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**NORTHWEST CALLER
BOB POYNER RETIRES**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We hope you all are doing well and the weather has been great. Hope you all had a great Valentine day and Shamrock Shimmer. We will be sending out more information to the clubs about the Florida State convention in January 2025. There will be a benefit dance May 4, 2024.

One of our local callers Bob Poyner officially announced his retirement. Please see the nice write up from the Dancergram. Northwest thanks Bob and Ann for all they have done over the years for the clubs and for square dancing. Enjoy your retirement!



Please check the calendar of events for dates of upcoming dances.

Our next **Northwest meeting on April 20, 2024** at the Blue and White Ball at Grand Square Hall between **12:05 and 12:55 pm**. Sandwiches will be provided.

The Bow and Swing is being revived again by Steven Bigalow. I don't think there will be a cost to it but don't be surprised if I send an issue to your club.

The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers is looking for a Chairman (couple) for the 2026 Florida State Convention. There can also be a co-Chairman to assist and wanted to know if anyone in our area would be interested in being the chairman. There are very specific directions on the duties and many people to help determine the site, theme, coordinate callers and cuers and decorations. Let us know if you are interested by April 20th. Thank you.

Please look at the Grand Square Hall Anniversary pages.

The Florida Federation website is now at
www.dancergram.com/aa-floridasquaredance.com/index.html.

Send flyers for Florida Federation website publication to Cliff Reiss at
dgramwebmaster@yahoo.com.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION CLUBS

AGAPE SQUARES Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm (SSD, M, P)

Caller: Varies (class 6-7 pm)

Cross Point Church Fellowship Hall, 214 Partin Dr. Niceville, FL.

CONTACT: Andrew Sejan (843) 902-5717 President

CAPITAL TWIRLERS Mondays 7-9 pm (MS, P, A)

Caller: George Lavender (classes start January 29th)

Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe, Tallahassee, FL.

CONTACT: Gary Yancy (850)-524-0510 President

SEASIDE SQUARES Friday 7:30-9:30 pm (MS, P)

Caller: Varies

2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL.

CONTACT: Deecee Haslett (850) 293-7720

SWINGING SQUARES Friday 6-8 pm (MS, P)

Callers: Miriam Merriwether (class 6-7pm)

Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Rd, Panama City, FL.

CONTACT: Jon & Kathy Kern (850) 896-5798

T-N-T ROUNDS Sundays 3-5 pm

Cuer: Terri Wilaby

T-N-T Hall, 6419 Dallas Ave., Pensacola, FL.

CONTACT: Terri and Tim Wilaby (850) 712-5230 terriwilaby@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6, 2024 Port City Squares Anniversary, 10-12 noon, 1-4:40 pm, Ted Kennedy, Tom Miller and Pauline Angress.

April 20, 2024 Blue and White Dance Swinging Squares, Grand Square Hall, 10 to noon, and 1pm to 4 pm, Callers- Darryl McMillan and Chris Burchfield, Cuer Sandy Sturgis.

May 4, 2024 State Square Dance Benefit dance in Port Orange, FL.

May 24, 2024 Memorial Day Dance, 7pm to 9:30 pm, Ragon Hall, Callers Nick Hartley and Darrin Henry, Cuer Susan Wolford.

June 26th-29th, 2024 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukie, WI.

June 28, 2024 Seaside Squares Summer fundraiser, 6:30-9:30 pm, Callers Ted Kennedy and Nick Hartley.

July 26, 2024 July Jamboree Ragon Hall, 7:00-9:30 pm, Caller Ted Kennedy and Cuer Diane Martin.

August 1-3, 2024 Tennessee State Convention, Gatlinburg, TN

August 31, 2024 Seaside Squares 61st Anniversary Dance, 11:00 4:00 pm, Callers Nick Hartley and Cuer Susan Wolford.

September Beach Blast Ragon Hall

October 25-26, 2024 NWFSRDA's 50th Annual Roundup, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL.

**Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association (NWFSRDA)
2024 1st Quarter Meeting – January 14, 2024, 3:00 PM Central
Via Zoom Meeting**

Executive Committee Attendees: Brian and Barbara McDonald; Alec Schmidt; Laura Davis.

Club Delegate(s): DeeCee Haslett, Seaside Squares; Kathy Kern, Swinging Squares.

Call to Order, Welcome, Invocation & Pledge

Roll Call: Quorum present. Quorum consists of 25% of Board of Delegates (*Board of Delegates: Delegates from member area associations, member clubs, delegates-at-large, and the Executive Committee*). Currently 14 / 25%= 4.

Minutes: October 21, 2023, minutes approved with edits; Diane DiBattista is a visitor and Sherrilee Lewis is a delegate. Correspondence is shared – Thank You notes from Seaside Squares and Swinging Squares for donations.

Financial Reports: Insurance for 2024 is almost done. Annual report is complete. Our N990 is pending on the IRS site. Roundup 2023: \$2132 income. There were 60 attendees, trending downward. Advertisement income was down as well. We had 2 callers and 2 halls. The last 2 years were in the negative; prior to Covid, we had positive cash flow. This event is not intended to be profitable, but costs are rising, and income is sinking. How can we reverse this? Sell more ads, increase ticket prices, provide only 1 hall, 1 caller. This could put us back in positive cash flow. See 4th Quarter Financial Report. Starting Checking Balance is \$10,750.01; Ending balance is \$6,476.40; savings are \$4,818.34. CD is \$4,081.90; account total is \$15,376.64.

Roundup 2024: Flyers are done; contracts are signed. Ribbons still need to be ordered. The Roundup will be held on October 25-26, 2024, in Pensacola at Ragon Hall.

Panhandle Press: Error was found on last issue but corrected before sending out – January Shine dance was at 10:00 AM, not 1:00 PM. Roundup should be October 25-26, 2024. There is an update to the 2024 Boosters.

Florida Federation: Florida State Convention - there are still reservations available for the Dinner Dance, submit by January 12. If you attend the Trail-In Dance, you can still get ribbons for the conference there. There is an After Party planned. No Grand March

this year. The report will be done by the next working weekend. Note to please share the Dancergram with others.

Old Business:

2024 Roundup Pricing: further discussion is held regarding raising the ticket prices. Tabling that decision until the July Board meeting.

New Business:

No new business.

Announcements:

- January 13, 2024, Port City Squares Donation Dance, Mobile AL.
- January 18, 2024, Trail End dance at Deltona, FL.
- January 19 & 20, 2024, 69th FL. State Convention, Deltona, FL
- January 27, 2024, January Shine, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL 10 AM-5 PM
- February 4-11, 2024, Top of the Line Square & Round Dance Cruise
- February 9, 2024, 50s, Dance at Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL regular dance time
- February 10th, 2024, Plus Workshop Grand Square Hall, 1-3 PM,4-7 PM
- March 22, 2024, Shamrock Shimmer Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL
- April 6, 2024, Port City Squares Anniversary, 10-12 noon, 1-4 PM
- April 20, 2024, Blue & White Dance Panama City, FL
- July 26, 2024, July Jamboree Ragon Hall Pensacola, FL
- August 31, 2024, Anniversary Dance Ragon Hall Pensacola, FL
- September 28, 2024, Beach Blast, Ragon Hall Pensacola, FL
- October 25-26 2024, NWFSRDA'S 50TH Annual Roundup, Ragon Hall
- November 22, 2024, Thanksgiving Dance Ragon Hall Pensacola, FL

Capital Twirlers is starting a new class on January 29, 2024.

Next meeting will be held in April 2024 at the Blue & White Dance at noon, Panama City.

Meeting adjourned.

AGAPE SQUARES

Agape Squares continues to dance on Mondays with class 6-7 pm and MS/ Plus 7-8:30. Our current class is getting close to completing the Basic and Mainstream calls so it will be time to have a graduation soon! Our angels have been outstanding to show up for class and help our new dancers.

We elected new Agape Officer's for 2024 and they are doing a great job.

- President- Andrew Sejan (Cherie)
- Vice Pres- Diane Dibattista (Brad Olgaard)
- Secretary- Tim Carty (Tammy)
- Treasurer- Alec Schmidt (Kay)

As always, we have club members that help with anything we need and we appreciate each and every one of them! Some of us went on the recent Wonder of the Seas Cruise and had a great time. If anyone is interested, they are planning another cruise in 2026. Ask Ted and Nancy Kennedy, if you have questions about it. Yes, I know it is way out there, but our cruise sold out, so think about it.

Upcoming Dances:

Keep an eye out on our Agape Facebook page for flyers for upcoming dances in the local area, our videos of fun times and caller for the week. April 6, 2024 Port City Squares Anniversary Dance with callers Tom Miller and Ted Kennedy. This is a daytime dance in Mobile, AL.

April 20, 2024 Blue and White Ball with callers Darryl McMillan and Chris Burchfield and cuer, Sandy Sturgis. See flyer, it's a daytime dance at Grand Square Hall in Panama City.

Several of us will travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the Tennessee State Convention on August 1-3, 2024. Flyers available on the club table.

Hope to see you soon!



CAPITAL TWIRLERS

Our founding and dear long-time caller Elmer Sheffield maintains his brave battle against severe health challenges. We continue to be blessed by George Lavender and his wife Mary, who faithfully make the long drive from Valdosta each Monday night to call for us.

After hosting a couple of Open Houses for potential newcomers, we officially started our new class on Jan. 29. Thanks to an excellent advertising effort (special tip of the hat to Ellen Guthrie for heading up this project), we enjoyed a wonderful turnout. Our attendance of newcomers has consistently been above 20 (which has to be a record for us). On March 4 (week 5 of our class), we had 22 new class members in attendance.

Round dancing died out in Tallahassee about 2005, but it was revived about 2018 (thanks to Sandy Sturgis). Although Sandy had to move, two couples have been working to keep a spark of round dancing alive, and we've recently started a brief class that meets for half an hour before our Monday night square dances. We now have four and occasionally five couples round dancing each Monday. Newcomers and "rusty hinges" can join us at 6:30pm.

Round Dancers



Happy Mothers Day

May 12, 2024



SEASIDE SQUARES

On a rainy Saturday afternoon, January 27th, we gathered to dance at our annual January Shine at Ragon Hall. We were very excited to see such a large group of dancers enjoying the calling of Ted Kennedy and Chris Burchfield. We also enjoyed rounds cued by Diane Martin-Hamilton. We were kept moving the entire afternoon starting with a dance for Advanced dancers. We then had a plus workshop where we worked on several calls. After the workshop, the real dancing started with plus, mainstream and rounds. We want to thank the dancers from Agape Squares from Niceville, Swinging Squares from Panama City and Port City Squares from Mobile for supporting our dance. There was one couple from Missouri. Everyone had a great time dancing, enjoying good food and visiting with each other. We're looking forward to next year.

We held our second annual Oldies Dance on February 9th. The Hall was decorated with old records and other items. Most of the crowd attended in their "oldies" attire.



Poodles were running all over the place. We enjoyed seeing both our youngest at heart, Arlene, dancing with our youngest visitor, Denver. Cheryl Hamilton won the prize for the best dressed in her poodle skirt covered with records.

We all enjoyed ice cream floats thanks to Cheryl Hamilton and Doug Salley.

Nick kept the crowd hopping to music from the past. Between squares we danced to all the oldie tunes. We had a good turnout. We had a guest couple from Maryland and one from Nebraska. Once again, we thank the dancers from other clubs that supported our event.

The last 2 weeks of February, in addition to square dancing, we enjoyed round dancing to cuer, Linda Brown. Linda was visiting from Indiana and offered to cue for us. We all tried to talk her into staying longer. Since we failed at that, we'll just look forward to her return next winter.

During March we've continued to enjoy dancing to Ted Kennedy & Nick Hartley. They always keep us moving. We were pleased to have some of the newer Port City dancers join us this month.



They enjoyed dancing & we hope they'll continue to visit with us. On March 22nd, we held our annual Shamrock Shimmer with caller, Nick Hartley & cuer, Connie Wise. There was plenty of "Wearin' o' the Green" & a few antics. Of course, Nick provided a surprise costume. Ted Kennedy joined Nick for a tip during the evening. And another nice surprise was hearing Connie call a tip for us. Now, we know what a treat we'll have when she calls & cues for us at our November Gathering before Thanksgiving.



We're having two Open House events on Friday, Apr 5th & 12th from 6:30-7:30pm & will start progressive, weekly beginner classes on Friday, Apr 19th from 6:30-7:30pm. We hope to see many of you at Grand Squares daytime Blue & White Ball on Saturday, Apr 20th with Darryl McMillan, Chris Burchfield & Sandy Sturgis.

On May 7th & 14th, Emerald Waves Squares, will be holding two open houses for new dancers from 7:00-8:30 pm at Ragon Hall. This is a new LGBTQ+/All Inclusive square dance club at which everyone is welcome. Assuming there are sufficient interested students, weekly classes will begin on May 21st from 7:00-8:30 pm at Ragon Hall. For more information go to: <https://emeraldwavessquares.com>

Please support our regular weekly dances and our upcoming specials including:

- May 24th to remember our service members. Callers Nick Hartley & Darrin Henry and Cuer Susan Wolford.
- June 28th joint fundraiser for our three new A/C units with Callers Ted Kennedy & Nick Hartley.
- Jul 26th July Jamboree with Caller Ted Kennedy & Cuer Diane Martin.
- Aug 31st we'll celebrate Seaside Squares 61st Anniversary with a Saturday daytime event with Caller Nick Hartley and Cuer Susan Wolford.

SWINGING SQUARES

We appreciate all the angels who have been helping our 9 students. Miriam Merriwether has certainly worked diligently with them. They have 15 more calls to learn before they graduate.

We are really excited about the Blue and White Ball on April 20th. Mary and Jim Riley have pulled together their ideas to decorate the hall in preparation for the Blue and White.

We had a wonderful Valentine's Day dance and we appreciate all the decorations that Kathie Kern set out on the tables to make it special.

Our new website is almost complete and we look forward to viewing the website soon from Becca Nelson and her mother, Beverly. Sonya Presley has done so much for our dance club along with the other clubs that use the hall. We appreciate all the work these volunteers do to promote dancing.



It is with sadness that we lost a long time square dancer, Juanita Lingo, on March 6th. If anyone would like to send Dave a card, their address is:

3125 College Blvd., Lynn Haven, FL 32444.

The Kerns do so much to welcome guests to our club and we appreciate that both of them make sure the hall is squared away and that everything is working. What would we do without such wonderful volunteers!

We have to brag on some folks in our club that love to cook! Lilly, who is 16, loves to make delightful desserts. John Luzny cooks some wonderful dishes! Stacy Mumphree spends her day in the kitchen just for a square dance dish that might be a new recipe or an old favorite! Tim Tharp also can make some "mean" taco soup!

We were delighted to have guest callers, Ted and Nancy Kennedy, call on February 9th. The next day was a great Plus workshop with Nick and Lynette Hartley. We thank Tim Tharp for his help in coordinating the dances on that weekend. Everyone who attended learned a lot and of course we all had fun!



T-N-T ROUNDS

With Easter fast approaching, we will be seeing our Swing class graduating. It has been a lot of fun teaching both single and triple swing. We are looking forward to the Foxtrot class in the fall. To keep our dancers familiar with the recent rhythms, Swing, Waltz and Cha-cha, we will continue to dance through the summer.

We are also very excited to have a class going strong in Mobile at the Port City Church of Christ. The class consists of six enthusiastic couples who are enjoying Waltz. We will hate to lose one couple in the fall as they are moving to Austria. What a treat for them!! We are not sure what the Mobile class will be doing in the fall. We have given them the choice of Rumba, Cha, or Swing.

I can't wait to see what they choose.

Until next time...

Terri Wilaby



June 16, 2024





In Memory

Juanita Lingo 3-06-2024 Swinging Squares club member

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he gave his only son for us through LOVE.

 Please get in touch to offer comments and
join our mailing list for sales and specials! 

Blue and White Ball 52nd Anniversary and Grand Square Hall history

Swinging Squares 52nd Anniversary Blue and White Ball is April 20, 2024 at Grand Square Hall Panama City (GSHPC). Everyone who has ever square danced at GSHPC as well as Square Dance Clubs from all states are invited.

Cuer for Rounds is Sandy Stugis; Callers for Advanced Square Dancing are Chris Burchfield and Darryl McMillan. The schedule is: Rounds Workshop 10:00 am; Advanced Square Dancing 11:00 am; Early Rounds 1:00pm; followed by Squares and Rounds from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Admission is \$12 per person.

GSHPC is the Emerald Coast's biggest and best all wooden dance floor. Located at 1105 Bob Little Road in Panama City, the dance floor is two-thirds the size of an NBA basketball court (66' long x 54' wide) and has a genuine floating floor that's soft on your feet. There's plenty of free parking; and all events are family friendly (no alcohol or smoking.) GSHPC is a member of the Bay County Chamber of Commerce.

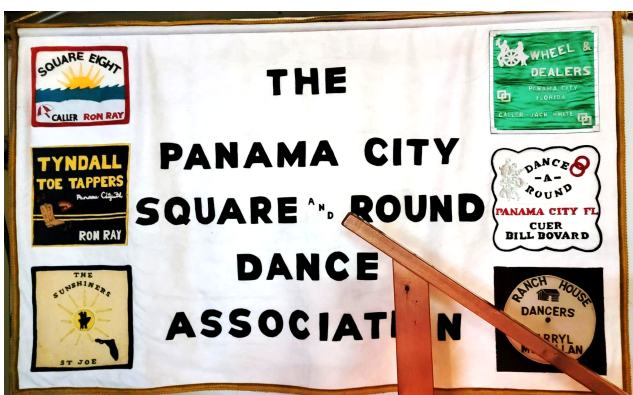
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In 1986, the State of Florida issued a Citation naming Square Dancing as the official State Dance. The motto is "Dance in a Square, Make a Circle of Friends." Check out even more Florida Square Dance history at netstate.com/states/symb/dances/fl_square_dance.htm

In the early 80s, Darryl McMillan was one of several Callers in Panama City so he started the Swinging Squares Club. They outgrew their building on 19th Street so he began an initiative to build a dance hall in the local community.



The Panama City Square and Round Dance Association (PCSRDA) was formed in 1985. Their mission was to recruit, engage and retain dancers. It was composed of five Square Dancing Clubs and one Round Dance Club: Tyndall Toe Tappers, Square Eight, Wheel and Dealers, St Joe Sunshiners, Ranch House Dancers and Dance-A-Round.

In 1986, PCSRDA leased the land at 1105 Bob Little Road for 20 years from Bay County. The lease was renewed for another 20 years in 2006 when the PCSRDA Board appeared before County Commissioners.



PCSRDA built GSHPC in 1986 by sweat equity from volunteers and dancers who donated \$5,000 each. No loans were taken out for construction. It has a fully-functioning kitchen, air conditioning and great acoustics. As many as 15 Squares have danced on it at once.



PCSRDA operates as a Not-for-Profit organization with a Board of Directors. The 2024 Board is: Kathie Kern, President; Ken Crowe, Vice President; Helen Crowe, Treasurer; Tammy Jankowski, Secretary; and Jon Kern, Building Manager.

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At the height of popularity, GSHPC hosted Square Dancing Clubs six nights a week. Saturday nights were special dances that out-of-town Square Dancing clubs would attend.

Today, the Swinging Squares are the only Square Dancing club left in Panama City.

The largest expense of operating GSHPC is the insurance. To keep the hall open, PCSRDA allowed new dance clubs to become a part of the Grand Square Hall family and hold weekly events there. Currently, four dance clubs teach year-long at GSHPC. They host hundreds of students weekly and offer over 250 dance events annually. All ages and dance levels are invited. Dance schedules are on the new website www.GrandSquareHallPanamaCity.com and new Facebook page Grand Square Hall Panama City.

Panama City Social Dance Club (PSDC) hosts a variety of dance styles weekly at 6:00 pm on Mondays. Tammy Jankowski teaches a lesson on either Cha-Cha, Rumba, Foxtrot, Salsa, Night Club Two-Step, Waltz, Country Two-Step, Tango, East Coast Swing or West Coast Swing. Following is two-hours of social dancing in a fun



environment. Admission is \$5. New in 2024: PSCDC is hosting one Saturday night dance a month. That's 60 events annually!

Slick Kickers hosts Line Dancing (singles and partner) on Tuesdays weekly and one Saturday a month; 60 events annually. Beginner lessons at 6:00 pm followed by two-hours of non-stop Line Dancing. Admission is \$7.

Country and Ballroom Fusion is taught Thursdays weekly and specified Sundays by Tammy Jankowski, a Professional Dance Instructor and United Country Western Dance Council 2005 Pro-Am Female Crystal Novice Country Couples Dance "World Champion." Classes are \$15. Jankowski also offers personalized lessons for special occasions (Daddy/Daughter dances, weddings), to accelerate your learning, or for competition.

Swinging Squares dance Mainstream and Plus Fridays 6:00 pm weekly all year long at GSHPC. "Square dancing is a lot of fun and anyone can do it" remarked Kathie Kern, PCSRDA President. "If you can walk, you can square dance."

Square Dancing has a Caller who choreographs four couples dancing in a square and interacting with more than one partner. Round Dancing involves several couples dancing Ballroom, Waltz, Two-Step, Fox-Trot and Rumba dances in a large circle around the room while the Cuer (not a Caller) calls out moves for the dancers to follow. The constant movement and concentration makes it a great physical and mental exercise.

For more information, follow us on our new Facebook page [Swinging Squares Grand Square Hall Panama City](#) or call Kathie Kern, PCSRDA Board President, at (850) 896-5798.

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Doors Open & Lessons 6:30-7:30 pm

Dance 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact: Don Pitts (850) 348-2670

TUESDAY: SLICK KICKERS

Country & Line Dance 6:30-8:30 pm

Contact: Joe & Julie Gray (850) 258-9847

WEDNESDAY: Available

THURSDAY: COUNTRY & BALLROOM FUSION

Teach: 6:30-7:30 pm

Review: 7:45-8:15 pm

Dance: 8:15-9:00 pm

Contact: Tammy Jankowski (850) 896-2226

FRIDAY: SWINGING SQUARES

Squares: (class) 6:00-8:00pm

Dance: Summer(6-8 pm) 7:00-8:30pm

Contact: Kathie & Jon Kern (850) 896-5798

Caller: Miriam Merriwether

SATURDAY: Open for special dances

Contact: Jon Kern (850) 228-8568

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Visitors are always welcome! All clubs occasionally cancel. Please verify with contact. Grand Square Hall is owned & operated by dancers of the Panama City Square & Round Dance Association, a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving our square & round dance heritage.

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Instructor: Justin Grubb (850) 503-9978

Tuesdays Available

Wednesdays Available

Thursdays

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Caller Nick Hartley

Fridays

Seaside Squares Callers vary

Mainstream/Plus Squares 7:30-9:30 pm

Contact: Deecee Haslett (850) 293-7720
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **NWFSRDA**

AND MAIL TO: Alec Schmidt
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DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS AND ARTICLES is **June 25, 2024**

PLEASE send articles as text, and images or advertisements as a jpeg.

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NWFSRDA's
50th Annual Roundup
October 25-26, 2024



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Ted Kennedy, Caller



Sandy Sturgis, Cuer

Friday & Saturday nights
7:00-7:30 Early Rounds
7:30-7:45 Introductions
7:45-9:45 Squares w/Rounds

Saturday morning & afternoon
9:00-11:00am Plus & DBD workshop
11:15-noon NWFSRDA meeting
Noon-1:00pm Potluck lunch
1:15-3:15pm Rounds workshop
3:15-5:00pm Advanced workshop

**See reverse side for motel/RV info
& ribbon pricing**

Roundup Coordinator – Deecee Haslett
ragonhall3@gmail.com 850-293-7720



MOTELS

Convenient to Ragon Hall – pick your favorite. Many others are also nearby.

Best Western Inn	2390 Detroit Blvd	850-477-7474
Country Inn & Suites	2607 Wilde Lake Blvd	850-944-7653
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Super 8	8001 Lavelle Way	850-696-0317

RV Parks

Five Flags RV Park	2605 Wilde Lake Blvd	844-453-5247
Pensacola RV Park	3117 Wilde Lake Blvd	850-944-1734
Pensacola North RV Resort	7800 Pine Forest Rd	850-285-0574

Ribbon Pricing

Through 01 Oct 2024: NWFSRDA members \$12.00pp, non-members \$24.00pp

After 01 Oct 2024: NWFSRDA members \$15.00pp, non-members \$30.00pp

One day only pricing, at the door: Friday night \$15.00pp; Saturday workshops & dance \$20.00pp

Ribbon Order

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Number of Ribbons _____ Amount of enclosed check _____

Make check payable to NWFSRDA and mail to:

Alec Schmidt, 116 Bayou Drive, Niceville, FL 32578.

Please include a SASE for ribbons to be mailed. Otherwise, ribbons will be held at the door.



Pre-Registration
73rd National Square Dance Convention®
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2024

REGISTER ONLINE at www.73nsdc.com
This form expires on February 04, 2023

Registration Number

Current Badge Number

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name _____

Email Address: _____

Partner's Last Name (if different): _____ First Name _____

Email Address: (if different) _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Check if you do not want your email shared. Email addresses to be shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information.

Phone: (_____) _____ Alt Number (_____) _____

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$50.00 each x _____ = \$ _____ **until 2/4/2023**

Youth born after June 26, 2007 \$25.00 each x _____ = \$ _____ **until 2/4/2023**

Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ (**Pay to 73NSDC**) **Total Due:** \$ _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

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IF REGISTERING BY MAIL: Registration Chairmen: Wayne & Lucy Mattson (262) 894-4621
73rd National Square Dance Convention® 2405 Royal Court, Waukesha, WI 53188 registration@73nsdc.com

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2024. **This form and registration rate is void after February 04, 2023.** Registration Long Forms will be mailed in November 2022 for selection of hotel and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on February 04, 2023. Convention badges are required for entrance to all convention activities. Square Dance attire is requested for the evening dance.

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply

Dancers: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Handicapable, SOLO

Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Education Presenter: Topic: _____

Arrive Early or Stay Late? # Days _____ Camping, Stay at Convention Hotel, or Other Accommodations?

Group Name: _____ Do you need Block Rooms, Meeting Room, or Storage Space: _____

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: _____ Date: _____

Registration Location: _____

Receipt Sent: _____ Date Sent: _____

04/03/2021





Pre-Registration
74th National Square Dance Convention[®]
Shreveport, Louisiana
June 25, 26, 27, & 28, 2025

REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

REGISTER ONLINE at www.74thnsdc.com

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Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Partner's (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Phone: (_____) _____ Alt Number (_____) _____

Registration Prices (*U.S. currency only*) \$55.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

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<p>IF REGISTERING BY MAIL: General Chairman: Ted & Tonia Hofmeister 501-520-7270 74th National Square Dance Convention[®] 1126 Lawrence Lane, Benton, AR 72019</p>
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<p>HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply</p> <p>Dancers: SSD, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Handicapable, SOLO</p> <p>Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Education Presenter: Topic _____</p> <p>Arrive Early or Stay Late? # Days _____ Camp, Stay at Convention Hotel, or Other Accommodations?</p> <p>Group name: _____ Do you need Block rooms, Meeting Room, Storage Space?</p> <p>Tour, Education, Program or other suggestions? _____</p>
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\$10 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2025. This form & registration rate are void after March 16th, 2024. Registration Long Forms will be mailed March 2024 for selection of hotel & additional items. Convention badges required for entrance to all convention activities; Dressy casual attire allowed until 6:00pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6:00pm for all dancers.

Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on March 16th, 2024.

WHO MAY WE THANK FOR YOUR REGISTRATION? _____

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Registration Location _____ **RECEIPT NUMBER** _____



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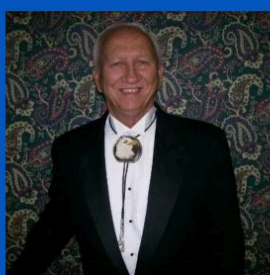
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Bob Poyner Announces Retirement

At our recent State Convention, Caller Bob Poyner announced his retirement from calling. His resume is below:

Bob started calling in Niceville, Florida, in October 1963. He was in the U.S. Air Force and in his second year of a four-year commitment. He was working in the ER of the hospital at Eglin AFB in Niceville. He worked 24 hours on and 48 hours off schedule.

While on his off 48 hours, a buddy and he went to the beach for some sun and rest. We met two girls who could only go to a square dance that night, so his buddy and he decided to go even though they didn't know how to dance. When they got to the dance, the owner of the residence recognized him. Sgt. Parsons was one of the ward masters at the hospital.

The dance was a teen club called Torch Teens and he wanted to know how Bob found out about it. Bob told him his story and let him stay. They were giving a going away party for Ann Coon; she was leaving to go to a business college in Jacksonville. Bob really liked what he saw that night and told his buddy that he was going to marry that good looking blonde someday. He knew that if he wanted to date her in the future, he had to learn how to dance. He asked Sgt. Parsons at work the next day to help him find a class. Bob joined the class and on their fifth night of class, the caller (Don Waite) told them it was their last class because he didn't have enough airmen in the class, and he was losing the hall on base. Bob had to learn how to dance, so he went to Don's club off base and sat on the sideline for a couple weeks until Don's wife (Lucille) made him dance with her. After a couple weeks of this Don gave him two Singing calls to practice; it seems his wife told him Bob would make a caller.

That was the start of it all. Don was Bob's mentor for the next three weeks and he told Bob he had taught him all he could and that he felt Bob was better than him. Don helped Bob get his first class going in Choctaw Beach, Florida. It was a group of teens and their parents. The class taught Bob a lot and helped him understand all the ins and outs of calling a good dance. It took him a while to win Ann and her family over. When she came back from college, they dated and she helped him with the class and to build the club. They were married February 20, 1965. Bob took over as caller for the Torch Teens after they fired the caller for coming to the dances drunk a few times.

Bob also became the caller for Don's club when he was transferred to Alaska. Bob was the caller for the three clubs for a little while until they merged the two teen clubs into one and they danced in Niceville.

Bob finished his tour of duty January 12, 1966, and moved to Plainfield, Illinois. While working full-time, he was club caller for seven to nine clubs in the Chicago area. He called in several states, averaging four to six nights a week teaching and calling.

He was a member and officer in the Chicago Area Callers' Association and the Illinois Callers' Association. He was on staff for several weekend festivals with national callers. Tom Miller and Bob put together a weekend in Chicago for 17 years and the next year's weekend would be sold out and had a waiting list before the weekend was over.

After retiring in 1990, Ann and Bob moved to DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

He called for three clubs from Basic through A-2 levels. Bob has attended and called at over 50 National Square Dance Conventions and has been on the sounding committee at over 40 Nationals.

He has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1975, and has served several terms on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors; Northwest Florida Callers' Association since 1993 serving one term as President, and Florida Callers' Association since 1993, serving as an officer from 1997 - 2001, serving as President in 2000-2001. He served a second term on the Board from 2013-2016. He has also served as Vice President of the Alabama Callers' Association.

Bob is now a retired caller and will stay busy with all the little problems that will arise at home that need my expertise. He is known as a jack of all trades and can fix most all things broken.

Bob and Ann's son, Bobby, has been calling for over 30 years in the Chicago area, travels a lot, and calls at several festivals out of state.

Bob received the Extra Mile Award at the Florida State Convention in 2007. Below is a list of all the Florida State Conventions where he was either the Caller Chairman or the Co-chairman.

- Hat Full of Tricks 1996 -- Ben Williams Chairman, Bob Poyner Co-Chairman.
- We Need You In 2002 -- Bob Poyner Chairman, Ben Williams Co-Chairman
- Follow The Bird to The 53rd – 2008 Patty Ping Chairman, Bob Poyner Co-Chairman
- Life's A Beach – 2013 – Bob Poyner Chairman, Keith Stevens Co-Chairman
- Power To See The Future – 2020 -- Bob Poyner Chairman, Charlie Pergrossi Co-Chairman.

