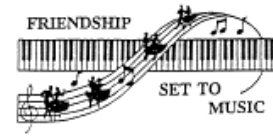

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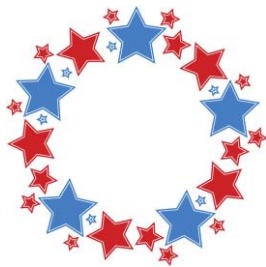
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April 5, 2016 – Deadline to Submit Ads for the Florida State Convention Program Book. For info: apicheco@att.net.

April 5, 2016 - Deadline for submissions to the Bow & Swing May issue. Send to bowandswing@gmail.com.

April 17, 2016 – Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association (SCCA) Meeting - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 p.m. If you call, cue or teach rounds and/or squares on the west coast of Florida, you should consider membership in this association. For info: ted.hughes@juno.com.

The April, May, June issue of the *West Coast Dancer* is now available at <http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/dancer/dancer.html>



We are looking for female veterans (any branch of service) to be a part of the color guard at the next Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Lakeland on May 28, 2016. The plan is to have an all-female guard. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ailene Picheco at apicheco@att.net or 321-652-0680. She will need your full name and branch of service.

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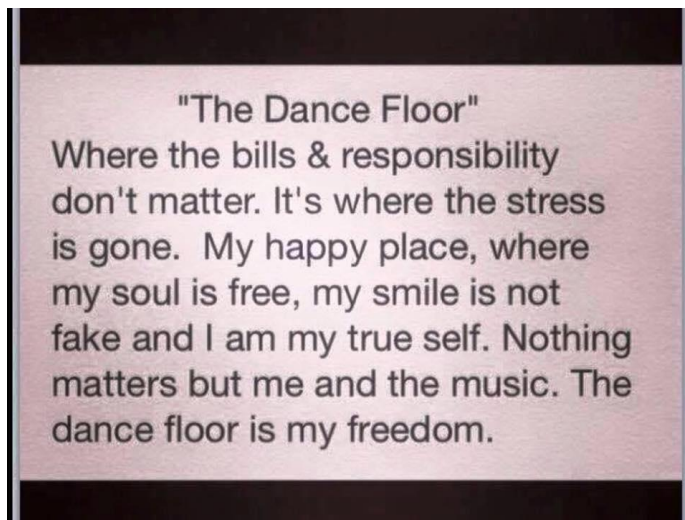
The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations, Federation officers and any others who are well known to the Florida square and round dance community. Listings for others can be found on the website (www.dancergram.com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

Don't forget to go to www.dancergram.com for additional information on West Coast dancers and former dancers!

April 2, 2016 - I just returned from visiting with **George [Varney]**, Lorraine and their daughter and son-in-law. I took some beautiful potted sunflowers to brighten the room.

George is very weak and can only speak in a whisper. I played some music for him that he said he would like. The family does not foresee that George will be able to leave hospice as he is not eating much at all.

I told him I wanted him to know how much everyone had appreciated all the fun times that he had helped us have with his calling. Lorraine indicated that it was pretty close to 50 years. He shook his head in acknowledgement and tried to smile. He did say thank you very weakly but I could understand him. I patted his hand and told him we all loved him. *Flo Ormsbee*



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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

May 27 – 28, 2016 – **Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

November 11 – 12, 2016 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow



Article #1

62nd FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION – “SWEET 16”

May 27-28, 2016 www.FloridaSquareDance.com

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f you hurry, you can still get your ribbons before the convention and get the pre-convention price of \$27. It goes up to \$30 if you wait until you arrive at the convention. Make checks payable to: 62nd FSSRDC and mail to: (Cracker) Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net. Here is a link to a downloadable convention registration form:

<http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/62/62nd%20Registration.pdf>. You'll see Dianne Syphard, Linda Tester, and Kathy McKinney at various dances selling the ribbons. If you purchase ribbons and can't come to the convention, you can get a full refund, right up until the day before the convention. So you can't go wrong. Where else can you get a full weekend of fun and entertainment for only \$27?

Where to stay during the convention? The Ramada Inn Hotel, 3260 US Highway 98 North (I-4 and Hwy 98, exit 32), Lakeland, FL 33805. Contact the hotel directly and ask for square dance rate – 863-688-8080. If you wish to stay at another hotel, this link has lots of options for you: <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/62/housing.html>

Maybe you want to camp? Check out Lakeland Carefree RV Resorts, 900 Old Combee Road, Passport America Accepted, 863-687-6146.

Don't forget to buy your Road Trip raffle tickets. They cost \$5 for five tickets or \$2 for one ticket. For more information about the Road Trip Raffle and the Convention, visit this webpage - <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>

Candy Grams are being sold for only \$2 each around the state at various dances. These will be presented in the Fun Hall at the Convention. Buy some Candy Grams for your special someone, your favorite Corner, your favorite callers, your favorite cuers, and even your Convention Committee.

Here is what you need to pack for the weekend: Thursday night you'll need your blinged-up T-shirt for the Trail End Dance. Friday and Saturday for daytime dancing, casual attire is fine. Friday night and Saturday night square dance attired is preferred. Friday you can wear the official Sweet 16 Convention colors of pink and/or black. However, you might want to wear your convention association outfit if you have one. Saturday night wear your club colors, or red-white-blue (for Memorial Day), or any dance outfit of your choice.

Regarding the Trail End Dance, early rounds are at 7:00 (Cuers Susan Snider, Joann Helton), and squares start at 7:30 (Callers Charlie Pergrossi, Dave Muller). Location – Strawberry Squares Dance Hall, 4401 Promenade Blvd, Plant City, FL.

We have some great vendors lined up for this year's Convention. Here's the list of confirmed vendors so far: Creative Crafts by Lorraine Inc. (decorative, glitzy t-shirts), Kyra Sales-(Miche Bags), Accessories, Jewelry), Sew-Em-Up Fashions (One of a Kind - Ladies Dance Wear AND men's dance clothing and Accessories), Avant Dance Shoes, Welton Rocks, Gems & Jewelry (Collection of Gems and Custom made Jewelry).

Are you excited? Are you psyched? Are you gung-ho? Are you eager? Are you stoked? The Sweet 16 Convention is almost here! Don't miss out on the fun!!

Susie Moon
Publicity



Article #2

62nd FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION – “SWEET 16”

May 27-28, 2016 www.FloridaSquareDance.com

Have you heard about the FUN HALL at the Sweet 16 Convention?

The Fun Hall is the place to be for Dangle Dances (Friday night), Candy Grams (Saturday night), Line Dancing (Friday and Saturday afternoons), Zumba® Fitness (Friday and Saturday mornings), Contra Dancing (Friday afternoon), and Hot Hash (Friday and Saturday nights).

I have it on good authority from Julie Franciskato and Sheila Reid that the Dangle Dances are going to be a blast! Make sure you don't miss the fun! Candy Grams are being sold now around the state for \$2 each. Look for someone carrying a purple CandyGram bag. If a Candy Gram has been bought for you, you will find your name posted outside the Fun Hall. Candy Grams will be delivered in the Fun Hall to dancers Saturday night. What a nice way to support the Convention and say, "Thank you," "I like you," "You're a great caller/cuer," "You're really cute," or even "I love you."

The line dance instructor for the Convention weekend is a major leaguer in the line dance world. Dave Seay is coming to us all the way from Williston, FL. Dave became interested in line dancing ten years ago through a community line dance class, and now he's been teaching for three years. He plans to teach three line dances on Friday and three different ones on Saturday. No partners needed. What fun!

The Contra instructor is a celebrity in her own right, Susie Rudder, and she hails from Micanopy, FL. Susie was a clogger from way back, started attending contra calling workshops, and now she's been calling contras for over thirty years! In contra, the dancers form two parallel lines running the length of the hall. Couples dance a sequence of moves, eventually dancing with every other couple in the set. Many of the basic moves are similar to those in square dancing. Each dance is taught by the caller before it is danced, and the caller prompts the dancers as needed.

The Zumba® Fitness instructor is the superstar Sarah Beth Pergrossi from Trenton, FL. You might also know of her husband Charlie Pergrossi, the Caller Chairman for the 2016 Convention. In 2009, Sarah Beth's journey of getting fit and losing 110 pounds resulted in her becoming a Zumba® Fitness instructor. She started teaching Zumba® Fitness classes almost five years ago and now teaches twelve classes a week. She is certified in many levels of Zumba® Fitness, and her classes at the Convention will be low impact and designed to cater to the needs of all ages and abilities. She loves to show her students that working out is fun, exhilarating, and

invigorating. Wear athletic-type shoes and comfortable clothes for this music-driven dance fitness class.

The Fun Hall is packed full of fun!

Susie Moon
Publicity

Tips for New Dancers

By Ed Foote

The information given here, while sometimes mentioned in beginners' class, is often forgotten by new dancers. Yet this information can be the difference between succeeding or breaking down on a call.

1. **Allemande Thar.** The center four dancers should hold the wrists of the person ahead – this will keep the set together. Do not just put your hand into the center of the set and hold it upright – new dancers sometimes do this. Also, the dancers on the inside should move very slowly so the outsides don't have to run to keep up.
2. **Extend (from ¼ tag).** The handedness of the center wave determines the handedness of the resulting parallel waves. For example, if the starting center wave is right-handed, after the call Extend the ending position will be parallel right-hand waves; if the starting center wave is left-handed, the ending position will be parallel left-hand waves.
3. **Grand Square.** Use four counts for each four steps of the Grand Squares. Don't rush the call. If you see dancers swinging their partner halfway through or at the end of the call, this means they have not danced the call correctly – they have rushed through no thought for timing. Then they have to make up the lost timing by doing a Swing. If Grand Square is done correctly, there is no time to Swing in the middle or at the end.
4. **Right and Left Grand.** New dancers tend to hold on too long to each person when pulling by. This is annoying to other dancers and makes for jerky execution of the call. A quick snappy pull by is the correct method.
5. **Square Thru.** New dancers sometimes turn away from their group of four while doing a Square Thru, which causes an instant breakdown of the set. Solution: Tilt your head slightly toward the center of your group of four while doing the call. This will keep you moving in the correct direction.
6. **Star Thru.** Girls, do not raise your left hand up too high; bring it straight out from the side of your head. Also offer some resistance with your arm – stiffen it a little. These things will enable you to do a much smoother and more precise Star Thru.
7. **Swing Your Partner.** There are two keys to doing this call smoothly. (1) Both dancers should lean back from the waist. This makes the pair a stable unit and keeps them in balance. (2) Look at your partner's eyes or forehead. This will prevent you from getting dizzy and will also aid in maintaining balance.
8. **Turn Thru.** After the turn half, make a good distinct pull by using a full step. There is a tendency to want to retain your hold with the person you have turned, as though this person were a security blanket, without a good firm pull by there is a good chance the

square will breakdown on the next call, because it will be difficult for dancers to see their position.

9. **Wheel Around**. This will almost always be called during a Promenade, where the caller will say “heads (or sides) Wheel Around.” New dancers often break down here, because they forget whether they are heads or sides, and by the time they remember, it is too late. Solution: Any time the caller says “Promenade, don’t slow down.”, it is almost guaranteed that his next command will be for someone to Wheel Around. Therefore, when you hear “Promenade, don’t slow down,” start saying to yourself what you are (“I am a head” or “I am a side”). Now you will be able to react quickly if you are the couple told to Wheel Around.

Remember: Wheel Around involves a couple, working as unit, turning around 180° to the left to face the opposite direction. It is important to remember this, because Wheel Around can be called from positions other than a promenade.

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1. **Take hands immediately after every call**. This enables you to see the formation you are in (line, wave, etc.) to do the next call.

Taking hands immediately is more important to your success and the success of the square than knowing the definition of any specific call. This cannot be emphasized too much.

When hands are joined, elbows must also be bent. Otherwise the square will be too large.

2. **Keep your set small**. New dancers tend to form large sets, and then they cannot understand why they always seem to be slow in executing calls. The reason is they are forcing themselves to cover much more ground in doing the calls by having a large set, and this takes more time. Experienced dancers keep their sets small and have ample time to do the calls.
3. **Be a dancer, not a walker**. Some people walk all the calls rather than dance them. This looks bad, throws a person’s timing off and also throws off the timing of the entire set. The result is an uncomfortable dance feeling, and the square is more likely to break down.
4. **Shuffle your feet**. Lifting your feet will tire you much more rapidly and will break up the dance rhythm. Remember that you are DANCING and not merely moving mechanically through various figures. Keep the rhythmic beat of the music with your feet while you glide along the floor.
5. **Stand erect**. There is a tendency for new dancers, especially the men, to lean forward excessively when doing calls. This looks bad and it will also tire a person out quickly. Try to stand erect or even lean back a little while dancing – it makes you look much better.
6. **Offer resistance with your turning arm** in doing arm turn calls. This smooths out the move and also enables one person to exercise control if the other person is unsure how to do the call. Many squares break down without anyone knowing why merely because dancers have used limp arms and have therefore lost their positioning.

On the other hand, new men dancers are sometimes too rough in using arm turns with the ladies, but they never seem to be aware of this. Men: Make an effort to analyze whether you are being too strong in arm turns or hand holds with the ladies.

7. **Be bold in executing calls**. Many new dancers hold back on all calls, even ones they know, for fear of making a mistake. But this results in the square being slow in getting through the calls which can cause a breakdown. In addition, timid dancing hides mistakes dancers are making, and these mistakes could go on for months or years before being detected; then they have become a habit and are much more difficult to break.
8. **Compromise** if you miss part of call. Don't try to catch up by racing through all the missed parts – the odds are you won't make it and the set will break down. Instead, forget the part you missed and try to pick up the action where everyone else is - this will keep the set dancing.
9. **Concentrate**. Because you have not been dancing very long, you probably will not be able to react automatically to the calls for a while. This means you must concentrate on thinking of the definition of each call. Unfortunately, many new dancers do not concentrate and so every call seems to come as a surprise. If you concentrate and think, you should do well.

What's Happening This Week?

Week of April 4, 2016

All clubs, callers, and cuers are asked to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. Failure to do so will result in your listing being removed from this publication.

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

Monday (April 4) – **Horizon Village Squares** – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory), N. Ft. Myers – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

Temple Twirlers 36th Anniversary Dance – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Round 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: BBKJLK@verizon.net or <http://www.templetwirlers.com>.

Tuesday (April 5) – *Woodmere A2 Dance* - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Horizon Village Round Dance Club – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory), N. Ft. Myers – Cues: Russ Collier – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 941-505-0960 or 941-661-1920.

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

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Round 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Cues: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or beemerr90s@juno.com.

Wednesday (April 6) – *J & C Spinarounds Phase IV & V Workshop & Dance* – Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26th Avenue N., St. Pete, FL – 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. – Cues/Instructors: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. For info: 727-525-7809 or spinards@tampabay.rr.com or www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin.

Wade-A-Rounds in Punta Gorda – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Phase III Waltz Review - Cues: **Dick Chase** – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. For info: 941-505-1979 or ionewade@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance with C3A Star Tips – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens - \$6 per person per session.

Strawberry Square Club - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Mainstream/Easy Plus. Caller: **Ron Reardon**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Bob and Barb Hancock – 419-633-0610 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513. Banner Chairman: Sharon Kowlaski 813-754-3109.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance w/Intro to C-2 Star Tip - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Nancy Hall 813-752-1816, Jack Gano – 813-759-8172 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Rooms F & G, Port Charlotte, FL. Caller: Art Miller; Cues: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating Mainstream and Plus. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (April 7) – *Shufflin' Squares – NO DANCE* For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

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: **Red Bates**; Cuer: **Dick Chase**. For info: 941-429-1311 - cbharding@yahoo.com or 941-429-8271 - jdclay8146@gmail.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 4 Dance with Teach – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL – Caller: Ellis Lindsey – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 352-465-2142 (H) – 352-419-2504 (C) – rickducharme@ymail.com.

Suncoast Squares A2 Dance and Workshop – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or beemerr90s@juno.com.

Jacaranda Trace A2 Dance/Workshop – 3600 William Penn Way, 2nd floor on the far right of the elevator, Venice - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dancers must be proficient in positions A1. Caller: Mike Cox. For info: hpsawyer@aol.com or 941-408-2627. Please call if you will be unable to attend.

Promenade Squares - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner's Class 6:00 p.m., Early Rounds 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Bob Ormsbee, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: dhua7@aol.com or 727-544-0227.

Friday (April 8) – Camping Chapter 018 Dance – Clearview Methodist Church, 3515 – 38th Avenue North, St. Pete – Callers: Ted Hughes and any other visiting callers; Cuer: Jimmy Griffin. Dance level will be to the floor (Mainstream, Plus, etc....). Directions: From I-275, Exit 38th Avenue exit and travel west to 45th Street North. Entrance to the fellowship hall is from 39th Avenue North. The church is across the street from the GT E credit union on 38th Avenue. For info: ted.hughes@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A-2 Workshop/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: **Ron Libby**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Dona Watson 813-756-6145, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Dixie Square Dance Club – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven, FL – Mainstream with announced Plus tips – Early Round 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares and Round 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod - \$3 per person per session. For info: 863-293-9369.

Sun City Swingers – North Campus Dance Studio, Atrium Building, 945 North Course Lane, Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Gary Bubel**, Cuer: Alice Bubel. Please come join us for this Festive Holiday Special Dance. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: hlhtfh@yahoo.com or 941- 776-0477.

Saturday (April 9) – Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic and Dance Review/Phase V Dance/Class – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Final Plus Dance of the Season – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Round 7:00 – 7:30 – Plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Caller: Marty Vanwart; Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells – 770-490-1670; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg – 813-707-1702; Barb & Don Huff – 813-752-2278; Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square Phase 3+ Figure Clinic & Dance/Teach - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier – Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - 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.

Sunday (April 10) – Strawberry Square Phase 4-5 Round Dance Party - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.– Cuer: Jack Jenkins. Finger food appreciated. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Nicki Horne – 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Monday (April 11) – Horizon Village Squares – 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory), N. Ft. Myers – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Round 19:00 a.m. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

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: Marty Vanwart, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkilk@verizon.net or <http://www.templetwirlers.com>.

Tuesday (April 12) – Buttons & Bows - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Marty Vanwart – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – Members: \$5 per person and Guests: \$6 per person – finger food – wood floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free – square dance attire optional. For info: sgdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

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

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

Horizon Village Round Dance Club – 9300 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory), N. Ft. Myers – Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Round 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 941-505-1960 or 941-661-1920.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 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 or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or beemerr90s@juno.com.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

National Caller and Cuer 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!

April 4, 2016

Shufflin' Squares Advance Workshop – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Caller: Keith Stevens – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

January 15, 2016 - **Maple Leaf Plus Workshop** – Can Am Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. For info: phonemoves@juno.com or 941-235-1611.

January 25, 2016 – **Morning Side Park Squares Workshop** – Morning Side Park behind Walmart on Hwy. 301 – Caller: Walter Lougee – 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. For info: walter/lougee@verizon.net.

February 14, 2016 - **Basic 50 Workshop** – Pleasant Lake Carefree RV Resort, 6633 53rd Avenue East, Brandon, FL – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Robert Arias. For info: 813-601-1834.

February 17, 2016 – **Eagle Point Mobile Home Park Beginner Square Dance Class** – Eagle Point Mobile Home Park, 10303 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: [941-235-1611](tel:941-235-1611)

February 17, 2016 – March 30, 2016 - **Crystal Lake Squares Beginners Square Dance Class** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Road (on Rt. 17 – 2 miles north of Wauchula) – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. Learn by definition \$4 per person per session. For info: 419-376-0057 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

February 25, 2016 – **Plus Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway, CanAm Hall, Port Charlotte – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Dancers are expected to be proficient in Plus. This is not a Maple Leaf Square Dance Club offering. For info: [941-235-1611](tel:941-235-1611).

May 29, 2016 – **Seminar for Experienced Callers** – Monaghan Community Fire Hall, 245 W. Siddonsburg Road, Dillsburg, PA – Accredited Caller Coach: Tim Marriner and Caller Coach: Bill Harrison – All day seminar – three sessions (Morning, Afternoon, and Evening) – specifically for callers, working for clubs, that have a method of Choreographic Management, be it Sight, Modules, Mental Image, Memory, Reading, or any combination. Sponsored by the South Central Pennsylvania Callers & Cuers Association. Schedule: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (probably pizza delivered); Session 1; 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Session 2; 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner; 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Session 3. Cost: \$50 per call – spouse and guests free. Things to bring: note pad, recording device, music, mic. checkers. For info: 717-432-8043 or jdprosser@juno.com.

June 8 – 12, 2016 – **Heart of America Callers School** – KAW Valley Dance Center, 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 105, Topeka, KS (next door to the CALLERLAB home office) – CALLERLAB accredited caller coaches: Tim Marriner, Paul Henze, and Jerry Junck – full CALLERLAB curriculum emphasizing Formation Management – Modules, Presentation Techniques – Music, Singing Call Techniques – Voice, Patter Calling – Sight Resolution – for new and experienced callers – enrollment is limited, register early! Cost: \$325 per student; no additional charge for partners who are encouraged to attend. For info: 402-375-2420 or 402-980-2446 (C) or junck@aol.com.

June 8 – September 28, 2016 - **Linville Land Harbor Mountain Mixers A-2 Review** - Highway 221 between Pineola, NC and Linville, NC – Caller: Ron Libby (Land Harbor, NC) - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00p.m. For info: 828-898-8188 or www.mountainmixers.com.

July 28 – 31, 2016 – **Atlanta Callers School** – City of Light, 1379 Tullie Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Bill Harrison. 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 career. Only \$400/student. Space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com – www.northeastcallersschool.com.

August 18 – 21, 2016 – **NORCAL Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach), Saundra Bryant, and Rob French. . 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

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September 24 – October 29, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Two-Step Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins (members of Roundalab and Round Dance Council of Florida; BMI & ASCAP licensed) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: 828-508-3690 (leave message if no answer).

September 25, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Choreographed Ballroom (Round Dancing) Beginners Class in Rumba and Cha Cha** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: 828-508-3690 (cell – leave message if no answer) – BMI & ASCAP licensed.

October 6 – 10, 2016 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-round Dance Center, Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers/Instructors: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Norm Poisson; Special Guest Instructors: Steve Kopman (Tennessee), Bill Harrison (Maryland), and Walt Bull (Maine). 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 career. Only \$400/student. Space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com – www.northeastcallersschool.com.

Demos/One-nighters

This is a new section for you to promote your demos and one-nighters. If you need dancers to help you out, please forward the information so it can be added here.

Looking Ahead...

Links

Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

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

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/national-bid.html> (2021 National Square Convention Bid)

Publications

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

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

Associations/Organizations

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/index.html> (West Coast Assn.)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/rdc/> (Round Dance Council of Florida)

<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 (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

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

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

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

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

<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> 60th 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 (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.suziegcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

<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 (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

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

Square Dance Halls

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 (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

Miscellaneous

<http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com> (New square/round dance logo)

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

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