

# SWF Squares, Rounds and Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of December 14

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Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 08:30 PM EST

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Dear dancers,

Florida State Square Dance Convention (Jan 16-17) full info: <https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/index.html>

## Highlights for this week

- Horizon Dances in full swing, new location, new time, see Thursday below
- Judy's refresher sessions basic & mainstream continue on Tuesday
- Arcadia is dancing this Friday, December 19
- **Check all classes and flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

## Looking ahead

- Florida State Square Dance Convention date January 16 to 17, 2026
- Afternoon New Year's Eve Dance on December 31<sup>st</sup> check flyer below
- Advanced Dance **at the ballroom** every Monday until December 29, location may change in January
- Maple Leaf will start dances on January 9, 2026
- Check out **beginners' squares lessons** starting in the New Year under CLASSES below
- Pine Ridge Promenaders dances **moved back to Sunshine RV Park**, start date January 8, 2026
- Sunseekers Squares beginner classes start on January 6, 2026, full info below
- Sunseekers Plus classes start on January 6, 2026
- Promenaders 2 will start dances on January 8, 2026

## Reminders

The end of this Newsletter is reached when you see "**Squares and Rounds go hand in hand**".

**Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements** section near the end shows future events' flyers as they become available.

## Photos

The photos are from our trip to Greece and France, with a detour through Brussels, trip we took in the spring of 2010. Today's photos feature Crete's capital city, Heraklion.

The greater area of Heraklion has been continuously inhabited since at least 7000 BCE, making it one of the oldest inhabited regions in Europe. It is also home to the ancient Knossos Palace, a major center of the Minoan civilization dating back to approximately 2000-1350 BCE, often considered Europe's oldest city. The palace is one of the most significant archaeological sites in Greece, second only to the Parthenon in terms of visitor numbers.

Yellow rock

**Roger**





## Monday December 15

### ADVANCED DANCING

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, **ballroom**, North Fort Myers

**A2 Workshop from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM, A2 Dancing from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** with Darrin

Leader: **Darrin Henry**

Info: 765-620-3813

## JUDY'S ROUND DANCE CLASSE (INTRO TO WALTZ)   >>>   Nov 10, 2025 to April 6, 2026

"**Rounds With Judy**" offered from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM prior to the Beginner Waltz classes. Dance easy two-step, waltz, rumba, cha, foxtrot and more. Request rounds honored.

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Ave, Punta Gorda

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Info: 865-216-7808





## **Tuesday December 16**

### **SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUNDS**

Plus dances 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress (or pants), guest caller: **Darin Henry**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or [TN2001@yahoo.com](mailto:TN2001@yahoo.com)

### **SUNSEEKERS SQUARES >>> starting January 6, 2026 to March 31, 2026**

**Beginners' class** time changed to 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM caller/instructor Alan Hall

Location: South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center, 11200 First Avenue, Punta Gorda.

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill [606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com](mailto:606-302-1731TN2001@yahoo.com)

**Note:** Sunseeker Squares is proud to announce sponsorship of **Plus Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The plus program is for dancers who have taken basic beginner and mainstream lessons as well as those plus dancers who need a review of plus figures. Ralph Peacock will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome





**Wednesday December 17**

**JUDY'S LINE DANCING >>> Nov 5, 2025 to April 8, 2026**

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Assoc. Community Center, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731





## Thursday December 18

### HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Regular Plus dances new time 2:00 to 4:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants)

Caller **Ralph Peacock** Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

New location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or [Tn2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Tn2001@yahoo.com)

### PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS    >>>    first dance of the season on January 8, 2026

Dances Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Location: **Sunshine RV Resort** located south of Lake Placid on SR 70, just east of US27.

Contact: Diane Lucey at 585-465-7466 or [Jaluc4@aol.com](mailto:Jaluc4@aol.com)

Full info for the club can be found here: [Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com](http://Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com)

1/8/26.    Welcome Back dance with Bill Chase

1/15/26.    Mike Doughty-Cookie night

1/22/26.    Ralph Peacock-Peanut Butter & Jelly

1/29/26.    Bill Chase-Motor City Cars

**CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> first dance of the season on January 8, 2026**

Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida

**New time: 5:45 to 7:45 PM**

Guest caller: **Curt Braffet**, cuer: Susan Wolford

**Snack table will be open: Bring snacks to share.**

Contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-0170 or [2susanwolf@gmail.com](mailto:2susanwolf@gmail.com)

Note: We will be dark for the FL State Conv, January 15, 2026, last dance of the season on March 26, 2026





## Friday December 19

**ARCADIA DANCES      >>>      is dancing today, December 19**

Dances first, third and fifth Friday (unless otherwise announced)

Location: former Palace Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL,

Caller: **Robert Arias**; Cuer: **Judy Barnhill. 3:00 PM to 5:00 pm.** Plus and Mainstream tips and rounds.

For info: Mary Dow [941-380-5336](tel:941-380-5336).

**MAPLE LEAF DANCES SQUARES AND ROUNDS      >>>      starting on January 9, 2026**

**Location:** Maple Leaf G&CC 2100 Kings Hwy, Punta Gorda FL, CanAm Hall

Dances every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Friday of January, February and March, **3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Mainstream and Plus cost \$7.00 per person, singles are welcome

Caller: **Darrin Henry** cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Contact: Roger Friedmann ([r.friedmann97@gmail.com](mailto:r.friedmann97@gmail.com))

**Note: Dates chosen to alternate with Arcadia dances**





**Saturday December 20**





**Sunday December 21**





**Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements**

## **SPECIAL DANCES**



Ring in 2026 with an early  
afternoon  
New Year's Eve celebration

**December 31, 2025**

1:30 – 2:00pm Advance Dancing  
2:00 – 4:00pm MS/PLUS and Rounds/Lines  
\*\* 4:00-5:00pm Social Time @ dancehall

**Darrin Henry  
Judy Barnhill**

*South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center  
11200 First Avenue - Punta Gorda FL*

**\$8.00 per person**

Drinks will be provided  
Snacks/Finger food welcome

Information:  
Judy 865-216-7808  
Darrin 765-620-3813



# Aloha Florida



Sunday, January 11, 2026

1:30 Advance Tip + Rounds

2:00-4:00 Squares & Rounds



**\$10.00 Per Person**



**ALLIGATOR RV PARK  
CLUBHOUSE**

**6400 TAYLOR RD  
PUNTA GORDA, FL**

For more information contact  
Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Caller  
Curt Braffel

Caller  
Susan Wolford

*Mardi Gras FLORIDA Style*  
*Square & Round Dance*



**Nick Hartley**  
Caller



**Susan Wolford**  
Cuer



**Darrin Henry**  
Caller

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**\$10.00 / Person**

*Squares with Rounds*  
*2:00—4:00 pm*

Alligator RV Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Rd

Punta Gorda, FL

*Advanced*  
*1:30—2:00 pm*

For more information contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

# Luck of the Irish Dance

Sunday, March 8, 2026



Caller:  
Curt Braffet



Cuer:  
Susan Wolford

Alligator RV Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Rd  
Punta Gorda, FL

1:30—2:00: Advanced

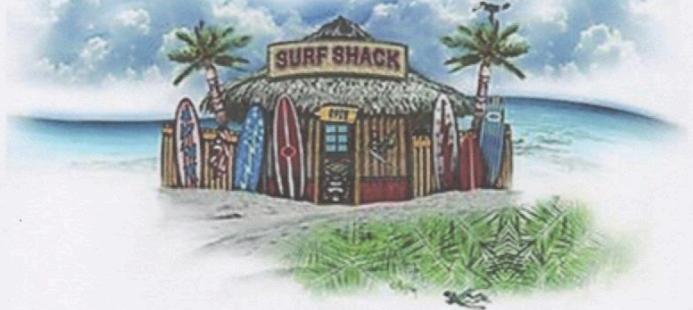
2:00—4:00: Squares & Rounds

\$10.00 per person

1/2 & 1/2 Pot of Gold

For more information: call Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Come join the Beach Boys at the...



Alan Hall - Darrin Henry - Nick Hartley  
With Judy Barnhill on rounds

Sunday ~ February 15, 2026

1:30 - 2:00pm Advance Dancing

2:00 - 4:00pm MS ~ PLUS ~ Rounds

\$10.00 per person

Alligator Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Rd - Punta Gorda FL

Information: 765-620-3813



## 2027 Square Dance Cruise Aboard...Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas

Departing Tampa Florida  
February 28-March 7, 2027



(5 Ports)  
Cozumel, Mexico ~ Roatan, Honduras ~ Belize City, Belize ~ Costa Maya, Mexico ~ Tampa, Florida

### Callers:

Nick & Lynette Hartley / Darrin & Tammy Henry



### Cuer:

Judy & Dwayne Barnhill



### RESERVING YOUR CABIN

(book early to get the best room location and price)

- Cabin prices start at \$763 per person (all taxes and fees included)
- REFUNDABLE Deposit: \$250 per person
- Final payment due: November 20, 2026
- INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED (\*call John Manning for details)



### INCLUDED:

- SQUARE & ROUND DANCING on-board
- A 1-HOUR COCKTAIL PARTY (with Open Bar)
- EARLY Group Dining

**PLEASE NOTE:** To participate with the group, you must **BOOK** thru the group.

For answers to your questions and to book your cruise:

Call Cruise Planners (toll free)

\*JOHN MANNING 954-674-2521 (or) 877-822-2009

email: [jmanning@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:jmanning@cruiseplanners.com)

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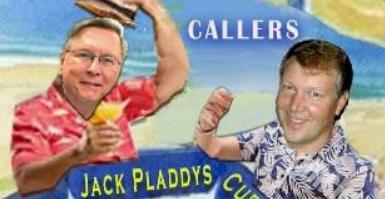
# WinterFest in Punta Gorda

Sunday  
February 1st, 2026



Early Rounds  
1:30 p.m.  
Plus 2-4 p.m.

CALLERS



JACK PLADDYS

CUERS

CURT BRAFFET

\$10  
per  
person

For more information: Email  
[Tn2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Tn2001@yahoo.com)

Alligator Park  
Clubhouse  
6400 Taylor Rd.  
Punta Gorda, FL



Judy & Dwayne Barnhill





## CLASSES

**Judy's Round Dance class** (Intro to Waltz) meets from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Mondays at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center.

**Judy Barnhill is currently offering mainstream refresher sessions** on Tuesday afternoons thru Dec 30th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts. Civic Center. This is a review of basic and mainstream figures which will be helpful for those dancers who plan on attending the plus program in January. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome.

**Sunseeker Squares** will be sponsoring **Beginner Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center. Alan Hall will be the instructor/caller. No partner required. Casual attire. Angels welcome. (Note: The **hours have changed and are now from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM** rather than 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)

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January 5 – March 30, 2026 – **Cape Coral Beginning Square Dance Lessons** - Lake Kennedy

Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, FL – Caller/Instructor: Curt Braffet – 1:00-3:00 p.m. No experience needed – wear casual attire and comfortable shoes. Cost is \$8 per person, per lesson. For info: Judy@MagnusonMail.com or 616-481-4120.

**Learn to Square Dance** with Caller Instructor Alan Hall

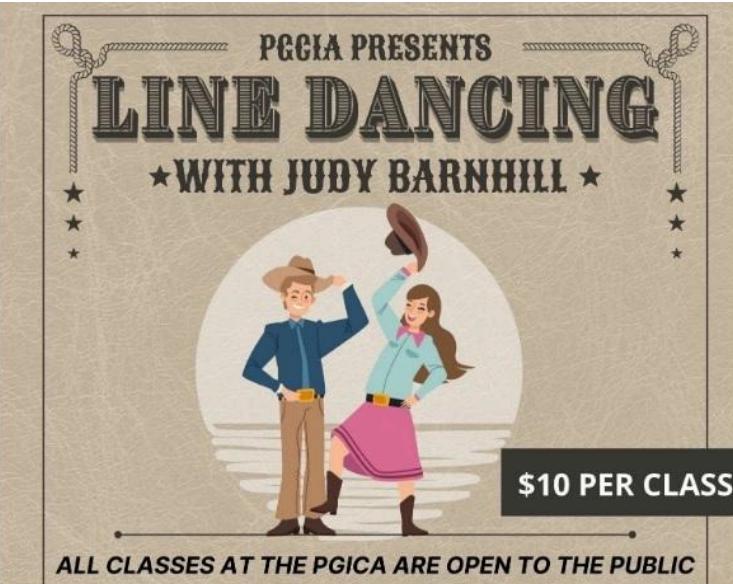
Harbor Isle's, 1 Palm Harbor Dive, North Port, FL, starting Sunday January 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM

Cost is \$8.00 per person, first time is free – check the flyer

No experience needed – wear casual attire and comfortable shoes

Contact 423-316-9038 or [hallcsa@gmail.com](mailto:hallcsa@gmail.com)





Basic Beginner Class: Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Advanced Beginner/Improver Class: Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Check the calendar at PGICA.org to confirm the class is still available.*

Learn beginner choreographed line dancing with a repeating sequence of steps to a variety of musical rhythms. The dances are performed individually without a partner, in rows of other dancers. Dancing enhances physical and mental health as well as providing social interaction. So get your cowboy or cowgirl hats & boots and let's "Boot Scootin' Boogie"! Participants can register online at PGICA.org or pay as they attend at the PGICA office.

📍 Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association  
2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda  
✉️ info@pgica.org  
🌐 PGICA.org



NEED MORE INFO? CALL:  
941-637-1655

## **Sunseeker Squares**

### **Beginner**

### **Square Dance Lessons**

starting

**Tuesday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM



Now's your chance to try something different in the New Year. Dancing is a fantastic way to improve your physical and mental health. It keeps you moving while having fun and interacting with others. So, what are you waiting for? Come and join us for our first weekly class on Tuesday, Jan 6th, at the South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center. You'll be glad you did. The Center is located behind the Circle K right off Hwy 41 South. National Caller, Alan Hall of Ringgold, GA, will be the instructor. Info: 606-302-1731 or [Tn2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Tn2001@yahoo.com)

- Healthy Activity
- Casual Attire
- Singles Welcome
- Wide Variety of Music
- Fun and Fellowship
- Only \$8.00 person/session

**South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Center**

**11200 First Ave., Punta Gorda, FL**



**SUNSEEKER SQUARES**  
IS PROUD TO HOST PLUS SQUARE  
DANCE LESSONS  
(12 WEEK PROGRAM)  
NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CALLER  
**RALPH PEACOCK, INSTRUCTOR**

STARTS TUESDAY, JAN 13<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.  
SOUTH PUNTA GORDA HEIGHTS  
CIVIC CENTER  
11200 FIRST AVENUE,  
PUNTA GORDA, FL  
\$8.00

FOR INFORMATION:  
CONTACT DWAYNE BARNHILL  
606-302-1731 OR [TN2001@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TN2001@YAHOO.COM)

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HERE AND EVERYWHERE**





## Dance Conventions

**TENNESSEE**







Squares and rounds go hand in hand

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