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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to Spring in Florida! We know some days sure don't feel like it with a temperature of 25 but we are in the Sunshine State! Wait an hour and the weather will change.

Please check the calendar of events for dates of upcoming dances. Easter is this month and the Blue and White Ball is in Grand Square Hall on the 15th.

Our next **Northwest meeting is at 4:05 PM** after the Blue & White Ball. All Northwest dancers can attend. Your Club delegate, who is your representative, helps decide what Northwest does. The more you volunteer, the less work for your officers and the more fun we all have.



The Federation website is working. Go to www.Floridasquaredance.com. You flyer information Cliff can now send to Reiss at We dgramwebmaster@yahoo.com. Northwest iust updated the constitution, class information and contact information.

Our Northwest Roundup is October 20-21st which will be a lot of fun at Timpoochee 4-H camp in Niceville, Florida. Start planning now to attend and show your support. Ribbons will be available soon.

By - Brian and Barbara McDonald



NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION CLUBS

AGAPE SQUARES Mondays 6-8:30pm (SSD, M, P)

Caller: Varies each week (class 6-7pm)

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

CONTACT: Sherrilee Lewis (850) 217-7745

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

Caller: Elmer Sheffield (class 7-8pm)

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

CONTACT: Libby Penrod (850) 566-2117

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

Caller: Varies

2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL.

CONTACT: Deecee Haslett (850) 293-7720

SWINGING SQUARES Friday 7-8:30pm (MS, P)

Caller: Mike Goff (class 6-7pm)

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

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

T-N-T ROUNDS Sundays 3-5pm

Cuer: Terri Wilaby

T-N-T Hall

6419 Dallas Ave., Pensacola, FL.

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

Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association (NWFSRDA)

2023 1st Quarter Meeting - February 19, 2023 @ 2:00 PM Central

Zoom

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

Club Delegate(s): DeeCee Haslett, Seaside Squares; Kathy Kern, Panama City Square and Rounds Association.

Visitor: Joy Vaccari

Call to Order & Welcome: Brian McDonald.

Invocation: Barbara McDonald.

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

Minutes: October 29, 2022 minutes approved with minor edits.

Financial Reports: See 4th Quarter Financial Report. Starting Checking Balance is \$9,155.14; Ending balance is \$9,974.46; savings are \$8,817.52. Watching saving rates for CDs. We still have one club pending renewal – Seaside Squares, otherwise 2023 Insurance is complete.

Roundup 2023: Callers will be Nick Hartley and Darren Henry; Cuer will be Terri Wilaby – contracts are signed. Camp Timpoochee is reserved, pending finalization with the camp. Insurance certificate is provided. Advertising campaign is in process. Looking at hotels; possible camping at Fred Gannon State Park. There are 2 beach cottages at Timpoochee – quads, can sleep 8 each with shared bathrooms. Still available for reserving. Offering these to the clubs first but no obligation. Alec has pictures for those interested. Ribbons have been ordered – 100 at .27 each, with adhesive.

Panhandle Press: A few errors in the last issue, getting better!

Florida Federation: There was a Federation meeting at the Florida State Convention, held on January 20-21, 2023 in DeLand, Florida. They sold 350 ribbons. Trail End Dance had 20 squares and made a profit. May 20-21 will be the "Working Weekend" with a Trail End dance/fundraiser. Next year's convention will be January 19-20 in Volusia. There are 20 associations currently. Clubs may

be absorbed into closest association based on county location. There are no updates for the Federation website, but it is still viewable. Bruce Morgan has a new computer and is working to update the site. Penny Green is still sending out information to all. Question is asked regarding interest in changing the "State Dress" - more to follow.

Bylaws: see New Business.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Bylaws: Standing Rules have been reviewed. Some are already incorporated into the Bylaws. Recommend looking at the dress code. DeeCee is sending current version to ad hoc committee to review and recommend changes. Guidelines 3 shows Dancer of the Year – vote passes to remove. Note – Standing Rules are for internal working purposes only.

TNT Rounds: They are graduating a class in April. The new hall will have a grand opening when complete.

Announcements:

April 15 – Blue and White Ball in Panama City

May 26 - Memorial Day dance

Jun 16 - Special dance with Mike Gormley calling & cueing

July 14 - July Jamboree

Aug 18-19 - 60th Anniversary Dance

Sep 29-30 - Beach Blast

Oct 27 - Spooktacular

Nov 17 - Gathering before Thanksgiving

Next meeting will be at the Blue and White Ball on April 15, 4:15 PM Central, at Grand Square Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM Central.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 15, 2023 Blue & White Ball Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL

May 26, 2023 Memorial Day Dance Seaside Squares

June 21-24th 2023 72nd National Square Dance Convention. Mobile, AL.

July 14th, 2023 Seaside Squares July Jubilee

August 3-5, 2023 Tennessee State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN.

August 18-19, 2023 Seaside Squares 60th Anniversary Dance

September, 29 & 30, 2023 Seaside Squares Beach Blast

October 20-21, 2023 Northwest Annual Roundup at Timpoochee 4-H camp Niceville FL.

October 27, 2023 Spooktacular Seaside Squares

November 17, 2023 Gathering Thanksgiving Seaside Squares

February 4-11, 2024 "Top of the Line" Square and Round Dance Cruise, (Caribbean). I think 10-12 of us have already booked. It's \$250/person to book, but fully refundable until final payment due date of Nov. 6, 2023.

AGAPE SQUARES

Spring is here!

Our class is moving along and will graduate May/June. Again, thank you angels for supporting these new dancers.

We had Agape Dancers travel to the 68th Florida Convention in January. (see pic) They are already making plans for 2024!

We had a Valentine's Dance in February with great attendance, lots of food, fun and friendship. With Ted and Nancy Kennedy's help we made this event a donation dance with proceeds going to Crosspoint Church. Crosspoint has graciously allowed Agape Squares to use this facility for many years and we were grateful to be able to give something back to them. Thank you Crosspoint Niceville, thank you Ted and Nancy Kennedy, and thank you to all the dancers for your generous donations! (see pics)

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months and hope you are making plans to attend some of these dances.

Nick Hartley will offer a Plus Blast Class on May 20, 2023, at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. If you are dancing Mainstream and are ready for the next level of Plus, think about this class. The Blast Class is 9am-4pm and will teach/review the majority of Plus Calls. \$10/person.

June 21-24, 2023 Party Gras 72nd National Square Dance Convention, Mobile, AL. This will probably be as close as a National Event will get to Niceville, so plan now to attend at least some of the days. Flyers and Registration forms available.

August 3-5, 2023 48th TENNESSEE CONVENTION Gatlinburg, TN

October 20-21, 2023 NWFSRDA 49TH ANNUAL ROUNDUP at Camp Timpoochee Niceville, FL. This dance will be organized by NWFSRDA & Agape Squares, and we are asking for volunteers to be on committees.

Remember if you become a member of NWFSRDA you can attend the RoundUp for 1/2 price. Ask Alec or Barbara McDonald how you can become a Member.

Keep Pat and Helen Tidwell in your prayers as they are serving as short term missionaries in India. We miss them and pray for protection and blessings as they minister and share God's love.

See you on the dance floor!

By Kay Schmidt







CAPITAL TWIRLERS

Capital Twirlers are delighted to announce that we graduated our last class on February 13. They learned, they had fun... and so did we!

Looking ahead: The Twirlers are currently planning their annual spring picnic to be held at a local park – good food and good fellowship are always in abundance!

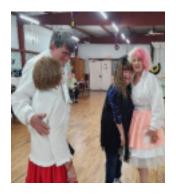
By Laura Davis



SEASIDE SQUARES

The 2023 new year started off with our annual January Shine on the 28th with callers Ted Kennedy and Chris Burchfield. Cuer was Diane Martin. We were really pleased with the turnout. In the afternoon, Ted and Chris kept us moving with a Plus workshop and an Advanced dance. Evening dance started with Diane cueing early rounds. She did a great job. The rest of the evening was some great plus and mainstream dancing alternating with rounds. All had a fun night. Thanks to Ted, Chris and Diane.

We had two open house nights in February. Then we started classes with four students and one "retread". We were off to a good start, but consistent attendance was lacking. So, we're pausing lessons with the possibility of restarting in May. Stay tuned.



On February 10th, we held a 50/60's themed dance. Many of us dressed in our 50/60's attire. We had a few "Pink Ladies" and some hippie attired dancers, among others.

Deecee Haslett put out some great decorations. Turnout was great. Nick Hartley kept us all dancing to music of that era.



Everyone participated in doing the Twist, Hand Jive, Mexican Hat Dance, The Stroll and Hokey Pokey. Everyone went home exhausted but eager to do the same thing next year. Thank you Cheryl Hamilton for a great idea! Thank you Nick for a great evening of dancing!



On February 24th, Buddy Andrews paid a surprise visit to Ragon Hall. Buddy was a long time caller and dancer at Seaside Squares. He was instrumental in building the building that we have today. Buddy is 94 years old. We all enjoyed visiting and dancing with him. He danced the night away doing rounds and squares. Our very special thanks to his caretaker, Patricia Thomas, for bringing him and allowing him to spend a very special evening with us.

We held our annual Shamrock Shimmer on March 24th & 25th with 4-5 squares and several round dancers in attendance for the evening dancing. We also had an afternoon Advanced dance and a DBD Plus workshop. A great time was had by everyone. Nick Hartley & Jack Pointer kept us on our toes (hopefully, just our own) with mainstream, plus & advanced squares and some great rounds. (Wish we had more brave round dancers supporting us so we could offer a daytime rounds workshop, too.) Thanks Nick & Jack!!





With Easter arriving on April 9th, our April dance schedule will be limited to April 14th with Nick Hartley and April 28th with Ted Kennedy. We hope you'll join us in April & for our upcoming special dances as well as our usual Friday night dancing.

Upcoming special events & dances - look for our flyers:

May 20th - Plus Blast class 9am-4pm with Nick Hartley

May 26th - Memorial Day evening dance with Nick Hartley & Darrin Henry on squares and Susan Wolford on rounds

Jun 16th - Mike Gormley calling & cueing

June 30th - Bear Miller & Nick Hartley calling

July 14th - July Jamboree with Nick Hartley & Connie Wise

July 19th - Seaside Squares 60th Anniversary

By Deecee Haslett

SWINGING SQUARES

Grand Square Hall had a front entrance overhaul and it looks so much better. Jon Kern, John Luzny, and Joe McLendon worked several days on the transformation. The steps no longer have a tattered rug but instead Jon used a grinder to remove all the old carpet. In its place is a hard rubber material on the steps and new indoor/outdoor carpet at the entrance. It really improves the first appearance at the hall. These guys also do an outstanding job of keeping the grass cut and trimmed. Their expertise is also used quite often for minor repairs. Swinging Squares certainly appreciates the work they do.

We are learning so much from Mike and Anya Goff, our caller and his wife. They moved from Germany to Florida. Now that they are in the U.S., they have enjoyed the Daytona 500 and a Bruce Springsteen concert. We enjoy hearing about their adventures in Germany and we love the energetic polka music that Mike sometimes uses.

We are looking forward to the Blue and White dance at our hall on April 15th. We want to thank the McDonalds for sending out the flyer to the other clubs. Our club still dances on Friday nights with classes from 6 to 7 and regular dances from 7 to 8:30, alternating Mainstream and Plus.

Mary and Jim Riley are so faithful in making the inside of the hall look it's best. They love to decorate it and one can tell the amount of effort they give.

For all those in our club who are having surgeries, we pray all goes well and that recovery will be swift. We also look forward to many dancers returning from vacation and we hope to see them soon.

Some folks have purchased tickets for a chance to win a bicycle and helmet. The drawing is April 1st and the proceeds will go towards maintenance of the dance hall.

For up to date information, you can call or text Jon 850-228-8568 or Anne 850-387-3101. Email at: jonniebear11@gmail.com.

Agape Squares made the trip to Panama City and we loved having them. We will soon go to Niceville to get our banner back. It's all fun!

Happy dancing!

by Ann Mahowald



T-N-T ROUNDS

Classes are going well. We will graduate 6 couples on April 16. Summer will see TNT Rounds dancing all rhythms with a focus on Cha-cha for those recently graduated. We will be dancing from 3-5pm on Sundays and we welcome visitors. Beginner's waltz will start on Sep 3. Lessons will be from 1-3pm. Space is limited, so preregistration is advised. TNT Rounds dances at 6419 Dallas Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32526. Terri can be reached at 850-712-5230.







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In Memory

Jim Purvis 3-22-2023. He was the husband of Janice Purvis. He was a member of Canoe Squares, Seaside Squares, Gulf Coast A's and Mobile clubs.

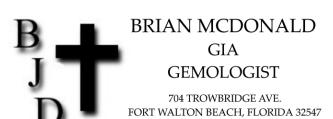


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SUNDAY: Available

MONDAY: BOP & SWING DANCE CLUB
Doors Open & Lessons 6:30-7:30pm
Dance 7:30-9:00pm
Contact: Don Pitts (850) 348-2670

TUESDAY: SLICK KICKERS

Country & Line Dance 6:30-8:30pm Contact: Joe & Julie Gray (850) 258-9847

WEDNESDAY: Available

THURSDAY: COUNTRY & BALLROOM FUSION

Teach: 6:30-730pm Review: 7:45-8:15pm Dance: 8:15-9:00pm Contact: Tammy Jankowski (850) 896-2226

FRIDAY: SWINGING SQUARES

Squares; (class) 6-7pm

Dance: 7:00-8:30pm Contact: Kathie & Jon Kern (850) 896-5798

Caller: Mike Goff

SATURDAY: Open for special dances Contact: Jon Kerm (850) 228-8568

IMPORTANT NOTES:

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

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RAGON HALL

2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL 32526 (850) 293-7720 Please call to verify dancing is happening.

Mondays

West Coast Swing 5:00-9:00pm

Instructor: Justin Grubb (850) 503-9978

Tuesdays Available

Wednesdays Available

Thursdays

Advanced dancing 6-8:30pm

Caller Nick Hartley

Fridays

Seaside Squares Callers vary

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

Contact: Deecee Haslett (850) 293-7720

ragonhall3@gmail.com

Saturdays

Assorted Activities, see our calendar at https://www.floridasquaredance.com/ragonhall/index.html

Sundays Available

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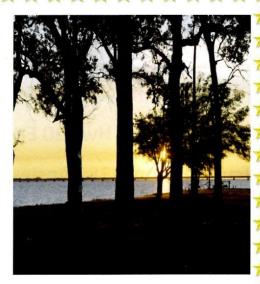
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Timpoochee 4-H Camp 4750 Timpoochee Lane, Niceville, FL









Nick Hartley, Caller

Terri & Tim Wilaby, Cuer

Darrin Henry, Caller

Friday Night Halls A & B

7:00 - 7:30 Early Rounds (Hall A)

7:30 - 7:45 Introductions & Opening Tip

(Hall A)

7:45 - 9:15 Alternating MS/Plus with Rounds (Hall A)

7:45 - 9:15 Advanced dancing (Hall B)

9:30 - 10:00 High Energy Mainstream (Hall A)

Saturday Morning Halls A & B

9:00 - 11:00 Plus Workshop (Hall B)

11:15 – 12:00 NWFSRDA Business Meeting (Hall B)

Saturday Afternoon Halls A & B

1:30 - 3:15 Mainstream Workshop (Hall A)

1:30 – 3:15 Plus DBD Workshop (Hall B)

3:30 – 5:00 Rounds Workshop (Hall A)

3:30 - 5:00 Advanced Workshop (Hall B)

9:00 - 11.00 Rounds Workshop (Hall A)

12:00 - 1:30 Pot Luck Lunch in the Dining Hall

Saturday Evening Halls A & B

7:30 -7:45 Introductions & Opening Tip (Hall A)

7:45 – 9:15 Alternating MS/Plus with Rounds (Hall A)

7:45 - 9:15 Advanced Dancing (Hall B)

9:30 - 10:00 High Energy Mainstream & Closing (Hall A)

Round Up Co-Chairs – Alec Schmidt 850-865-8105 or aschmidtmd@aol.com, Barbara McDonald 850-217-2890.

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