch and listen to feedback from your attendees.

For additional information about USDA or any of its programs, please contact: Len and Connie Houle, Education/Publications Committee, 32 First Ave., Westfield, MA 01085, 413-519-0261, [usda.education.publications@usda.org](mailto:usda.education.publications@usda.org).

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## Your Source for Ribbons

March 20-21, 2009 - Central Association's Shamrock Swing - The Villages, FL

March 27 - 28, 2009 - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fuzzy Navel - Jekyll Island, GA

May 22 - 24, 2009 - 55<sup>th</sup> Florida State Conventions - Lakeland, FL

October 23 - 24, 2009 - 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Single-Rama - Sebring, FL. Flyers and ribbons are now available!

November 13 - 14, 2009 - 35<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Fall Fun Fest - Bartow, FL

## What's Happening This Week?

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's issue.

**Monday** - **Harmony Hoedowners** - Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Club House, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - casual attire - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 863-382-6792 or [samdunn@samdunn.net](mailto:samdunn@samdunn.net) or [www.samdunn.net](http://www.samdunn.net).

**Sun-n-Fun Squares** - Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Burl Lally, cuer: Bill Webb. For info: [midgewebb@cs.com](mailto:midgewebb@cs.com).

**Buccaneer Squares** - Buccaneer Mobile Home Park, 2210 N. Tamiami Trail, N. Ft. Myers - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 239-997-7319 or 239-567-1320 or [lenru@embargmail.com](mailto:lenru@embargmail.com).

**Twilight Twirlers** - Bonita Springs Community Center, corner of Reynolds & Old 41, Bonita Springs - Plus workshop 6:30 p.m., Mainstream dance 7:00 p.m. - caller: Howard Cole, Rounds and lines on tape. For info: [hwcole@att.net](mailto:hwcole@att.net) or 239-691-5670.

**Hampton Promenaders** - Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL - caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

– square dance attire preferred. This is a gated community; the gate closes at 7:00 p.m. If you arrive after the gate closes, there will be a car at the entrance with a yellow flashing light on top. Stop and tell the driver you are there for the square dance and he will open the gate for you. He leaves at 7:45 p.m. For info: [dmountain@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dmountain@tampabay.rr.com).

**Temple Twirlers Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: **Walter Lougee**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

**Tuesday – Buttons & Bows of Lakeland** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - square dance attire preferred – finger foods – wood floor – historic building – oldest continuously dancing club in the state of Florida. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com) or 863-688-1261.

**Ft. Meade Squares Pie Night** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628 or [efeversen@embarqmail.com](mailto:efeversen@embarqmail.com)

**J & C Spin-a-Rounds** – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59<sup>th</sup> St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: [spinards@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:spinards@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-525-7809.

**Betmar Belles & Beaus** – Betmar Clubhouse 2, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills – A-1 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – A-2 tip at 9:00 p.m. – caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker 813-780-8036.

**Horizon Village** – 9200 Littleton Road, N. Ft. Myers (south of Shell Factory & west side of 41) – Plus and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 239-567-1320 or [lenru@embarqmail.com](mailto:lenru@embarqmail.com).

**Ding-a-Lings** – Rice Creek RV Park, 10714 Hwy. 301S, Riverview – Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell – square dance attire preferred. For info: 813-677-9179 or [chrounds@capital.net](mailto:chrounds@capital.net).

**R&R Gators** - Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda - Plus/Rounds 10:00 - 12:00 noon - caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Russ Collier. For info: Dave Magee at [phonemoves@juno.com](mailto:phonemoves@juno.com) or 517-646-0402

**Maple Leaf Squares** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. 175 ext. 170, go SW 1 - 1/2 mi. Queensway Bldg, Port Charlotte - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dave Magee. For info: Dave Magee at [phonemoves@juno.com](mailto:phonemoves@juno.com) or 517-646-0402.

**Woodmere Park** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com), 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987.

**Sun City Center** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – Rusty Hinge and Dance – covering Mainstream from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – covering Plus from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: Van Coble. For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Suncoast Squares** - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete, FL – **potluck 6:45** - Mainstream and Plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: [suncoastsquares@yahoo.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday – Palmetto Palms** – 19681 Summerlin Blvd., N. Ft. Myers – **Plus** 7:00 – 9:30 – caller: Red Bates. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Palmetto Palms** – 19681 Summerlin Blvd., N. Ft. Myers - **C-1** 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – **A-2** 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – casual attire – caller: Red Bates. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Camp Inn Grande Squares** – Camp Inn RV Park Community Building, 3455 N. Highway 27, Frostproof, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual attire. For info: 863-382-6792 or [samdunn@samdunn](mailto:samdunn@samdunn) or [www.samdunn.net](http://www.samdunn.net).

**Betmar Belles & Beaus** – Betmar Clubhouse, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills – Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Marty Van Wart**, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Carol Kelly 813-783-7523.

**Strawberry Square Club** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – MS/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Gordon Cumming** – we are pleased to welcome all square dance clubs to join us and banner raid the Wednesday night club. Please call ahead and let us know you are coming. Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491

**Strawberry Square C2** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 n – caller: Art Springer. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813—752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan/Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905/813-727-6210.

**Strawberry Square C1** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Art Springer. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813—752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan/Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350 or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905/813-727-6210.

**Timber Pines Twirlers** – Hwy. 19, Spring Hill – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: Judy Doane – for gate access and directions call 352-688-2995. For info: [foxtrotr@bellsouth.net](mailto:foxtrotr@bellsouth.net).

**Cultural Center Squares** - Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - caller: **Howard Cole**; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, [mdow@cyberstreet.com](mailto:mdow@cyberstreet.com), or 863-494-2749.

**Thursday – NEW CLUB** – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net) or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.



**Snobirds 50's Dance – Rock & Roll** – Citrus Park Clubhouse, 25601 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell [amcch@juno.com](mailto:amcch@juno.com) or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

**Charlotte Promenaders** – Port Charlotte County Cultural Center, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – caller: Keith Stevens, cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: [sqdbird@aol.com](mailto:sqdbird@aol.com).

**Glen Haven Squares** – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: George Varney, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler 813-782-9818.

**Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yds. East of US 27), Lake Placid – Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

**King's Point Swingers** – Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), CR. 674 (east of I-75), Sun City Center – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754 or [hlhtfh@yahoo.com](mailto:hlhtfh@yahoo.com).

**Citrus Squares** – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: [lalecl@aol.com](mailto:lalecl@aol.com).

**Promenade Squares** – Senior Center, 7625 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 – 9:45 p.m. – caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

**Friday – Strawberry Square A2 Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Mike Jacobs (New Jersey), cuer: Pat Hagen – \$6 per person. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Strawberry Square C2 Dance and Workshop** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 n – caller: Gary Brown/Brown's Bunch. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Curliques** – Corkscrew Woodlands Park, 21500 Corkscrew Road, I-75 Exit 123, Estero – Rusty Hinge workshop 6:30 p.m., Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole – Rounds and lines on tape. For info: [hwcole@att.net](mailto:hwcole@att.net) or 239-691-5670.

**Woodmere Park** – 3951 Woodmere Blvd., Venice – C1 – 10:00 – 12:00 noon – caller: Red Bates. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com), 941-828-0481 or 941-223-0987.

**Spinning Wheels** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

**B & S Flutter Wheelers** - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 - relaxed attire June to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or [bobbbourassa@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbbourassa@bellsouth.net).

**Snell's Bo's & Bell's** – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – callers: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net) or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

**Sun City Center Swingers** – NO **DANCE** For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

**Saturday – 2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit Dance**

– Stardust Center, 2405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:45 p.m., Squares 8:00 – 10:15 p.m. – callers: Bill Chesnut and Charlie Pergrossi, cuer: Lisa Wall – cost: donation at door – proceeds will benefit the 2010 Florida State Convention. **West Coast Association dancers are asked to bring finger foods.** This dance is being held during the weekend of the Florida Federation Working Weekend so there will be several out of town visitors at the dance. For info: 850-939-6688 or [pe.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:pe.miller@mchsi.com).

**Strawberry Square C-1 Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Mike Jacobs (New Jersey) – see flyer for details – No pre-registration form. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Buttons & Bows of Venice** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., (1<sup>st</sup> right north of US 41, look for Woodmere Park sign on east side) – squares and rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: **Red Bates**, cuer: **Ruth Siegmann**. For info: 941-484-8543 or 941-496-8516.

**Palace Promenaders** – 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: **Howard Cole**, cuer: Jennie Martin – square dance attire preferred. For info: 863-494-2749.

**Strawberry Square Ph 5 Dance/Workshop Dance** – **NO DANCE** For info: [lurvds@embarqmail.com](mailto:lurvds@embarqmail.com) or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Strawberry Square Plus Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: **Mike Jacobs (New Jersey)**, cuer: **Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin** - **\$6 per person**. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Southeast Association Snowflake Frolic** – Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach, FL – ER 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – callers: Jack

Lewis and Scotty Sharrer, cuer: Jerry & Joyce Viola - \$10 per person at the door. For info: 954-484-4553 or rayelsa@aol.com.

**Sunday – Strawberry Square C-1 Weekend** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – caller: Mike Jacobs (New Jersey) – see flyer for details – No pre-registration form. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Dan & Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Suncoast Caller & Cuers Association Beginner/Mainstream Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. – callers: members of Suncoast Caller & Cuers Association - \$4 per person – **squares and rounds will be called and cued and class level – come support the new dancers – ANGELS NEEDED!** For info: [stocker38@att.net](mailto:stocker38@att.net) or 863-293-5947 or 407-766-5659 (cell).

**March Jubilee** – Rice Creek R.V. Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview, FL – usher in March with a dancing afternoon! – featuring Chuck and Gerry Hardy, callers from New York and Vermont and Pat Hagen, cuer from Clearwater – sponsored by the Ding-a-Ling Square Dance Club of Riverview – Early Rounds 2:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - \$10 per couple. For info or directions: Char Rounds 813-677-9179 or [chrounds@capital.net](mailto:chrounds@capital.net).

**The Motivators** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Cloud – A-2 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., C-1 Tips 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. – caller: Ron Libby. For info: [loisdancer@aol.com](mailto:loisdancer@aol.com).

**Crystal Lake Squares Glow Worm Dance** – Crystal Lake Village, Hwy. 17 N. (2 miles north of Wauchula), Wauchula – Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – all dances casual or dress. For info: 863-773-2026.

**Strawberry Square Ph 4 Dance/Workshop Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – cuer/instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [luvrds@embarqmail.com](mailto:luvrds@embarqmail.com) or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

**Pioneer Village** – Pioneer Village RV Park, 7974 Samville Road (off of Bayshore/west of I-75), N. Ft. Myers – Mainstream/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Len Siegmann, cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: [lenru@embarqmail.com](mailto:lenru@embarqmail.com), 239-567-1320, 239-940-6121.

**Cloverleaf Leprechauns** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – caller: **Bob Bourassa**, cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods. For info: [slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com) or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>.

**B&S Flutter Wheelers** – Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson – A 2 workshop 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – A 2 Dance – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – relaxed attire – caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or [bobbourassa@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbourassa@bellsouth.net).

**Huggables** – King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey – casual dress – lessons 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net).

**Orange Blossom Squares** – The Villages La Hacienda Center, The Villages – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: **Red Bates**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

## West Coast Classes & Workshops

**Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.**

February 18, 2009 – **City of Auburndale Two-Step Round Dance Class** – Recreation Department across from tennis courts), Auburndale – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – cuer/instructor: Carl Rod – **open two more weeks for new dancers**. For info: 863-651-3292 or [carlsgrdrod@yahoo.com](mailto:carlsgrdrod@yahoo.com).

March 5, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Beginner Square Dance Class** – Forest Hills Park Community Center, 724 W. 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tampa – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cost: \$4 per person per session - caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette - bring a friend – you do not have to have a partner to learn – square dancing is the most fun you can have for such a low price -. For info: Flo Byington at [813-810-5548/flobyington@yahoo.com](mailto:813-810-5548/flobyington@yahoo.com) or Merle Lewis at [813-962-1861/mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:813-962-1861/mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or Phyllis Woodlief at [813-961-0732/pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:813-961-0732/pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

## What's on the Calendar?

March 2009

March 2, 2009 - **Square Dancing at the Polk Senior Games** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales, FL - Games: 1:30 p.m. - FREE dance 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. – registration fee for Games – must register as a square - Polk County residency not required – three categories: Mainstream, Plus and Advance. For info: Margot and Keith Stevens - 863-326-9774 or [keithuns@yahoo.com](mailto:keithuns@yahoo.com).

## **CHRIS PHILLIPS (FT. LAUDERDALE) WEEKEND SPECIAL**

**STRAWBERRY SQUARE HALL  
4401 Promenade Boulevard  
Plant City, FL 33563  
813-752-0491**

**[www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)  
[strawberrydance@aol.com](mailto:strawberrydance@aol.com)**

If you need additional information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact:

Don & Barbara Huff – 813-752-2278  
Mary Lee Van Valkenburg (for Plus) – 813-707-1702  
Linda Lynn (for Plus) – 813-859-9040  
Dan & Thelma Ogilvie (for Challenge) – 813-752-1350  
Nicki Horne – 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210

March 6, 2009 – **A2 Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Pat Hagen.

March 7, 2009 – **Plus Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – tickets: \$6 per person – cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin.

March 8, 2009 – **Beginner Ball** – 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m.

March 6, 2009 – **Buttonwood Bay Ice Cream Sundaes** – Buttonwood Bay, 10001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares 7:30 – 9:30 (level unknown) – Singles Welcome – caller: Nelson Wakeman, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Vern Wright – 863-655-2634.

March 7, 2009 (This is not a second Saturday) – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Luck of the Irish** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Dave Buys, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

March 7 & 8, 2009 – **Stuart Bunch Weekend** – Tony Rotino Center, 5817 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral, FL – caller: Todd Fellego - full C3B (includes both hard C3B and easy C4 Star Tips) – Saturday Sessions: C3B Tips (Floor level, 1<sup>st</sup> Tip Open), 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (open Hard C3B Star Tip: 4:00 – 4:15p.m.), 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. (Computer, sign-up required), Hard C3B Star Tip 9:30 – 9:45 p.m., East C4 Star Tips 4:45 – 4:30 p.m. (Open) and 9:45 – 10:00 p.m. (Open); Sunday Sessions: C3B Tips (Floor Level, 1<sup>st</sup> Tip Open) – 1:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (open Hard C3B Tip: 12:15 – 12:30 p.m.), 1:15 – 3:15 p.m. For info: [president@stuartbunch.org](mailto:president@stuartbunch.org), 863-665-8450, <http://www.stuartbunch.org>.

March 8, 2009 – **Daylight Savings Time Begins** – set clocks ahead (spring forward) one hour.

March 8, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Round Dance Party** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Phase 2 – 4 – bring finger foods – 2:00 p.m. – ?? – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: 813-752-0491 or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) or [strawberrydance@aol.com](mailto:strawberrydance@aol.com). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

March 10, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland St. Patrick's Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - square dance attire – wear your green! - caller: **Gary Brown**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

March 10, 2009 – **Ft. Meade Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance** – City Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628 or [gfeversen@embarqmail.com](mailto:gfeversen@embarqmail.com).



Mobile Home Park, 1046 Hathaway. For info:

March 12, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Alexander. For info: Ada Haskell [amcch@juno.com](mailto:amcch@juno.com) or 239-948-2063 or Sue

25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Melgaard 239-948-7082.

March 12, 2009 – **Promenade Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com)

March 12, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

March 13, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Mad Hatter's Fling** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. – caller: Van Coble - cuer: **Pat Hagen** – finger food and crazy hats! For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

March 13, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels St. Patrick's Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

March 13 – 15, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Chapter #093 at Three Flags RV in Wildwood, FL. For info: [philurs018@gmail.com](mailto:philurs018@gmail.com) or 813-949-5189.

March 14, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Annual Used Clothing Sale** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – details TBA. For info: [gail3357@gmail.com](mailto:gail3357@gmail.com) or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

March 14, 2009 – **Palace** Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.



**Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** – 1627 NE Floridian Circle, 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info:

March 14, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice Anniversary Dance** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – square and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Charlie Hearn. For info: Dick & Helen Rider 315-525-9304.

March 15, 2009 – **Orange Blossom Squares St. Patty's Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Ron Libby/Preston, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.



March 15, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns St. Patrick's Dance** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: [slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com) or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

March 15, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the April issue of *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

March 15, 2009 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – NEW LOCATION United Church of Christ, 3115 Hope Road, Sebring, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Sam Dunn with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person– wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention) . For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net).

March 16, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Marty Van Wart, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

March 16, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Anniversary Dance** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: Clyde Stocker; cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: [dmountain@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dmountain@tampabay.rr.com).

March 19 – 21, 2008 – **WASCA 50th Spring Square and Round Dance Festival** – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22311; Anne and Andy Giancoli, 12204 Northbrook Dr., Glenn Dale, MD 20769, 301-262-1978; [2009FestivalDirector@wascaclubs.com](mailto:2009FestivalDirector@wascaclubs.com).

March 20, 2009 – **Buttonwood Bay St. Patrick's Day Dance** – Buttonwood Bay, 10001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares 7:30 – 9:30 (level unknown) – Singles Welcome – caller: Carl Brewer, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Vern Wright – 863-655-2634

March 20, 2009 – **Snell's Bo's & Bell's Spring Fling Dance** - Largo Community Center, 65 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – callers: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko – wear your brightest colors – please bring finger foods. For info: [settarose1@verizon.net](mailto:settarose1@verizon.net) or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

March 20, 2009 – **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Ken Ritucci** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

March 20 – 21, 2009 – **47<sup>th</sup> Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Iowa State University, Memorial Union, Amex, IA. For info: [ci841@aol.com](mailto:ci841@aol.com).

March 20 - 21, 2009 – **Central Association's (Florida) Shamrock Swing** – La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL. – Mainstream, Plus, DBD & Advance – callers: Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern; cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton - \$17 per person in advance; \$19 per person at the door – daily admission available at the door: \$13 per person all day Saturday; Friday or Saturday evening only: \$11 per person – there will be singles sections - host hotel: Microtel Inn & Suites, 850 S. U.S. Hwy 27/441 Lady Lake, FL, 352-259-0184 – approximately three miles south of The Villages – rates: one queen bed \$72 per night + tax; two queen beds \$82 + tax, suite \$92 + tax – includes continental breakfast – ID yourself as a square dancer – code DFA – other area hotels: Marriott Towne Place The Villages; Holiday Express; Comfort Inn – Campgrounds: Recreation Plantation on 466 or Southern Oaks RV Resort on 27/441. For info: [courjl4720@thevillages.net](mailto:courjl4720@thevillages.net). I should have ribbons and flyers soon.

March 20 – 21, 2009 – **47<sup>th</sup> Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention** – Iowa State University, Memorial Union, Amex, Iowa. For info: [ci841@aol.com](mailto:ci841@aol.com).

March 21, 2009 – **Strawberry Square 30th Anniversary Party** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - callers: Art Springer and Bob Barnes, cuer: Bob Barnes – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

March 21 – 22, 2009 – **Round Dance Council of Florida Spring Weekend of Rounds** – Stardust Center, 1405 S. Collins St., Plant City, FL – cuers: Ken and Irene Slater – Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics – weekend package \$75 per couple – partial weekend prices available up to sellout – refundable until day of event – **Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Warm-up Rounds with Council Cuers; 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Clinic/Workshop for all – conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided by the Round Dance Council of Florida; 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Warm-up Rounds with Council Cuers; 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Clinic/Workshop for all conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Round Dance Council Meeting for Council Members; 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Phase 3/4+ Dance conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Warm-up Rounds with Council Cuers; 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Clinic/Workshop for all conducted by Ken & Irene Slater; 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. Phase 3/4+ Dance with Ken & Irene Slater; continental breakfast will be provided both mornings. Mail check payable to RDCF to David & Sandy Sturgis, 163 Candlewick Circle, Panama City, FL 32405. Email: [FinallyQuilted@aol.com](mailto:FinallyQuilted@aol.com) Host hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites, 2911 North Wheeler St., Plant City, FL 813-752-3141 - \$69 + tax per night – alternate hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 2102 North Park Road, Plant City, FL 813-719-3800 - \$99 + tax per night. For info: [ljwall@comcast.net](mailto:ljwall@comcast.net).

March 22, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Relaxed Round Dance Party** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Phase 2 – 4 – bring finger foods – 2:00 p.m. - ?? – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: 813-752-0491 or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) or [strawberrydance@aol.com](mailto:strawberrydance@aol.com). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

March 23, 2009 – **Harmony Hoedowners Final Dance of the Season** – 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>

March 24, 2009 - **Ft. Meade Squares Final Dance of the Season** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – caller: Russ Young, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Glenn Eversen 863-285-8628 or [gfeverson@embarqmail.com](mailto:gfeverson@embarqmail.com).

March 25, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:zurhn.shirley@verizon.net).

March 25, 2009 – **Camp Inn Grande Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Camp Inn RV Park, 3455 N. Hwy. 27, Frostproof, FL – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual dress. For info: [http://samdunn.net/camp\\_inn.htm](http://samdunn.net/camp_inn.htm).

March 26, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds Club Colors Night (Blue & White)** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: [amcch@juno.com](mailto:amcch@juno.com) or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

March 27 - 28, 2009 – **18th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance** – Oceanside Inn & Suites, 771 N. Beachview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA – Mainstream/announced Plus and Rounds – Caller: Bud Whitten (Georgia); cuer: Shirley Wilson (Georgia) – Friday: ER 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m.; Saturday:



Rounds Workshop 10:00 – noon, Fun Square Dance 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:45 p.m., Grand March 7:45 – 8:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., After Party 11:00 p.m. – please bring finger foods for both after parties (to be served in the dance hall) - \$25 per person in advance - \$30 per person at the door – Host Hotel: Oceanside Inn & Suites – 866-553-5955 - \$88 + tax until 2/20/09. For info: Mary Lou Pelz at 904-733-1869/[maryloupelz@aol.com](mailto:maryloupelz@aol.com) or Penny Green at 863-967-5004/[sgdncfan@aol.com](mailto:sgdncfan@aol.com).

March 28, 2009 - **2010 Florida State Convention Benefit Dance** - PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Blvd, Ft Walton Beach, FL - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Callers: Jack White, Bob Poyner, Miriam Merriwether, Bill Van Hoeson, cuers: Sandy Sturgis, Terri Wilaby. For Info: Paul & Cheryl Miller 850-939-6688 or [p.e.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:p.e.miller@mchsi.com).

March 28, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice Final Dance of the Season** – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (1<sup>st</sup> light north of U.S. 41, look for Woodmere Park sign on east side of the road), Venice, FL – Squares and Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. For info: 315-525-9304

March 29, 2009 – **Crystal Lake Squares Duck Dance - Final Dance of the Season** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Rd., (off US Hwy. 17 - 2 miles north of Wauchula), Wauchula – workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – finger food – square dance attire optional – dancers are asked to wear bathing suits under their street clothes or bring them to change into as the last tip will be danced in the pool to earn your duck badge. After the final tip and the caller has laid down his mike, he will be tossed into the pool too! For info: 863-773-6110.

March 29, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Club Picnic** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Stern, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: [slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com) or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

March 29, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Classic Sunday Rounds & Pot Luck** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Phase 2 – 4 – 2:00 p.m. - ?? – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: 813-752-0491 or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) or [strawberrydance@aol.com](mailto:strawberrydance@aol.com). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

March 30, 2009 – **Sebring DBD/Advanced Final Workshop & Dance of the Season** – Location TBA – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn. For info: [http://samdunn.net/advanced\\_dancing.htm](http://samdunn.net/advanced_dancing.htm).

March 31, 2009 – **Betmar Belles & Beaus Final Dance of the Season** – Betmar MHP Clubhouse, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills, A1 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., A2 tip at 9:00 p.m. – caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker 813-780-8036.

March 31, 2009 – **Betmar Belles & Beaus Final Dance of the Season** – Betmar MHP Clubhouse 2, Rt. 54, Zephyrhills – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – guest callers, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Carol Kelly 813-783-7523.

March 31, 2009 – **Glen Haven Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Glen Haven RV Park, 37251 Chancey Road, Zephyrhills – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. - caller: George Varney, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler 813-782-9818.

April 2009

April 1, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the May 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*. For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net)

April 1, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Club** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL - Mainstream/easy Plus – caller: Jimmy Lee – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

April 2, 2009 – **Citrus Park Snobirds Happy Trails Dance** – 25501 Trost Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Howard Cole, cuer: Mike Alexander – casual attire – share your favorite snacks. For info: Ada Haskell [amcch@juno.com](mailto:amcch@juno.com) or 239-948-2063 or Sue Melgaard 239-948-7082.

## **JIMMY LEE (CANADA) WEEKEND SPECIAL**

**STRAWBERRY SQUARE HALL  
4401 Promenade Boulevard  
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[strawberrydance@aol.com](mailto:strawberrydance@aol.com)

If you need additional information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact:

Don & Barbara Huff – 813-752-2278  
Mary Lee Van Valkenburg (for Plus) – 813-707-1702  
Linda Lynn (for Plus) – 813-859-9040  
Dan & Thelma Ogilvie (for Challenge) – 813-752-1350  
Nicki Horne – 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210

April 1, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Club** – Mainstream/easy Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

April 3, 2009 – **A2 Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Pat Hagen.

April 4, 2009 – **Plus Dance** – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin.

April 5, 2009 – **Beginner Ball** – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

April 5, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Beginner/Mainstream Dance** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Jimmy Lee (Canada). For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

April 5, 2009 – **West Coast Membership Dance** – Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Red Bates with area callers and cuers - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: brassy1012@aol.com or [Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net).

April 6 – 8, 2009 - **36<sup>th</sup> Annual CALLERLAB Convention** – Airport Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, MO. For info: [www.callerlab.org](http://www.callerlab.org) or [Callerlab@aol.com](mailto:Callerlab@aol.com).

April 8, 2009 – **Promenade Squares Easter Bonnet Dance** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy &/or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

April 9, 2009 – **Pine Ridge Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid, FL – casual attire – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

April 9 – 12, 2009 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers DC Diamond Circulate** – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. For info: [www.dcdiamondcirculate.org](http://www.dcdiamondcirculate.org) – [dcdinfo@dcdiamondcirculate.org](mailto:dcdinfo@dcdiamondcirculate.org).

April 10 – 11, 2009 – **Strawberry Travelers Square Dance Camping Chapter #153** – Theme World RV Resort, Davenport, FL – 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday night – visitors welcome – Squares/Rounds/lines – caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: Bill and Carolyn Dees at 863-984-3253 (H) or 813-610-7573 or [billdees3@msn.com](mailto:billdees3@msn.com)

April 11, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Tax Poor Party** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

April 11, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Easter Parade**– 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

April 13, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Easter Parade and Anniversary Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Bob Schlenker, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

April 14, 2009 - **Ding-a-Lings Final Dance of the Season** – Rice Creek RV Park, 10714 Hwy. 301S, Riverview – Plus/Rounds – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 813-677-9179 or [chrounds@capital.net](mailto:chrounds@capital.net).

April 14, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Spring Hat Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - square dance attire – wear your spring hat! - caller: Danny Miller, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

April 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the May issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** For info: [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

April 17 – 19, 2009 – **FSSRDC Party Weekend** – Deerhaven Retreat, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL – Friday night: pot luck dinner – 5:30 p.m., bingo – 7:00 p.m. - \$5 per person; Saturday: full breakfast – 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. - \$5 per person, lunch served at noon - \$5 per person, bar-b-q pork dinner – 6:00 p.m. - \$10 per person, square and round dancing – 7:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – callers: Bill Chesnut, Charlie Pergrossi and Whit Brown calling Mainstream/Plus, cuer: Lisa Wall; Sunday: full breakfast \$5 per person; gates open at noon on Friday – come for the evening, stay the night or the weekend – all proceeds benefit the 2008 & 2010 State Conventions – tent and RV camping available as well as rustic type dormitory and motel type rooms. For info: [carpoole@earthlink.net](mailto:carpoole@earthlink.net) or 386-734-5295 – [www.floridasquaredance.com/central/convention/deerhaven.html](http://www.floridasquaredance.com/central/convention/deerhaven.html).

April 24, 2009 (Saturday) – **Promenade Squares Annual Club Picnic** – Lake Seminole Park, 10015 Park Boulevard, Seminole – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – bring a covered dish. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

April 24 – 25, 2009 – **51<sup>st</sup> New England Square and Round Dance Convention** – Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. For info: [www.nesrdc.org](http://www.nesrdc.org) or Jay and Sandi Silva 603-942-7226.

April 25, 2009 – **Palace Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

April 25 – 27, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Hitch 'n Go Chapter #082 at Theme World, I-4 & Rt. 27 in Davenport, FL. For info: [philurs018@gmail.com](mailto:philurs018@gmail.com) or 813-949-5189.

April 26, 2009 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns Final Dance of the Season** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates, cuer: Judy Doane. For info: [slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:slerrner3@tampabay.rr.com) or 352-666-7433 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601/>

April 27, 2009 – **Sun-n-Fun Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Woodland Hall, Sun-n-Fun RV Resort, Fruitville Road (SR 780), Sarasota – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Burl Lally, cuers: Bill Webb or Pat Hagen. For info: [midgewebb@aol.com](mailto:midgewebb@aol.com).

April 27, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL – caller: George Varney. For info: [dmountain@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dmountain@tampabay.rr.com).

April 30, 2009 – **Charlotte Promenaders Final Dance of the Season** – Port Charlotte Cultural Center, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: 941-423-6243.

April 30, 2009 – **Deadline for submission of all updates, additions, changes, ads and articles to the West Coast Dancer.** Please limit Club News to 150 words (approximately 15 lines). For info: [evhenning@peoplepc.com](mailto:evhenning@peoplepc.com).

May 2009

May 1, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Anniversary Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

May 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the June 2009 issue of the Bow & Swing.** For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net)

May 1 - 3, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Chapters 168/128 at Ocala Sun RV Park in Ocala, FL. Chapter 168 will be hosting the weekend. For info: [philurs018@gmail.com](mailto:philurs018@gmail.com) or 813-949-5189.

May 2, 2009 – **Paul Place Memorial Dance** – City Island Recreation Center (home of the Dixie Squares), 108 E. Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL – 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – John Swindle, Host Caller – dance to be programmed with Guest Callers and Cuers - Paul Place was a member and supporter of CALLERLAB and the CALLRRLAB Foundation for 25 years. This dance and the proceeds will honor Paul's commitment to square dancing and calling. Donations will be accepted at the door or can be mailed to Paul Place Scholarship Fund, c/o The CALLERLAB Foundation, 467 Forrest Avenue, Suite 118, Cocoa, FL 32922. Please make checks payable to The CALLERLAB Foundation. All proceeds from the dance will go to the Paul Place Scholarship Fund, which will be administered by the CALLERLAB Foundation. For info: [johncaller@bellsouth.net](mailto:johncaller@bellsouth.net) or [minimercury@embarqmail.com](mailto:minimercury@embarqmail.com).

May 3, 2009 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – time TBD. For info: [stocker38@worldnet.att.net](mailto:stocker38@worldnet.att.net).

May 3 – 7, 2009 – **Special Plus Square Dance Week** – Pride RV Resort, 4394 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC – this is the only "Dance Only" week available – no split sessions – dance package ONLY - \$60 per person. For reservations contact Linda or Kristy 828-926-1645. For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

May 7 - 9, 2009 – **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Panama City Beach Ball** – Thursday: hot dogs & dance on the patio of the Flamingo Motel, 15525 Front Beach Rd., Panama City, FL – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: dance at the Panama City

Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, FL – callers: Tony Oxendine, Bill Terrell & Darryl McMillan, Cuers: Sandy & David Sturgis – for a full flier or info, please call Darryl McMillan 256-227-0908 or [dmcmillan@aol.com](mailto:dmcmillan@aol.com).

May 7 – 9, 2009 – **48<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian International Square and Round Dance Convention** – Brock University, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharine's, Ontario. For info: Ken and Rose Marie Robinson, 54 Kensington Ave.nue, S. Hamilton, Ontario L8M 3H2; [k.j.robinson@sympatico.co](mailto:k.j.robinson@sympatico.co).

May 8 – 9, 2009 – **49th Buckeye Dance Convention** – Northern Kentucky Convention Center, One W. River Center Blvd., Covington; Ron and Emily Henry, 513-256-2605; [emilyh2@fuse.net](mailto:emilyh2@fuse.net); [www.so-nkysdf.com](http://www.so-nkysdf.com).

May 8 – 10, 2009 – **62<sup>nd</sup> Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival** - Grand Sierra Resort, 2600 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Reno, Nevada – callers: Tim Marriner (South Carolina), John Marshall (Virginia), Dan Nordbye (Arizona), cuers: Kay and Joy Read (Texas and Arizona) - \$40 per person prior to April 7, 2009, \$25 for youth 18 & under; \$45 per person after April 7, 2009 – split sessions available. For info: [silverstatesquaredancefestival@hotmail.com](mailto:silverstatesquaredancefestival@hotmail.com).

May 10, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Mothers' Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

May 12, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 50's Party** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – get out those poodle skirts and jeans! - Caller: Allen Snell, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

May 15, 2009 - Deadline for submissions to the June issue of *American Square Dance Magazine*. For info: [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

May 18, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers 50's Dance & Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 p.m., 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

May 22 - 24, 2009 - **55th Florida State Convention - "Rock & Roll Time in 2009"** - The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – ribbons are \$27 per person until April 30, 2009; they are \$30 per person at the door. Refunds are cheerfully made until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2009. Cash or checks only accepted at the Box Office. One day ribbons sold at the Box Office. Spectator ribbons are free and can be picked up at the Box Office. For info: John and Becky Cole 386-532-8532 or [jobeco@embargmail.com](mailto:jobeco@embargmail.com).

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May 27, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Armed Forces Day Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Gary Brown, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

May 30, 2009 (this is not a fourth Saturday) – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Biker Bash** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

## June 2009

June 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*.** For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net)

June 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of *The Grapevine*.** For info: [thegrapevine@pergrossi.com](mailto:thegrapevine@pergrossi.com).

June 4 – 8, 2009 – **50th Australian National Convention** – Leederville, Western Australia; Anthea Mathews (08) 6278-1957; P. O. Box 237, Beechboro, WA 6063; [antheam1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:antheam1@optusnet.com.au); [www.squaredance.org.au](http://www.squaredance.org.au).

June 6 – 7, 2009 – **Watermelon Festival** – Chiefland, FL. For info: Peggy Ligon 352-377-1828 or Mary Chesnut 352-475-2550 or [grandsquares@bellsouth.net](mailto:grandsquares@bellsouth.net).

June 7 – 11, 2009 - **Silver State Caller College** – Livingston, TX - complete CALLERLAB curriculum, covering all Essential, Important and Desirable topics. Classroom presentation and plenty of "Mike Time" for each student. Instructors: Guest instructors and Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. Tuition: \$350 per caller. A \$50 refundable deposit holds your place. For info: [nshukayr@gmail.com](mailto:nshukayr@gmail.com).

June 7-11, 2009 -**Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Jimmy Roberson, Jim & Priscilla Adcock, Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road. Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) – **Plus Squares & Round Dancing**- Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights is off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress. Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable - tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) or [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

June 7 – 11, 2009 – **Silver State Caller College** – Livingston, Texas. For info: [nshukayr@gmail.com](mailto:nshukayr@gmail.com).

June 7 – 11, 2009 – **United Kingdom Caller & Cuer School** – St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU. For info: [www.gsi-england.co.uk](http://www.gsi-england.co.uk).

June 11 – 13, 2009 – **50<sup>th</sup> International Squares & Round Dance & Clogging Convention "Dance and Shine in 2009"** – TCU Place, 35 – 22<sup>nd</sup> St. E., Saskatoon's Arts & Convention Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. For info: Garry & Joan Wacker, [GJ.wacker@sasktel.net](mailto:GJ.wacker@sasktel.net) or 306-374-1747.

June 12, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Ice Cream Social** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

June 12 & 13, 2009 – **Colorado State Square Dance Association's 54<sup>th</sup> State Festival** – Greeley, CO – Friday and Saturday. THE THEME IS SAFARI SWING. **FEATURED CALLER JERRY JUNCK & FEATURED CUERS LARRY & ADRIENNE NELSON.** THERE WILL BE A TRAILS END DANCE ON JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>. REGISTER NOW AND SAVE MONEY, HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE MOTEL ROOM OR RV PARKING SPACE AS WELL AS RECEIVING FREE TICKETS TO THE TRAILS END DANCE. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2009 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE



OF THESE INCENTIVES. ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.squaredancing.com/safari2009](http://www.squaredancing.com/safari2009).

June 12 – 14, 2009 – **GSI UK Festival** - St. IVO Leisure Centre, Westwood Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU – Mainstream, Plus, A1, A2, Rounds, After Parties – callers: Tony Oxendine (USA), Paul Bristow (GB), Kenny Reese (D), Walt Burr (USA), Trevor Day (GB), Deborah Carroll- Jones (USA), Jon Jones (USA), Trudy Fielding (GB), Simon Fielding (GB); cuer: Martin Prufer (D) – sponsored by Grande Square Inc. and Triple A Squares – First Ever GSI Caller & Cuer School Sunday – Thursday June 7 – 11, 2009 - payment in Pounds Sterling payable to Grand Square UK. For info: [www.gsi-england.co.uk](http://www.gsi-england.co.uk).

June 14 - 18, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Darryl Lipscomb & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - **A2 Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package:.....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

June 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the July issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** For info: [AmeriSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmeriSquareDance@earthlink.net).

June 21, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Father's Day/Pie Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Don Hanhurst, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

June 21 – 24, 2009 – **Roundalab Convention** – Knott's Berry Farm Conference Center/Theme Park, Buena Park, California - \$215 per person includes convention fee, all printed materials and 6 meals (breakfast on your own) – early bird drawing for \$100 refund if registered by 11/20/08 reduced tickets to the me park will be available – room rates: \$104 per night + tax –. For info: [roundalab@roundalab.org](mailto:roundalab@roundalab.org).

June 22, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Western Round-up** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus (all singing calls) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Dan Wilkerson, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

June 23, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Western Party** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – casual attire – wear your western duds! - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

June 24 -27, 2009 - **58th National Square Dance Convention** - Long Beach, California. For info: 1220 Caleta Way, Palm Springs, A 92262 or [www.58nsdc.org](http://www.58nsdc.org).

June 27, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: George Varney, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

July 2009

July 5, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Red, White & Blue Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bobby Keefe, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

July 6, 2009 - **Temple Twirlers Patriotic Dance** - Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire preferred - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

July 12, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Ice Cream Night** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

July 14, 2009 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Red, White & Blue Dance** - Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - finger food - casual attire - wear your patriotic colors! - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

July 17, 2009 - **Spinning Wheels Luau** - 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire preferred - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

July 20, 2009 - **Deadline to submit nominations for West Coast Distinguished Service Award.**

July 21-23, 2009 - **52<sup>nd</sup> International Camporee** - Rayne, Louisiana. For info: [www.nsdca.org](http://www.nsdca.org) or [www.rayne2009.9f.com](http://www.rayne2009.9f.com).

July 22, 2009 - **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** - Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa - Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. - Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:zurhn.shirley@verizon.net).

July 25, 2009 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Luau** - Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL - ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire preferred - finger foods - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

July 26 - 30, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Randy Dougherty & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus DBD Workshop - This will be a learning week for Plus dancers who wish to explore more challenging choreography - Tired of "Plain Old Vanilla"? If so, this week is for you!** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - picnics Along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for



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July 29 – 31, 2009 – **17<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Square & Round Dance Convention (Halifax National Festival 2010)** – World Trade & Convention Center Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. For info: 902-543-5278 or [rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca](mailto:rwvjbrown@eastlink.ca) or [www.squaredance.ns.ca](http://www.squaredance.ns.ca) (press 2010 button)

July 31 – August 2, 2009 – **26<sup>th</sup> Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention** – Clarion Convention Center, 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, IA. For info: 309-799-3128 or [bobkristie@mchsi.com](mailto:bobkristie@mchsi.com).

## August 2009

August 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the September 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing*.** For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net).

August 2 - 6, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tim Crawford & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **C1 Blast for A2 Dancers! - This week is for A2 dancers wanting to learn as much C1 as can possibly be covered during this week.** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

August 7, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Back to School Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

August 7 – 9, 2009 – **50<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention** – D.C. Everest High School, 6500 Alderson Street, Weston, WI (Near Wausau). For info: Joe & Phyllis Kretschmer at 715-536-2768 or [jphyllis1@charter.net](mailto:jphyllis1@charter.net) or Bernie and Carolyn Coulthurst at 715-824-3245 or [heretic@wi-net.com](mailto:heretic@wi-net.com) or [www.wisquaredanceconvention.org/2009.htm](http://www.wisquaredanceconvention.org/2009.htm).

August 9 - 13, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party - snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore - the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

August 14 - 15, 2009 - **20th North Carolina State Convention "Salute to the Troops"** – North Raleigh Hilton Convention Center, Raleigh, North Carolina - all forms of dancing and other activities: Mainstream, Plus, DBD Plus, Advance, High Energy, Rounds, Line dancing, Contra, Education Seminar, Sewing Clinic, Fashion Show, Parade of Clubs, After Parties, Hard wood floors, 14,000 square feet in four dance halls, fully air conditioned - visit web site [www.ncfederation.org](http://www.ncfederation.org) for a downloadable registration flyer (Just click on NC State Convention) - General Chairman: Lesley & Debbie Green (919-598-1104) - NC Federation Publicity Chmn: Paul & Nita Walker (704-782-2616) [Goo627@aol.com](mailto:Goo627@aol.com).

August 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the September issue of American Square Dance Magazine.** For info: [AmeriSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmeriSquareDance@earthlink.net).

August 16, 2009 - **West Coast VIP Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Kick-off for 2009 West Coast Fall Fun Fest and recognition of all square dance volunteers – Caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase - EVERYONE FREE . – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

August 16 - 20, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town) - **Plus DBD Dancing - This week is for the square dance enthusiast.) BE WARNED! NO HOLDS BARRED!** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. ). For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

August 17, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Hawaiian Luau** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

August 20 – 24, 2009 – **NORCAL Callers School**, San Jose, CA. For info: Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or [kenritucci@aol.com](mailto:kenritucci@aol.com) or [www.norcalcallerschool.com](http://www.norcalcallerschool.com).

August 21 - 23, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be Chapter 128 at Wilderness RV Park in Ocala, FL. This is a location change; was scheduled at Old Colby Woods Campground. For info: [philurs018@gmail.com](mailto:philurs018@gmail.com) or 813-949-5189.

August 22, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Dog Patch** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Gary Murphy, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

August 25, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Ice Cream Sundaes** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – caller Art Springer, CUER: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

## September 2009

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September 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the October issue of *The Grapevine*.** For info: [thegrapevine@pergrossi.com](mailto:thegrapevine@pergrossi.com).

September 3 – 6, 2009 – **39th National Singles Dance-A-Rama** – 5202 Brady Street, Davenport, IA – callers: Bill Harrison (MD), Matt Worley (VA), Mike Hogan (NE), Ken Burke (IN), Curt Braffet (IL), Don & Doug Sprosty (IA), cuers: Adrienne & Larry Nelson (IA), Tony Speranzo (TX), Natalie Sprosty (IA), Lines: Joe Saffel (IA), For info: [dar2008@ssdusa.org](mailto:dar2008@ssdusa.org) for general questions; [reg2009@ssdusa.org](mailto:reg2009@ssdusa.org) for registration questions.

September 4, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Labor Day Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

September 6, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Patriot Day** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bobby Keefe, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

September 11 – 13, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be joining Chapter 093 at Blueberry Hill RV in Bushnell, FL. For info: [philurs018@gmail.com](mailto:philurs018@gmail.com) or 813-949-5189.

September 11 – 12, 2009 – **Advanced Square Dancing Weekend** – Pride RV Resort, I-40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – C-1 Star Tip at each session – dance package only \$50 per couple – caller: Jerry Story – camping, cabbies and park models available with square dancer discounts. For reservations call 800-926-8191. For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

September 12 – 13, 2009 – **Birmingham Blast 2009** – BSDA Friendship Hall, 1024 Old Walker Chapel Road, Fultondale, AL. For info: Pat and Gale Davis, P. O. Box 10, Cottondale, AL 35453; 205-454-1081 (AT&T cell) or 205-394-2017 (Verizon cell); [patgaled@yahoo.com](mailto:patgaled@yahoo.com).

September 13 - 17, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Bob Asp, Curt Braffet, and Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town). - **"Plus" Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax Cabin Rental package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

September 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the October issue of *American Square Dance Magazine*.** For info: [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

September 17 – 19, 2009 – **38<sup>th</sup> Annual GSSDA Convention** – Macon Centreplex Coliseum & Convention Centre, 200 Coliseum Drive (Exit 2 off I-16), Macon, GA – advanced two-day tickets \$20 per person; advanced Friday or Saturday split tickets \$12 per person; two-day at the door tickets \$25 per person; split tickets for Friday or Saturday at the door \$15 per person – 17 & under with square dance family – FREE – spectators \$1 per person – RV parking at Coliseum lot will have a designated location – parking courtesy of GASSDA. For info: [www.gssda.com](http://www.gssda.com) or 912-437-8273. Mail registrations to Nancy Feek, 111 Lake St., Rockmart, GA 30153, 770-684-6661, [nifeek103@wmconnect.com](mailto:nifeek103@wmconnect.com).

September 17 – 19, 2009 – **Inaugural Kentucky Square & Round Dance Convention** – Lexington Convention Center, 430 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY. For info: 502-803-5719 or [deerdancer55@yahoo.com](mailto:deerdancer55@yahoo.com).

September 18, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:zurhn.shirley@verizon.net).

September 19 - 20, 2009 - **Nebraska State Convention** – Adams County Fair Grounds, Hastings, NE. For info: bcnu@gpcom.net or [nstairs@hotmail.com](mailto:nstairs@hotmail.com).

September 20, 2009 - **West Coast President's Ball** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - ER 1:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin - West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person – wear your West Coast outfits (the outfits from the 2008 Florida State Convention). For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:Zurhn.shirley@verizon.net). Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

September 20 - 24, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Johnny Preston & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina - I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **A2 Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

September 21, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Hobo Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

September 22, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Mexican Fiesta** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – dress for a Mexican fiesta! - caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

September 26, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) School Daze** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Bob Barnes, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

September 27 - October 1, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine, Marshall Flippo, and Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town - **Plus Level Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages.). For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

October 2009

October 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the November 2009 issue of the Bow & Swing**. For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net)

October 2 – 3, 2009 – **6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Thrill in the Ville”** – (exact location will be determined when number of registrations is known) Jacksonville, FL – Phase 2 and 3 – featured cuers: Kristine and Bruce Nelson - \$50 per couple (no advance split sessions – limited space available - Saturday lunch will be provided by First Coast Rounds. For info: 904-699-7833 – [ljwall@comcast.net](mailto:ljwall@comcast.net) – [www.2FWD2.com](http://www.2FWD2.com).

October 4, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Anniversary Dance/Past Presidents** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Wilson, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

October, 4 - 8, 2009 - **Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations** presents **Tony Oxendine & Jerry Story** - Pride RV Resort. 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, North Carolina (I-40 Exit 20 Maggie Valley and Ghost Town. - **Plus Dancing** - Prices are per couple and include lodging, breakfast and dinner daily, after party snacks and dancing morning and night. (Tuesday nights are off for you to explore the area or you may attend our open Mainstream dance.) Casual dress - Air Conditioned!! New Hall with Wood Floor!! - Enjoy Mini Golf • Heated Pool and Hot Tub • Fishing • Wireless Internet - Picnics along Jonathan Creek • Horseshoes • Hillbilly Golf • Holy Board - and much more! Check in Sunday at 2:00 pm and check out Friday at 10:00 am. - RV Package: .....\$495.00 Plus applicable tax - Cabin Rental Package: .....\$695.00 or \$745.00 Plus applicable tax - Park Model Package: .....\$795.00 or \$845.00 Plus applicable tax - \$50 deposit for RV Packages • \$100 deposit for Cabin and Park Model Packages. ). For info: 1-800-926-8191 (Ask for Linda) Email: [squaredance@pridervresort.com](mailto:squaredance@pridervresort.com). For info: [www.PrideRVResort.com](http://www.PrideRVResort.com) or [www.ThePrideCenter.com](http://www.ThePrideCenter.com).

October 8 – 12, 2009 – **Northeast Callers School** – Manchester, NH. For info: 413-734-0591 or [kenritucci@aol.com](mailto:kenritucci@aol.com) or [www.northeastcallerschool.com](http://www.northeastcallerschool.com).

October 10, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

October 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the November issue of American Square Dance Magazine**. For info: [AmeriSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmeriSquareDance@earthlink.net).

October 17, 2009 – **Florida Callers' Association Clinic Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Plus w/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Tom Miller (Pennsylvania), cuer: TBA. For info: Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

October 17 – 18, 2009 – **Fall Weekend of Rounds** – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL – cuers: Barbara and Jerry Pierce – 5,000 square feet of floating hardwood floor – Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics – weekend package \$75 per couple – Saturday: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 10:00 – 12:15 p.m. Clinic for All conducted by Jerry and Barbara; 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided by Round Dance Council of Florida; 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 2:00 – 4:15 p.m. Clinic for All conducted by Jerry and Barbara; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Round Dane Council Meeting for Council Members; 7:30 – 10:00 Phase ¾+ Dance conducted by Jerry and Barbara – Sunday: 9:-- - 9:30 a.m. Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Clinic for all conducted by Jerry and Barbara; 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Phase 3/4+ Dance with Jerry and Barbara – continental breakfast will be provided both mornings – Hotels: Red Rose Inn & Suites (Host Hotel), 2011 N. Wheeler St., 813-752- 3141 - \$79 + tax per night; Holiday Inn Express, 2102 N. Park Road, 813-719-3800, \$112 + tax per night – partial weekend prices available up to sellout – refundable until day of event mail check payable to RDCF to Ken and Joanne Helton, P. O. Box 97, Yalaha, FL 3417-97-0097. For info: [ljwall@comcast.net](mailto:ljwall@comcast.net).

October 22 - 25, 2009 – **Sunshine State Pioneers Chapter #018** will be at the State Camporee at Blueberry Hill RV in Bushnell, FL. For info: [philurs018@gmail.com](mailto:philurs018@gmail.com) or 813-949-5189.

October 22 – 25, 2009 – **Florida Camporee** – Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell, FL. For info: [johnide@embargmail.com](mailto:johnide@embargmail.com).

October 23 – 24, 2009 – **30th Florida Singles Single – Rama** – Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, FL – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Lisa Wall. For info: [sqdnfan@aol.com](mailto:sqdnfan@aol.com).

October 24, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Halloween Dance** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods – caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

October 25, 2009 - **Orange Blossom Squares Halloween Dance** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dee Dee Dougherty, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [willowhouse@msn.com](mailto:willowhouse@msn.com) or 352-753-2325.

October 26, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Halloween & Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Doc Gray, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

October 30, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Halloween Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

October 30-31, 2009 - **2009 NWFSARDA 35th Annual Round Up** - DeFuniak Springs Community Center 361 N. 10th Street, Defuniak Springs, Florida – Featuring Tom Miller and Northwest Florida Callers Berlon Graham, Ted Kennedy, Bob Poyner and Cuer: Sandy Sturgis – Friday: Costume Contest, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Early Rounds & Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares & Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced) – Saturday: 9:45 a.m. – NWFSARDA meeting, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Roundup cookout, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops – Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Intro Advanced – Saturday Evening: 7:00 – 7:45 Early Rounds & Squares, 8:00 – 10:30 Squares & Rounds (Mainstream/Plus/Advanced – Best Western 850-892-5111 – Best Value Inn 850-892-3125 – Sunset King



Campground 800-774-5454 – Super 8 850-892-1333. For info: Muriel 850-549-5517 [murielrsvpsrc@mchsi.com](mailto:murielrsvpsrc@mchsi.com); Paul & Cheryl 850-939-6688 or Dave 850-455-5160.

## November 2009

November 1, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the December 2009 issue of the *Bow & Swing***. For info: [rgboyd@earthlink.net](mailto:rgboyd@earthlink.net)

November 2, 2009 – **Hampton Promenaders First Dance of the Season** – Hamptons Community, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale, FL. For info: [dmountain@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dmountain@tampabay.rr.com).

November 5, 2009 – **Strawberry Club First Dance of the Season** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Mainstream/easy Plus – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Gary Brown. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

November 6, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Veterans' Day Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

November 6 – 8, 2009 – **56th O'Leno Hoedown** – O'Leno State Park, High Springs, FL – details TBA.

November 8, 2009 – **MacDonald Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – callers donating their time: Art Springer, Sam Dunn, Bob Barnes, cuers donating their time: Charlie Lovelace, Jimmy and Carol Griffin and Pat Hagen. For info: [flobyington@yahoo.com](mailto:flobyington@yahoo.com) or [grannyola@aol.com](mailto:grannyola@aol.com).

November 13 - 14, 2009 - **West Coast Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL - caller: Tim Marriner and Sam Dunn, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: [anndonslocum@juno.com](mailto:anndonslocum@juno.com).

November 14, 2008 – **Strawberry Square A2 First Dance of the Season** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Bob Barnes. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

November 15, 2009 - **Deadline for submissions to the December issue of *American Square Dance Magazine***. For info: [AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net](mailto:AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net).

November 15 – 19, 2009 – **Poconos Caller School** – Lake Harmony/White Haven, PA. For info: 732-249-2086 or [ugottadance.eboard.com](http://ugottadance.eboard.com).

November 18, 2009 – **West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** – Barksdale Center (home of Temple Twirlers and Spinning Wheels), 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com) or [zurhn.shirley@verizon.net](mailto:zurhn.shirley@verizon.net).

November 19 – 23, 2009 - **Silver State Caller College** – Livingston, TX - complete CALLERLAB curriculum, covering all Essential, Important and Desirable topics. Classroom presentation and plenty of "Mike Time" for each student. Instructors: Guest instructors and Nasser Shukayr of Harlingen, TX CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. Tuition: \$350 per caller. A \$50 refundable deposit holds your place. For info: [nshukayr@gmail.com](mailto:nshukayr@gmail.com).

November 20, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Thanksgiving Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **Northwest Association's Fall Festival – "Walk on the Wild Side"** – Jacksonville, FL – caller: Tom Roper, cuers: Joanne & Ken Helton. For info: Sam & Mary Starling at 904-786-3311.

November 20 – 21, 2009 – **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Strut** – Grand Hotel & Resort, Pigeon Forge, TN – callers: Jerry Story, Tony Oxendine, Bob Baier, Jerry Biggerstaff; cuers: Bev and Bob Casteel, Glen & Rosalee Kelley. For info: [www.turkeystrutsquaredance.com](http://www.turkeystrutsquaredance.com) or [jjibigger@charger.net](mailto:jjibigger@charger.net)

November 21, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Turkey Trot** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: SusanElaine Packer, cuer: Pat Hagen. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

November 23, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Thanksgiving Dance** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

November 24, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Pie Night** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire – caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

November 30, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Sunday Classic Rounds (and Pot Luck)** – 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Phases 2 – 4+ - 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry). If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don & Barbara Huff 813-752-2278; Janet & Art Beauvais 813-786-3553; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

## December 2009

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December 1, 2009 – **Deadline for submissions to the January 2010 issue of *The Grapevine*.** For info: [thegrapevine@pergrossi.com](mailto:thegrapevine@pergrossi.com).

December 11, 2009 – **Spinning Wheels Toys for Tots Dance** – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Art Springer and Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace and Mike Cox. For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

December 14, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Christmas Party – Installation of 2010 Officers – Birthdays/Anniversaries** – Barksdale Senior Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – caller: Sharon Short, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com) or [pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com).

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December 19, 2009 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Snowflake Ball** – Brandon Recreation Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30- 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – finger foods - caller: Dave Buys, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com](mailto:pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com).

December 22, 2009 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Christmas Dance** – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food – square dance attire – wear your Christmas colors! - caller Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

## January 2010

January 15, 2010 – **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years statewide involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just 1 or 2 areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. Being an Area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough. The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have affected the majority of the State of Florida. The fact that one is nominated is a very high honor, whether or not they enter the Hall of Fame. For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart [dsnihart@comcast.com](mailto:dsnihart@comcast.com).

January 21 – 23, 2010 – **Florida Winter Festival** – The Lakeland Center, 701 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – sponsored by Grand Square, Inc. For info: [johnnysa@aol.com](mailto:johnnysa@aol.com) or 386-428-1496.

January 29 - 30, 2010 - **Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown 8th Annual Square & Round Dance Weekend** at the beautiful Ruston Civic Center in north central Louisiana featuring Lottie Ainsworth and Mike Seastrom calling squares and Patti and Ray Wheelington cueing Rounds - Mainstream w/Announced Plus, II-IV Rounds - Friday & Saturday - Early Rounds each night at 7:30 PM, Squares with Rounds at 8:00 PM., Squares & Rounds workshops on Saturday – join us for a full weekend of FUN festivities!!! - PRIZES!!! - VENDORS!! - Rounds WORK SHOPS!!! – Squares WORKSHOPS!!! AFTER PARTY!!! - Shopping, Dining, RV and lodging locations nearby!!! - Registration \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) - Limited Admission - No split sessions - \$5 cancellation fee - No cancellation after January 1, 2010 - Be sure to mention LOTTIE'S LOUISIANA HOEDOWN when you make reservations at these hotels: DIRECTIONS TO CIVIC CENTER: Interstate 20 Exit 85 - go south on Hwy 167 - Civic Center is on west side of Hwy 167 about one mile south of Interstate 20 at 401 North Trenton Street (plenty of free parking). For more information, call (318)249-4157 or email [lotTNray@centurytel.net](mailto:lotTNray@centurytel.net).

## February 2010

February 1, 2010 – **Deadline for Extra Mile award nominations.** To show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity. Nominee must be a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida. For info: [pe.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:pe.miller@mchsi.com).

February 12 - 13, 2010 – **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance** - Rountree - Moore Toyota Indoor Showroom, 1232 West U.S. Highway 90, Lake City, FL - Friday night: Trails End Dance: caller: Bill Chesnut - 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Teen Town Recreation Center, 533 NW Desoto Street, Lake City - sponsored by the Square Wheels; Saturday afternoon: Street Dance as part of Olustee Battle Festival: caller: Bill Chesnut - Downtown Olustee Park - approximately 2:00 p.m. - sponsored by the Dixie Dancers; Saturday night: grand march: 7:45 p.m. - dancing until 10:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - caller: Jack Lewis - cuers: TBA - advance tickets - \$7 each, tickets at door TBA. For info: [www.dixiedancers.net](http://www.dixiedancers.net).

## June 2010

June 22, 2010 - **Mid-America Square Dance Jamboree REUNION Trail In to the 59th National Square Dance Convention** - Crown Plaza (formerly Executive West Hotel), Louisville, KY - LIMITED SQUARES - \$10 donation per person. For info: [JELZY@aol.com](mailto:JELZY@aol.com).

June 23 - 26, 2010 - **59th National Square Dance Convention** - Louisville, KY. For info: 96 Floyd Street, Carrollton, KY 41008 or [www.59thnsdc.com](http://www.59thnsdc.com).

## July 2010

July 1 – 4, 2010 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Chicago, IL.

## November 2010

November 12 – 13, 2010 – **West Coast Association 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Fest** – 2250 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Advanced/Phase 2 – 4 Rounds – callers: TBA, cuer: TBA – workshops – evening dances - Grand March – vendors – door prizes – after party on Saturday night - \$18 per person in advance - \$20 per person at the door - \$10 per person Friday or Saturday night after 6:00 p.m. - \$15 per person Saturday all day. Blue light special ribbons will be sold at the 2009 Fall Fun Fest.

## January 2011

January 15, 2011 - **Deadline for Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Nominations** – For info: Dave & Shirley Nihart [dsnihart@comcast.com](mailto:dsnihart@comcast.com).

## June 2011

**June 22 - 25, 2011 - 60th National Square Dance Convention** - Detroit, Michigan - Great Lakes Great Dancing. For info: [luckeyracer@comcast.net](mailto:luckeyracer@comcast.net) or [nsfriedlander@comcast.net](mailto:nsfriedlander@comcast.net).

June 30 – July 3, 2011 – **International Association of Gay Square Dancers** – Atlanta, GA

June 2012

June 27 – 30, 2012 – **61<sup>st</sup> National Square Dance Convention** – Spokane, WA. For info: [www.61nsdc.com](http://www.61nsdc.com).

## Links

### Associations/Organizations

<http://www.flcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)  
<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)  
[www.iagsdc.org](http://www.iagsdc.org) (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)  
[www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd) (Florida Singles)  
<http://www.callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)  
<http://www.americancallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)  
<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)  
[http://floridadancing.com/html/west\\_coast\\_squares.html](http://floridadancing.com/html/west_coast_squares.html) (West Coast Assn.)  
<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA®)  
<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)  
<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional & Square Dance [ARTS])

### Vendors

<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)  
[www.suzieqcreations.com](http://www.suzieqcreations.com) (Suzie Q Creations)  
<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance & Western Wear Shop)  
<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)  
<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)  
[www.sheplers.com](http://www.sheplers.com) (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores & catalog)  
[www.PerfectPetticoats.com](http://www.PerfectPetticoats.com) (Perfect Petticoats)

### Websites

<http://www.floridadanceweb.com/> (Florida Dance Web)  
<http://floridasquaredance.com/> (Florida Federation)

### Square Dance Halls

[www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) (Strawberry Square)

### Callers/Cuers

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://web.tampabay.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy & Carol Griffin)

### Miscellaneous

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information & contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

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