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March 23, 2011 – West Coast Association Folding/Business

Meeting – Community Southern Bank, 3440 S. Florida Avenue (1/4 mile north of the South Florida Avenue exit from the Polk Parkway and on the east side of the road), Lakeland – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary at leajda@earthlink.com when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: sgdnfan@aol.com 863-224-3393.

April 1, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the May 2011

American Square Dance magazine. For info: americansquaredance@gmail.com.

April 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the May 2011

issue of the *Bow and Swing*. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com

From the Editor...



Sixteen single Florida square dancers were in Hilton Head, South Carolina, over the weekend attending the 20th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance. Seven or eight squares danced to Wes Dyer from Louisville, KY, and Jackie Tyre from Georgia.

This dance has been held on Jekyll Island, Georgia, for the past several years and this was the first year on Hilton Head Island. Members of the Ocean Waves, a couples club on Hilton Head, and the Georgia Federation were in attendance to support the Georgia Singles.

Over the past couple of weeks I have received inquiries from two different sources regarding the West Coast Blood Bank Account. Unfortunately, we no longer have a blood bank account and haven't had one for about two years. We received a letter from Florida Blood Services

quite awhile ago notifying us that they were discontinuing the credit program due to the administrative costs of maintaining the program. For those of you who are not familiar with the West Coast Blood Bank Program, we had an arrangement with Florida Blood Services and their predecessor whereby any time that a square dancer donated blood the West Coast Association would receive "credits". Whenever a square dancer needed blood, they could give our account number and receive blood with our credits. We had accounts in three or four cities within our area. If you are a regular blood donor, please don't stop donating because there is no longer a square dance account. As a country, there is always a need for blood donations for the troops.

Our West Coast Folding/Business Meeting is this Wednesday, the 23rd. Please make plans to attend and support your association; each club should also consider sending a representative (and this doesn't have to be the club president). Some clubs appoint a West Coast representative, just like they do all the other committees, who will attend the West Coast meetings and report back to their respective clubs.

As the 2011 convention fast approaches, various committee chairmen will be in need of volunteers. In this issue, there is a request for volunteers to participate in the kick-off for the 2012 convention, which will be held at this convention. Over the next few weeks, there will also be a request for volunteers to greet at each of the doors to the square dance area of the Lakeland Center. A schedule will be established and they will need volunteers for different blocks of time. Please consider helping in any way you can. It takes a lot of people to put on the convention and to accomplish everything during the convention.

West Coast Association is still need of a volunteer to join the Federation Board next year and a volunteer to chair the 2014 convention. I have been asked to provide these names by the May meeting at the State Convention.

The seasonal clubs will be closing down for the season over the next few weeks. If you haven't had a chance to visit these clubs yet this year, please try to do so before they close. Unfortunately, there are two clubs who will be shutting down permanently at the end of this season – Ft. Meade Squares and Pioneer Village in Ft. Myers. I always hate to hear of another club shutting down. I hope the members of these clubs will continue dancing with other clubs in their area.

For those seasonal clubs who are closing for the season and will be re-opening in the Fall or Winter of 2012, please send me your caller/cuer schedules now so I can add them to the Master Calendar. Many of the travelers plan their trips back based on the first dance of the season for their home club. They will be looking for this information. If you have theme dances at your club, please forward me that information too; many clubs plan their banner raids/retrievals around these themed dances.

At the dance over the weekend, one of the dancers got up on the stage to tell the group about something that was in the DANCERgram. It surprised me because I hadn't met this woman yet.

I went up to her later in the evening and introduced myself and found out that she was the one who had been emailing me from Hilton Head to get dance information in Florida each time they come down here. Everyone once in a while I come across someone who reads the DANCERgram but I don't know who they are. I believe some people forward their copy to others, which I appreciate very much.

The distribution list for the DANCERgram continues to grow in leaps and bounds from referrals, requests for information, and web searches. Thank you to those of you who have told your friends about this newsletter. I hope the information I provide in each issue is of value to everyone.

Health & Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations and 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).

I received the following email on Friday, March 18th: “As you may have heard, **Pat Hagen** (cuer in the Tampa Bay area) is in Room # 635 - bed 2 at Tampa General Hosp. She thinks she will be there for a few days before they move her down to rehab. Pat is able to walk across the room a little better today while she is wearing a new-style body cast and using a walker. The body cast can be taken off when she is in bed but she must wear it while sitting or standing so she will not twist her back. She also has to wear a neck brace which won't let her bend her head to look down.

Her heart, which apparently caused the accident, seems to be doing well since they put a stint in the right artery and her blood pressure, though a little high, is coming down (a good thing!)

If you wish to send a card to the hospital the address is: Pat Hagen, c/o Tampa General Hospital, 1 Tampa General Circle, Room C635-2, Tampa FL 33606-3571; phone: (813) 844-2292 for short calls.

It might be a good idea to put her return address on cards in case they do not get forwarded when she is moved down to rehab. Home address: 15666 - 49th St. North, #1124, Clearwater FL 33762-3582.

Pat enjoys visitors (be prepared to pay for parking garage), and really appreciates cards. Please keep her in your prayers, that her road to recovery will be smooth and that she will be home soon. Also pray for her son, Steve, who is doing a terrific job handling all of her paperwork, etc. from California. Martha Bird, Temple Twirlers; mbird@ij.net.”

Dan Wilkerson, a member of Temple Twirlers & BATS square dance clubs (and a caller in the Tampa Bay Area), is HOME from the hospital after [his] latest knee-replacement surgery last week. He still has quite a bit of pain due to the muscles in his leg not being used for the last 5 months, but we are so thankful that the infection is gone.

Dan can get around using a walker or wheelchair, and he has a machine on the bed which he uses to exercise the leg. He is able to put about 50% of [his] weight on the leg now and that will be increased over the next few weeks.

Please continue to pray for Dan's complete recovery and for his wife, Patti.

Address: Dan Wilkerson
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Valrico, FL 33594-6805
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Phone: 813-571-7786

This is an email from Martha Bird of Temple Twirlers in Tampa.

I received this email that was forwarded from the *Panhandle Press* in Northwest Florida. “It is with great sorrow that I am sending you this email. My wife, **Fran Soos** went to be with her Lord this morning, Wednesday, 3/2/2011. Some of her last words to me were, “It all comes down to this Faith Hope and Love. Life is worth it.” Visitation and services were held Friday, 3/4/2011. The family encourages donations to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers. Her loving husband, Jim.”

If you want to send cards: Mr. Jim Soos, 25 1st Street SE, Moultrie, GA 31768-4743.

Fran was a cuer from Moultrie, Georgia, but she used to cue in the Tallahassee area and still attended our Florida State Conventions.

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60th National Square Dance Convention
Detroit, Michigan – June 22-25, 2011

NEWS FLASH!!!!

The Ghost Riders Band will be appearing at the 60th National Square Dance Convention. They will be doing a trail end dance on Wednesday night, and performing Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. All dancing on all four nights will be mainstream.

The Ghost Riders Band is a live band from California. They have been playing for square dance groups and conventions since 1972 and have played at fourteen national square dance conventions. The band is made up almost entirely of square dancers turned musicians.

Come and enjoy the fun!

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Two Polk County Clubs Announce Merger

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland and Hampton Promenaders of Auburndale have voted to merge their two clubs in an effort to keep square dancing alive in Polk County. For those of you that aren't familiar with Polk County, it covers Lakeland, Auburndale, Winter Haven and south to Lake Wales and Frostproof.

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland is the oldest continuously dancing club in the state of Florida, having celebrated their 59th anniversary in January. Hampton Promenaders just celebrated their 14th anniversary on March 21.

Both clubs have experienced a drastic drop in membership numbers and an increase in expenses. If something wasn't done, both clubs would probably be folding some time in the near future.

Hamptons is a seasonal club who finishes their season on April 25; Buttons & Bows just this year decided to also become a seasonal club and their final dance for the season is May 23. When Buttons & Bows starts up again in October, the merger will go into effect.

The Buttons & Bows of Lakeland name will be retained due to the history of the club. Hamptons is a weekly club and B&B dances the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. They will continue dancing the second and fourth Tuesdays until such time as attendance has increased enough to ask the City of Lakeland for the use of the Magnolia Building on a weekly basis. Dancing will continue at the Magnolia Building in Lakeland, where we have a beautiful wood floor to dance on and plenty of room for visitors. Hamptons paid a minimal amount of annual dues and paid a fee at the door; B&B pays a larger annual fee and does not pay at the door. This will be modified. Work still needs to be completed regarding revision/combining of the By-Laws from both clubs, as well as deciding on club colors and outfits.

Ft. Meade Squares, also in Polk County, will be holding their final dance on March 22. Three clubs are still dancing in the area – Dixie Grande Squares of Winter Haven, a weekly club; Shufflin' Squares of Lake Wales, that dances the first and third Thursdays of each month; and Grande Squares at Camp Inn in Frostproof, which dances weekly for three months each season.

We are confident that with the merger of these two clubs, we will be able to grow our membership and keep dancing for many years to come.

57th Florida State Convention

We would like to get this information out to anyone who does not have a room yet for the convention. The host hotel is full, so we are asking anyone needing a room to please use the

Howard Johnson at the corner of I-4 and 98. The phone number is 863-688-7972 and you must tell them you are with the square dancers to get the special rate with a hot breakfast buffet, which is \$59.909 + tax.

If you will please see that this gets out to your dancers we would appreciate it.

Thanks,

Jack & Barbara Hoffman

Treasurers 57th FSDC

Association of Rounds, Traditional, and Square Dancers (ARTS)

This ARTS Email E-News release is to forward information regarding a request we received from CALLERLAB for support for Handicapable Dancers at the National Square Dance Conventions.

From Michelle Mabie:

We need all of your help and support!! Thanks to Tom Miller, National caller from PA, and Lee and Barbi Ashwill, NEC Members from the Portland National, there is a proposal before the NEC to have a reduced rate for Handicapable Dancers at the National Square Dance Conventions. This is a wonderful thing!! As we all know, conventions are a big expense for our dancers. Many clubs choose to go to the Handicapable Square Dance Convention or local conventions and not the National Square Dance Convention. Since 2003, the NEC has been VERY supportive of the Handicapable Hall and we have the best line up of callers at the convention (my personal opinion, of course!!). We have callers asking us to call in the hall and the word continues to get out about how great our hall is!!

Everyone who attends the convention has to pay a fee, even visitors. This is to allow insurance to cover everyone who is there. The Youth dancers just began their new reduced rate. USDA has been a wonderful supporter of the Handicapable Hall and has reimbursed monies to the dancers who have attended. This proposal would allow USDA to still help the dancers who attend the convention and allow the monies to go farther! I am hoping it is our turn!! Please write a letter of support to the NEC! Mention your support of the proposal of a reduced rate for Handicapable Square Dancers to attend the National Square Dance Convention.

E-mails of support of this motion can be sent to Barbi Ashwill, who is sponsor of this motion, at: leebarbiashwill@comcast.net."

Michelle sent her e-mail this Sunday morning and would love more support from all of us!

Michelle would also love to see more dancers in the Handicapable Hall at future National Square Dance Conventions!! She says she can only speak for her groups, but they have a wonderful time every year!! They are heading to Detroit in June 2011 and would love to see more of their friends there!! This proposal would be a great way to help more dancers be able to come and dance!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle at mmichbritt@aol.com.

Hope to see everyone on the dance floor soon!!

Michelle Mabie (McCarty)

Co-Caller for the Hunterdon Stars and Mercer ArcAngel Handicapable Square Dance Clubs

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2011 Florida Winter Festival

Grand Square International and the Florida Winter Festival Staff would like to send a very appreciative message to those who attended the 5th Annual Florida Winter Festival: **“THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!”**

A winter wonderland of twinkling snow flakes, giant snowmen, and over 1100 whirling dancers from 35 states and 3 foreign countries – Canada, England and Germany – made the 5th annual Florida Winter Festival once again an awesome weekend of square and round dancing.

The “Sage Swingers” square dance club from Bath, Maine, again took the prize of \$200 for having the most pre-registered members from out of state and the “Orange Blossom Squares” from Lady Lake and the “Granada Squares” from Ormond Beach split the prize of \$200 for having the most pre-registered dancers in Florida. The prizes to be used by their clubs for the promotion of square and round dancing in their area.

Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, John Saunders, Jet Roberts & Ken Ritucci, gave the dancers exciting choreography, along with belting out great new and some old singing calls. Carol and Jimmy Griffin, Rey and Sherry Garza, and Ken and JoAnn Helton excited the round dancers with numerous beautifully choreographed dances.

The Friday evening after party kept everyone laughing and hooting with the lathering of Tony's favorite sexy girley cream. The serenading of Jet Roberts and Jerry Story ended the evening with many favorite songs, making it a wonderful ending to a perfect day of square and round dancing.

Some very lucky dancers won \$250, \$150 or \$100 each evening in the ½ & ½ drawings. Saturday evening saw six dancers win exciting weekends to various dances in 2011 and a couple of big winners won free dance registrations to the 2012 Florida Winter Festival.

The following Vendors from around the country provided an opportunity for all to experience a weekend of excellent shopping for that special outfit. DOPASO Corners, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Star Promenade of Pearisburg, Virginia; Suzie Q's, Orlando, Florida; Sew-Em-Up Fashions, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Sew & Saw Boutique, Awasso, Oklahoma; Virginia's Western Store, Mascotte, FL; Sandy's, Baxter, Tennessee. The variety of merchandise sold by each vendor gave everyone an opportunity in making just the right purchases to look special on the dance floor.

Grand Square, Inc. and the Florida Winter Festival staff would like to give a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the officers of the "Florida Federation of Dancers" who helped with publicity. Charlie and Val Newsome, Presidents of the Federation did an awesome job of setting up their board members to help with dancer registration and selling ½ & ½ tickets at the festival. Those board members were: Bob and Maria Spence, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Randy and Carol Poole, and Bud and Anita Taylor. These dancers are a special group of dedicated folks who work to keep our activity preserved in Florida.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU also goes out to another group of dedicated dancers, the Florida Winter Festival "Snow Angels", who help each year. They are: John and Mo Barrett, Vendor Chairman; Jay and Teri Peck, Joann Engum, Dale Fredrickson, John and Judi Corbett, Penny Green, Verl Bishop, David and Frances Rhyne, Paul and Joy Barnes, and Gil and Karen Gague.

Guests of the Florida Winter Festival were Members of the Florida Callers Association and the Florida Round Dance Council. We hope you had a great time and we thank you for attending.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK "YOU" to the dancers who keep supporting the weekend, making the Florida Winter Festival one of the very best festivals in the country.

Mark your 2012 calendars for the dates of January 27 and 28, 2012. We will be adding some new faces and names for the 2012 festival. They are: the legendary Marshall Flippo from Arizona, and Jack Pladdys from Indian Springs, Ohio. Cueing Rounds are: Rey and Sherry Garza, internationally known cuers, from San Diego, California; and Ken and Joanne Helton, popular Florida cuer from Tavares, Florida. Tony, Jerry, John and the Griffins will complete the staff for 2012.

If at any time your club or you would like flyers or information for the 2012 Festival, please contact Grand Square Inc., 2520 Sardis Road N., Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28227: 704-377-5554; www.gsiinternational.org or John and Linda Saunders, 3303 Travelers Palm Drive, Edgewater, FL 32141; 386-428-1496; johnnysa@aol.com.

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Cory-Ography In The Classroom

By Corben Geis, Vice Chairman of the Callers in the Schools Committee, CALERLAB

Using a Variety of Square Games

If you call in the schools or even at a club you may notice, at times, a strange occurrence. One day you are teaching the students and the crowd is dancing like Fred and Ginger and the very next time you meet with the same group, they are dancing like Fred and Ethel. Don't get disgusted. Don't blame yourself. Don't blame the dancers. Blame the stars and planets being out of alignment or the full moon. It happens. Yes, it's bizarre and yes, it's a bit surreal. But, please, PRESS ON!

If they are having troubles and difficulties, revert to the basics. I usually play Square Games with the dancers for fun. 9 Pin is a fun and easy dance game to play. Of course, it can also be a harder dance, but just stick to the easy level when in the schools. 9 Pin is where you have a square of dancers with a 9th person in the middle. The dancers maneuver to the calls around the middle person (9 pin) and He or She tags in or out of certain positions after a series of calls. If the 9 pin dancer, tags number 1 man, they switch places. Sometimes I play it with the 9th dancer standing behind any dancer they want, and then subbing in that way. We refer to this as "Windmilling".

Clark Baker, a caller from New England, has a great display of many different Square Games. Here's the exact spot to go to: www.tiac.net/-mabaker/square-games.html. Now, realize a lot of his 'games' are hard, but you can make an easier variation out of them. Be creative! That's what I do with 9 pin. I also do another version of 9 pin where the other 4 men join the 9 pin man in the middle and 5 guys circle left and, like in musical chairs, when I stop the music the guys dart and dash to one of the spots next to a girl, leaving one guy in the middle (new 9 pin). I've also seen 9 pin done where the middle man swings a different girl after each figure. So, if the 9 pin swings #3 Lady, he now becomes the #3 man, and the new 9 pin man is the previous #3 man who just trades places.

That's just one game called 9 Pin done in several different variations. Check into the Square Games. They are a breath of fresh air when things get difficult. Know your audience, before attempting certain dances. Have fun!

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Why not try some “old skool”?

I have been fortunate enough to talk to several newer dancers. Some of them are still dancing [and] quite a few of them have now left square dancing for various reasons. One lady is ready to quit altogether.

The biggest reason is that the fun has been taken out of the activity by big politics. They have all mentioned that the fun needs to come back into the hobby.

I have been to my share of club business meetings, council meetings and even State meetings. I can honestly tell you if I had known what they were like back when I first got involved in square dancing I might not have ever gone to one. But I made a promise to my Grandpa if I ever got back into square dancing I would try to help it survive.

I have a few close friends who help me remain calm when the pressure is on so that when I feel like jumping ship (which happens frequently) they throw me a life preserver. They know who they are and I can't thank them enough for always being there for me. I love them for always being there for me. What is really sad is that this is “SQUARE DANCING” and shouldn't ever make anyone feel like jumping ship. It should “ALWAYS” be about fun.

I can remember when I was younger we did things like picnics, BBQ's and parties all the time. There was no division between clubs or Councils. We did things together.

Who says you can't have a Christmas Party replace a Council meeting? Who says you can't have a BBQ or picnic at a Council meeting? Why can't you have more after parties or skits at dances? Some of the “old skool” things they did back then were great ideas and maybe if they are revamped could fit at some of the dances of today.

The one thing the younger generation gets tired of hearing is “We tried that and it didn't work”. Ask some of the younger generation why they would rather not get involved and when they tell you be willing to genuinely listen to the answer.

On March 26, 2011, at the Washington State Pre Convention in Spokane the “all girls” square is challenging the “all boys” square to a dancing duel. This has been set in motion by our wonderful State President Tom Tomlinson. After all he called the girls out stating the boys won. Dan Preedy did say there were no mistakes, but since the “girl girls” wore skirts and used fluff

the “girls” were dubbed the winners. So the re-match is on and I know for a fact each square is now lining up and planning to “bring” it to the dance floor. Love you guys, but it is on!

Hope to see you there. If you are interested in being in one of the squares please feel free to find the event on Facebook at “The girls are challenging the boys to a dancing duel” in the search box.

“You don’t have to be feared to be respected”

Hugs,
Leslie Young
Pollyanna1962@gmail.com

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Japan Relief

March 15, 2011

In 2005, the United States was hit with one of the most damaging hurricanes in history. Thousands of residents along the Gulf Coast were left homeless. Square dancers worldwide heeded the call, stepped up to the plate, and decided to help. Through the Square Dancers for Katrina Fund, square dancers delivered food and supplies and donated over \$100,000.00 to help the needy. One of the first donations to the Fund came from dancers in Japan. The Japan Square Dance Association (headed by Mr. Tatsuzo Takese) and the Japanese Caller Association gave some of the largest donations recorded.

Last week, Japan was devastated by one of the worst earthquakes of all time. This earthquake and the resulting tsunamis have killed thousands and left many more thousands homeless, without food, water, or shelter. Many of these unfortunate people are fellow square dancers.

Together, we can make a difference. Over the years, square dancers have shown themselves to be some of the most caring people in the world. It is time, once again, for square dancers to unite and come to the aid of their fellow man. The Square Dancers for Japan Fund has been set up for just that purpose.

Grand Square, Inc. is a US IRS 501 (c) (3) USA non-profit foundation solely dedicated to promoting and preserving square dancing. Over the years GSI has been at the forefront in putting their time, energy and money to do just that. Through generous donations, GSI has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars worldwide to help promote square dancing. GSI has once again volunteered to help with this fund raising drive and to funnel the monies collected.

We have been in contact with several of Japan's square dance leaders - Shozo Nishimura (Head of the International Affairs Committee) and Doc Hiraga (Official Contact Person of the International Affairs Committee). We are waiting to hear from Mr. Handa (Executive Director of the Japan Square Dance Association) to finalize everything. Our intent is to collect the monies and forward it to the Japan Square Dance Association to distribute to the needy as they see fit.

In the interim, you can help now. Make your checks out to Grand Square, Inc., and CLEARLY mark on the check that the money is to be earmarked for the Square Dancers for Japan Fund. All donations are 100% tax deductible and ALL of the monies collected will be delivered to the Japanese Dancer Association. If you like, you can donate using VISA, MASTERCARD, or PayPal via our secure website - www.squaredancers4japan.org. Mail your tax deductible check to:

Grand Square, Inc.
Square Dancers for Japan Fund
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TIME IS CRITICAL. Our Japanese brothers and sisters need help NOW!!!

Perhaps many of you have already donated to other national charities for this same purpose. However, this is an opportunity for the square dance world to unite for a common cause. If we, as a square dance community, can come together for the good of all, look at the positive impact that this may have.

Some fund raising ideas:

- a. Special fund raising dances
- b. Donate the proceeds of a regular club dance
- c. Collect money at all of your club dances
- d. Solicit money from your area business
- e. Contact your local or state dance/caller associations for a donation
- f. Sponsor a club Yard Sale

Or you can come up with some of your own.. Let's show the world that square dancers, in addition to being the nicest people in the world, are also the most giving.

We will be updating the website - www.squaredancers4japan.org on a regular basis to keep everyone abreast of our progress. Please check the site often. We need to get the word out quickly to as many square dancers worldwide as we possibly can. If you have a website, please post a prominent link to ours on your page. If possible send this letter out to any friends you have on the internet.

If you have any further questions, please email us at info@squaredancers4japan.org, or you can contact me directly at 803-840-0746.

We will keep you updated via the website. We thank you in advance.

Tony Oxendine
Grand Square, Inc.

Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

May 27 – 29, 2011 – **57th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention** – Lakeland, FL

October 14 – 15, 2011 – **FASSRD's Single-Rama** – Sebring, FL

November 11 – 12, 2011 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow, FL

What's Happening This Week?

Week of March 21, 2011

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

Monday – *Sassy Squares* – **NO DANCE** For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Sun 'N Fun St. Patty's Day Dance – Woodland Hill, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Art Springer**; Cuer: **Bill Webb**. For info: Bill and Marge Webb – 941-343-9720 or 440-526-7258 or billwebb2@gmail.com; John & Shirley Galik – 941-371-3914.

Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Hampton Promenaders – Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate, Auburndale – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream and Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Keith Stevens**; Cuer: Carl Rod. Square dance attire preferred. For info: dmountain@tampabay.rr.com.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 10 – noon – MS Review/Plus Class; 1:00-3:00 – A-2 Dance; 3:00-5:00 – Plus Workshop. Caller/Instructor: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you have danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

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. – Callers: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: **Charlie Lovelace** – finger food served. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com or 813-810-5548.

Harmony Hoedowners – 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring – A2 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn; Cuer: Linda Catey - casual attire. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Tuesday - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – beautiful wood floor - finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: jgsap988@yahoo.com or sqdnxfan@aol.com.

Ft. Meade Squares Final Dance - City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Russ Young, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – square dance attire optional. This will be the final dance for this club; it is folding. For info: 863-285-9962 or lik@tm.net.

Ding-a-Lings - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Bob Ellis**, Cuer: **Linda Moulton** – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

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

Maple Leaf Squares – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

J and C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

Wednesday – **Timber Pines** – 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – Plus 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa; Cuer: John Ayres - square dance attire optional. For info: 352-666-1546.

Palmetto Palms A-2 – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers - 1:30-2:20 C-1 Dance - 2:30-4:30 A-2 Dance - both casual attire. Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

Palmetto Palms - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers - 7:00 p.m. Rounds; Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Camp Inn Grande Squares Final Dance of the Season - 3455 U.S. Hwy. 27 North, Frostproof – FREE square dance workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. squares and rounds – Callers: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual attire. For info: 863-382-6792 or samdunn@samdunn.net.

Betmar Belles & Beaus – Betmar MHP, Clubhouse #2, Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills – Rounds/Squares – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: **Allen Snell**, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt – please bring finger food. For info: 813-783-7523 or tckelly2@aol.com.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance and Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. Dancer Center: 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the office, Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square C-2 Workshop Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Strawberry Square Club – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Workshop: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Alternating Mainstream/Easy Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Clyde Stocker**. Banner raids welcome. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Kings Point Swingers Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – A1/A2 workshop 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – Caller: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embargmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday - Shufflin' Squares - Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating tips (Mainstream/Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. advanced tip at the end of the dance. Caller: **Curt Braffet**; Cuer: **Karen Fisher** – square dance attire optional. For info: eschwartz23@tampabay.rr.com.

Glenhaven – Glen Haven RVP, 37251 Chancy Road, Zephyrhills – MS/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: George Varney, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: 813-782-8079.

Snobirds – **NO DANCE** For info: Ada 239-948-2063 or Sue 239-948-7083.

– Citrus Park Clubhouse, 25601 Trost Boulevard, Bonita Springs, FL – ER – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Mac McCall**, Cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: Ada 239-948-2063 or Sue 239-948-7083.

Kings Point Swingers – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – Plus w/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Charlotte Promenaders – 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Carl Rod**, Cuer: **Bill Webb**. For info: 941-475-2777 or 941-426-2354.

Charlotte Promenaders will be dancing in a new location effective January 6, 2012. The new location is Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte – parking passes will be provided. For info: 941-426-2364 or 941-429-8271.

Pine Ridge Promenaders – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Early Rounds as scheduled, Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sonny McCarty**; Cuer: **Phyllis Hathaway** – finger foods. For info: 863-699-2789.

Pioneer Village Final Dance of the Season – Pioneer Village, 7974 Samville Rd. North Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream with Rounds – 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Len Siegmann; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann - \$3.50 per person. For info: 239-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com.

Maple Leaf Squares A2 – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon – caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: lcecce@tampabay.rr.com or 727-799-3068.

Dunedin – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

Friday – Dixie Grande Squares – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. THIS IS NOW A WEEKLY DANCE WITH EARLY ROUND. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

Buttonwood Bay – NO DANCE For info: Roger and Connie McElfresh 863-655-4243 or rogerconniemc@tnni.net.

Strawberry Square C2 Workshop and Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the office, Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Boulevard (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, C-1 Dance – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A2 - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Gary Brown**; Cuer: **Karen Fisher**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the office, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Curliques Final Dance of the Season – Estero Woodlands Clubhouse – Estero, FL – Workshop: 6:30 p.m.; Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – Caller: Howard Cole – rounds and lines on tape. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 or hwcole@att.net.

Spinning Wheels – Mango Recreation Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – ER 6:15 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Caller: **Mike Cox**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

Snell's Bo's and Bell's - Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road, Largo – Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Allen Snell, Cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Sun City Swingers – **NO DANCE** For info: suzannelynch3@verizon.net or gail3357@gmail.com.

Saturday – **BATS (Bay Area Twirlers)** – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – square dance attire preferred. For info: Patti 813-571-7786 or Betty 813-685-3826.

Buttons & Bows of Venice 50th Anniversary Dance and Final Dance of the Season – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Square/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: **Karen Haiflich**. For info: remsenny@aol.com.

Pasco Squares – C.A.R.E.S. Enrichment Center, 12417 Tower Parkway, Hudson – Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., dance 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips. For info: 727-808-3429 or 727-809-0323.

Reflections – **NO DANCE** For info: timpa50@sbcglobal.net.

Strawberry Square - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sam Dunn**, Cuer: **Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin**. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you are unable to reach the office, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Nicki Horne 813-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Phase IV Dance/Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401

Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: lurvds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin – square dance attire preferred – park in back of the building - \$8 per couple. For info: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749; Mary Dow – 863-494-6062/ mdow@embarqmail.com.

Sunday - Strawberry Square Phase II – IV Round Dance Party - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: lurvds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Timber Pines – Hwy. 19, Spring Hill – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa - square dance attire optional – for gate access and directions call 352-666-1546.

Happy Promenaders Final Dance of the Season – Hitching Post RV Park Rec Hall, Naples (Directions: From Rt. 41 (Tamiami Trail East), turn south onto Barefoot Williams Road (west of Rt. 951/Collier Blvd. and just east of the Hitching Post strip mall). Take first left turn toward pool and Rec Hall.) Caller: Walt Courtney; Cuer: Mike Alexander. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream and Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: call Jan (239) 642-8612 or playwalt@comcast.com.

Pioneer Village Final Dance - Pioneer Village, 7974 Samville Rd. North Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream with Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Caller: Len Siegmann; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann - \$3.50 per person. This will be the final dance for this club. Please join them to honor Len and Ruth Siegmann for their 15 years of calling and cueing at Pioneer Village. For info: 239-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com.

Clover Leaf Leprechauns Picnic – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods casual dress. For info: 352-270-8469 or <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/leprechaun34601/>.

Huggables – King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey – casual dress – Mainstream/Plus 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose1@verizon.net or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Orange Blossom Squares – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Duane Rodgers, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

West Coast Classes and Workshops National Caller and Cuer Colleges

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.) exact 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!

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March 31, 2011 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** – Palm Terrace Healthcare Center, 1919 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. All square dancers who have completed Mainstream lessons and those who want to brush up on their Plus skills are invited to attend. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

May 5, 2011 – **Temple Twirlers Beginner Class** – Lakeshore Villa Retirement Park, 15401 Lakeshore Street, Tampa, FL – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon. \$4 per person per session. Angels who come to help with the beginner class will not be required to pay. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

May 5, 2011 – **Temple Twirlers Plus Workshop** – Lakeshore Villa Retirement Park, 15401 Lakeshore Street, Tampa, FL - Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon. \$4 per person per session. Everyone will be required to pay (including angels). For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

May 29 – June 4, 2011 – **Round Dance Camp Fun Valley** – South Fork, Colorado – Cuers: Dick and Karen Fisher. Clinics – Workshops – Party Dances – Private Lessons – Fun and Games. Six clinics, three each on two rhythms chosen by the dancers; Eight teaches/reviews (Phase II to Phase VI) Six nights of Phase II-VI programmed dancing on a floating wood floor; Wednesday off for sightseeing, horse back riding, golf, shopping, or private lessons; and RV hookups, cabins, motel units; all meals included in dance package. For info: 936-366-2504 or rffisher@tamu.edu or www.fisherdance.com. For board and room options and registrations 1-800-548-1684.

June 12 – 16, 2011 – **Heart of America Callers School** – Kaw-Valley Dance Center, 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 105, Topeka, KS 66611 – Staff: Jerry Junck*, Paul Henze*, and Tim Marriner*. Contact: Jerry Junck, 908 Brooke Drive, Wayne, NE 68787, 402-375-2420, junck@aol.com.

June 22 – 25, 2011 – **Grand Square International 5th Annual Caller School** – 60th Annual National Square Dance Convention, Detroit, MI – Caller Coaches: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Vernon Jones and Ken Ritucci. Covers all experience levels. Full CALLERLAB curriculum. Modules – Singing Call Techniques – Sight Calling – Showmanship and Much More. You must be registered for the 60th NSDC to attend. Register early! Limited to first 50 callers. For info: Tony Oxendine at tony@tonyoxendine.com or 803-840-0746.

July 3 – 7 – 2011 – **Cascade Callers College** – Circle 8 Ranch, Cle Elum, WA – Staff: Daryl Clendenin* and Jerry Junck*. Contact: Daryl Clendenin at daryl@clendenin.net.

July 15 – 17, 2011 – **California Caller College** – Santa Ana, California. Staff: Frank Lescrier*. Contact: Frank Lescrier, 909-229-3031 or frank253@hotmail.com.

July 18 – 21, 2011 – **SDCCGB Callers School, Southampton, UK** – Southampton, England. Staff: Paul Bristow* and Jerry Story*. Contact: Susie Kelly, (Hon Sec SD Callers Club of GB), 2 Crossbridge Cottages, Thornton, Milton Keynes, MK17 0HE, UK, +44 (0) 1280 816940 or susie@graybo.co.uk.

August 18-22, 2011 – **Norcal Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Sunnyvale, California – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Randy Dougherty (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), and Scot Byars. Programs for Beginning and Experienced Callers Cost: \$325.00 per caller. For reservations, a \$100 deposit is required. No charge for accompanying spouse/partner. Food and lodging not included Program: Starts Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Ends Monday, August 22nd at 12 noon. For more Info contact Ken Ritucci, 132 Autumn Road, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089. Phone: (413) 734-0591 Email: kenritucci@aol.com.

October 6 – 10, 2011 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-Round Dance Center, off Route 1293, Manchester, NH – two levels of programs: beginner and experienced. Topics of Discussion: Mechanics of Choreography, Timing, Voice/Delivery, Smooth Dancing/Body Flow, Programming, Teaching, Music/Rhythm, Choreographic Management, and Ethics/Leadership. Callers: Ken Ritucci, Norm Poisson, Sandra Bryant, Mike Sikorsky and Keith Stevens. \$350 per caller (\$100 deposit). For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallerschool.com.

October 16 – 20, 2011 – **Pride Caller's College** – Pride Resort, I-40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – Callers: Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. Separate halls for new callers (0 – 5 years experience) and experienced callers. Tuition: \$375 per student. "Discounted" cabins, park models and RV space available. Full meal service available. For reservations: 1-800-926-8191

November 6 – 10, 2011 – **Pocono Caller's School** – Lake Harmony, White Haven, PA. Staff: Tom Miller, Betsy Gotta*, and Barry Clasper*. Contact: Betsy Gotta, 2 Laurel Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, 732-249-2086, ugottadance@optonline.net.

November 17 – 21, 2011 – **Silver Sate Caller College** – Las Vegas, NV. Staff: Doug Davis* (Spokane, WA), Nasser Shukayr* (San Antonio, TX), and Hanna Tenenbaum (Malmoe, Sweden). Contact: Nasser Shukayr at nshukayr@gmail.com.

January 8, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Heatherwood, Harden Boulevard, Lakeland, FL – 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: sgdnxfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

January 8, 20-11 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** – Heatherwood, Harden Boulevard, Lakeland, FL – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: sgdnxfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

NO DATES AVAILABLE – **Al Stevens Caller School** – Schwarzwald Sonnenhof Hotel, Langenbrand, Germany. Staff: Al Stevens*. Contact: Al Stevens, Broetzingerstr, 56, 75180 Pforzheim, + 49 7231 766704 or AlStevensCaller@aol.com.

– **Rocky Mountain Callers School** – Denver, Colorado. Staff: Tim Marriner*, Ron Markus*, and Mike Olivieri. Contact: Ron Markus, 520-795-3543, ramcaller@juno.com, www.rockmtncallerschool.com.

Looking Ahead

For a complete list of upcoming dances by year, click here
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March 26, 2011 - **2012 National Convention in Spokane, WA** *Circulate in Washington State PRE-CONVENTION DANCE* - Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99210; www.spokanecenter.com. Callers - Western WA: Willie Sewell & Eastern WA: Don Cochran. Cuers - Northern WA- Debbie Taylor & Southern WA- Neva Reid – 7 pm--- Pre-rounds, 7:45pm---Welcome and Introductions 8 - 10:30 pm---Mainstream. **COME & REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION & DANCE FOR FREE!!!!**

March 29, 2011 – **Ding-a-Lings Crazy Hat Dance** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon; Cuer: Bob Schlenker – square dance attire preferred. Prizes for the wildest and wackiest hat. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

April 4, 2011 – **Sun City Swingers “Almost New” Square Dance Clothing Sale** – Florida Room, North Campus Atrium Building, Pebble Beach Blvd., N., Sun City, FL – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. . All monies earned are for the benefit of the club – only cash or Florida checks will be accepted. No returns or refunds – all sales are final. For info: Sue at 813-633-8780 or Mary at 813-633-8718.

April 5, 2011 - **Ding-a-Lings Final Dance of the Season and Make Your Own Sundae Night** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Bob Schlenker – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

May 6 – 7, 2011 – **Georgia Singles Association 29th Anniversary Dance** – Commerce Civic Center, 110 State Street, Commerce, GA – Caller: Chris Burchfield (Youngstown, FL); Cuers: Matthew Temples and Ramona Stowe (Demorest, GA) – **Friday night:** 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. –Rounds by Request; 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. Squares and Rounds. **Saturday:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Rounds Workshop; 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Singles Meeting; 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Fun Dance/Workshop; 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner Break; 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. - Rounds by Request; 7:45 – 8:00 p.m. Grand March; 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. Squares and Rounds. After Parties on Friday and Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30 p.m. There will be ice cream for \$1 a scoop. All dancers welcome. Vendor: Carole’s Closet, Woodstock, GA. Hotel Accommodations: Bet Western Commerce Inn (706-335-3640; Dandelion Inn (706-335-5183; Super 8 Motel (706-335-5581; Scottish Inn Motel (706-335-5147); and Holiday Inn Express (706-336-8666). For info: Pat Inglis at 404-294-0268.

August 19 – 20, 2011 – **22nd North Carolina State Convention “Happy Trails Wild, Wild West Square Dance”** – North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC - Mainstream/Plus/DBD/High Energy/Advance/Rounds/Contra/Line Dancing. 1,000 square feet in four dance halls. All halls fully air conditioned. Hardwood floors in all halls. Proper dance attire suggested at night sessions only. Parade of Clubs, Sewing Clinic, Fashion Show, Education Seminar, After Parties Friday and Saturday Night. Complete selection of square dance shops. For info: 919-693-4852.

September 15 – 17, 2011 – **GSSDA 40th Annual Convention – Everyone Dosado – GSSDA is the Big 4-0!**, Macon Centreplex, 200 Coliseum Drive (Exit 2 off I-16), Macon, GA - \$25 per person for the entire weekend. Square dancing: Friday 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Grand March: Line Up 6:45 p.m. – March 7:00 p.m. Friday – Red, White & Blue Night. Trail End Dance:** Thursday, September 15 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. – casual attire (no shorts or tee tops). **GSSDA Members FREE: \$5 Non-Members. Mail registration to Nancy Feek, 111 Lake Street, Rockmart, GA 30153; 770-684-6661. For info: www.gssda.com.

September 22, 2011 – **KFSD Convention 2011 Trail – In Dance** – St. Aloysius Parish Gym, 187 S. Plum Street, Shepherdsville, KY – 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. \$6 per person (admission included with All

Event convention ribbon). Featuring Big & Little Enis (Wes Dyer and Kenny Jarvis). For info: 270—668-7228 or 812-945-5854; www.squaredanceky.com.

September 22 - 24, 2011 – **2nd Annual Kentucky Federation Celebration** – Paroquet Springs Convention Center, 395 Paroquet Springs, Shepherdsville, KY. \$25 per person for the entire weekend. For info: Phyllis Tomes, 6675 Harrison Trail, Georgetown, IN 47122; 812-951-2291; tomespj@aol.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

<http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011/>. (57th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention)

Associations/Organizations

<http://www.you2candance.com> (square dance marketing)

<http://scafl.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.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://scafl.com/> (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<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.59thnsdc.com> 59th National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY

<http://www.60thnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

Vendors

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (division of Suzie Q Creations – covering southwest Florida)

<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://home.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

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