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## WEST PALM BEACH PROMENADERS STAGE SUCCESSFUL FALL ROUNDUP

Friday, September 7, found more than 150 Square Dancers on the floor of the Lake Worth Casino for the Fall Roundup sponsored by the Promenaders Square Dance Club.

One set came from Melbourne, with their official Knothead letter. Besides a large group of local dancers on hand, there were dancers from Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Miami.

Jack Davis, caller for the Promenaders, exceeded the program, and seven area callers divided the calling end, with one tip of two changes apiece. Callers participating were: Jack Davis, Herb Cassell, Clarence Szomber, Ivan Wall, Jay Fenimore, Harold Emery, and Les Linn.

A comedy exhibition by some of the Promenaders, with men and women's roles reversed, and in "appropriate" costume, highlighted the intermission.

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\* OCT. 7 - FALL MEETING - OCT. 7 \*

\* Florida Square and Folk Dance Leaders:-- Remember that the  
\* Fall Meeting of the FLORIDA SQUARE AND FOLK DANCE CALLERS AND  
\* TEACHERS ASSOCIATION will be held at the Clearwater Marina,  
\* Clearwater, Florida, at 10:00 A.M., October 7. Election of  
\* officers and other important business is scheduled.

\* Those who can will want to attend the various events of the  
\* Fall Ball during the three preceding days, as outlined in the  
\* July-August BOW AND SWING,

\* Every caller who can possibly make it should get there for  
\* the meeting October 7.

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## "MR. SUN'S SETS", NEW ST. PETE CLUB, OFFICIALLY OPENS SEASON

A new club, "Mr. Sun's Sets", officially opened the season on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the St. Petersburg Maritime Base Auditorium, with Jim Pearson and Bob Mosher calling.

"Mr. Sun's Sets", which will dance the second and fourth Saturday nights each month, is reported as the only Square Dance club in the St. Petersburg area. The rising membership list confirms the need for such a club in an area with so many active and enthusiastic dancers.

The newly elected Board of Governors of the club is:

President	- E.A. Ammerman
Vice-pres.	- Bob Mosher
Secretary	- Leona Young
Corr. Sec.	- Kay Hofaker
Treasurer	- Dottie Baragry
Membership	- John Norris
Program	- Walter Baragry
Social	- Barney Wunderly

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THE EDITOR'S SPEAKS

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SUGGESTION TO CALLERS

It would be a good idea, at the October 7 meeting, to check your address and get it straight on the Association records. There are a number of errors in the list we received some weeks ago. In our own case, the address is only partly there, and is the original address given at the time the Association was formed, I believe. The correct address is given in every issue of BOW AND SWING.

Some may not have received their copies of the list through similar errors.

Some names may be misspelled, too. We note at least one, number 35 on the list. It should be Ivan Wall, rather than Hall.

Let's help the new officers to have an absolutely correct list.

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LAKELAND SETS - KNOTHEADS

In looking back over ours stencils, I note that "a Lakeland set" is listed as journeying to West Palm Beach, and then 16 names are listed-- two complete sets. Apologies.

By the way, a question came to me the other day--suppose six couples make a trip--more than a set, but they can't quite muster two full sets. Are all six couples eligible for Knotheads. What about it, Bill Muench

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RE-RUN NECESSARY

Last month, with the counter broken on the mimeograph and someone trying to carry on a conversation with the editor during the mimeographing, we came up about a hundred copies short on three pages. We had to do a re-run, including cutting one new stencil because the old one was torn. Hence a large group was very late in receiving the issue, although the bulk were mailed during the first ten days of August. We hope that won't happen again, as the wife says we get dirty enough mimeographing, without having to put used stencils back on the machine.

This issue? It's just plain late, a little. No excuse but work, which causes more late issues.

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CALENDAR

We want to start the Calendar again with the October issue. Please drop us a card with details of any dances that are set for this season, whether closed or open, and other pertinent information.

From April to October the Square Dance picture in various areas is changing so rapidly, due to summer closings, that the Calendar is impractical. Can't keep it even reasonably correct. So we don't try to run it. There are some changes during the winter season, too; but not so many. Only difficulty is getting the information to make the Calendar reasonably complete.

# FALL BALL FEATURES HAMILTONS IN ROUND DANCE WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 4, 5, ~~CLEAR~~ RARE DATES OF BIG WEST COAST  
EVENT PRECEDING STATE CALLERS MEETING

Four groups in the St. Petersburg-Tampa area have combined to bring Frank and Carolyn Hamilton, nationally known Round Dance leaders, to the area for the three day Fall Ball preceding the state Callers Meeting on October 7. In this way they can share these famous Round Dance leaders with dancers and callers from all over the state.

Clearwater is Host City for the event, known as Florida's Fall Ball, which is expected to draw dancers from all over the state. The Fall Ball convenes Thursday night and closes Saturday night. All of Florida's callers are invited to participate in the calling for the three big night Square Dances. The Thursday and Friday night dances are open for Knothead eligibility. m

For those who have mislaid the last issue, we repeat here the complete schedule.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Treasure Island Auditorium

- 7:00-8:30 P.M.---ROUND DANCE CLINIC, with Frank Hamilton.  
8:30-11:30 P.M.---Dance, with Frank Hamilton as guest caller. Also various Florida callers. Bob Mosher, Jim Pearson, M.C.'s.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 5

(Place to be announced)

- 8:30-11:30 P.M.---OPEN HOUSE, sponsored by Tampa Travelers and Clearwater Gulls and Buoys. Frank Hamilton and area and state callers. Bill Muench, M.C.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 6

(Clearwater Auditorium)

- 9-11 A.M.---ROUND DANCE WORKSHOP conducted by Frank and Carolyn Hamilton. Open to all dancers and leaders.  
2-4 P.M.---ROUND DANCE WORKSHOP for members of State Callers Association only, conducted by Frank and Carolyn Hamilton.  
8-12 P.M.---STATE CALLERS ROUNDUP---the big final Square Dance of the Fall Ball, featuring State callers. MC's, George Barton and Gene Bayliss.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 7---CLEARWATER MARINA

- 10:00 A.M. --- Annual Fall Meeting of the FLORIDA SQUARE AND FOLK DANCE CALLERS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. Election of officers and other important business.

The Committee for the Fall Ball consists of Jim and Norlene Pearson, 4534 12th St. N, St. Petersburg; Bob and Lil Mosher, 234 Melody Lane, Largo; Bill and Ruthe Muench, 3011 San Miguel Ave., Tampa; Ed and Kay Mack, 928 Bruce, Clearwater Beach; ~~and~~ Ernest and Isabel Ammerman, 5103 Longfellow Ave., Tampa.

Remember the dates: Oct. 4, 5, & 6.

FORT LAUDERDALE FOLK DANCERS TO RESUME DANCING SEPT. 18

Fort Lauderdale Folk Dancers will resume dancing on Tuesday, September 18, after a summer break. They will dance at the Coral Reef Recreation Center, opposite the Bahia Mar Yacht Basin.

The dance on September 18 will be a free dance, open to everyone interested in finding out what I International Folk Dancing is all about. Beginning folk dance instruction will be given each subsequent Tuesday at 8:00 P.M.

Tommy and Annette Thompson are leaders of this group.

LAKELAND SET MAKES KNOTHEAD TRIP TO WEST PALM BEACH, AUG. 18

A set of Knothead candidates from Lakeland visited Bill Embury's dance at the Saddle Club on August 18, bringing their official letter along.

In the set were Howard and Evelyn Parrish, Mel and Cora Belle Strickland, Ann and L. T. Hatcher, Ben and Martha Munday, Ethel and Lloyd Taylor, Marabelle and John MacCalla, and Harriet and Sam Prescott.

They left the dance a little early to try to catch the tail end of the Promenaders Club dance. Missing that, they ran into caller Jack Davis at Howard Johnson's and went out to the Davis home, where furniture was moved back and they danced till around three A.M. (That's the story we got, anyway.)

Some of our Southeast Florida dancers reported a very good time at George Hoyt's Monday night dance at the Boardwalk, Daytona Beach.

Have you seen the program, IT'S POLKA TIME, on Friday night, ABC Network. Understand it's very good, and often features a group of dancers from some country in their national dances. 9:00 P.M., I think.

I haven't seen it yet, either, one with a noke in it.

RELAX -- SAVOR -- DANCE AWHILE -- HAVE FUN!

DAVE CLAWNER, WELL KNOWN CALLER, DIES IN LOS ANGELES

On August 7, Dave Clawner passed away in Los Angeles, California. Dave had been calling for some eight years, and had traveled over the country considerably, accompanied by his wife, Thelma.

He is well-known as the author of several round and square dances. Many Florida dancers and callers will remember him from the 1955 Square Dance Convention at Mani Beach, where he contributed much.

Dave will be missed by his many square dancing friends over the country.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CALLERS AND TEACHERS TO MEET SEPT. 30

The Southeast Florida Square and Folk Dance Leaders will hold their next meeting on Sept. 30, at the home of Frank Michael, 842 S.W. 11th Court, Ft. Lauderdale.

Members are urged to come prepared for a pot-luck supper, and to bring bathing suits to try out Frank's new pool.

A good turnout attended the August 26 meeting, with a very interesting and informal round table discussion of various phases of dancing and calling.

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA DANCERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS JAMBOREE

September 2, Labor Day Eve-- found a large group of Square Dancers gathered at the Miami Beach Tenth St. Auditorium for a big Labor Day Jamboree sponsored by the Southeastern Florida Square and Round Dancers Association.

This recently formed Dancers association now has close to 500 members in southeast Florida, and plans to bring in name callers whenever possible.

The Miami Beach Recreation Dept., Jack Woody, Supy., sponsored the Jamboree.

The best place to put your troubles is in your pocket - the

RELAX -- SAVOR -- DANCE AWHILE -- HAVE FUN!

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\*\*\* FOR YOUR DANCING PLEASURE \*\*\*

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DOULBEBSKA POLKA

A Czech-Slovak Polka Mixer

Record: Folk Dancer MH-3016

Formation: Any number of couples, in a big circle.

Part 1--Plain polka around the circle, for 16 counts.Part 2--Promenade, with man's right arm around lady's waist; lady's left hand on man's shoulder. Man extends his left hand ahead, to place it on the shoulder of the man ahead. (Move in towards center to close up circle).

As all march around, sing the tune with a La-la-las etc. Singing is half the fun of this simple mixer.

Part 3--Men face center and clap own hands twice quickly, and then extend both hands to sides and clap neighbors' hands. At the same time, all the women polka single file clockwise around the ring. At the end of 16 measures, the men turn around and take the nearest woman to repeat the dance.

(With a large crowd, Michael and Mary Ann Herman suggest a number of smaller circles instead of one large one. Women may cheat and get into another circle, or extra women get in during the ladies' promenade. Extra men can get in during the march, doing it without a partner.)

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POLLY WOLLY DOODLE

A Contra with a Singing call, as used by Don Armstrong

Suggested record: F.1070

(Actives do not cross over; 1,3,5, etc. active.)

Actives swing in the center of the lines, swing them 'round and 'round

Cross and swing the one below, swing them up and down.

Actives swing in the center of the lines; swing them high and wide.

Actives down the center of the line. Ladies on the right hand side.

Cross over -- march back -- cast off and below just one.

Everybody go forward and back. the fun has just begun...

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PORTLAND FANCY

Circle Mixer--Two couples in line facing two couples all around the room, like spokes of a wheel.

Circle eight around the track

(Circle 1 16 steps, then drop back into facing lines)

Right and left through across and back

Ladies chain across and back

Everyone go forward and back (Fwd 4 cts. back 4 cts.)

Forward again and pass on through

(Drop hands and pass right shoulders with opposite, to face a new line with which dance is repeated)

(Whole dance, when properly done, takes 64 counts each time through.)

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MARY LEITHEUSER REOPENS  
DANCE STUDIO FOR NEW SEASON

Mary's Dance Studio, 19 South Dixie, Lake Worth, has re-opened after a summer vacation during which Mary and Andrew Leitheuser went to California for the National Convention.

Scheduled so far are a Sunday night Square Dance class, with beginners at 7:30 and intermediate and advanced at 8:30. Also there is a Monday night Round Dance class with the same schedule, beginners at 7:30, more advanced later in the evening.

Other groups may be announced later.

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THURSDAY NIGHT SQUARE DANCE  
SCHEDULED FOR LAKE WORTH

Herb Cassell has scheduled a Thursday night Square Dance at the Lake Worth Casino, beginning about the middle of October or first of November. Exact dates will be announced later.

Herb also has a dance scheduled to open at Stuart about the same time.

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In listing officials of the new St. Pete club, "Mr. Sun's Sets", we failed to include the name of the publicity chairman who sent us the item. Mrs. Robert Stern is the publicity chairman.

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Club secretaries or publicity chairmen: How about sending us items about your club's activities, officers, special projects, etc.

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Last month we listed the names of members of the Vagabonds, the ramblin', visitin' club with members from Ft. Lauderdale to Miami.

Understand the club has grown considerably since then, so that they are always sure of two or three sets when they set out to visit a dance.

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1957 National Square Dance Convention at St. Louis, Mo., June 13, 14, and 15.

VAGABONDS VISIT WILTON SWINGERS  
WITH THEIR USUAL "SURPRISE"

The "Wilton Swingers" of Wilton Manors, just northeast of Ft. Lauderdale, were pleasantly surprised Friday, Aug. 24. The "Vagabond Club" descended on them with their big five gallon can of punch and a beautifully decorated chocolate cake, with the Vagabond emblem, a horse drawn wagon, and "Hi, Wilton Swingers" printed across the bottom of the cake.

It really was a gala time, with over fifty dancers responding to the calls of Frank Michael, the "Swinger" caller, and Gene Bayliss and Al of the Vagabonds.

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The Wilton Swingers have also started a beginners' class on Saturday nights at Hagen Park, with Bill Roundtree as instructor. This will be an eight-week course, culminating in a big Bar-B-Q at Bahia Maar Picnic Grounds for the club and the class.

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On each fifth Friday, the three Friday night clubs in the Lauderdale Miami area, "Calico Kickers" of Miami, "Spurs and Ruffles" of Hollywood, and the "Swingers", get together in turn at one dance, with all three club callers (Gene Bayliss, Jay Fenimore, and Frank Michael) sharing the calling. The Swingers entertained in June, the "Calico Kickers" on August 31, and in November it will be the turn of the "Spurs and Ruffles".

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Bill Roundtree is president of the Wilton Swingers.

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Andy Glittone of Miami is president of the Southeast Florida Association of Square Dancers.

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The Southeastern Festival in Atlanta will be held in the University of Georgia gym on Saturday, Nov. 17.

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Somebody asked my corner girl what could be worse than a man without a country. She quipped right back, "A country without a man."

NEW BEGINNERS' CLASS AT JAX  
TO BE FORMED IN OCTOBER

Bill Camp writes from Jacksonville that they've danced all summer, although at times with a small crowd.

"The first of July we started dancing on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at the YMCA, and have had an air-conditioned room for the last three. The first one in July we danced outside on the patio, and it was still hot out there."

Bill adds that he has a good group of dancers at the Y now, and plans to start a beginners' class and an intermediate class about October 15.

"The Y dancers are sponsoring the North Florida Round-up this year," he says.

Round-up Nov. 10

"The Round-up is set for Nov. 10, the date of the Florida-Georgia game. I'm getting material out on it in a few days to all square dancers in the state."

At least four couples, Bill adds, plan to attend the Fall Ball at Clearwater.

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"The blonde in the first set says, 'Taste makes waist.'"

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An argument is where two people are trying to get in the last word first.

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TO CLIP AND USE

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FORT LAUDERDALE "RHYTHM SQUARES"  
TO ENTERTAIN T.B. PATIENTS

Rhythm Squares of Ft. Lauderdale will entertain the T.B. patients at Lantana Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 20. They will dress in their club outfits and do square and round dancing for a full hour.

Frank Michael is caller.

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Club members and their families enjoyed a picnic at Birch State Park on Labor Day. They are planning a Hamburger Bar-B-Q after the dance Saturday, Sept. 29.

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The ladies of Rhythm Squares have been enjoying a Splash and Potluck at the Michael's each Thursday.

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A new course in Beginner's Square and Round Dancing started Sept. 4 at 8:00 P.M., at Holiday Park. Couples interested are being allowed to register until Sept. 18, after which the class will be closed until the course is completed. Twelve couples registered the first night. Frank Michael is caller and instructor.

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A dollar may not go as far as it used to, but what it lacks in distance it more than makes up in speed.

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FALL BALL--CLEARWATER--OCT. 4, 5, 6

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No DISCUSSIONS this month. So busy with the opening of school I haven't even had time to listen to a new record, much less cogitate upon them.

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Have to go to a meeting tomorrow to see what extension course I take this year. Switching from High to Elementary school teaching means some certificate complications to get cleared up. Just hope that my schedule won't interfere with my getting to Clearwater, October 6 & 7.

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BOW & SWING is behind schedule two or three weeks a lot of the time, but we find there are others further behind. That's no excuse, but it makes me feel a little better.

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There are even others with a ~~blow~~ job that's no better. Again, that's no excuse--just comforting myself.

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TUESDAY NIGHT SQUARES, the West Palm Beach Rec. Dept. Square Dance, has held up well most of the summer. September and October are the months when it is usually at lowest ebb.

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Let's get those news items in. Club activities, new dances, special events, what have you?. Send it along. We'll use it.

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Oops. Wonder what I left out this month. Well, anyway, it's time to sign off. Happy Dancing.

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