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## NEFSARDA News

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance on November 30, 2024, has been cancelled**

**We still need someone to step up and take on the position of Vice President**

DO YOU REMEMBER? Callers in Northeast Florida circa 1989  
Send answers to [grapevine@sbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sbigelow.com)



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## From the Grapevine Editor



God Bless You All  
Stephen F. Bigelow

The month of November is upon us. This is happy and sad for me this year. We lost 3 callers. Two of them, Bobby Keefe and Sam Dunn I knew well. The third Ted Hughes I did not know but to her other callers talk about him. He was a good one. Beside that we have Thanksgiving. I remember when I first moved here. The day after Thanksgiving was a dance called the Turkey Hash dance. People would bring leftovers from their turkey dinner. Then we would dance. I would like to propose that we do that dance again for 2025

Kindly pay attention to the deadlines for the Grapevine. I would like to receive news from each club every month. The December issue deadline is November 22, 2024

## Dance Club News



### The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut

The Moose Promenaders has about 30 minutes in the beginning of our dances for the few, the proud, the advanced dancers to learn and show off their skill.

On Oct 10, we had a great turnout, despite Hurricane Milton

Bill put his creativity to work & came up with a call called the “Milton” for the advanced dancers

JACKSONVILLE  
Moose Promenaders  
Mainstream & Plus Square Dancing  
and  
Occasional Line and Round Dancing

Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:15 PM  
Plus Level 8:15 – 9 ish PM

Moose Lodge 2020  
5051 Collins Road  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Caller - Bill Chesnut

President  
Wayne and Debbie Miller

Banner Chair  
Hanna Watts



This is our new “Storm Surge” Move! Well it is really a big wave!



Bill & Debbie

“We’re coming around the mountain, when she comes!”  
Everyone else is waiting patiently!



Round Dance.... Looking fine! Stephen & Fran



We had a great time dancing on the 17<sup>th</sup> with plenty of dancers for two squares. Bill continued to challenge our students with some new calls, but they seemed to catch on very quickly. They are doing an amazing job! Bill also reviewed some “plus calls” for the more experienced dancers...who didn’t always look so experienced when we had to “load the boat” from some unfamiliar formations.

We had lots of fun Square Dancing





Round Dancing Also



...and even a little Line Dancing



Please welcome two new members to our club: Chuck Bitter (pictured with his wife, Fran) and Ed Franks (not pictured yet...maybe next time).



We also feasted very well at Corky Bells this month!  
Here is our Famous "Lunch Bunch"



### **Coastal Georgia Squares - Brunswick, GA - Caller Don Heins**

The Coastal Georgia Squares dance each Thursday night except holidays or church activities. The dance is at 7:00 at College Place Methodist Church in Brunswick, Ga. We are a small but welcoming group who appreciate visitors dropping by to dance with us.

Please contact Don Heins at either 912-265-1504 or 912-269-7909 or at [donheins@msn.com](mailto:donheins@msn.com).

Thanks,  
Don

**Grand Squares – Gainesville, FL –  
Caller Bill Cassidy**

The Grand Squares dances on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 at Meizon Church 3411 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville. Bill Cassidy is our caller and calls Mainstream and Plus. Contact Robin Frazer for more information at [robin.frazer@yahoo.com](mailto:robin.frazer@yahoo.com)



Bill Cassidy



Square them up



Ava River Moody was born on the Fourth of July, and is now a very healthy and robust three-month-old.



Thank you for a great square



More Squares





Lon Ligon, founder of the Grand Squares, continues to be active. He calls at least one tip every week, and continues to dance, but seems to have embraced retirement. Lon is a new Great "Poppu" and is proud of the newest addition to his family.



Lon, a lifelong musician and an avid guitarist, has already bought Ava two guitars! This girl is destined to follow in her Great "Poppu's" footsteps.

## **Dixie Dancers - Lake City, FL - Caller Bill Chesnut**

We hope you will come out and enjoy all the fun any Tuesday night at Teen Town. It is located at 533 W. Desoto Street, Lake City.

Dixie Dancers in Lake City

Tuesday nights in Lake City continue to be a large time. Bill Chesnut is reviewing some of the mainstream and plus calls to help the dancers continue to grow in ability, but also tries to make it fun. Come on out and join us.

We have had Frank and Donna Plunkett visiting some with us. Frank is working on his calling skills and does an occasional tip for us. We enjoy helping these new callers and it is fun to watch them progress.

Many of our dancing friends were affected by the 2 hurricanes that came through. We wish them all the best as they continue to rebuild and repair their businesses, homes and clean up their property.

Football season is over so parking at the dance has returned to normal. We will now start preparing for new classes that start in January. If you know someone in the Lake City area interested in dancing, just let them know about us.

Charles Trimble has gotten the Dixie Dancers website up and running. His charming bride Kathy is getting pictures and the updates continue. Stay tuned.

Come out to Lake City and dance with us almost every Tuesday evening. We do encourage you to contact Bill Chesnut 352-256-8628 or Bob and Barbara Rosenthal at 386-365-7136 if you are coming out. We dance in a city owned building, so they occasionally don't have the building available. We dance at Teen Town. It is located at 533 W. Desoto Street, Lake City.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Dixie Dancers.

## **Clover Squares – Chiefland, FL - Caller Jim Duncan**

Clover Squares meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and sometimes the 5th Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church in Chiefland from 3-5 pm. Jim Duncan is our caller, and we dance the Mainstream level with announced Plus tips

Clover Squares Club News for October. We celebrated Halloween on the 30 with costumes and prizes. Bill Cassidy and taw Deborah were substituting for Jim Duncan who was away. The Cassidy brought us a beautiful hand made Halloween quilt to enjoy. We had prizes and our winners were Greg, (Katherine is in picture for him)Linda and Bruce . The pictures enclosed show the winners of the prizes, caller Bill Cassidy and taw Deborah and the quilt

she made, and a club picture.  
A good time was had by all. Scoop Jesk





**High Springs Dance Club - High Springs, FL**  
**Caller Bill Cassidy**  
**Cuer Ann Hadsall**

We dance at the High Springs Civic Center off Highway 441. The dance is every Thursday night from 6:30 to 9 pm with the first half hour dedicated to round dance lessons. The address is 23760 NW 187th Ave, High Springs, FL.  
Contact Deborah Cassidy (352-262-0760)

October was another outstanding month of dancing and fun at the High Springs dance club. We have managed to dance every week despite three hurricanes hitting the state. The closest we came to shutting down for a Thursday was when Hurricane Milton was approaching the state. High Springs prepared for the worst and set up the Civic Center (and other locations where we dance) as cooling and charging centers. Milton stayed south and did not affect us. We were notified three hours before the dance would start that the Civic Center was available. Our group leadership sprung into action, posted a notice on our Facebook group, and contacted some of our dancers. We had a wonderful turnout with 3+ squares. Even some of the students showed up for class.

Several of our members brought their RVs to the Fall Camporee in Eustis, Florida. This is an annual event that many of the RV square dance camping groups in Florida attend. There were lots of square and round dancing and other activities. On Saturday night, we all enjoyed a catered dinner.

We received some very sad news that our good friend Sam Dunn had passed away. His friendship and melodious singing voice will be missed by many.

We will be celebrating two years of dancing at our Anniversary dance on November 14, 2025





## **Seabreeze Singles Jacksonville FL - Caller Mike Akers**

Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club  
The Place To Find a Dance Partner Or Bring Your Own  
Frances Padgett Senior Center  
1078 Rogero Road  
Jacksonville FL



The Seabreeze Square Dance Club is excited to share that for one dance in February, 2025, we will be changing our dance night and venue.

The date to remember is:

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

**Location: Trinity Lutheran Church (McDuff Avenue S.)**

The Seabreeze Club is rearranging the schedule to accommodate our guest national callers **Jack Pladdys and Tony Oxendine**.

The month ended with our annual Monster Mash Halloween Bash. Caller Mike set the tone with his festive music. Most of our dancers chose to dress as typical square dancers. However, a few ventured out into other identities.





Once again, the queen of the Halloween Dance was the wicked witch Hagatha.



*Seabreeze Square Dance Club  
Proudly Presents*

# *Jacksonville Blast*

*With Special Guest Callers*



**JACK PLADDYS & TONY OXENDINE**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**1415 McDuff Avenue S.**

**Jacksonville, Florida 32205**

**\$10 per person**

For more information

Pamela Newman [gabbygirlpam@gmail.com](mailto:gabbygirlpam@gmail.com)

Mike Akers [michael\\_akers@bellsouth.net](mailto:michael_akers@bellsouth.net)



Before this exciting event, we have several months of fun-filled dancing planned. Our November themes are as follows:

**November 5** Recognizing American Football Day (sport your favorite team's colors)

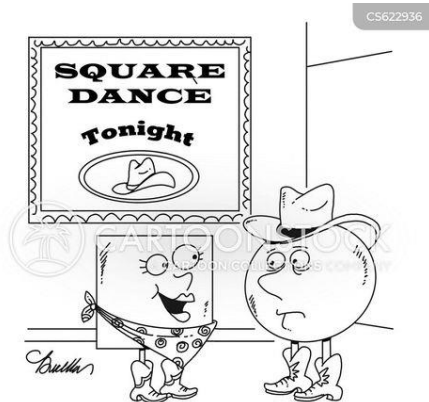
**November 12** Veterans Day Dance (We'll be recognizing and honoring our veterans, patriotic attire appreciated).

**November 19** Thanksbringing Dance We'll be collecting non-perishable food and toiletries to support the Arlington community and our dancing venue, the Francis Padgett Senior Center.

**November 26** Dark. Wishing the entire square dance community a Happy Thanksgiving.

Join us, fun is awaiting!

Should you have any questions or would appreciate more information about the Seabreeze Square Dance Club, please contact Pam at: [gabbygirlpam@gmail.com](mailto:gabbygirlpam@gmail.com)



"C'mon. I'm sure no one will notice."

### **Mixed Nuts Gainesville FL - Caller Bill Chesnut**

Mixed Nuts - Advanced dancing and Workshops  
Monday afternoons 4 – 6 PM  
Located at Grace Presbyterian Church  
3146 N W 13<sup>th</sup> Street - Gainesville, FL 32608  
Caller: Bill Chesnut 352-256-8628 or 352-475-2550

### **Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, FL - Caller Charlie Pergrossi**

7:00 - 9:00 PM at Community Center, 612 SW 812th Street, Steinhatchee.  
Caller Charlie Pergrossi Tuesday night from 7-9 pm

Club Contact Jeanette Geer (352) 507-9425  
Banner Chairman Doug Moore (512) 605-7773

## **Joy Seas – St. Augustine Shores, FL - Caller Mike Akers**

This means the Joy Seas will resume regular dances Monday Night 7-9 pm.  
We dance from 7 to 9 PM. In the St Augustine South clubhouse on Royal Road in St  
Augustine FL 32086

Call before you go to verify, they are dancing Call Mary Burzo 904 501-1817

## **Square Dance- Camping Club - Caller Bill Chesnut**

### **SQUARE WHEELS**

SQUARE WHEELS Chapter 128

CAMPING SCHEDULE – 2024

(Subject to change – Please verify – Revised 2/27/24)  
(All Rally Rates Subject to Change Due to Inflation)

- Nov 1-2 North East Florida Sq & Rd Dance 70<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival. Recommended campground:  
Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park (904-249-4700). For more Information see Flyer.
- Dec 6-7 SQUARE WHEELS CHRISTMAS PARTY The Springs R.V. Resort –  
2950 N. E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Silver Springs, FL 34488. 352-236-5250. Rally rate  
\$46.80 per night. Also, they will honor Passport America for 3 days.  
If staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be at \$52.00 per night.  
Must call campground to make your reservation. Any deposit will not be  
refunded but will be honored for future reservation within a year.  
For additional information please contact one of the following:

Mary Chesnut  
352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880  
[marynut4@gmail.com](mailto:marynut4@gmail.com)

Tim Hill 352-205-0596  
Angela Brown 352-408-5721  
[doramiata62@yahoo.com](mailto:doramiata62@yahoo.com)

**Rollaways Jacksonville, FL -**  
**Caller Mark Fetzer; Cuer Susan Snider**

Come join the Rollaways at Sandalwood High School on Tuesday nights. We dance from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Hello Everyone,

The Rollaways are dancing along. In October we had a Fall Harvest Dance to benefit the Rosa Lee Brannan Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone for your support. We also had a Halloween Dance. We have a busy schedule for the rest of the year if you would like to come visit we dance on Tuesday nights at Sandalwood High School in the cafeteria.

Upcoming themes are:

- Football Fanatics November 12<sup>th</sup> – All teams welcome
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Kay Walker Toy Drive – December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas attire encouraged













## Community Outreach

Mary Ellen Ludeking called a square dance demonstration at The Cove (an assisted living facility) on October 19, 2024. Mary Ellen and Bill are grateful to the following dancers who volunteered (see picture below) - Moose Promenaders: Adrienne & Rob Farris, Steve & Cathy Grant, Jim Moss and Becky Blazek and Rollaways: Robin & Erik Burton. It was an opportunity to demonstrate and teach square dancing to the residents, families and staff. Mary Ellen is one of the chaplains at The Cove. The residents, families and staff expressed that they loved the event and their favorite call was Star Promenade. The dancers brought the joy of square dancing and they were great ambassadors for the square dancing community.



Thanks,  
Mary Ellen Ludeking  
cell: (904) 612-2156

**Members from the past and present, the 90+ crowd:**



**Tena Cunningham** (wife of Jim, deceased)  
They served as:  
1988-1990 – Lone Star Swingers Treasurer (1990 w/Jo Wilson)  
1987 – NEFSARDA delegate from Challengers  
1984 – Lone Star Swingers President

They were members of:

Challengers

Fun n' Frolic

Lone Star Swingers

Reflections

**Tena will be 98 on Oct 26.**

Cards may be sent to:

8422 Jacinto St, Jacksonville, FL 32211-6333



Grey and Glenda in green

**Grey Duncan** (wife Glenda, deceased)

They were members of:

Challengers

Creekside Promenaders

Moose Promenaders

Rollaways

Reflections

**On Oct 23, Grey will be 95.**

Cards may be sent to:

Grey Duncan

% Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tackett

5819 Reddoch Road, Marianna, FL 32446-6723

Sunshine Sweethearts

Touch of Class

He was a member of:

First Coast Rounds

Fun n' Frolic



Coralee with partner Barry Wolfgang (deceased)

Coralee Garrett (husband John, deceased)

2006-2008 – Rollaways Secretary (Coralee)

They were members of:

First Coast Rounds

Moose Promenaders

Rollaways

She was a member of:

First Coast Rounds  
Seabreeze Singles

**Coralee will turn 97 on Oct 13.**

Cards may be sent to:

13890 Intercoastal Sound Dr, Jacksonville FL 32224-1195



**DeLanie (Fant) Goldston** (husband Robert)

They were members of:

Seabreeze Singles

**On Oct 7 she will be 93**

Cards may be sent to:

57 Wayah Woods Ln, Franklin, NC 28734-1055



Hogan, Roland Jasper "R. J." "Hero" – born Nov. 1, 1930 (wife Joan "Joannette")

R. J. served

1999 – Rural Callers Association Secretary/Treasurer

1997-1998 – Rural Callers Association President

1988 – Bass Capitol Squares Banner Chairman (and caller)

1986 - Rural Callers Association President

1986 – Starlight Twirlers Banner Chairman (and caller)

1968 – 441 Club Vice President

1967 – 441 Club Secretary-Treasurer

1966 – Swinging Squares Secretary/Treasurer

He was a caller and member of:

441 Club

Bass Capital Squares

Dixie Dancers

Flagler Ocean Waves

Hogan's Heroes

River Ramblers

Starlight Twirlers  
Swinging Squares

Wheel-A-Round Squares

**R. J. will be 94 on Nov. 1**

Cards may be sent to:  
6410 SE 92<sup>nd</sup> Ter, Gainesville FL 32641-1645



**Barbara Meyer** (husband Frank, deceased)

They served as:

2012 – NEFSARDA delegate from Seabreeze Singles

2008 – Circle of Service Award

2006-2008 – NEFSARDA Corresponding Secretary

1999-2004 – Moose Promenaders Secretary

They were members of:

Friendly Frolics

Moose Promenaders

Seabreeze Singles

Barbara turns 94 on Oct 8

Cards may be sent to:

3653 Regent Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32224-2477



**Walter Syphard** (wife Dianne)

They served as:

2021-2024 – Rollaways Treasurer (Walt)

2018 – Rollaways Secretary

2016-2021 – Florida Federation of Square Dancers delegate

2016-2019 – Rollaways Banner Chairman

2016-2017 – NEFSARDA Vice President

2016 – FLORIDA State Square Dance Convention General Chairman (Dianne w/ LindaTester & Kathy McKinney) – Sweet 16 in 2016

2016 – Rollaways President

2012-2015 – Rollaways Banner Chairman

2014 – Florida Knothead bar

2013 – NEFSARDA Fall Festival Chairman

2012 – NEFSARDA delegate from Rollaways

2011 – NEFSARDA Dance Couple of the Year

2010-2012 - NEFSARDA Corresponding Secretary

2009-2011 – Rollaways President

2006-2008 – Rollaways Vice President

Walt and Dianne were members of:

First Coast Rounds

Rollaways

Teddy Bear Squares

**In 2024 they are still members of Rollaways.**

**On Oct 25 Walt will be 90 years old.**

Cards may be sent to:

587 Prindle Dr E, Jacksonville, FL 32225-7104

## **Gateway Callers Association**

Hello,

It is Mark again. This time as president of the Gateway Callers Association. The Florida Callers Association just had their annual clinic, and many North Florida Callers were able to attend. This was a great opportunity for us to learn from peers with years of experience to show us things that some of us had never noticed. These are things that will help our calling and your enjoyment.

The Gateway Callers are also hosting a Christmas Dance at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 2-4 pm. We hope you will join dancers from the other local clubs to fellowship for the Christmas season.



*Christmas Hoedown*  
*Saturday, December 14th*  
*2:00-4:00 pm*

Come out to square and round dance with new as well as experienced dancers from across northeast Florida. There will be a selection of callers cuers from the area and everyone will be able to dance every tip.



\$5 per dancer

Under 18 free

Location:

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1415 McDuff Ave S.  
Jacksonville, FL, 32205

Hosted by the Gateway Callers Association  
For information contact Mark Fetzer 904-716-4962



**Ramblings from beautiful downtown Melrose – by Bill Chesnut**

I told it through the Grapevine: Ramblings from beautiful downtown Melrose. My mother told me there would be days like these, but I was not prepared for how many there have been. I received a call that another of my mentors has passed to that great Heavenly Square Dance Convention. Bobby Keefe was one of the many who helped shape me as a caller. I value the dances we did together, the little and big things he taught me, and the time we spent discussing calls and ways to use them. June served the impossible task of being my partner to learn Challenge from Bobby. Bobby was a genius with choreography and how to use the calls. I shall try to make him proud. I had barely recovered from the notification of Bobby's passing when I got the call that Sam Dunn had been run over crossing the road and did not survive. Am and I had worked together trying to pass out knowledge on to new callers. Sam was another of

the fine singing callers, wonderful with choreography and flow, but mostly, just a super nice guy. I will miss both fine gentlemen.

Dancers, especially you ladies, do you sometimes feel one leg is getting shorter after dancing the evening away? Many of us callers have the dancers turning 360 degrees or more in a sequence. Most of the time it is the ladies who suffer the pain. Callers let's walk through some of the sequences dancing the "girls" part. If you do you find out that we have some overflow that makes the dancers a bit dizzy. We all need to work on smooth body flow, good timing and proper hand usage.

I don't know if you will get this magazine before the NEFSARDA Fall Festival #70. If it arrives before the weekend, come join us at Trinity Lutheran. Our caller is a world traveler, but now Ocala resident Dave Viera. Our cuer is world renowned as well, Barbara and Wayne Blackford. Get your tickets before we sell out. Chair Susan has great dancing and a fantastic Saturday dinner available for you.

We have our second Spin the Big Top Fundraiser to support the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention coming up. The dance will be in Wildwood this time on November 9 from 4 – 8 PM. It would be great to see a good turnout from the NE area as we work to support the state convention. Come join Susan and Mark, Dave & Michele, Sandy Sturgis and Mary and I for another fun dance and help support the state convention. Oh yeah, have you registered for the state convention in Deltona in January? I hope to see you there.

Thanksgiving is here and I have so much to be thankful for. I call fantastic people at great clubs. My child bride Mary pitches in at every opportunity. My friends and family are wonderful. It seems our activity is rebounding slightly since the big shutdown. The Lord blessed me with a love of this activity and the ability to entertain the dancers. I am very Thankful to the Lord and to y'all for putting up with me.

It seems that Covid has reared its ugly head and a few of our dancers are battling with it now. Remember to stay home if you feel bad, wash your hands, stay healthy and dance when you can. I look forward to seeing y'all.

Bill & Mary Chesnut

## **NEFSARDA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Afternoon Dance Schedule**

The first 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance in 2025 is March 29<sup>th</sup> 2025. Look here for more information!

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance planned for the 30h of November has been cancelled**  
Stephen F Bigelow M.Ed.,

NEFSARDA Vice President,  
Editor of The Grapevine  
The Bow and Swing



## Cares and Concerns

We have several dancers in our community who are not well. Their situations are sometimes temporary and sometimes serious. We ask that you keep these dancers in your thoughts and prayers, plus we hope for speedy recoveries for all. Please notify us about all dancers who should be on this list by contacting us on [squaredancejax@gmail.com](mailto:squaredancejax@gmail.com) Or [grapevine@sfbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sfbigelow.com)

John Allen – Moose Promenaders

Ralph Beekman – Dixie Dancers

Victor Figueroa - Grand Squares

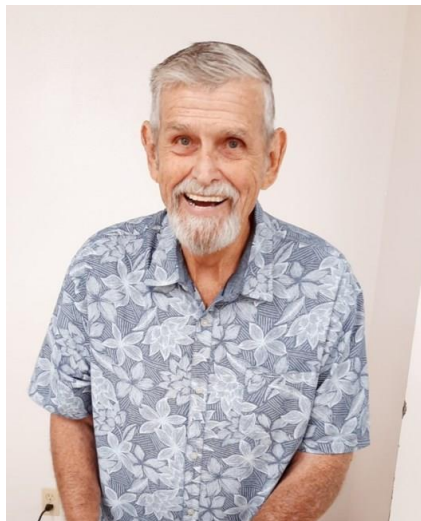
Rick Lord – Dixie Dancers/Salty Bobbers

Ken Shacter – Rollaways

Sawyer Gray President Rollaways

Lenny Newberry (a visiting caller to NE FL)

FYI: Lenny suffered a stroke while visiting Massachusetts.



Robert Arden “Bobby” Keefe, born 12-8-39 and Born Again in January 1990, passed from this world into the arms of his Heavenly Father on Sunday, October 13, 2024. Born in Jacksonville, FL to Howard and Lucile Keefe. Even though the Depression and WWII were imminent, Bobby had a blessed childhood. He attended local schools and graduated from Paxon High School in 1957. He served in the Air Force and Army National Guard for several years, having completed training in electronics. After returning home, he worked for Edgewood TV for a period of time and then went to work for Jacksonville Electric Authority until his retirement as Supervisor of Maintenance, after 27 years employment. Other endeavors following retirement from JEA included working for Atlantic Beach Auto Parts and owning his own automotive machine shop.

He also worked for Dupont Mining for 5 years as Training Specialist and Site Supervisor for contract personnel.

His primary non-work interest, however, was teaching and calling Western-style square dancing, starting in 1960 and ending with his retirement in early 2024.

In January 1990, Bobby felt the call on his life for Christian service and returned to college to obtain a music degree. He served as Minister of Music at Fellowship Baptist Church in Raiford, FL since April 2006.

Preceded in death by his father, mother, sister, brother and brother-in-law, he has stated that his life has been the greatest journey one could ever ask for.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife and partner of 40 years, June, son Robert Jr. (Kara) of Rossville, GA and daughter Kendra (Ken) Phelps of Sardis, MS. Six grandchildren, Travis (Meghin Cone) Keefe, Ryan (Mackinley) Keefe, Darian Keefe, Kourtney (Landon Nye) Brown, Katlan Howell and Brandon (Katie) Phelps and seven greatgrandchildren. The funeral service was held at his church in Raiford on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Interment was at Riverside Memorial Park, 7242 Normandy Boulevard, Jacksonville, following the funeral. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Bobby's name to the Florida Cancer Society.

Hope to see you over there.

Robert Arden Keefe, age 84, of Raiford, Florida passed away on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

A visitation for Robert will be held Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Fellowship Baptist Church, FL-121, Raiford, FL 32083. A funeral service will occur Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, FL-121, Raiford, FL 32083. A committal service will occur Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM at Hardage- Giddens, Riverside Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 7242 Normandy Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32205.

This obituary is very hard for your editor. Bobby was a dear friend and one of the best callers I have danced with in over 40years of dancing. Bobby's master of calling extended from the most basic to the advanced and C  
Ochallenge levels. No matter what level you danced Bobby would make if t challenging and fun at the same time

### **Callers have been sending in their tributes to Bobby**

I did not know Bobby very well myself, because we lived in different areas of the state. I knew him a little bit from belonging to the Florida Callers Association. I did attend a few dances he called at the Advanced level, and realized he was good at his craft.

Mike Gormley  
Sebring, FL

Bobby was a great square dance caller. From the most basic level through the challenge level he had an ability to read the floor, make the difficulty doable, and all with

a smile on his face. Bobby was encouraging in my early years of calling by insisting that clear explanations of each call were essential. In years past, Bobby and June were always an encouragement to Sandra and me and to the Northeast Callers Association.  
Jim Duncan

When I was asked to write a few lines about Bobby, I was introduced to impossible. Bobby was another of my many mentors and I will miss him. Bobby took a couple of years off from calling, and then came back as the kinder, gentler Bobby. He still expected you to know how to do the moves, but didn't fuss quite as loud if you made a mistake. Bobby attended quite a few of my dances and made me a better caller. He did not mind offering "advice" to callers. Hand usage, body flow, timing, whatever he could do to help you, he was there. RIP Bobby. (more on some of this later).

Bill Chesnut

Peggy and I had just moved to Gainesville in 1974 or 75. I had been calling in the Panama Canal Zone and up in Memphis. When we got to Gainesville, we decided I wouldn't get involved with calling right away, and we would just wait and see what the level of dancing was in this area. There was a dance at the Thelma Bolton Center downtown. At the center they were having a regular dance with local callers – RJ Hogan, Bill Chesnut, Bobby Keefe, Gil Crosby and a caller from out of town, James Maxey. Peggy and I went to the dance and decided to just watch and see how it went. RJ Hogan called the first tip, and we watched and realized we could dance with this group. The next caller was Bobby Keefe, and Bobby assured us we would be able to dance to him. We got up to dance. Well, Bobby was an "all position" caller and very good at what he did. When he started calling, Peggy and I had trouble understanding exactly what he wanted us to do. It was Mainstream, but he called from such different positions it was quite challenging! We were struggling to keep up, and Bobby kept calling us out by name to try and get us into the correction positions. He was calling stuff like "Check your Phantom Diamonds, Diamond Circulate and Spread..." Peggy and I were embarrassed. After that dance we watched the other callers and realized it was just Bobby Keefe who was so challenging. At the end of this tip, I went up to Bobby and told him I would never believe him again when he said we could dance to him. I still think he did that on purpose. We were embarrassed and pretty upset with Bobby for misleading us at the time, but Peggy and I eventually took classes from Bobby and were finally able to dance to him. We became good friends, but I never let him forget that time he lied to us!!

Peggy and I just loved Bobby and became good friends with him and his wife. We enjoyed dancing with him at the Quarter Mores in Jacksonville. What a great caller!

Lon Ligon



**Ivan L. Hadsall**, 84, of Fort White, Florida, went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 21st, 2024. He was born in a private home in Springville, Pennsylvania and moved to Kattelville, New York at a young age. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Glenn Kenneth Hadsall and Ruth Elizabeth (Kasson) Hadsall, his sister, Kay Ethel (Hadsall) Finch, and his daughter Beth Ann (Hadsall) Young. Ivan is survived by his wife of 64 years, Anna Bell (Graves) Hadsall, daughter Brenda Lee (Hadsall) Corey, son-in-law, Robert Edward Corey Jr of Fort White, Florida, a granddaughter, Kayla Marie Tanzini, and great grandson, Kole Thomas Branton of Burleson, Texas and a brother-in-law, Donald Earl Graves and wife Donna Mary (Smith) Graves of Fort White, Florida. He also had a sister-in-law, Helena Nona (Graves) Corey, and her husband Rodney Corey of Washburn, Maine, and also numerous nieces and nephews, and many, many friends.

Ivan owned and operated Hadsall's Auto Service for 20+ years in Chenango Bridge, New York, and was a longstanding member of SSOASNY, Service Station Operator's Association of Southern New York. He also spent 10 years as Road Service Manager for AAA Auto Club in Binghampton, New York.

He served 27 years in the US Army Reserves and retired as an E8 Master Sergeant. He was a lifetime member and Past Commander AP of the Susquenango Power and Sailboat Squadron of Binghampton, New York.

After moving to Florida in 2006, he became a volunteer at the Lighthouse Gift Shop and a board member at the Christian Service Center in Lake City, Florida. He learned to square dance, and then joined the Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club, High Springs Dance Club and Square Wheels Square Dance Camping Club. He very much enjoyed his hobbies - camping, dancing and especially his volunteer work. He also attended Wesley Memorial Methodist Church and had many friends there as well.

The private burial will be at South Eaton Cemetery in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania at a later date. Please consider Wesley Memorial Methodist Church or the Christian Service Center in Lake City, Florida for any memorial donations.

Here is a synopsis article for Ivan in regard to dancing:

After retiring and moving to Florida in Dec. 2006, Ann & Ivan happened on a flyer about square dance lessons, thus was born a new hobby! It was such fun, and they met so many friendly people who later became good friends. Along with square dance lessons, there was also round dancing. Ivan's brother-in-law, Don Graves, sometimes came along to listen to the music. Don was completely blind as a result of an accident. He expressed an interest in learning to round dance. Always read for a challenge, Ivan said "sure, we'll give it a try". Our club cuer showed him how to look up cue sheets and the music. Don & Donna would dance up and down the center aisle of their barn with Ivan playing a taped son and Ann teaching them the steps. She was still learning the steps herself at the time! That's how it all got started. Don & Donna did learn to dance, and they all joined the Dixie Dancers. After that they joined the Square Wheels Square Dance Camping Club. Ann became their cuer and Ivan was affectionately referred to as her "roadie". After he got her equipment set up to cue, you could usually find him selling 50-50 tickets. Even when it became hard for him to dance, he loved visiting with everyone. A year or so ago they joined the High Springs Dance Club where she cues, and he continued to be her "roadie". Many thanks to all the callers and cuers who helped along the way.

## **National Square and Round Dance Convention**

<b>2025</b> <b>June 25-28</b>	<b><u>74<sup>th</sup> National Square dance Convention Shreveport LA</u></b> <a href="https://74thnsdc.com/">https://74thnsdc.com/</a> <a href="https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/">https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/</a>
<b>2026</b> <b>June 24-26</b>	<b><u>75<sup>th</sup> National Square dance Convention Waco, Texas,</u></b> <a href="https://75nsdctx.com/">https://75nsdctx.com/</a>
<b>2027</b> <b>June 23-26</b>	<b><u>76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention Loveland CO</u></b> <a href="https://76nsdc.com/">https://76nsdc.com/</a>

# Northeast Florida Square and Round Dance 70th Fall Festival!

November 1st and 2nd, 2024  
Jacksonville, Florida



**Wayne and Barbara  
Blackford  
Cuers**



**Dave Vieira  
Caller**



## Location:

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
1415 McDuff Ave S.  
Jacksonville, Fl., 32205**

**\$25 per Person**

Includes Saturday Evening  
Spaghetti Dinner

## Schedule

Friday

7:00 p.m. - Early Rounds

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 - Squares with Rounds

Saturday

12:00 - 2:00 Round Dance workshop

2:00 - 4:30 Square Dancing

Mainstream, Plus and Advanced

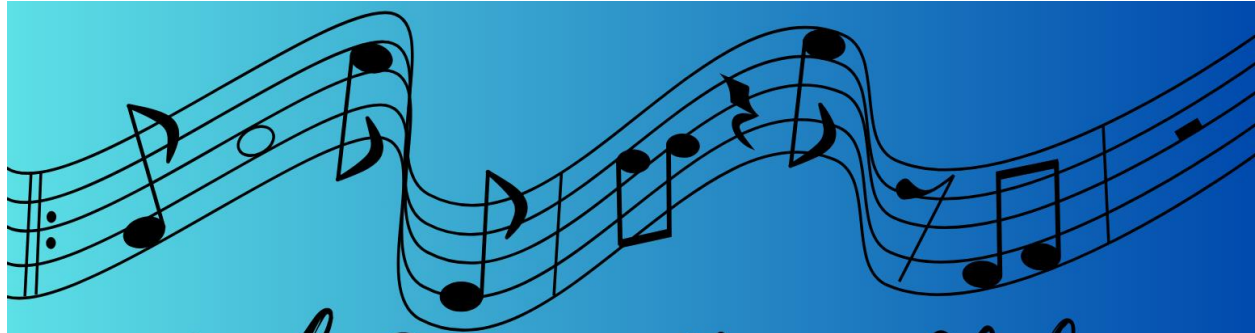
4:30 DINNER

7:00 p.m. Early Rounds

7:30 Squares with Rounds



Contact Susan Snider to get all the gossip: (904) 908-5184



*High Springs Dance Club*  
**Beginner Classes**  
**MODERN  
SQUARE DANCE**



**Starting September 5, 2024 for 12 weeks**

**7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**High Springs Civic Center**

Fun, Friendship, Light exercise set to music  
If you can walk you can square dance.

**Caller: Bill Cassidy**

**More Information :**

**Debbie 352-262-0760**

**Dress - casual**

**Courtesy of High Springs Parks & Rec**



**Location :**

**High Springs Civic Center  
19107 NW 240th St.  
High Springs, FL**

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**TUESDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM**

CONTACT ROBIN AT [ROBIN.FRAZER@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ROBIN.FRAZER@YAHOO.COM)

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This is the current list that I have for all NEFSARDA clubs in the Northeast area. If your information is wrong or changes, please have an officer of your club notify the Grapevine editor, Stephen Bigelow. If you would like your club added, consider joining NEFSARDA, then send me your club information.

Stephen F Bigelow M.Ed.  
[grapevine@sbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sbigelow.com)  
904-612-1081

## **Monday Clubs**

### Mixed Nuts

Mixed Nuts Advanced Square Dance Club, Dancing Monday afternoons 4 – 6 pm  
Grace Presbyterian Church, 3146 N W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL  
Caller Bill Chesnut 352-256-8628

### Joy Seas

7 to 9 PM. St Augustine South Club house in St Augustine FL 32086  
Call before you go to verify they are dancing Call Mary Burzo 904 501-1817. See our current article for updates.  
Mike Akers Caller

## **Tuesday Clubs**

### Rollaways

7:00 – 9:00 PM at Sandalwood High School 2750 John Prom Boulevard, Jacksonville  
Caller Mark Fetzer  
Cuer Susan Snider  
President Sawyer Gray.  
Banner Chairman Virginia Bomhold (904) 521-2754

### Seabreeze Singles

Dance Review 7:00 to 7:30 PM, Club Dance 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Frances Padgett  
Arlington Senior Center, 1078 Rogero Road, Jacksonville.  
Caller Mike Akers  
President Pamela Newman (904) 516-7115  
Banner Chairman Vickie BeLue (904) 707-8188

### Salty Bobbers

7:00 - 9:00 PM at Community Center, 612 SW 812th Street, Steinhatchee.  
Caller Charlie Pergrossi  
Club Contact Jeanette Geer (352) 507-9425  
Banner Chairman Doug Moore (512) 605-7773

### Dixie Dancers

7:00 - 9:30 PM at Teen Town, 533 NW DeSoto Street, Gainesville.

Caller Bill Chesnut

President and Banner Chairman Bob and Barbara Rosenthal (386) 466-2984

### Grand Squares

6:30 to 8:30 PM at Meizon Church, 3411 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL

Callers Bill Cassidy

Club Contact Robin Frazer (352) 317-1636

## **Wednesday Clubs**

Clover Squares - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 2-4 at the First United Methodist Church in Chiefland, 707 North Main Street, Chiefland, FL

Caller Jim Duncan

Club Contact Gerry Jesk (352) 949-4446

## **Thursday Club**

### Coastal Georgia Squares

7:00 to 9:00 Christian Life Center behind College Place UMC, 3890 Altama Ave, Brunswick, GA. If you're planning to attend the dance from out of town, **please contact me prior to the dance** in case there is a conflict with a church activity.

Don Heins – (912) 269-7909. [donheins@MSN.com](mailto:donheins@MSN.com)

High Springs Dance Club is conveniently located halfway between Gainesville and Lake City. We dance at the Civic Center off Highway 441 near Winn Dixie. The dance is every Thursday night from 7 to 9 pm with the setup starting at 6:30 pm. The address is 19107 NW 240th Street, High Springs, FL. **Contact Deborah Cassidy to confirm we are dancing. 352-262-0760.**

### Moose Promenaders

Club dance 7:00 to 9ish PM at Moose Lodge,  
5051 Collins Road, Jacksonville.

Caller Bill Chesnut

President Wayne and Debbie Miller

Banner Chairman Hanna Watts (904) 387-6287

# FALL 2024 CONVENTION BENEFIT DANCE



**Alternating  
MS & PLUS  
5:15-7:15 pm  
Adv. Tip  
7:20 pm**

**BILL  
CHESNUT,**  
CALLER CHAIRMAN  
**DAVE  
VIEIRA,**  
CO-CHAIRMAN  
AND... others!

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THE DANCE**

**EARLY  
ROUNDS  
4:30-5:15  
pm**

**SANDY  
STURGIS,**  
CUER CHAIRMAN  
**SUSAN  
SNIDER,**  
CO-CHAIRMAN  
AND... others!

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

Convention Chairman  
Dawn DeWitt & Charles Tharp  
561-252-7729 & 561-252-6236  
ddewitt03@bellsouth.net

Wildwood Community Center  
Washington & Jefferson Room  
6500 Powell Road  
Wildwood, FL 34785

**Fri. Dinner Show \$45pp**

**Dry camping on site**

**Two full days of Dancing**

**MS, PLUS, A2 SQUARES**

**Phase 2-5 Rounds**

**Trail End Dance Thursday nite**

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**Jan. 17-18, 2025**

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 Mail to: Jenny Green  
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 Longwood, FL 32750  
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Friday, Jan. 17, 2025 4:15 pm to 6:30 pm **\$45pp**

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# RoadRunners Square & Round Dance Weekend

Lake November 7, 8, 9 & 10

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2024



RV Resort

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(863) 453-7007



Cueing Rounds  
Chuck Ryall  
Calling Squares  
John Sweeney

## (OUR PROPOSED) WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY, NOV 7 - EARLY BIRD NIGHT** Possibly a trip to the Wild Turkey Saloon next door for dinner, always a highlight to the weekend.

**FRIDAY, NOV 8 - Games, swimming and/or Craft** (info will be in the Nov. Rambles Newsletter)

Friday Lunch Maybe we will try a lunch pot luck.

Friday Workshops TBA

4:30 PM - Go to local restaurant as a group or order in... (Your choice)

**SATURDAY, NOV 9- BREAKFAST** Cooking 8:30 AM - Eating 9:00 AM

Call Mary Ryall (772) 359-1048 for details of what is needed if you are unsure of what to bring.

Club Meeting 10:00 AM (or immediately following Breakfast)

Saturday Workshops TBA

Turkey Dinner @ 4:30PM "YUM" Bring a dish to share and your place setting, Club will provide the turkey, Mary will workout with us what everyone wants to bring.

**SUNDAY, NOV 10 - Continental Breakfast & Devotions** 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

## Friday & Saturday Evening Dancing Schedules

6:30pm Early Rounds - 7:00 to 9:00 pm Square Dance w/ Rounds

Weekend Dance Fees Members - \$15.00 for couples - \$7.50 Single  
Non-Members - \$20.00 for couples - \$10.00 Single

Please call the park for a reservation, then call Tom Biehn (757)-672-9978 to let us know you'll be joining us for the weekend.

**You are invited to our TURKEY DINNER Weekend  
Please Come prepared to have LOTS of FUN!**

75th National Square  
Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

Pre-Convention



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A Texas BBQ Dinner \$18.00!

March 20-22, 2025

Waco, Texas

**Trail End Dance Thursday Night**  
**Callers: Chet Miles and Dale Smith**

**Featured Callers Friday and Saturday**



Tony Oxendine



Charlie Robertson



Vernon Jones



Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ His: \_\_\_\_\_ Hers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Partner if different: Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ Dinner Friday Night: \$18.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday-Saturday Afternoon Dance Pkg \$40 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Trail End \$15.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Afternoon \$15.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Afternoon \$15.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Free with 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Registration\*  
Friday Night \$15.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Billy and Ramona Grimsley email: [rb26nsdc@gmail.com](mailto:rb26nsdc@gmail.com)

Trent and Beth Hubbert email: [trent.hubbert@outlook.com](mailto:trent.hubbert@outlook.com)

Mail completed form to: 75NSDC 9597 Jones Rd. Ste. #122 Houston, TX 77065

## WE'RE GOING TO TEXAS Y'ALL!

**Allemande Hall**  
**106 Westlake, Waco TX 76712**



**Thursday 7:00-10:00 pm – Mainstream w/Plus - Chet and Dale**  
**Friday 2:00-4:00 – Full Blown Plus – Tony and Vernon**  
**Friday 4:30-6:00 - Barbeque Dinner**  
**Friday 7:00-10:00 pm – Mainstream w/Plus - Tony and Vernon**

**Waco Convention Center**  
**100 Washington Ave, Waco TX 76701**

**Saturday 2:00-4:00 – Full Blown Plus**  
**Saturday 7:00-10:00 pm –Mainstream w/Plus\***  
**Tony, Vernon and Charlie**



\*FREE Dance to those Registered for the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC  
You must be registered to attend  
Yes! You can register at the dance.

## HOTELS

Southside (Closest to Allemande Hall)  
Springhill Suites  
200 Colonnade Pkwy  
Waco, TX

Fairfield Inn  
5805 N. Woodway Dr. (Hwy 84)  
Woodway (Waco), TX  
254-776-7821

LaQuinta Inn  
60003 Woodway Dr. (Hwy 84)  
Woodway (Waco), TX  
254-772-0200

Super 8  
6624 Woodway Dr. (Hwy 84)  
Woodway (Waco), TX  
254-523-4372

Downtown  
Hilton Waco  
(Walkway connects to Convention Center)  
113 S University Parks Dr.  
Waco, TX 76701  
254-754-8484

Courtyard by Marriot (Host Hotel)  
101 Washington Ave  
Waco, TX 76701  
254-752-8686

Many other hotels are located along I-35 near downtown exits. (Near “fast food row”)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

More information available at [www.74nsdc.com](http://www.74nsdc.com)

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Hilton Shreveport Hotel - Headquarters	\$169
2	Sam's Town - Weekday Rate (Sunday - Thursday) Caller/Cuer Hotel - Weekend Rate (Friday - Saturday)	\$115 \$145
3	Holiday Inn - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
4	Holiday Inn Express - Shreveport (3-minute - 0.7 mile)	\$115
5	Hampton Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
6	Hilton Garden Inn - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$139
7	Homewood Suites - Bossier (6-minute drive)	\$169

Indicate choice of hotel preference by specifying number: #1 \_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_

Hotel assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability. This form must be received, and rooms booked by March 1, 2025 for Sam's Town or May 1, 2025 for other hotels to guarantee 74th NSDC pricing.

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

S 6/21  S 6/22  M 6/23  T 6/24  W 6/25  T 6/26  F 6/27  S 6/28  S 6/29

# Additional arrive early? \_\_\_\_\_ or stay late nights? \_\_\_\_\_ Total nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

Room request:  Single  Double  Queen  King  Handicapable

**SHARED ROOMS** - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here: \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

**BLOCK HOUSING:** All Block Housing requests are due by **July 15, 2024 and must be filed by Sept 15th**, include the name, email, and phone number of Block Housing Leader.

Block Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Block Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

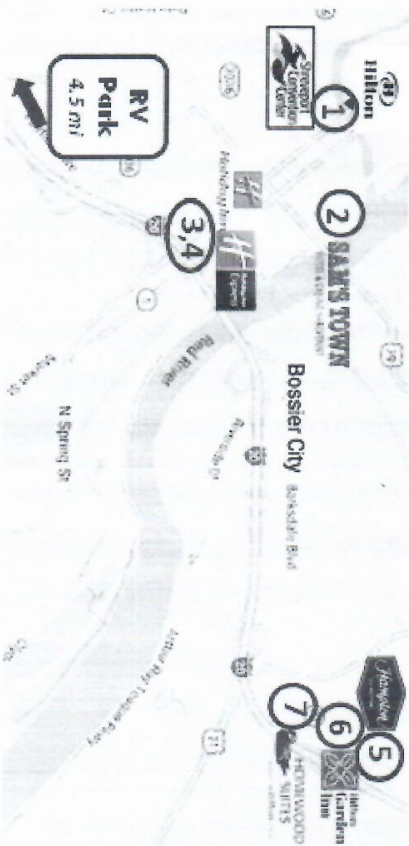
No airport shuttle services provided. See [www.74nsdc.com](http://www.74nsdc.com) for transportation information.

Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 1, 2025. A weblink and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order that the forms are received.

Do you prefer email or text notification? Email \_\_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_\_

**Note that hotels will not take your reservation for our convention until July 1, 2024.** The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to hold the room. **You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention contracted rate.** No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the weblink and phone number which will be provided by the convention Housing Vice-Chairman.

### MAP OF HOTELS & CAMPGROUND SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER



### RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

Campground	Distance	Rate per Day
State Fair of Louisiana 3701 Hudson Street, Shreveport, LA 71109	4.5 miles / 9-minute drive	\$35.00

Each site is roughly the same size with full hookups including water and sewer with 30 or 50-amp electrical connections.  30 amp requested  50 amp requested.

Assignments will be made in the order of registration form received & according to availability to make sure we have plenty of 50-amp connections. This form must be received, and sites must be booked by May 1, 2025, to guarantee the 74th NSDC pricing. We have over 200 sites available, so no issue on availability.

Site nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

S 6/21  S 6/22  M 6/23  T 6/24  W 6/25  T 6/26  F 6/27  S 6/28  S 6/29

# Additional arrive early? \_\_\_\_\_ or stay late nights? \_\_\_\_\_ Total nights requested \_\_\_\_\_

**Buses Not Available.** Parking Available at Convention Center \$5 per day (in/out).

**GROUP CAMPING** requests must be received by January 2, 2025. Everyone that is part of the group must fill in Group Name and Group Leader Name. **To camp together, best to arrive together.**

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Group Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your confirmed campground may assess a one-night penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. On-line registration available. All site reservations will be coordinated through RV & Camping Vice-Chairman with this form. For further information see web site: [www.74nsdc.com](http://www.74nsdc.com).

# Come Camp on the Wild Side

Camping accommodations for the 74th National Square Dance Convention® are available at the State Fair of Louisiana, located at 3701 Hudson St. in Shreveport. Each site (\$35 nightly) is roughly the same site with full hookups, including water and sewer with 30 or 50-amp connections. The 200-site campground is 4.6 miles from the Shreveport Convention Center. There is no bus shuttle service to the convention center. Parking is available at the convention center for \$4 per day (in/out) and at the nearby Sam's Town and Bally's Casino Resorts. The 74th NSDC has rented the campground's air-conditioned hospitality building for our campers to have a place to meet and socialize and there are restrooms with showers onsite. (The campground is currently undergoing renovations, which will be completed in time for the 74th NSDC!)



To the Camping area take 20 West, exit 16A, Hearne Avenue and State Fair Grounds, 4.6 miles from the convention center. From the camping area, simply take I-20 East and exit 19A and north to Caddo Street for the Convention parking structure or right at Farin to dead end at Clyde Farm for free parking at either Sam's Town or Bally's Casino parking.

An aerial view of the State Fair of Louisiana grounds in Shreveport shows campground sites highlighted in green (pictured above). Also depicted is a map showing parking areas. Be aware there may be height restrictions.

*Register for the 74th National Square Dance Convention® and secure your campsite today!*

## RESERVATIONS

Assignments will be made in order of **COMPLETED REGISTRATION** form received: <https://www.74nsdc.com/register-online>. You can not register to camp if you have not registered first for the 74th NSDC. Sites must be booked through the 74th NSDC Registration & Housing by May 1, 2025 to guarantee pricing.

Site reservations will be coordinated through the RV and Camping Vice-Chairmen Dan and Vicki Hatfield, [vhat@cox.net](mailto:vhat@cox.net). Reserve your RV and Camping using the online form found at our website <https://www.74nsdc.com/housing>. Requests for Group Camping must be received by Jan. 2, 2025.

No reservations or payments can be made at the Fairgrounds, you must have registered and paid for your RV camping site either by mail, in person with one of our team members, or online through the website: <https://www.74nsdc.com/housing>.

## *Searching for more information about the 74<sup>th</sup> NSDC?*



1. Join our 74<sup>th</sup> NSDC Facebook group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/750145379807873>, for the latest news and events.
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3. Subscribe to and read the *National Squares* e-Magazine. Each convention is responsible for producing the monthly magazine from August-May preceding their convention. The 74<sup>th</sup> NSDC's first issue will be August 2024! Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to enter your name and email address to subscribe. It's free!

**74<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION**

# Come Explore with the 74th NSDC

## Experience New Orleans 6/22/25-6/25/25

Take a trip with us to Louisiana's most famous city. Fly into New Orleans a few days early to experience this tour and then ride our bus back to Shreveport for the convention. Stay in the heart of NOLA and see all that the French Quarter has to offer. Highlights include a trip to Mardi Gras World, an airboat swamp tour and fine dining experiences in the city.

## Come Bowl with Us!

Experience our convention after-after party Friday night at the bowling alley. Busses will transport you from the convention center to historic Holiday Lanes for a night of bowling, food and fun! A package price gets you unlimited bowling and shoes, access to our snack and ice cream sundae buffet and karaoke. Door prizes, contests, arcade. Party into the early hours with us!

## Historic Natchitoches

This all-day tour will transport you to historic Natchitoches, Louisiana's oldest settlement and the filming location for "Steel Magnolias". To start, you will tour Fort St. Jean Baptiste, an original French fort and even have the opportunity to dance in the fort! Next, a hop-on tour guide will give a city tour. Afterward, enjoy food and shopping in the historic downtown on your own. Learn, Explore, Enjoy!

## Gator & Friends

This tour will take you to Gators and Friends where you can have close and personal experience with our convention mascot. You also have the opportunity to zip line over a swamp of gators for an additional cost. Afterward, enjoy lunch at BeauJax Craffthouse where you can eat a gator.

## Down on the Farm

In this special experience, you will be transported to a local dairy farm where you can learn all of the ins and outs of life on the farm. Afterward you will be treated to a box lunch at the farm and the opportunity to square dance by the cows.

## Shreveport City Tour

See all that Shreveport has to offer on this two-hour tour of the city and the surrounding area from the comfort of an air-conditioned tour bus.

Watch future editions of *National Squares*, our website [www.74NSDC.com/tours](http://www.74NSDC.com/tours), and Facebook group for details and signup information on the 74th NSDC tours.

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