

SWF Squares, Rounds, Lines Dances Newsletter for the week of December 21

From: Roger Friedmann (r.friedmann97@gmail.com)

To: r.friedmann97@gmail.com

Bcc: dgramwebmaster@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 08:39 PM EST

Dear dancers,

Merry Christmas!



Thank you, Jim, for letting me know that the Newsletter has been going to your spam folder. As we discussed, the list of recipients is long, some email servers interpret this as being SPAM mail, unless the sender (Roger Friedmann r.friedmann97@gmail.com) is on the recipient's contact list. This is a reminder for all y'all to add me as a contact if you haven't done it, to avoid missed Newsletters.

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

Highlights for this week

- Only two dances this week, Monday and Tuesday, see below.
- No dances on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26
- Last Judy's refresher sessions basic & mainstream on Tuesday, Dec 23
- Arcadia is not dancing this Friday, December 26
- 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 31st check flyer below
- Advanced Dance **at the ballroom** every Monday until December 29, location may change in January
- Next Horizon Dance will be on January 8
- Arcadia next dance will be on January 15, third Friday of the month
- 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 from our trip to Greece and France, with a detour through Brussels, trip we took in the spring of 2010 are on hold this week, pausing to feature pictures we took at Disney World at a Christmas time visit a few years ago.

Yellow rock

Roger



Monday December 22

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 23

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

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

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 24 >>> Christmas Eve, no dances

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

DARRIN'S DBD LESSONS >>> start date to be determined

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

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, cost \$6.00 per person

Caller: Darrin Henry

Contact: Tammy Henry (765) 620-3813



Thursday December 25 >>> Merry Christmas !!! (no dances)

HORIZON SQUARES AND ROUNDS

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

Caller **Darrin Henry**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

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

Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or 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

Full info for the club can be found here: 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

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





Friday December 26 >>> no dances today

ARCADIA DANCES >>> not dancing today, December 26

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 2nd 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)

Note: Dates chosen to alternate with Arcadia dances



Saturday December 27



Sunday December 28



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



Caller
Curt Braffel

\$10.00 Per Person



Cue
Susan Wolford

ALLIGATOR RV PARK
CLUBHOUSE

6400 TAYLOR RD
PUNTA GORDA, FL

For more information contact
Susan Wolford 256-673-0170

Mardi Gras FLORIDA Style
Square & Round Dance



Nick Hartley
Caller



Susan Wolford
Caller



Darrin Henry
Caller

Sunday, January 25, 2026

\$10.00 / Person

Squares with Rounds
1:00—2:00 pm

Alligator RV Park Clubhouse
6400 Taylor Rd
Punta Gorda, FL

Advanced 2
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

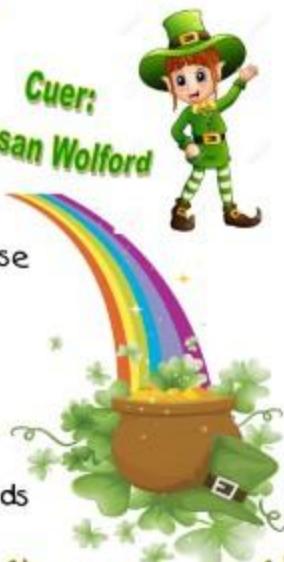
Punta Gorda, FL

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

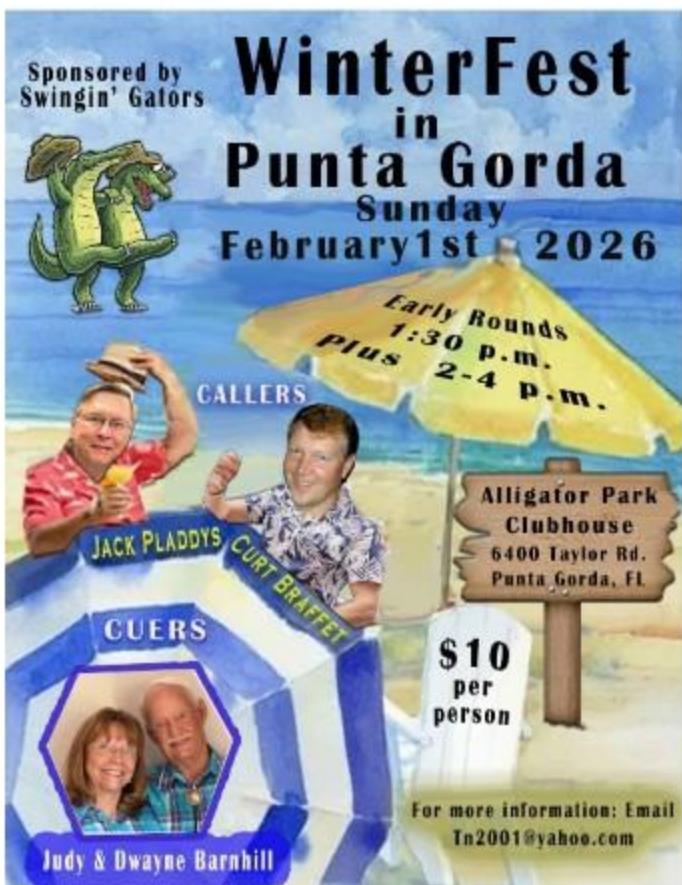
PLEASE NOTE: To participate with the group, you must BOOK thru the group.

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





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)

Sunseeker Squares is proud to announce sponsorship of **Plus Square Dance Lessons** starting Tuesday, Jan 6th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the South Punta Gorda Hgts Civic Center. 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.

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



PCCIA PRESENTS

LINE DANCING

★ WITH JUDY BARNHILL ★



\$10 PER CLASS

ALL CLASSES AT THE PGICA ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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 6th

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

- 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 13TH 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
404-302-1731 OR TN2001@yahoo.com

**LEARN PLUS & DANCE WITH
SQUARE DANCE CLUBS
HERE AND EVERYWHERE**

LEARN MODERN SQUARE DANCING!



ALL ARE WELCOME

**NO EXPERIENCE OR PARTNER NEEDED
JUST A DESIRE TO HAVE FUN!!!**

Caller: Curt Braffet - Carlock, IL

Progressive classes begin
Monday, January 5 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. at

Lake Kennedy Center
400 Santa Barbara Blvd. - Cape Coral, FL

\$8.00/wk

Info: 309-275-6805 (Curt)
616-481-4120 (Judy)
Judy@MagnusonMail.com

Please wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes
(no flip-flops) and bring a water bottle.

Dance Conventions

TENNESSEE

JOIN the FUN at "51"

AUG. 6,7 & 8 2026

TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

LIVE
BAND!

WOOD
FLOORS!

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY

Trail-in Dance 8:00-11:00pm

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am – 11:00pm

9 Halls of Dancing

*Live Band: Evening Hours

W.L. Mills Conference Center

234 Airport Road

Gatlinburg, TN 37738

ROUNDS

Phases II-VI

Waltz - Rumba
Foxtrot - Jive
Mambo - Cha
Bolero - 2 Step
W Coast Swing

SQUARES

SSD/ Club 50 - DBO

Mainstream - Hex
Plus - Singing Calls
Advanced - Hot Hash
Challenge - Progressive

Specials

Contra
Singles Dance
Sewing Clinic
After Party
Fashion Show
Vendors

Facebook: TN Square & Round
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

51st Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention

August 6, 7, & 8, 2026

W.L. Mills Conference Center, Cottontown, Tennessee

234 Historic Nature Trail, 37738

Sponsored by the TN Assn. of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc.

Convention Chairman Tim Ritter timritter2@verizon.com, 800-779-0184

Key: Minimizes, Wi-Fi, wireless, driveway, 0 Min. Miles, 2 Min. Driv. to CC

905-426-5527 www.tnsquareandround.com

3 NIGHT Minimum

Wi-Fi, swimming pool, pet friendly

Bengie Resorts Inn 8105 20th Blvd.
3205 Kg suite w/2 beds, \$185 2 Br Inn (200 ft. from 20th)
928 Parkway 0 Min. Miles, 2 Min. Driv. to CC
905-426-5527 www.tnsquareandround.com

Solana Inn 1000 Mtn. Center Blvd. 2 Br On Ctr Side
ext. Airport Rd. 8105 2 Br, 2 Br, 1 Br Ctr Side

905-426-7800 (200 ft. from 20th)

www.tnsquareandround.com

10 Min. Miles, 4 Min. Driv. to CC
www.tnsquareandround.com

Rock River Inn & Suites 1000 Ctr Dr. (200 ft. from 20th)
3000 Rock River Rd. 0 Min. Miles, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
905-426-5527 www.tnsquareandround.com

Broadway, Wi-Fi, balcony, indoor pool

www.tnsquareandround.com

10 Min. Miles, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
www.tnsquareandround.com

Customized Getaways \$120 1/4 K / 1/2 K, 2 Br On
3000 Airport Rd. 0 Min. Miles, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
905-426-2006
www.tnsquareandround.com

Glenstone Lodge 800-8105 10th Dr. Driv.

504 Airport Rd. 8105 2 Br On Driv.

905-426-3326 (200 ft. from 20th)

Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site

www.tnsquareandround.com

Elmwood Pointe Getaway 900 2 Br Sun-Th

805-426-3043 1130 2 Br Fr-Sat

200 East Parkway 0 Min. Miles, 5 Min. Driv.

www.tnsquareandround.com

10 Min. Miles, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
www.tnsquareandround.com

The Wonder Hotel 8105 Sun-Th 1 Br Driv. On
929 Parkway 8105 1 Br-1st Flg. Driv. On
905-426-5527 0 Min. Miles, 2 Min. Driv. to CC
1st Flg. Breakfast, Pool, Pet friendly

Edgewater Hotel 8105 1 Br 2 Br 51 room
402 River Road (3 Min. Miles, 4 Min. Driv. to CC)

905-426-4511 (200 ft. from 20th)

Breakfast, Wi-Fi, indoor/outdoor pool, restaurant on site

www.tnsquareandround.com

Parc Place Condos 1000 - 2 Bedroom

23 3rd Mtn. Rd. 0 Min. Miles, 1 Min. Driv. to CC

905-426-0300 1000 - 3 Bedroom

0 Min. Miles, 1 Min. Driv. to CC
Full kitchen, Wi-Fi, numerous, pool, balcony

Cash or check only at Convention Center, NO credit cards.

CUT HERE & return with payment to Registration Chairman

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/RD Dance Convention

Early Registration MUST be postmarked by July 1, 2026

TICKETS PER PERSON (YOUTH 18 and under FREE with an adult)

attending (please list below)

Early Registration \$ 845.00 = \$

Weekend after 7/1/26 \$ 850.00 = \$

Friday at the Door \$ 825.00 = \$

Saturday at the door \$ 830.00 = \$

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Club Name _____ TN State Area _____

*YOUTH Attending, Name(s):

HELP US TO PLAN HALL SIZE: PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

DANCE LEVEL / TYPE:

Solo Club 100 Advanced 1

Mambo/Rumba Advanced 2

Plus Challenge

Hot Hes Rumba

Jive Rumba

Advanced 3 Rumba Pt II

Advanced 4 Rumba Pt III

Advanced 5 Rumba Pt IV

Advanced 6 Rumba Pt V

Advanced 7 Rumba Pt VI

Line Contra

Country Solo

Blues Volunteer

Write check to: 2026 TN State Sq/RD Convention

Registration Chairman: Connie Goodman

Mail to: 2026 TN State Convention

email: conniegoodman22@gmail.com

PO Box 82, McDonald, TN 37353 423-280-6845

For Convention Register Use Only:

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Date Registered _____

Registered by _____ Ribbons Received: Yes _____ No _____



CLARIFICATION for new readers: this newsletter is issued on Sundays with info for the coming week. It lists days of the week starting with the Monday immediately following the Sunday of issue. Under each day of the week header there is a list of the dances offered that day, complete with location (street address and town), caller/cuer, contact person's phone and/or email, times plus other info such as dance level(s), attire, bring food to share, etc as applicable. In order to emphasize changes, special events, etc, the very first section of the newsletter, **Highlights for this week**, only lists changes to regular dances of the week or reminders of special events. Similarly, the **Looking ahead** section lists advance notice of events to take place later. For full information on any dance mentioned in the **Highlights for this week** section please scroll down to the appropriate day of the week header to find the info you are looking for. The end of the newsletter is reached when you see a small cartoon and the words "**Squares and rounds go hand in hand**". "Line dancing" had been added to the mix.



Squares and rounds go hand in han
