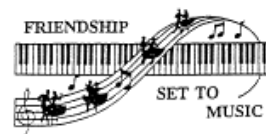


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Gently used square dance attire to be donated to the West Coast Association. These clothes will be sold on E-Bay with the proceeds being donated to the 2014 State Convention. Contact Jenny Green at 863-287-5724 or [jenanngreen@aol.com](mailto:jenanngreen@aol.com) to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

**March 27, 2013 - West Coast Folding/Business Meeting** -  
Community Southern Bank, 3440 S. Florida Avenue (1/4 mile north of the South Florida Avenue exit from the Polk Parkway and on the east side of the road), Lakeland – 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 at [leajda@gmail.com](mailto:leajda@gmail.com) 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: [anndonslocum@juno.com](mailto:anndonslocum@juno.com) or 863-533-6665.

**April 5, 2013 – Submission deadline for the May issue of Bow & Swing.** For info: [bowandswing@gmail.com](mailto:bowandswing@gmail.com).

**April 15, 2013 - Deadline for Submissions to the June/July 2013 *West Coast Dancer*.** For info: [evhenning@peoplepc.com](mailto:evhenning@peoplepc.com).

## *From the Editor...*



Our next West Coast Association Folding/Business Meeting will be this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We can always use some extra hands to collate and fold the *West Coast Dancer*, our bi-monthly association newsletter! We start folding at 6:00 p.m. and start the business meeting as soon as all of the *Dancers* are folded. We are usually finished around 8:00 p.m.

Does your club send a representative to the West Coast meetings? The purpose of these meetings is to keep the lines of communication open between all the clubs and dances in our area in 16 counties on the west coast of Florida. We realize that since we do cover such a large area, that the distance is too much for some of you to attend the meetings. In those cases, we would appreciate a report being sent to your county representative for presentation at the meetings. If you do not know who your county rep is, please check the "How do I get in touch with....?" section below. By the same token, county reps please forward your reports for your area to the secretaries, Larry and Joyce Akeson. Even if you will be attending the meeting, please forward a copy of your report to them prior to the meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings and is encouraged to do so.

# Health & Sympathy

*Don't forget to go to [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com) for additional information on West Coast dancers and former dancers!*

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations and Federation officers and any others who are well known to the Florida square and round dance community. **Listings for others can be found on the website ([www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com) – Health & Sympathy).**

## How do I get in touch with....??

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## ***Your Source...***

**I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:**

May 24 – 26, 2013 – **59<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

October 25 – 26, 2013 – **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Party-Rama** – Sebring

November 8 – 9, 2013 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow (Lakeland)

November 15 – 16, 2013 – **Northeast Association's Poinsettia Ball** – Jacksonville

## ***CALLERLAB VIEWPOINTS***

By Mike Seastrom

### **Let's Welcome Our New Dancers**

This is a great time of year. The weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, the flowers are blooming, and we've got brand new enthusiastic dancers entering our activity.

These new dancers are facing a difficult transition time, but it can also be the most wondrous time in their dancing career because everything is so new. Think back to when you were a new dancer; remember some of the emotions you felt, and remember those experienced dancers who helped you make the transition. Every one of us was a new dancer at one time, and hopefully each of us was blessed with someone who led us down a comfortable path when we were first starting out. We all have an obligation to help these new dancers and make a positive impact on them.

There are some really good ways to welcome these dancers. Clubs that sponsor classes should assign one or two couples in the club to act as guides or mentors to every new dancer or couple. Just the idea of having a friendly face around to talk to, confide in, and square up with can make all the difference in the world. It's a good idea for these mentors to call the new dancers and offer them a ride to a dance or club function. Not only does this insure that the new dancers will attend, but it also lets them know that they're not alone. If new dancers miss an activity, these mentor couples can call their new dancers and let them know that they were missed. Be sure to invite them to the next event and keep them informed and "in the loop". Making sure new dancers get introduced to others is a great way to break the ice, integrate them into the activity, and make them feel more comfortable. Invite the new dancers out after the dance for a bite to eat. Ask them what they enjoyed most about the evening, encourage them, and

most importantly, assure them that everyone was in the same boat when they were a new dancer.

Make sure to include new dancers in your square. Occasionally, new dancers will apologize for being new when everyone is in the process of squaring up. Graciously let them know that they don't need to apologize, and that you remember being a new dancer yourself. Encourage them in your dancing and set an example by having fun, being smooth, and if you do breakdown, being able to laugh at yourself. Avoid over directing or pushing if occasional mistakes occur. Just being where you should be in the square is the most important thing you can do to assist a new dancer. If a new dancer (or any dancer you share a square with) is slightly rough, smile, look them in the eye, and let them know, in the nicest way possible to relax and be more gentle. Nervousness and enthusiasm can sometimes result in a less than smooth approach to dancing, but this will all even out as they become more experienced. It's possible to be direct, tactful, and still remain friendly at the same time.

In conversations with new dancers, be sure to truly listen. No matter how long we may have been in the activity, very few of us know it all. Sometimes we can learn interesting things from those who are new and see things in a completely different way. Talk about our history and about the activity as a whole in a positive, upbeat way. If there are weekends, state conventions, and national events that the new dancers could attend, be sure to share that information. Remember – this is all new to them. Flyers, announcements, sign-up sheets, etc., all need to be brought to their attention. Before long they'll be right in the thick of things. On the other side of the coin, it's important not to overwhelm the new dancer.

There are a few things that are important to avoid doing to new dancers. In my opinion, moving new dancers into club offices and other responsible jobs should be avoided in their first year after graduation. Give them a chance to experience the joy of dancing without any strings attached. If they seem like they may make a good club officer now, I'm sure they will still be a good candidate in a year or so. Including new dancers in various group projects like decorations and refreshments is fine if done sparingly.

The social part of this activity has often been called the "glue" that holds it all together. Allowing new dancers to just dance and have fun is one way of cementing their involvement for many years to come. Encourage them to keep square dancing in perspective and avoid being over committed. Many new dancers want to learn the next program or even attend a round dance class. All of this is great and well meant, but there will always be time to do more once they become comfortable with the program they currently dance. In my opinion, adding round dance skills to their newly developed square dance skills is far better than learning another program. It allows new dancers to enjoy more of each dance evening without the necessity of attending additional dances to become comfortable with an entirely new set of calls.

Each time we see a new dancer we have an opportunity to make a positive impact on him/her. Don't miss the chance to make a difference. You could be the very reason a new dancer becomes a dedicated square dancer who passes on their positive experience to another new dancer, and so on, and so on, and so on. Seize the moment!

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## *All Things Considered*

By Ed Foote

### **Palms Up vs. Palms Down & Forearms – Part 2**

Last month we examined this topic by looking at comments from a caller in Texas who favored Palms Up and why I disagreed with him. This month we will look at why I favor Palms Down and Forearms. My reasons for favoring them are comfortable dancing and fewer mistakes.

#### **COMFORTABLE DANCING**

- 1) **PALMS UP IS NOT A NATURAL POSITION.** But extending the arm straight ahead from the waist, as in shaking hands, is natural. Thus, Palms Down feels more comfortable than Palms Up, because Palms Up increases the arm strain on two people doing a call. The arm is strained because one has to hold the arm upright, which takes more effort than holding it forward. Many people complain that after an evening of Palms Up dancing their arms are tired.

Of course, people who have never used Palms Down may not even realize their arms get tired during an evening of dancing. But when people move to another part of the country and begin dancing with a club which uses Palms Down or Forearms, many report their arms feel less tired when the dance is over.

- 2) **CENTER OF GRAVITY AND BALANCE.** The higher the center of gravity of an object, the less stable it is. This is why football players run crouched over, and why the center of gravity of a building is placed close to the ground instead of on the 30<sup>th</sup> floor. Likewise dancers are most comfortable when their body's natural center of gravity is maintained, thus keeping them balanced. Palms Up raises the body's center of gravity, which can result in dancers being out of balance, while Palms Down and forearms lowers the body's center of gravity, thereby causing dancers to feel in balance.
- 3) **HEIGHT DIFFERENCE.** Palms Down and Forearms appear to be best for height differences. Taller dancers usually have longer arms, with the result that all

dancers' hands are near the same height when held down or straight ahead. Height differences are exaggerated when palms are held up.

- 4) PEOPLE SQUEEZING TOO TIGHT. When Palms Up is used, dancers will report some people squeezing too tight or twisting fingers. This does not seem to occur nearly as often with Palms Down, and rarely with Forearms.

### **FEWER MISTAKES**

- 1) TIGHT SETS. It has long been recognized that it is better to have one's set small and tight, instead of spread out. A tight set means that fewer steps are needed to do the calls, and thus the dancing is smoother.

Palms Up tends to spread out the set, causing people to drift and not hold position as well, because each dancer has the grasp of only a few fingers. This dance style leads to mistakes and square breakdown. Palms Down appears to reduce the tendency of the set to spread out, but does not eliminate it. Forearms keep the set tighter and more precise, thereby reducing the likelihood of mistakes.

- 2) ASSISTING OTHER DANCERS. We recognize that people make mistakes, and the stronger dancers usually assist the weaker dancers in an effort to reduce errors. The ease and smoothness in giving assistance is related to the center of gravity of the two dancers, and also to the amount of surface contact – the more surface contact, the easier it is to help someone. The Forearm position gives the most surface contact, along with lowering the center of gravity, thereby making it easier to offer assistance. Palms Down is not as effective in amount of surface area as Forearms, but it still keeps the center of gravity low.

***Next month we will continue with this topic.***

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## ***What's Happening This Week?***

**Week of March 25, 2013**

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

**Monday (March 25)** – **Harmony Hoedowners** **Final Dance of the Season** – Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Driver (down the street from Wal-Mart), Sebring – Alternating Mainstream and Plus 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: **TBA**. Effective January 2013 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays will be all Plus; 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays will be Mainstream



and Plus. Casual attire. All dancers are welcome. For info: [www.samdunn.net](http://www.samdunn.net) or [samdunn@samdunn.com](mailto:samdunn@samdunn.com).

**Heel and Toe** – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Mainstream dancing 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$5 per person. For info: 407-339-1499 or [minimercury@cfl.rr.com](mailto:minimercury@cfl.rr.com) or 407-319-0790. Website: [www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe](http://www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe).

**Sun-N-Fun Final Dance of the Season** – 7125 Fruitville Road, Woodland Hall, Sarasota – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus squares with rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Red Bates**; Cuer: Bill Webb. For info: Bill and Marge Webb at 941-343-9720 or 440-526-7258 or [billwebb2@gmail.com](mailto:billwebb2@gmail.com) or John and Shirley Galik at 941-371-3914.

**Temple Twirlers 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, Birthdays/Anniversary Dance** - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Marty Van Wart**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: [bbkilk@verizon.net](mailto:bbkilk@verizon.net).

**Tuesday (March 26) – Buttons & Bows of Lakeland** – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Plus with two rounds between tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Beautiful wood dance floor – square dance attire optional. For info: Jim Pier at 863-815-7400 / [jgsap988@yahoo.com](mailto:jgsap988@yahoo.com) or Penny Green at 863-224-3393 / [sgdncfan@aol.com](mailto:sgdncfan@aol.com).

**Suncoast Squares** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: [www.suncoastsquares.com](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) or 727-599-1440 or [rritter@ij.net](mailto:rritter@ij.net).

**Woodmere A2 Dance Final Dance of the Season** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**R&R Gators** – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: [callerdave@comcast.net](mailto:callerdave@comcast.net) or 941-235-1611.

**Ding-a-Lings** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: [chrounds@capital.net](mailto:chrounds@capital.net).

**Horizon Village** – 9200 Littleton Road, N. Ft. Myers (south of the shell factory and west of US 41) – Workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Plus and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Wes Morris, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: 239-282-6322.

**Maple Leaf Squares** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – Mainstream with announced Plus tips 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – no rounds this season. Caller: Dave Magee. For info: [callerdave@comcast.net](mailto:callerdave@comcast.net) or 941-235-1611.

**Wednesday (March 27) – Palmetto Palms A2 Final Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. Casual attire. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Palmetto Palms C-1 Final Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. Casual attire. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Palmetto Palms Plus Final Dance of the Season** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick Chase. Casual attire. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Camp Inn Grand Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Camp Inn RV Resort, 3455 N. Highway 27, Frostproof – alternating Mainstream and Plus – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn; Cuer: Carl Rod. Casual attire. For info: [samdumm@samdunn.net](mailto:samdumm@samdunn.net).

**Betmar Belles & Beaus Final Dance of the Season** – Betmar Park Clubhouse #2, 37137 Lakewood, Zephyrhills – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Mainstream and Plus Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: Carol Kelly; Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. Optional attire. Finger food will be served. For info: Robert Bertrand 207-576-1647

**Strawberry Square Club Easter Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Mainstream/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus Tips – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Art Springer. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Linda Lynn 813-659-9040 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

**Strawberry Square C2 Dance/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Art Springer. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

**Strawberry Square C-1 Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Art Springer. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

**Cultural Center Squares** – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating tips. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

**Thursday (March 28) – Charlotte Promenaders** – Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or [sgdbird@aol.com](mailto:sgdbird@aol.com).

**Pine Ridge Promenaders Student Night Dance** - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Nelson Wakeman**. For info: 863-699-2789.

**Glen Haven Squares Farewell Dinner** – Glen Haven RVP, 37251 Chancy Road, Zephyrhills – MS/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: George Varney, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Dale Remington 813-788-7074 / [dreming1@verizon.net](mailto:dreming1@verizon.net) or George Varney 813-782-0885.

**Lake Kennedy Squares** – Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral – alternating Mainstream and Plus tips – Caller: Wes Morris – casual attire - \$4 per person. For info: 239-574-0575.

**Promenade Squares** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [walkey1a@yahoo.com](mailto:walkey1a@yahoo.com) or 727-789-3836.

**Friday (March 29) – Woodmere Park C-1 Dance** - Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – C-2 star tip. Caller: Red Bates. Casual attire. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Strawberry Square C-2 Dance/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Keith Stevens. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

**Strawberry Square A-2 Dance** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – A2 Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., A-2 Dance 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: **Mike Cox**. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

**Sun City Swingers** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Pat Hagen. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 [rsch462636@aol.com](mailto:rsch462636@aol.com) or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

**Saturday (March 30) – Strawberry Square Phase 5 Dance & Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dave Heugel 910-200-3828, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

**Strawberry Square Easter Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus with Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Square dance attire preferred – Caller: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: **Pat Hagen**. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: 813-752-0491 or [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com). If you can't

reach the dance center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, or Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com) or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

**Palace Promenaders** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin – Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336. Park in back of the building. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.



# Easter

**Sunday (March 31) – Cloverleaf Leprechauns’ – NO DANCE** For info: 352-799-8625, [lmuttitt@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lmuttitt@tampabay.rr.com) or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>.

**Orange Blossom Squares – NO DANCE** For info: [hal.baumann1959@gmail.com](mailto:hal.baumann1959@gmail.com) or 352-259-6552.

**Monday (April 1) – Heel and Toe** – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Mainstream dancing 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$5 per person. For info: 407-339-1499 or [minimercury@cfl.rr.com](mailto:minimercury@cfl.rr.com) or 407-319-0790. Website: [www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe](http://www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe).

**Temple Twirlers** - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: [bbkilk@verizon.net](mailto:bbkilk@verizon.net).

# *West Coast Classes and Workshops*

## *National Caller and Cues Colleges*

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

Please keep in mind that this information needs to be communicated out to new dancers! It's not a secret!

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June 5 – 9, 2013 – **Heart Of America Caller's School** – Topeka, Kansas. For info: Jerry Junck 402-980-2426, [junck@aol.com](mailto:junck@aol.com).

June 9 – 12, 2013 – **North Star Callers School** - Americinn, Mankato, Minnesota – [kenritucci.com/caller-schools/northstar](http://kenritucci.com/caller-schools/northstar). Staff: Ken Ritucci, Scot Byars. For info: [kenritucci.com/caller-schools/northstar](http://kenritucci.com/caller-schools/northstar).

July 15 – 19, 2013 – **Jubilee Callers School** – BSDA Friendship Hall, Fultondale, AL – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Wade Driver (Texas), and Bear Miller (Colorado). Special emphasis on understanding music, rhythm & singing call development. Special emphasis on sight calling techniques. Only \$375/student – space is limited! Register today! Plenty of microphone time – professional assessment of your skills – understand what it takes to be a leader – full CALLERLAB curriculum - develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling careers. For application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or [KenRitucci@aol.com](mailto:KenRitucci@aol.com). [www.northeastcallerschool.com](http://www.northeastcallerschool.com).

August 15 – 19, 2013 – **Norcal Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale, CA - Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Scott Byars, and Rob French. Only \$375/student – space is limited! Register today! Plenty of microphone time – professional assessment of your skills – understand what it takes to be a leader – full CALLERLAB curriculum- develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling careers. For application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or [KenRitucci@aol.com](mailto:KenRitucci@aol.com). [www.northeastcallerschool.com](http://www.northeastcallerschool.com).

September 23 – 27, 2013 – **Rocky Mountain Round Dance Teachers College** – Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Florida. For info: John and Karen Herr 303-681-3147; [kherr00@mac.com](mailto:kherr00@mac.com); Terri and Tim Wilaby 850-712-5230; [terriwilaby@hotmail.com](mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com).

October 10 – 14, 2013 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-round Dance Center, Manchester, NH. Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Norm Poisson. Special Guest Instructors: Ed Foote (Callerlab Accredited Caller coach – Pennsylvania), Lee Kopman (New York), Jeff Priest (Ontario), and Ted Lizotte (New Hampshire). Only \$400/student – space is limited! Register today! Plenty of microphone time – professional assessment of your skills – understand what it takes to be a leader – full CALLERLAB curriculum- develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling careers. For application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or [KenRitucci@aol.com](mailto:KenRitucci@aol.com). [www.northeastcallersschool.com](http://www.northeastcallersschool.com).

December 5, 2013 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Class** – Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeview Street, Lakeland – time TBA. Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. Casual attire. \$5 per person. For info: [sgdncfan@aol.com](mailto:sgdncfan@aol.com) or 863-874-4522.

December 5, 2013 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** – Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeview Street, Lakeland – time TBA. Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. Casual attire. \$5 per person. For info: [sgdncfan@aol.com](mailto:sgdncfan@aol.com) or 863-874-4522.

January 6, 2014 – **Moore Haven Beginners Square Dance Class** – Moore Haven Sportsman Village Condo Association, 1159 Daniels road, S.E., Moore Haven – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – learn by definition - \$5 per person per session – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or [mike@mike-gormley.com](mailto:mike@mike-gormley.com).

January 6, 2014 – **Moore Haven Plus Workshop** – Moore Haven Sportsman Village Condo Association, 1159 Daniels road, S.E., Moore Haven – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – learn by definition - \$5 per person per session – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or [mike@mike-gormley.com](mailto:mike@mike-gormley.com).

## *Looking Ahead...*

June 15, 2013 – **Promenade Squares Annual Picnic** – Seminole Lake Park, Park Boulevard, Seminole – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).

July 11, 2013 - **Promenade Squares Stars and Stripes Dance** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).



August 22, 2013 - **Promenade Squares Beach Party** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).

September 19, 2013 - **Promenade Squares Barn Dance** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).

October 17, 2013 - **Promenade Squares Hobo Stew Night** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Plus lessons 6:00 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).

October 31, 2013 - **Promenade Squares Halloween Dance** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner lessons 6:00 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).

December 19, 2013 - **Promenade Squares Christmas Dance and Covered Dish Dinner** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Plus lessons 6:00 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or [mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mblackburn@tampabay.rr.com).

January 12, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares First Dance of the Season** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula, FL (two miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17) – Mainstream/Plus/Easy Rounds 7:00 – 9:0 p.m. – casual attire – Caller/Cuer: Mike Gormley ([mike@mike-gormley.com](mailto:mike@mike-gormley.com)). For info: Steve and Linda Gray 863-773-9903 or [gray@coolsky.com](mailto:gray@coolsky.com).

March 23, 2014 - **Crystal Lake Squares Final Dance of the Season** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula, FL (two miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17) – Mainstream/Plus/Easy Rounds 7:00 – 9:0 p.m. – casual attire – Caller/Cuer: Mike Gormley ([mike@mike-gormley.com](mailto:mike@mike-gormley.com)). For info: Steve and Linda Gray 863-773-9903 or [gray@coolsky.com](mailto:gray@coolsky.com).

# Links

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## Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

[https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group\\_149454955123658&ap=1](https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&ap=1) (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

## Associations/Organizations

<http://www.you2candance.com> (square dance marketing)

<http://sccafl.com>. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<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)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://www.Callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)

<http://www.americanCallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)

<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA<sup>®</sup>)

<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)

<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

<http://www.61stnsdc.com> 60<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention – Spokane, WA



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

#### Vendors

<http://virginiaswesternwear.com/> (Virginia's Western Wear & Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)

<http://www.ilvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

[www.travelinghoedowners.com](http://www.travelinghoedowners.com) (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

[www.swskirts.com](http://www.swskirts.com) (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

[www.suzieqcreations.com](http://www.suzieqcreations.com) (Suzie Q Creations)

[www.Bobsengraving.com](http://www.Bobsengraving.com) (New physical address: Bob L. Adams, Bobs Engraving, 8827 Megan Lane, Orlando, FL 32836; Telephone: 407-777-8952; [www.bobsengraving.com](http://www.bobsengraving.com); e-mail address: [bobsengraving@aim.com](mailto:bobsengraving@aim.com))

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance and 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 and catalog)

[www.PerfectPetticoats.com](http://www.PerfectPetticoats.com) (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

#### Square Dance Halls

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

#### Callers/Cuers

<http://www.mike-gormley.com> (Mike Gormley)

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

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

[www.keithstevens.com](http://www.keithstevens.com) (Keith Stevens)

#### Clubs

[www.sailfishsquares.org](http://www.sailfishsquares.org)

#### Miscellaneous

<http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html> (Sets in Order)

<http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052>[http://www.squaredance\(rounddancepublications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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