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Come Dance with Sou'Wester Clubs

(Note the changes of locations and days) for some clubs

Tuesday

1st **Round-A-Bouts** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-9:00
Ron Woolcock, cuer ROUNDS phases 2-3

Thursday

1st & 3rd **Stardust Dancers** Catlin Grange 7:30-9:30
Susan Healea, cuer ROUNDS phases 2-4

Friday

1st **Square One Plus Club** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:30
Gunter Monroe, caller, Joyce Sebree, cuer PLUS

2nd **Rhythm Rounders Fun Dance** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:00
Randy Wulf, cuer ROUNDS phases 2-5

2nd **R Square D** Kelso Senior Center 7:30-10:00
Craig Abercrombie, caller, Lonnie Sycks, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS

3rd **Round-A-Bouts** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-9:30
Ron Woolcock, cuer ROUNDS phases 2-3

4th **Capitol Singles** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:30
Don Wood, caller, Randy Wulf, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Saturday

1st **Cougar Squares** St Francis Parish Hall, 139 Spencer Rd. Toledo
Jim Raupp, caller/cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS 7:30-10:30

1st **Harbor Haylofters** Aberdeen Eagles 200 W Market 7:30-10:30
Randy & Chris Carlson SQUARES AND ROUNDS

1st **Flutterwheels** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:00-10:00
Don Wood, caller, Ron Woolcock cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS

2nd **Olympia Do-Si-Dos** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:30
Jim Hattrick, caller Joyce Sebree, cuer, SQUARES AND ROUNDS

2nd **Prairie Steppers** Oakview Grange, 2700 N. Pearl, Cent. 7:30-10:30
Don Wood, caller, Lonnie Sycks, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS

3rd **Ruff and Ruffles** Catlin Grange 8:00-10:30
Jim Raupp, caller, Susan Healea, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS

3rd **Flutterwheels** Lac-A-Do Hall, Olympia, 7:00-9:30
Glenn Raiha, caller, Ron Woolcock, cuer, BASIC 51

4th **R Square D** Kelso Senior Center 7:30- 10:00
Craig Abercrombie, caller, Lonnie Sycks, cuer, SQUARES AND ROUNDS

4th **Rhythm Rounders** Lac-A-Do Hall, Olympia 6:00-9:00
Guest cuers ROUNDS phases 3-6

Sunday

Every **Double A's** Lac-A-Do Hall, Olympia 4:00-6:00
Jack Hardin, caller, Cuer ADVANCED

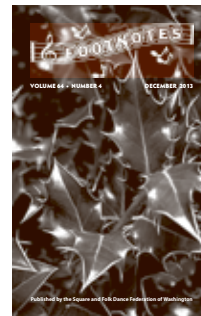
3rd **Square One Plus Club** Lac-A-Do Hall Olympia, 6:30-9:00
Gunter Monroe, caller, Spike Reid, cuer PLUS

Addresses for places where there is more than one dance a month

Lac-A-Do Hall 1721-46th Avenue NE, Olympia,
Catlin Grange 205 Shawnee Street, Kelso
Kelso Senior Center 106 NW 8th Avenue, Kelso

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COMING EVENTS

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*State Federation Meeting
Hosted by Spokane Council
North Spokane Dance Center
January 10 & 11, 2014*

*Oregon Mid-Winter Festival
"A Mid-Winter Nights Dream in 2014"
Linn County Expo Center, January 24, 25, 26, 2014
Albany, Oregon*

*3rd Annual Boots in the Blue Mountains
Pendleton Convention Center, April 4, 5, 6, 2014
Pendleton, Oregon*

*67th Annual Silver State
Square & Round Dance Festival
Grand Sierra Resort, May 9, 10, 11, 2014
Reno, Nevada*

*62nd Washington State Square Dance Festival
"Creating A Dream in 2014"
Enumclaw Expo Center, June 20 & 21, 2014
Enumclaw, Washington*

*63rd Annual National Square Dance Convention
June 26 - 28, 2014
Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, Arkansas*

*13th Annual USAWEST Square Dance Convention
"Kickin It in the Blues"
August 14, 15, 16, 2014
Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon*



THE GAVEL
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To Festival or Not to Festival. That is the Question!!

How many have no idea that our state even has a State Festival every June? Or worse yet, don't care. I hate to say it, but I think the later is more the issue. Believe it or not, we have sadly only a bit over 3,000 federated dancers in the state of Washington and can barely get 600-700 to a festival. Does that add up to a successful weekend to anybody out there? NOT!! So many just don't know what they are missing! Those few that do go have so much fun.

I remember, not too long ago, when a State Festival dancer total was around 2,000 as a normal number. What happened to those days? We even topped 4,500 in 1994. Ah – the good ole' days!! I know times have changes. Lives have changed. But, come on People, where's the LOVE, the SUPPORT, the SPIRIT?!

Can you imagine if we even had half of the Federated Dancers attend a festival? We would be so excited that we wouldn't be able to think straight. How can we accomplish this you might ask / think? That, my friends, is a great question. Is it the date? The location? (Which changes each year.) Maybe it's the cost? But then where can you go for a whole weekend of dancing for \$35.00 and that's if you register later than May 1st. You dance

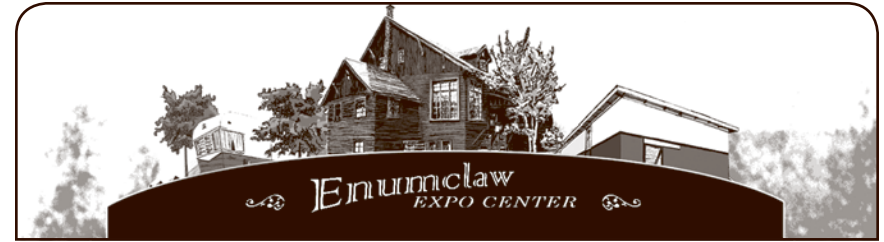
all day and night, to great callers, cuers and clogging instructors. Meet up with old friends and even better, make new ones. Go shopping for new attire and other great items from our vendors.

Like all State Festivals, this is for everyone. This one is a first, however. The Federation, itself, is hosting Festival this year. The committee consists of people throughout the state, from almost every council. We are using our own awesome Callers and Cuers. We have some really great ones in our state and this is a chance for everyone to dance to them all in the same location. Let's see if we can't make this the best Festival ever. We need your help! Please tell everyone you see at a dance about how much fun you can have. Take registrations to every dance you go to. Talk it up!! "Create a Dream in 2014."

Pre-registering is also a very important thing. Firstly, and probably most importantly the funds raised from pre-registrations help finance the Festival. Secondly, it helps us know how many to plan for. This isn't saying that we don't want you if you don't or can't. We want and need you there.

Frank and I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season. Keep on Dancin'!

Kathy (the Brat) & Frank Chase



Callers and Cuers: Register for the Dream

The 2014 State Festival Committee continues to have monthly meetings.

Since this Festival is being hosted by the State, we have Committee Chairpersons from different Washington State Councils. We meet the second Sunday of each month at the San Souci Clubhouse in Puyallup.

The festival, "Creating a Dream in 2014" will have four halls on Friday, the Exhibit Hall, Activity Hall, Fieldhouse, and the Rabbit Barn [this area will be for clogging]. On Saturday we will have three halls, the Exhibit Hall, Activity Hall, and the Rabbit Barn [this area will be for clogging].

Don and Marie Wood will be working the Caller programming, Joyce Sebree and Tom and Fay Tomlinson will be working on the Cuer programming. We will be contacting Callers/Cuers for Square & Round Dance workshops. Callers & Cuers, please get your registrations in, you have to be registered in order to be programmed.

Forms will be sent out to Callers/Cuers requesting information pertaining to their experience in calling or cueing. On this form you will have a date indicating when the forms need to be returned. This information is needed for programming the callers & cuers.

We want to encourage dancers, callers, cuer [Rounds & Clogging], and vendors to participate in the State Festival. This event is put on for the dancers. This is a time where we see friends from all over, friends we might see only once a year. You have the opportunity to dance to different callers, cuers [Rounds & Clogging], and shop from Vendors who take the opportunity to join us at the State Festival.

The committees that volunteer to work on the State Festivals put a lot of hours into making the Festival an event you will enjoy. Please come join us and have a good time. We hope to see many of you in a square.

Joyce Sebree & Tom & Fay Tomlinson –
 Chairpersons



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Travel now - sit later Do it while you can!

Our dancing friends in the Fraser Valley Square & Round Dance Association publish a monthly magazine called The Valley Circle. When reviewing their last three issues I saw a full page advertisement for overseas travel escorted by Caller Ron Booiman. (www.TravelWithRon.ca) Each month Ron, or a fellow traveler, writes an essay about a recent adventure they were part of. As the world gets smaller most of the travel destinations are places most of us recognize. We might not have the funds to be part of a travel group, but we can feel included when a dancer we might know shares their daily itinerary with us via a magazine article.

How about you my family of FOOTNOTES readers? Have you enjoyed a new adventure recently? Are you planning something other than snowbirding this winter? Have you reconnected with members of your family tree that are your "Roots". Care to share?

My youngest granddaughter is going to Chile for four months. Her trip is part of a U of I student exchange, she is majoring in Spanish. There is a need for bilingual professionals in the US of A. She made a short trip to Costa Rica in 2011 and loved the experience.

If you have not had the chance to travel outside of the US borders, think about it now, while you are still happy and healthy. The 64th National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, MA is not that far from Nova Scotia or Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Your letters are welcome. Thanks,

Maggie

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About those end of the year good wishes

I don't have much to say this month. So many others have said it for me. As I read through the various articles and club news I see that almost everyone is wishing you all good things for the Christmas season and the New Year. Although this is typical at this time of year, each writer says it in a different way. The message; however, is the same. And since I can't offer my wishes in any better or different way, I've decided I won't. Instead I'm inviting each of you to read through this entire edition of FOOTNOTES. Savor all of the good wishes all the writers are heaping upon you. Then take it from Shirley and me, our wish for you is the same.

We will soon be entering another year. Will square dancing grow? That's up to all of us. If we make the effort, it can and will grow. There are clubs in the Federation that are experiencing good sized dances and their clubs are growing. Their classes are filled with eager to learn new dancers. Why is this so? What are they doing to accomplish this? We need to observe them to find out what is different. What programs are they using that might also work for our own club? That's your assignment as 2013 comes to a close and we enter another year. Let's make it our mission to grow.

One more thing. Thank you for your support of FOOTNOTES. We appreciate each subscribing member and every club, council and business that advertises. You are what keeps us going! Spread the word. FOOTNOTES is your magazine. We print what you write and try to make it as interesting and attractive as we know how. Thank you. Shirley and I wish for each club happy dancers, friendly classes and many good times, and send you all our love and affection.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE!!!

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We are continuing with some new ideas and different topics. We are all very excited about this. Here are some of the topics we are considering:

- Round table discussion, Recruitment and Retention of dancers
- Caller class on tip tricks and techniques to calling a program
- Media (not just Facebook)
- Community Publicity and Promotion
- Tips and techniques about how to take good pictures (hands on with your camera)
- Randy Dibble square dance workshop
- Neva Reid round dance workshop

Make sure when attending a dance or workshop you are promoting the Education and Leadership Seminar. Mark your calendar July

11-13, 2014, and please sign up as soon as possible.

What a great idea, can't think of a Christmas present for that special friend or relative? How about a wonderful weekend at Circle 8 Ranch? A weekend of fun, laughter, education, friendship and dancing! What a great Christmas present!! Remember we will be presenting Randy Dibble as the special guest Square Dance Caller and keynote speaker, with Neva Reid doing your Round Dance cueing. We can promise a great time will be had to all who attend.

Margaret and Kris Kiser, Publicity and Promotion



EDUCATIONAL CORNER

Square Dance Etiquette and Styling

Following Simple Etiquette And Styling Rules Ensures All Dancers Have A Good Experience.

- BE ON TIME / SQUARE UP IMMEDIATELY
- SQUARE UP TO THE NEAREST SQUARE
- NEVER WALK THROUGH A SQUARE
- BE COURTEOUS AND PLEASANT
- DON'T EVER WALK OUT OF A SQUARE
- DANCE WITH CONSIDERATION
- LISTEN CAREFULLY
- TOUCHING AFTER EACH MOVE, KEEPS THE SQUARE CLOSE
- DON'T BE CLIQUISH
- EXCHANGE GREETINGS WITH EVERYONE IN SQUARE
- STAY FRESH AND CLEAN AT ALL TIMES
- DON'T EAT SMELLY FOODS
- NON-ALCOHOLIC SPORT, SAVE FOR AFTER THE DANCE OR WORKSHOP
- DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T MIX; DRINKING AND DANCING DON'T MIX
- ALWAYS APPLAUD, GENERAL APPRECIATION FOR THE CALLER AND CUER
- APPRECIATION FOR YOU AND YOUR FELLOW DANCERS IN THE SQUARE
- ECMA, EMERGENCY CALL FOR MEDICAL AID.

Hands joined in the air, circle the person down.

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Tax Time Info

The year is almost over, and it's time to start preparing income taxes. This month's article will address Income Tax Reporting aspects I have learned over my years of calling. **However, this article should not be taken in any way as Legal or Professional advice. For that you should consult with an Accountant or Attorney.** Your calling business is like any other small business. There are certain things you must do and certain things you should do.

1. Establish a Business Name. It can be as simple as Don Wood Square Dance Caller or a registered trademark name like Lou-Mac Records
2. It is always good advice but not required to establish an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation). This vehicle can protect your personal assets in the event you are sued.
3. Square Dance Callers file under category 711510 of the IRS Code. This section is defined for Entertainers
4. An ASCAP / BMI License is a must and coupled with your dues is a deductible expense. This will also provide your Business Insurance. There are three basic ways to get your license.
 - a. Callerlab
 - b. The American Callers Association
 - c. Directly from ASCAP and BMI.
5. It is important that you establish a separate bank account for your calling business. It simplifies the accounting portion of your business considerably.
6. The areas you need to be concerned with are;
 - a. **Income** – Typically Square Dance Callers work on a Cash Basis for IRS purposes. This means all income is tracked and reported. This also includes the income reported on a 1099-MISC. All clubs, events and festivals are required to submit a 1099-MISC if they have paid you \$600.00 or more over the year.
 - b. **Expenses** – These include travel, a portion of your meals, and

supplies (such as ink for a printer, purchasing music, paper, advertising etc.)

c. **Travel** - In this category all normal expenses such as Airplane Tickets and Lodging are included.

d. **Automobile** - Automobile expenses are another category. When considering your mileage, there are some basic ways to track this item:

- i. Keep a ledger that states your beginning and ending mileage to and from a dance.
- ii. If the trip is a repeatable event such as a club dance and you know and can prove the distance is say 40 miles, it is Ok to track these in a mileage format.
- iii. If the automobile is leased and used exclusively for your business this becomes a deductible expense.
- iv. If you are like most of us and use the family car, you must separate your mileage from personal and business mileage.

e. **Home Office** – If you have a home office that is used exclusively this can be calculated and also becomes a write off. This includes a portion of your mortgage interest, heat and other typical expenses necessary to keep it in good repair. To claim this deduction, the home office must be exclusively used for your business.

7.

a. **Clothing** – Clothing can be deducted but it has some requirements.

- i. The clothing must be labeled or monogrammed.
- ii. The clothing is considered a costume and must only be worn when conducting your business.

b. **Equipment** – There are two separate ways to handle equipment, i.e. Turn Table, Amplifier, Microphones or any other hardware or software you use in your business.

- i. **Depreciation** – You can choose to depreciate the more expensive items over a period of time. Typically 7 years.
- ii. **Section 179** – This section of the IRS Code allows you to take the entire depreciation in the year you purchased the item.

8. It is important that you keep all receipts. If you are audited these are your best source of record.

Once again to be clear, for Legal or Accounting advice consult a professional.

I do hope this article is helpful

Don

Choreo Gems

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Choreo Gems

A colleague from Germany submitted these. Please let me know what you think of them with regard to timing and flow.

(heads) promenade halfway lead right, dosado spin the top cast off 3/4 single file circulate boys run right swing promenade (18 steps)

Progression: Corner

(heads) star thru; pass thru swing thru; spin the top cast off 3/4; all eight circulate girls turn back; left allemande swing promenade (16 steps)

Progression: Right Hand Lady

zero box swing thru; spin the top cast off 3/4; all eight circulate girls run; turn thru swing promenade (16 steps)

Progression: Corner

Teaching Hints

It is my opinion that students learn in 3 basic ways.

- A. Instruction
- B. The Written Word
- C. Demonstration

I have found that coming down off of the stage and working directly with the class is a benefit and seems to help them.

Teaching Jewel

I have noted that often when teaching Square Thru new dancers will attempt a courtesy turn on the 2nd and 4th hand of a standard square thru. It is my contention this is due to the fact that Courtesy Turn, Ladies Chain and Right and Left Thru are taught prior to Square Thru. To avoid this, you might consider teaching Wheel Around as a substitute for Courtesy Turn initially, until the dancer is proficient with Square Thru. This method has worked successfully for me for years. If you do apply this modification, I would appreciate any feedback you may have.

In closing, don't forget to register for the 2014 State Festival in Enumclaw. Hope to see you there!



63rd National Square Dance Convention®

June 25 - 28, 2014

Little Rock, Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK ATTRACTIONS



Flying into Little Rock, you will arrive at the Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport. The airport is a 15 minute trip to the Statehouse Convention Center and all our contracted hotels have complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport.

Little Rock's River Market District is home to most of Little Rock's entertainment and is only a 2 block walk or Trolley ride away from the Statehouse Convention Center. Numerous restaurants from fast food to formal dining can be had in the River Market.



The Riverfront Amphitheatre located on the south bank of the Arkansas River is just a short walk on the River Walk behind the Statehouse Convention Center.

This is an aerial view from the west overlooking the Arkansas River with Little Rock on the right and North Little Rock on the left. Both banks of the river have the River Walk along them with pedestrian and bicycle traffic only and river crossings with no automobile traffic.



The River Walk in North Little Rock. Continue along the Arkansas River from this point and you will pass the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum and the Riverside RV Park which will be home to our RV Park users during convention.

Skyline of Little Rock from the River Walk in North Little Rock. The tall building on the left is the Marriott Hotel (our Host Hotel) which is connected to the Statehouse Convention Center to its left.



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Heads up for club audit

We would like to thank those clubs who are sending us their list of students. Number one, it's very encouraging to know that we have people that are interested in learning our activity and that you are willing to take your time and effort to teach them. Number two, it makes sure they're provided with insurance coverage while they are going through lessons, and it's FREE! Also, thank you for your updates and payments for new club members. It is extremely important to maintain an accurate list of members for insurance purposes. **Along that line, don't forget to have each person sign in at every activity.** Also remember, that when your students graduate, you have 10 days to pay their state dues and insurance to maintain their insurance coverage.

Church Bloop: The sign on the church marquee read "The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus".

We would like to clarify federation requirements for individual membership. We need to emphasize that if a person wants to be a member of a federated club and listed on our database as a member of a specific club they MUST pay state dues and insurance. It does not matter whether they dance or whether they attend any activities, if they want to be included on the state membership rolls, they must pay state dues and insurance. If your club would like to carry a person as an honorary member on your club rolls only, that would be up to the individual club, but they would not be listed on the federation database as members if they do not pay state dues and insurance.

By now, you may have received an 'Audit' that we do to verify we have collected Membership and Insurance Dues from all members and also that no member has paid more than once. We did our best to send these audits to the club treasurers and of course only the clubs we found a problem with will receive an audit letter (you may get a refund, or you may owe money). If you have any questions concerning these, be sure to call us so that we can get the records straight.

Four guys went on a fishing trip. To save money, they rented a small cabin with two bedrooms. The first night Bubba and Leroy shared a room and the next morning at breakfast Leroy looked as if he had not slept a wink. They asked 'What happened to you?' Leroy said 'Bubba snored so loud I couldn't sleep at

all. Tonight it's someone else's turn. So that night it was Darnel's turn. The next morning, the same thing; Darnel said 'That Bubba shakes the roof and he sleeps so hard I couldn't even wake him up.' The last night is Eugene's turn. The next morning, Eugene is bright eyed and bushy tailed. They couldn't believe it. What happened! Eugene said 'When Bubba got in bed, I went over, tucked the blanket around him, kissed him on the cheek, and patted him on the butt. I reckon he sat up all night watching me.'

We wish you and yours a very merry Christmas, and a fantastic 2014!

Take care,
Richard and Barbara



MUDDY FROGS SQUARE DANCE CLUB



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3rd Sundays
3 to 5 PM

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Yo Baby!

... a little housekeeping before we begin. Let's talk about the November 2013 Round of the Month just for a moment, and the updated quick cues that are included with this article. The original quick cues, as printed in last month's Footnotes, were for the single recording of "Nobody's Sad On a Saturday Night" which was three minutes and nine seconds long. When many of you tried to locate this particular version, there was no music out there that was that length. The choreographer was contacted, and was advised that the album version on iTunes was three minutes and eighteen seconds long. She graciously corrected the cue sheet to recognize the difference in music. Please note that if you have the shorter version, use the original quick cues and descriptive cues. If you have the longer version, please use this version of the quick cues and contact me for the descriptive cues. Unfortunately, things like this happen and it just shows us how quickly music can change on our download sources.

With Halloween and Thanksgiving behind us, Christmas is just around the corner. It's time to put the outdoor lights up, ready the wreath to go on the door, and before long, it will be time to hang the stockings with care. While the youngsters are enjoying all of the family traditions with laughter and eyes sparkling, and the parents are looking for the perfect gift that the little one wants so badly, the grandparents are embracing all that the season has to offer. Then we come to the Twelve Days of Christmas. Some say the first day is actually Christmas Day while others say the Twelve Days of Christmas begin the day after Christmas. Which ever it is, please sing along with me, my version of the Twelve days of Christmas...

"On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me,
 Twelve Waltzers waltzing, Eleven Foxters trotting,
 Ten Couples Cha'ing, Nine Couples prancing,
 Eight terns a turning, Seven nights of laughing,
 Six Jivers jiving, Five yeelloow rocks,
 Four Hitch Fours, Three Triple Chas, Two forward Twos,
 And a hall full of Dancers Dancing."

What fun that would be with all of those Dancers taking us through the New Year enjoying dancing and sharing and caring about others and remembering what the Christmas season is all about. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, take time out to enjoy the season remembering what it is all about, and sharing time with family and friends. We sincerely wish all of you a very special Christmas and a hall full of Dancers Dancing at every Dance.

The Round of the Month for December is a Phase II + 2 (Hover & Side Corte) Waltz, choreographed by Ron and Jan Betzelberger, "Open Arms II". The music is on a CD entitled "Easy Listening Volume 2, Music For Quiet Moments", and is available from Amazon as a download and may be available on other download sites. The speed is as downloaded, but can be adjusted for comfort.

Wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year,

Neva & Bill, too!

"Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain."

"NOBODY'S SAD ON A SATURDAY NIGHT" 2S PH II + STR VN
 (CHOREO-BEV OREN, MUSIC-UNCLE KRACKER D/L 3:18,
 cue sheet revised October 2013 to fit Album Cut) Spd: inc D/L speed by 7% to 48 rpm
 WA ROM NOV, 2013

INTRO AB INT A BRG1 BC BRG1 BB BRG2 C END
4 FT APT

INTRO wait pick up notes & 2M
WW;; SKATE TOG 4 [BFLY];;

A CIRC BX [BFLY W];; 2 SD CLS; WK 2 [SCP];
2 FWD 2-STPS;; 2 FWD LKS; WK & FC [NO HNDS];

B SOLO L TRN BX W/CLAPS [BFLY W];;
FC-FC; BK-BK [SCP]; SCOOT 4; TWL 2 [SCP];

INT* 2 FWD 2-STPS;; DBL HIT;;**
CIRC AWA 2 2-STPS;; SKATE TOG 4 [BFLY];;

A CIRC BX [BFLY W];; 2 SD CLS; WK 2 [SCP];
2 FWD 2-STPS;; 2 FWD LKS; WK & FC [CPW];

BRG1 QK VN 8 [NO HNDS];;
B SOLO L TRN BX W/CLAPS [BFLY W];;
FC-FC; BK-BK [SCP]; SCOOT 4; TWL 2 [CPW];

C STROL VN [FCW];;
SD 2-STP; CROS SD CROS; 2 TRN 2-STPS [CPW];;

BRG1 QK VN 8 [FC NO HNDS];;
B SOLO L TRN BX W/CLAPS [BFLY W];;
FC-FC; BK-BK [SCP]; SCOOT 4; TWL 2 [FC NO HNDS];

B SOLO L TRN BX W/CLAPS [BFLY W];;
FC-FC; BK-BK [SCP]; SCOOT 4; TWL 2 [CPW];

BRG 2 AWA KICK FC TCH [CPW];
C STROL VN [FCW];;
SD 2-STP; CROS SD CROS; 2 TRN 2-STPS [FCW];;

END TRAV BX [SCP];;
2 FWD 2-STPS;; TWL 2; STP APT & PT;

OPEN ARMS II

WZ PH II+2 (HOVER, SD CORTE)

{CHORE: R&J BETZELBERGER, MUSIC: EASY LISTENING D/L 3:23}

INTRO CP LOD

SPD: AS D/L

Intro ABC INT ABC END

INTRO WW;; SWAY L; SWAY R;

DIP BK; REC TCH; 2 L TRN [FCW];;

A HVR; THRU FC CL; TWL/VN 3; PU 3 [CPLD];

FWD WZ; MANUV; 2 R TRN [SCAR LOD];;

3 PROG TWK [BJO];;; FWD FC CL [W];

L TRN BX [BFLY W];;;;

B WZ AWA; TRN IN LOP [RLOD]; BK UP WZ; BK DRW TCH;

THRU TWK; PU 3 [CPLD]; 2 L TRN [W];;

CANTER 2X;;

C WZ AWA & TOG [BFLYW];; APT PT; SPIN MANUV [CP RLOD];

2 R TRN [FCW];; BX [BFLY];;

WZ AWA; WRP LADY; FWD WZ; PU 3 [CPLD];

PROG BX;; TWK [BJO]; FWD FC CL [FC W];

INT BAL L; REV TWL [BFLYW]; THRU TWK; THRU FC CL [BFLYW];

TWSTY VN 6 [CPW];; CANTER 2X;;

A HVR; THRU FC CL; TWL/VN 3; PU 3 [CPLD];

FWD WZ; MANUV; 2 R TRN [SCAR LOD];;

3 PROG TWK [BJO];;; FWD FC CL [W];

L TRN BX [BFLY W];;;;

B WZ AWA; TRN IN LOP [RLOD]; BK UP WZ; BK DRW TCH;

THRU TWK; PU 3 [CPLD]; 2 L TRN [W];;

CANTER 2X;;

C WZ AWA & TOG [BFLYW];; APT PT; SPIN MANUV [CP RLOD];

2 R TRN [FCW];; BX [BFLY];;

WZ AWA; WRP LADY; FWD WZ; PU 3 [CPLD];

PROG BX;; TWK [BJO]; FWD FC CL [FC W];

END HVR; MANUV; 2 R TRN [FCW];;

SWAY L; SWAY R; CANTER 1; SD CORTE & HOLD;

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Youth and Giving

Everyone knows square dancers are some of the best “givers” out there! From toy and food drives, to donations of time and money, square dancers give back to their communities in a big way. The Holiday season provides abundant opportunities for giving, and abundant opportunities for instilling the giving spirit in our youth.

I believe most youth grow up knowing and seeing the importance of giving, but at what point do parents stop simply signing their child’s name on the card, and ask them to take responsibility? Youth have many valid excuses for tagging on to their parents contributions; school bills and less than optimal jobs just to name a few. But the truth is no amount is too little! Maybe this year you can encourage the youth in your families or clubs to consider picking out a charity or organization to donate to with their own time or money! Getting into this habit early will produce nothing but positive outcomes for youth givers and the people, pets or places they help.

Help the next generation of square dancers understand the tradition of giving we have built, and carry it forward for the future!

Happy Holidays!

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Letters to the Editor are welcomed and encouraged. They may be sent by email or snail mail. Feel free to comment on what you see or read in FOOTNOTES or our square dance activity at large. Names withheld upon request although unsigned letters will be summarily assigned to file 13.

I would like to enlist your help in recruiting committee members for the 2014 Solo dancers at the state festival, “Creating a Dream in 2014”. The following may be a bit lengthy, so if you

can put something in Footnotes that conveys a similar request for “help”, I would truly appreciate it.

Are you are a solo dancer planning to attend the 2014 Washington State Festival? And would like to offer some ideas and/or suggestions of what we can do as a group? I am putting together a committee to do just that. We will, of course, have the “greet and meet” dinner where I am planning on having several door prizes. If anyone has any other ideas, please feel free to pass them on. We can plan a committee get together ASAP for those of us that are close to one another and do emails and/or texts for those that are not close. Please let me know if you would like to participate and make 2014 a fun & memorial time for the solo dancers.

I can be reached by email @ Cookinbear@gmail.com or by text @ 1360-621-1786.

Thank you for your help.

Sandy Brahm

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Sewing Machine Selection

If you are thinking about a new sewing machine or serger, as a Christmas present consider your options very carefully. Please, don't think you can go to a big box store and pick up one for \$69.95 and be set for life. No one will show you how to use the machine or help if there are any problems. What they say on the box is not always accurate. One store has a machine labeled *'heavy duty'*. As far as we can tell, from looking at the three we took in for repair last month, the only difference is that the outside shell is darker plastic.

Our technicians refuse to even look at some of those cheap machines. The cost for the repair would be more than the machine is worth. They cannot guarantee their work because the timing and tension will not stay in place. Poor materials and shoddy workmanship are evident in the construction. Replacement parts are not available. Some of them cannot be worked on because the plastic shells are glued together. In order to get to the machinery the shell must be cut off and then glued back on. If you want a quality machine you need to do your research. Look at the new features available and compare them to the machine you have.

Your sewing machine will not run forever. How many miles are on your machine? An average spool of thread is 300 yards, a cone is 3,000 yards. A mile is 1,760 yards. How many hours has the motor been running? Women tend to get attached to sewing machines. They are our toys and give us a sense of accomplishment. I have had women get very mad at me when I tell them their machine cannot be fixed. I have also had women pay \$300 to get an old machine fixed that could not be sold for half that amount. You may love your machine, but it doesn't love you. It is just a pile of gears. Be objective when looking at your machine and repair verses replace.

Before settling on a machine, check out several brands and compare features and price. Go to dealers and talk to your friends. When looking at a sewing machine or serger there are three things to keep in mind.

1. Sew on the machine yourself. Don't just watch the sales person. Listen to the motor and feel the vibration. You will be sitting in front of this machine for many hours. If it has a whine or is loud you will hate it. Take several different types of fabric with you and sew on them.

2. Guarantee or warrantee for repairs and maintenance. What does it cover? Get it in writing. Where will the machine be serviced? How long is the average service wait?

3. Support services. How many lessons do you get? When and where are they? How long after the purchase can you continue lessons? What type of lesson does the shop have?

A new sewing machine is like a new car. The buttons and knobs will not be in the same place. There is always a learning curve with a new machine. Take time to get to know how it works. Read the instruction manual, cover to cover. Take the dealer's lessons. I teach sewing lessons for a dealer and almost every week someone tells me, *"I didn't know my machine could do that!"* The instructions are in the manual, they never took the time to read it. There is always something new to learn. Classes will bring you together with other people who like to sew. Then you can invite them to square dance lessons.

Often I hear women say, *"I don't sew enough to justify a new sewing machine."* I never hear men say, *"I don't fish enough to justify a new fishing boat."* Sewing is not just about saving money. It is about creativity, enjoyment and a relaxing hobby. They also say, *"I would never use all those fancy stitches."* Yes they will, when all they have to do is push a button. Most women are sold on a new machine when I show them the automatic needle threader and how easy it is to change programs.

You would sew more if your machine was easier to use. Think about the type of sewing you do now, and more importantly, the type of sewing would you like to do. Don't choose a machine and say *"I'll get by,"* or *"I'll make do."* You should enjoy sitting down to your machine. It is your artistic time. Purchase a quality machine with lots of bells and whistles that will make your sewing dance and sing.

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Chicken Dance TBA watch for ad in Footnotes

The Kidney Kollection

by Sharon Broom

It has been awhile since I have put an article in Footnotes regarding collecting aluminum tabs for kidney dialysis research. A square dancing friend has asked us to again let everyone know how the process goes.

For a good number of years, friends throughout the square dancing community—there are way too many to credit here (THANK YOU!!)--have helped us collect aluminum tabs for a charity organization we support. This organization is the National Kidney Foundation for the prevention of kidney and urinary tract disease. The particular area we are supporting is kidney dialysis. The original plan was to collect these tabs and turn them into a local kidney center; however, after collecting a pickup truck load of them we learned that they will not take the tabs and that we would have to take them to a recycle center, get the money and then make a dollar donation. That is what we have been doing. George grumbles at times, but he is really a very willing participant. It is well worth the effort as we have lost good friends and family to failing kidneys and want to help those who are waiting for a kidney transplant so their lives can return to a relatively normal status.

One in seven adult Americans has chronic kidney disease. Most don't know it because the disease is silent until damage is severe. Diabetes and high blood pressure are the leading causes. Among current projects are: Enhancing drug safety in kidney disease by developing a human kidney-on-a-chip and clinical trials of a wearable artificial kidney.

Both George and I want to thank every one of our square dancing friends who have diligently saved these aluminum tabs for kidney research. We very much appreciate receiving any amount of tabs--from one or two to a full large box! Even those who are receiving dialysis, themselves, collect them for us. Please know all efforts are appreciated! Fifteen hundred dollars have been donated, so far, and we will be able to do that, again, in the next few weeks! George and I want to thank all the wonderful square dancing friends that have gone way out of their way to help us in this endeavor. George and Sharon Broom.



Peachfest Square Dance Festival

2013 was a very successful 10th Anniversary. We tried some new ideas along with the tried and traditional. Some worked and some needed work so we will have some changes for 2014, but we will still maintain the essence of our favourite Square Dance Festival.

Starting with Wednesday, casual dancing will return to Wednesday with an afternoon dance. Thursday morning casual dance continues.

Thursday afternoon the Roundoree will have a 50% phase 2, 50% phase 3/4 program. Friday morning will be devoted to the BC Square and Round Dance Federation Meeting and the very popular golf tournament so there will be no casual dance. The Teen dance continues on Friday afternoon.

The move of the Plus dance to Saturday afternoon was a success so we will leave this change but it will be enhanced in 2014 with round dancing between tips.

All of the evening dancing will follow our traditional mainstream format of 2 callers per tip and a different cuer for each round dance.

Our attendance is increasing so we would like to remind all dancers that in the event we reach the capacity of the hall, pre-registered dancers will have priority. And don't forget our lovely trophy for the club with the most pre-registered dancers before June 30th.

So, please, consider this your personal invitation to attend the 2014 Peachfest Square Dance Festival.

Watch our website (www.peachfest.com) for the new updated registration form and we will see you in Penticton August 6 - 9, 2014.

Regine Anderson, Publicity



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BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

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BLUE MOUNTAIN SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Our four mainstream clubs are well into their lessons and enjoying the company of their new dancers.

BMC has tentative plans for a 5th Saturday Footnotes dance in March 2014. It's nice to have a bit of extra cash and be able to plan some special events.
Happy Holidays,

Maggie, m2p2w2@yahoo.com

Milton-Freewater **MUDDY FROGS** are delighted to welcome new members, Bill & Neva Reid to their Square and Round dance club. Bill will teach Square Dancing and Neva will be teaching the Waltz beginning on February 2nd, 2014. We hope to see them as often as their busy schedule allows.

Frogs were part of the Community Halloweens Activities in October; two of our "witches" were seen on Main Street handing out Trick or Treats. The 1st Wednesday in November, the Muddy Frogs sponsored the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

The end of October and part of November and December the Frogs met on Sunday afternoons to practice for promotional square dance demos using music from their library of 45rpm records. It was a lot of fun... who remembers "Curly Q"?

When Jessie Munk was in elementary school he attended square dances with his parents, Butch and Kim. Sister Alicia also learned how to square dance. Young Jessie loved to sing and dance.

When the Frogs needed a DJ for their demo practice, Butch and Kim sent out an SOS to Jessie who happily came to the community center to help.

Jessie is a chef working for a popular steak house in Pendleton. He is willing to work with the demo team on Sundays as his work schedule allows. It is great to see a young couple on stage. Jessie's wife, Jessica was with him supporting his opportunity to become a square dance caller. Karaoke anyone?

Mainstream Square Dancing lessons will begin on Sunday January 19th with the club teaching the basic moves until the Bill & Neva return from their vacation. Questions... Merri Anne 541 861-9055

Margaret Miller, m2p2w2@yahoo.com

Well, the Thanksgiving turkey has been cooked, eaten and most of the

leftovers should be gone now. Winter certainly has made its way into our area. What better to do this time of the year than lots of dancing?

COLUMBIA RIVER SQUARES will have their Christmas dance on December 14th. Anyone taking new square dance lessons is invited and they will be able to dance as it will be a class level dance. Jim Swanson will be calling for us and Bill Holm will be our cuer. It will be our "Angels for Kids" dance. This means bringing UNWRAPPED toys for both boys and girls for later distribution to those in need. Our local clubs are always very supportive in this endeavor.

The club will be dark on December 28th. However, we are looking forward to December 31st – New Year's Eve. We will be attending the "Circle of Friends" New Year's Eve Dance hosted by the Prairie Shufflers this year and will be held at the Shanty. Pre-Rounds begin at 8:30 pm and mainstream dancing is from 9:00 - 12:00 pm. Tom Clymer is the guest caller and Bill Holm is the guest Cuer for the evening. What better way to celebrate. Come dance with us and welcome in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Blessings to all!

Karen Baker, lk_baker@hotmail.com

TRI-CITIES CIRCULATORS are doing fine, & having lots of fun. TACOS are back on Thursday nights at the Eagles.

We dance every Thursday night from 6:30 to 8:30 in Kennewick. Come join us.

Thelma Swanson, paintedswan@frontier.com

It seems like we just got the Xmas decorations put away and here it is December again! I am sure we all have some good dances coming up. **PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS** will have one that includes our new dancers on December 7th, called by Tom and Chris Clymer and cued by Bill Holm. Prairie Shufflers have been experiencing a big group, of all ages, at our lessons this year. There are several large families and some of the dancers dance with a baby on their backs. It seems to lull the babies to sleep and they look so cute. Our Christmas dance is on December 21st and will be called by Tina Allaway and Larry Clark.

Remember, we meet for dinner at Sterling's on Clearwater Ave in Kennewick at 5 pm. Give Ginger a call for Reservations if you can join us.

On December 31st we will be hosting the joint New Years Eve dance for the Shufflers and the Columbia River Squares. Tom Clymer and Bill Holm will be in charge of telling us what to do and when and they do a great job of it.

Our wish is that you all have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Mary Stultz, mbstultz@yahoo.com

FAMILY a-FAIR: November is gone and along with it all the fun we had at

the Cascade Twirlers in East Wenatchee. And the Thanksgiving dance we went to at the Muddy Frogs Club. Christmas is here again and along with it comes our annual Christmas dance and fun filled white elephant gift exchange. We also danced on the floats in the Milton Freewater and Walla Walla Christmas parades. We are looking forward to much fun in the New Year.

Ruth Cowan, ruthacowan@mns.com

The **MELODY MIXERS** dance every Tuesday. We are currently having Beginning Cha Cha 6:30 to 7:30 and then working on steps our intermediate dancers don't know in Phase 3 & 4 dances 7:30 to 9:00.

We have our fun Party Dance night every 2nd Tuesday. Come join us if you can.

Call Bill & Karen Holm for additional information at 509-542-1310.

Bill & Karen Holm, bkholm@charter.net



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Sunday

Muddy Frogs: Mainstream and Rounds
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Contact Merri Anne Huber 541-861-9055 or
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Tuesday

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Contact Jeanne Cozad 509-302-7334 or
jeannecozad@charter.net

Columbia River Squares: Mainstream with Rounds
2nd & 4th Saturday September thru June
Guest Callers/Cuers
Richland Community Center 500 Amon Park Dr Richland, WA
Contact Vickie Weber 509-546-1435

Family a-Fair: Mainstream with Plus and Rounds
1st & 4th Saturday Year Around
Caller Jim Swanson and Cuer Lorna Hayden
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CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we're all looking forward to the holiday season with festive dances and parties. Our next 5th Saturday dance will be March 29, 2014, at the Swauk-Teaway Grange near Cle Elum. Hope you can join us. Our best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Carel Edgerly

Have you ever noticed that Square Dancers are the most talented and creative people in the world?

GATESWINGERS' are blessed to have many, many of these creative individuals. Today, we honor a few of them. Dave Welch shared his painting talent to include being able to make good color choices. The result is that our basement and staircase look GREAT! He not only planned it but painted all those walls with the help of Bob Harp and at a bargain rate. Then there is Holly Gonseth and Eleonora Van Ham who are sewing enthusiasts and bargain hunters who created colorful new curtains for the basement. With the money left over, we expect another set to be hanging soon. Check out our BEAUTIFUL building inside and out the next time you visit. Ruth Welch holds second to none including professionals when it comes to flowers arrangements. They highlighted our special dance and were just lovely!! Gateswingers give a 'HUGE THANKS' for all the people in our club who so readily share their great talents. (Note: check next month for a story and pictures on the Parker Award Dance.)

Mark December the 14th on your calendar and come help us celebrate our Anniversary. Steve Noseck will do the calling and Jim Dobbs will do the cueing. Plus Dance from 2-4 pm. Bob's famous dinner is at 6 pm. (Call 509-966-4356 for reservations). Pre Rounds at 7:30 pm and Dance at 8 pm. 'Load the Pot' will complete the night. Just checking out the gigantic Christmas tree in the back of the hall makes the whole dance worth coming to.

December dances: December 7th is canceled, December 14th is 'Light-Up the Night' Anniversary Dance, and December 21st is a regular dance. The Phase II Friday Round Dance on December 27th will be canceled (too close to Christmas).

Jan Logan, ojlogan@charter.net

November has been a fun month for the **SILHOUETTE DANCERS**. Of

course, we ended the month of October with all the ghosts and goblins knocking on our door! And as usual, Debbie had all the spooky music she could find.

Our new students are doing a great job of dancing the cha. They are catching on so fast we had to close the class after the second week. It is such a treat to see younger dancers enjoying our activity with lots of smiles.

Our Dancing Elves Bazaar went very well. We had 23 vendors this year. We changed our menu and had Chili dogs and Taco soup. The homemade pies are a must and they were all delicious. We didn't have time to do a lot of decorating and found out it wasn't necessary. We did change our drawing for prizes and the vendors liked it better. So did we... as it saved us a lot of work.

We wish everyone a great holiday.

Dorothy Crosslin, dotif55@live.com

The **BLUE AGATES** had fun at our Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 26th. Cyndi Silicki and Dave Dunbar won prizes for the best costumes. There were some caravans from the Gateswingers in Moxee and Buds 'n' Blossoms in East Wenatchee which added to the fun evening.

Dave Boggs from Moses Lake was a guest caller with Daron Tandberg at our November 8th dance. We did a Pilgrims Dance on November 23rd. We look forward to caravanning to the Gateswingers' Anniversary Dance on Saturday, December 14th, in Moxee.

Save Saturday, April 5, for our Anniversary Dance. Check out our dance schedule for 2013-2014 on our web site at: centralareacouncil.org/blueagates. Call our president, Gene Muren at (509) 674-5580 to line up your caravans. We'd love to share our beautiful hall at the Swauk-Teaway Grange with you.

Sally Gililand, sallygililand@wildblue.net

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CENTRAL PUGET SOUND COUNCIL wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas. Many of our clubs are hosting New Dancer dances. We hope all the classes are having fun and enjoying our great activity. The clubs are also sponsoring Toys for Tots and Food Drive dances for the many associations in their area. We hope they are all very successful.

CPSC wishes Dave Knien and Don Congrove speedy recoveries from their ailments.

We also hope everyone is planning to attend the 2014 State Festival in Enumclaw next June. This is being hosted by the State Federation which is made up of all the Councils in our State. Each Council has picked a section of the Festival to do the work to get ready to have a wonderful weekend of dancing. If you haven't registered, please do so. That way, we can plan to have enough floor space for all your dancing enjoyment.

Pat Hoot, CPSC Vice President, hootpnr@yahoo.com

I believe Fall arrived a month or so ago as our weather certainly changed from the warmer than usual, dry months to September when we had lots of rain. **BOOTS & LACES** were able to watch the leaves change colors as we drove to our dances in mid-October then the foggy days and nights arrived. Some of us will welcome rainy days again.

Our students are doing very well with lessons in a combined class with Phils & Philies and Boots & Laces and we have a good mix of ages. Angels are there to help in any way we can in supporting the students. We owe a huge thanks to Kevin Thomaier and Steve Noseck for teaching the class.

We welcomed many visitors at the Chowder Dance on October 18th with a variety of different kinds to choose from as well as some veggies and desserts. Visitors helped us celebrate our 63rd Anniversary with dancing, visiting and looking at our photo albums. Thank you for spending the evening with us.

Many of the clubs are either hosting or attending dances where we are able to donate non-perishable food items or toys to those less fortunate than ourselves. Let's remember those who can use a little help.

We are wishing all our friends a wonderful holiday season. Please drive safely.

Jan Emerson, emersonbobjan2@hotmail.com

December is finally here! The **JACKS & JILLS** are moving right along with our dancing and looking better than ever. But not for one second do we forget about the big event coming (the teen festival)! December is a month for giving, loving and caring. The dancers all get together to organize, decorate and setup a beautiful holiday dance full of festive cheer! The main event at this dance is an annual gift exchange. Some of the gifts received are funny jokes and some are thoughtful and meaningful gifts. It's all in great fun. Just to see everyone's faces light up is thanks enough for us! I have never seen nor met a group of kids with bigger hearts.

The Jacks & Jills are working harder and harder each week. Everyone gets more and more dedicated as well. With the (PNWTS) festival five months away, we are trying our hardest to put our all into every practice because we all want to see our club succeed! Winning isn't everything and with the Jacks & Jills great charisma and stunning sportsmanship, there are no doubts that we will succeed in having a great time!

If you would like to come and join the Jacks & Jills and many of the other lovely youth dance clubs from all over Washington, Oregon and Canada, badges are still being sold for a remarkable price of 2 dollars apiece! As a reminder, this badge serves as your entrance ticket into the festival. Believe me; you will not want to miss out on this experience! Thank you for your continued support and happy holidays!

Brittney Soderland

The **CONTRAILS** invite you to our annual Christmas Dance and potluck. We will be dancing the second Saturday in December. That is on December 14th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at Juanita Community Club, 13027 - 100th Ave NE, Kirkland. Dancing will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. We will break for a potluck supper at 4:00 pm. Please bring a potluck dish to share (no stove or oven available). No experience needed. Contra dances are walked through prior to dancing them. Bring a friend! For more information, email me.

Susan Morris, susan@callersusan.com

The **JET STEPPERS** class has been going very well and we were blessed to have "quick learners" this season! December is suddenly upon us and we look forward to a successful toy drive at our first dance on December 7th with a caravan from the Boots and Laces coming in. No, we will NOT be playing with the toys! They will be donated to the local fire department to be distributed to children for Christmas.

Our "formal" Christmas Dance (optional dress code) "Tinsel Town" will be visited by the Spinners. We hope to enjoy a sparkling dance to ring in the holiday! Come and join us for our special dance. Our members always serve a delicious break-time potluck. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of dancing!

Linda Robinson, elephantloverme@comcast.net

The **PI-R SQUARES** had a great business meeting in October. We decided to call plus square dancing from 7:30 to 8:00 pm on the 4th Saturdays in December and January. The rest of our dance will be mainstream with a plus tip at the end if there are enough plus dancers able to dance. This will be at our December 28th and January 25th dances only and will resume round dance workshop in February depending on how the plus works out.

Andy Garboden, our Caller, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays for Pi-R-Squares is also calling plus for the Swinging Squares on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Valley Square Dance Hall in Sumner with Lorraine Rouse cueing. The pre-rounds are at 7:30 with plus square dancing from 8:00 to 10:30 pm.

Our square dance lessons at Zion Lutheran Church in Auburn have gotten off to a good start. We have 10 to 25 students and family members that come to learn or help out. We have had 5 or 6 squares dancing at lessons. A very fun evening! A new set of beginning lessons start on Thursday, December 12th. If you know of anyone who might want square dance lessons, please bring them out.

Our dances in December will be a lot of fun and very festive. December 14th will be a student level dance and December 28th is mainstream with 30 minutes of plus dancing from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Should be fun and come if you can. We all need to dance after Christmas to work off some of that holiday eating! Come dance with the Pi-R-Squares any 2nd and 4th Saturdays at Meridian Grange in Kent from September through May.

Terry and Marilyn Quinett, mvjunkdealer@juno.com

We at the **SOLO SQUARES** would like to thank all of you who came out to our "Man in Black" Dance. It was a huge success with lots of visiting, laughing and of course, lots of dancing all evening long. Cliff Nichols did an amazing job of calling a whole evening of Johnny Cash songs. We had two squares on the floor for most of the evening enjoying the songs.

Our new students continue to move through their lessons at a quick pace and will be looking forward to attending level dances as they are advertised from the other clubs. We should be having our first one soon and will get the word out as soon as a date is picked.

We'd like to invite everyone to come on out and join us for an evening of fun and dancing. We dance the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Cedar Grange in Maple Valley. Our amazing Caller is Mr. Cliff Nichols and our wonderful Cuer is Linda Nold. They sure put on a wonderful evening of dancing between the two of them.

November 17th was our "Slice of Pie" Dance. Many came out and enjoyed a slice of pie, coffee, friends and, of course, dancing. We had several selections of pie to choose from as everyone was encouraged to bring their favorite pie to share.

December 1st is our Toy Drive Dance. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate and bring a smile to children in our community.

December 15th is our "Holiday Cookie/Candy Exchange" Dance. Everyone is welcome to join in. What a wonderful way to have a variety of baked goods during the holidays. Hope to see everyone in the square.

Bobbie Benson, pugzr4us@yahoo.com

What a beautiful Fall season we all are enjoying in the Pacific Northwest! I think we are having an especially very colorful year with our beautiful trees and their vivid ever-changing colored leaves. Our trees this year could rival the colors of the trees in the New England States!

WAGON WHEELS have been enjoying our Fall dances including our fun and spirit-filled Halloween dance as well as our "Feed the Needy" Dance on November 2nd with Wayne Easton and Mike DeSisto calling and Randy Wulf cueing and our "Toys for Kent Fire Department Christmas Dance" on November 16th. We had a good turnout and donations for these two important and worthwhile dances to help people in our community who aren't as fortunate as many of us.

As of this writing, we are looking forward to dancing at the "Winter Frolic" CPSC Fall Council Dance at the Burien Community Center on November 30th with Brett Kappenman and many of the CPSC Callers and Cuers.

Our Tuesday night Round and Square Dance lessons are in full swing now at Meridian Grange. Lessons for Beginning Round Dance lessons are being taught by John and Lorraine Rouse at 6:30 pm and Square Dance Lessons at 7:30 by Wayne Easton. Some of our students are learning both square and round dancing at the same time!

Our club caravanned to the Phils & Philies on November 8th at the Meridian Grange and had a wonderful time dancing to their Caller, Kevin Thomaier and Cuer, Marge Kost. We also enjoyed having the Roamin' Tacomans caravan to our club on November 16th and joining us for our "Toys for Tots" Dance.

We are having two Level Dances in December, so please encourage your students to come dance with us and try dancing with a different caller to enhance the square dance moves they have learned so far and for the fellowship of wonderful square dancers. Our Christmas Warm-Up Dance will be on Saturday, December 7th and our Christmas Dance will be on Saturday, December 21st from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Meridian Grange. Please come and dance with us during the Holiday Season!

Donna Rohde, donnalou13@comcast.net

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2nd & 4th (Mainstream)
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SATURDAY

JET STEPPERS

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WAGON WHEEL SQUARES

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206-915-1415

SATURDAY

CONTRAILS CONTRA DANCERS

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Susan Morris
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*We sometimes tend to forget about the Retaining and Regaining.
Take a moment as an individual dancer and think about who belonged to
your club last year and didn't rejoin this year. Many times they just need
a call or a note to encourage them to remain on the roster. Many times
we tend to think that dancers who do not continue on, just don't want to
belong to a club anymore. Experience tells us that once they drop their
membership, they eventually drop out of sight. Let' not let that happen.*

*Regaining the interest of the former dancer is important. Check in
with former members, let them know they are missed and encourage
them to come back to dancing. Remind them that angeling at classes is
free for dancers, or offer them a reduced class fee to come and refresh.
By offering the refresher course, they are guaranteed a place in a square
for every tip at classes. Lets' not let our clubs and our favorite activity
die away because we as individual dancers did not take the time to
"call a dancing friend". You will find that on many occasions, the few
minutes that you will take, is all that is needed to Retain and Regain your
members.*

Linda Goble

Northeast Colorado Square Dance Council

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AREA REPORTER

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Merry Christmas from the **BUZZIN' BEES!** Strange to be saying that as I write this in October but before you know it the season will be upon us. We had our Crazy Hat Dance in October and this year our winners were Evelyn Kinder with her Flower Garden Hat, Dennis Woods with his Fishing Lure Hat and Julie Woods with her Spider Hat. I thank all who wore special hats for getting in the spirit of the activity.

Lessons are going well and it has been lively because we have 4 youngsters learning to dance. It is amazing how quickly they learn. Our Beginners Jamboree/Pajama Dance will be January 18th.

We have a regular dance planned for the first Saturday in December but we will all turn into Elves on December 21st when we have our "Santa's Helpers" toy drive dance. We would love for you to join us and bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate.

I wish you a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

News Flash! The **HAPPY HOPPERS** are delighted to announce the headline act for our New Year's Eve dance at the "Happy Hopper Hideaway" will be the Front Porch Trio featuring: Jim Hatrick, Craig Abercrombie, and Adam Christman. As you may have surmised, the theme will be the Roaring 20's. To better create an ambiance of that era, the committee has been researching the food, décor, music and clothing of that time. It's rumored that only the guests who know the password will be allowed to enter the speakeasy. Not to worry! The password is readily available from Hopper members selling tickets! We are all looking forward to the evening, which promises to be a very memorable event.

During December our club will be collecting new toys for the Children's Center, a nonprofit center, which serves the needs of children. We have done this for the past several years, and the center has been very appreciative of the generosity of all square dancers who contributed.

Since December is such a busy month, we will not be doing our usual dine-out. We have really enjoyed the first two dinners, which had an international flair. For our first one, we went to an Italian restaurant. The second night out was at a Chinese restaurant. Great fun for our members!

Our third set of lessons will begin January 7th. We continue to be excited about the way the lesson schedule works for us. We have had some fantastic

students who also seem to appreciate the flexibility of our lesson schedule.

Jean Tolstrup

The **SILVER STARS** are continuing our lessons with a small but enthusiastic group of new dancers. They are progressing quickly, with the anticipation of dancing at Mid-Winter Festival at the end of January. Richard Lane is a great teacher, and makes learning fun. Our dances continue to grow and the excitement level of our club is on the rise. Plans continue to be laid for our New Year's Eve dance, featuring a prime rib dinner. If your new dancers want a fun time, have them think about joining us. It is always a good time ringing in the New Year with friends. For details--see our Ad in the OFN.

We continue to dance on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays with Richard Lane calling and Dorothy Lowder cueing. Please have a safe and joyous holiday season with your family and friends.

Teresa Hill, Silver Stars Reporter

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**MOUNT BAKER
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Leslie Keyes

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Happy Holidays everyone! **MT. BAKER COUNCIL** dancers are enjoying all the festive dances offered by our clubs. We hope you will be able to enjoy some of the great dancing this month and keep encouraging your new dancers to join in the fun as well. We welcome you to give generously to the various Toys for Tots and food drives you may encounter during the season.

Watch this space next month for information about our Spring Council dance coming up in March 2014.

Leslie Keyes, L_a_keyes@msn.com

Since the Seattle Center Christmas Dance is no longer a viable activity, **MT. BAKER TEACHERS, CALLERS & CUERS** is pleased to offer a FREE Christmas Dance on Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the Tri-way Grange (3509 Seattle Hill Road, Snohomish, WA). Calling and Cueing will be by our members. A door prize will be presented and a true 50/50 will be offered. A finger food potluck will be a feature. We want to thank the dancers who have supported us through the years.

Oren Gaskill, olgskill@comcast.net

Happy December and Merry Christmas! It seems like the holidays are whooshing by quickly this year. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the company of your family and friends and your holiday will be filled with peace and happiness!

The **CASCADE CROSSFIRES** will be dancing on Monday's with the exception of December 23rd and 30th and adding one additional dance this month! You've got it! It is our "After the Holiday's Burnout Recovery Dance!" You might want to consider joining us if you are tired of after Christmas shopping experiences, stirring the pudding pot, polishing the Christmas china, can't stomach another Christmas cookie or candy, sick of turkey leftovers, exhausted from chasing the kids or grandkids, hiding from the Grinch, too much eggnog, or finally can't take one more pinch on the cheek from Uncle Burt... think about joining us for a change of pace. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 27, 2013 at 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Mr. "Jolly" Steve Noseck will be calling along with Ms. "Happy" Linda Nold will be cueing. We can guarantee you an evening of fun, Fun, FUN!

Blessings to you and your loved ones and wishes for a safe and happy holiday!!

Cliff & Cathy Bruhn, itscathy@msn.com

They jumped out of an airplane at 13,000 feet... on purpose! They are Shannon Camardo, Marilyn Brousseau and Darlene Lockhart. They took flight because they liked a sense of adventure and they are square dancers and they are **HAPPY HOPPERS** and they know how to have fun! [Ed note: See also page 46]



Shannon
Camardo
Marilyn
Brousseau
Darlene
Lockhart

Square dancers are a giving and caring bunch who have donated an abundance of toys for the Toys for Tots Drive and we hope they feel that joy that giving provides. Our dancers have also fed many who are in need a daily food for their families. Many of the clubs in the area are pulling together at the dances this season. We thank you all for your generosity and efforts to make our world a better place for us all. Hoppers will have open bins for both dances in December... on the 7th, Doug Davis, caller and Kahleigh Johnson, cuer and on the 21st, we have Eric Henerlau, calling and Stephanie Speelman, cueing. What a great benefit event... one worth the trip even if it snows!

We agree with "Scotty" and Shirley (Marriner) in acknowledging Maggie, (Margaret Miller) for the years (in Footnotes) she has given to making our sport such a joy to so many. Please know, Maggie, we are all a lot healthier because of your efforts keeping us dancing.

Hey Jacks and Jennys... what is a "Wash Shoe Tournament?" We are sorry to hear Steve (Sherry) Haslett will be retiring. Along with Greg (Sue) Weber they formed a lively team called the "Jokers Wild". We understand they will make one last stand together at Lac A Do Hall on December 31st. We could show our appreciation and have some more fun with them that night.

Just a word of long standing advice... "If at first you don't succeed... Sky diving is not for you!"

May your holidays be full of family, friends and dancing.

Jean Raymond, frjr@msn.com

The **FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS** thank everyone who contributed to the Food Drive in support of the December Skagit Valley Grange's project. Thank you also to everyone for the generous contributions for the Toys for Tots. Santa will certainly be kept busy.

December 6th John Corrigan is our caller and Bob and Linda Berka are cueing. We welcome the Mt Baker Singles who are caravanning in. On December 16th we are caravanning to the Mt. Baker Singles. The same fun team of Corrigan and Berka will call and cue for us on December 20th for our

Christmas Dance.

Once again Mt. Baker Singles, Skagit Squares, Rainbow Squares and Fidalgo Fogcutters will Ring in The New Year 2014 on December 31st from 8:30 pm to Midnight at the Skagit Valley Grange. Join us for a fun evening and dance in the New Year with Dave Harry calling and Bob and Linda Berka cueing. See our flyer for more information.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Snookie Carlson, snookie@karuson.com

FREEWHEELERS enjoyed our "Harvest Dance" and collection for Northwest Harvest on November 3rd. A great time was had by all with the bonus of contributions of food and monetary donations that give back to our community. Our November 17th Thanksgiving Level Dance was called by Dennis "Spyder" Webb and cued by Debbie Taylor. It was fun to meet and dance with new dancers from all around the Seattle area.

We hope to see many of you on December 3rd for our "Toys for Tots" Dance. Our guest caller will be Willie Sewell with Debbie cueing. We will gather toys and donations for families in need. Our "Happy Holidays" Potluck on December 15th will begin at 6:00 pm. We enjoy eating almost as much as dancing so please join us for food, fun and camaraderie. Roger Spiese will be calling and Debbie Taylor will entertain us with dances to the music of the holiday season.

Caravanning to other clubs is a great way to promote square dancing. We visited the Skagit Squares in November and we look forward to visiting the Dudes & Dolls in December. The Sky Valley Whirlwinds & the Happy Hoppers will join us on Dec. 15th.

Freewheelers wish you all a happy and healthy 2014.

Ruth Jester, ruthjester@frontier.com

CHECKERBOARD SQUARES are having such a great time with the lesson class this season. And enough angels have been coming out that we put at least four squares together each night. Ray Gallagher leads us (he does a marvelous job) and we meet Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Edmonds Masonic Hall, 515 Dayton Street in downtown Edmonds. Sheryl Landry and Roy Johnson are the contact folks.

To help those students practice their new-found skills on their own lesson turf, Checkerboards held a level dance last month on Sunday, November 10, with Ray and Cindy Gallagher leading us. A good time was had by all.

Fellowshipping is a large part of the Square Dancing experience, and December's Christmas Luncheon is no exception. We'll be getting together on Saturday, December 7th for this annual event. It's always a good time for retired dancers to come and reminisce with the younger folks.

Checkerboard's regular scheduled dance this month is our Christmas Dance, Saturday, December 14th, with Dave Harry calling and Debbie Taylor cueing. It

is a "Gifting" related evening which features a Christmas Raffle and donations of gifts to the Toys for Tots organization. Bring new, unwrapped toys and gifts for this distribution.

Then there will be the New Year's Eve Dance, hosted jointly by Checkerboard Squares, Dudes and Dolls, Sky Valley Whirlwinds and Woodinville Square Crows. Come on the 31st for a "Night on the Town" at the Edmonds Masonic Hall, 515 Dayton Street in downtown Edmonds, with dancing from 8:30 pm to Midnight. Doug Davis is calling with John and Karen Neverdowski doing the cueing. There will be an open buffet between 9:30 and 11:30.

More stories and pictures about Checkerboards can be found at: <http://checkerboardsatedmonds.wordpress.com/> Take a look. You have a chance to comment there as well.

Jim Erickson, charjim2213@gmail.com

Happy Holidays! **RAINBOW SQUARES** have had a lot of fun so far this year. Our dances have been colorful and festive, with everyone having a great time dancing to the Calling and Cueing of our own Brent Mawdsley.

We are delighted to have 6 enthusiastic students in our new dancer class this year being taught by Oren Gaskill. They are looking forward to attending some of the upcoming level dances.

There will be a Toys for Tots drive, and we will have our famous "experienced" clothing sale going for dancers. We will not have a dance on December 28th as we are caravanning to the Mt Baker Singles and Skagit Squares "Tweener" Level Dance.

We wish everyone a happy holiday. See you in the New Year!

Lew Gaskill, olgaskill@comcast.net

The **WOODINVILLE SQUARE CROWS** had a very successful silent auction bake sale on November 1st with a lot of yummy treats going out the door! Thanks to all who provided the goodies and to those who bought them! The dance that night was a Gospel dance with Jim Hattrick and Craig Abercrombie that is becoming a tradition... well attended and a lot of fun. The dance on the 15th with Craig was also a wonderful time with the Samena Squares joining with us.

We began a new class for students on Tuesday, November 19th. Our first class is angeling for them and then continuing on to Mainstream after the basics are taught.

Our December 6th dance is a toy drive with Jim Hattrick on stage. We encourage everyone who comes to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated for less fortunate children in the area. Always a worthy cause! The Dudes & Dolls are caravanning in. Our second dance is December 20th with Gary Monday and Karen Neverdowski on stage. Because of the holidays, we will not have lessons

on December 24th and 31st.

The Crows look forward to seeing everyone at the New Year's Eve Dance ("Night on the Town") that we're co-sponsoring with the Checkerboard Squares, Dudes & Dolls and Sky Valley Whirlwinds at the Checkerboard's hall in Edmonds. It will be a wonderful way to ring in the New Year with Doug Davis, and John & Karen Neverdowski on stage.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lynn Von Seggern, lynnvs@cablespeed.com

The **SKY VALLEY WHILWINDS** have started the new season with three great dances. After a well-attended corn dance in September with Craig Abercrombie, Scott Coon and John Neverdowski entertained us and a visiting Fern Bluff Squares caravan, with the assistance of Batman, at our Halloween dance. Our November "Give Thanks" and food drive featured the ever challenging Wayne Easton and John Neverdowski. The Rainbow Squares paid a visit to recover their traveling banner, received by Sky Valley in Lynden on October 26th. Filling the hall, the Rainbow Squares were joined in traveling to TriWay Grange by the Stanwood Sashayers who picked up a banner of their own, given to Sky Valley last season.

Our class of energetic students have been learning the ropes with the help of Spyder Webb. On October 24th, the class was joined by a vacationing student from Arizona. He had a good time with both the dancing and socializing with our students and angels. After a late start to the season our students had learned enough to go to their first level dance on October 25th. While Scott Coon called a fun dance, our students did have some calls they hadn't learned yet, but they pushed through with grins and laughs all evening. The class next went to the Hayloft for the Whirlybirds "First Friday Funfest" on November 1st, dancing to Dave Harry and his creative calling. Again, they were put through their paces with lots of laughs and smiles.

December brings Andy Garboden and the ever present John Neverdowski to the TriWay Grange to entertain us at our Snowflakes and Santa Christmas Dance. Rumor has it that Santa will make an appearance, but with his busy holiday schedule, who knows. You will have to join us to find out.

We continue to support Alzheimer's by having our 7th Annual Alzheimer's Benefit Dance on February 23, 2014. As of now we have raised \$32,400.20. Donations go to University of Washington Alzheimer's research, ARDC and Rush University Medical Center Alzheimer's research. We can contribute to the research by having a good time on the dance floor. Ones who are unable to come to our dance can still contribute by visiting the website, www.rembertodance.org.

Elizabeth Lee, ssvwhirlwinds@aol.com

One of the favorite events for **SAMENA SQUARES** each year is attending

the Winthrop Barn Dance. This year was no exception. We had a good turn out and despite the intermittent rain, we had a great time. The Saturday street dance was canceled because of rain for the first time in a couple of decades, some said. That was okay, however, because we just moved our dancing into the Barn. We were also supposed to have a Saturday afternoon catered barbecue at a local park, but managed to crowd into a cabin some members were renting, right there on the main drag. We were wall-to-wall Samenas, but that was okay. When you are with good friends and good food, you don't mind the closeness. One night we visited Twisp and attempted karaoke. The women followed the philosophy of "there is strength in numbers" and teamed up together to sing "It's My Party And I'll Cry If I Want To". Bryan Hubert was a bit bolder and sang a Beatles song alone. Larry Pomada planned on singing a solo, but found himself surrounded by a singing emcee and a couple of intoxicated local young women. He was a trooper, however, and performed his whole song.

Our annual Halloween level dance was a success. No prizes were given for costumes, but if they had been, I'm sure the prize would have gone to Dick and Barbara McDonald. They showed up as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf. The twist was that gracious Barbara was the Big Bad Wolf, complete with her big bad mask. Dick wore a red dress, pigtails, and hooded shawl. Completing his ensemble was a lined basket, full of candy. It was quite the sight.

We have two upcoming dances in December. On the 13th, we will be having our Hawaiian Holiday. Considering a large number of us visited the Hawaiian State Convention in January, we should be ready for this. Our caller will be Andy Garboden and our cuer will be Karen Neverdowski. We will even be dancing on December 27th with our Jingle Bell Rock Level Dance. The caller for that evening will be Ray Gallagher, with cuer John Neverdowski. Hope you'll be able to join us at one of those dances.

Merry Christmas to each one of you from the Samena Squares.

Barbara Hubert; hubertones@hotmail.com

SKAGIT SQUARES had a fun dance in October, our hall had double booked, so we moved up to the Skagit Valley Grange on Cook Road, and had a delightful dance! As of this writing we are looking forward to our Thanksgiving dance November 16th. It starts with a potluck and 2 clubs caravanning in, this is always a special treat for everyone.

Our December dance in Mt. Vernon will be on the 21st and we donate to our local charity from it. It is a level dance, so we hope to see many of your new dancers!

Our classes are well underway, class size is down, but they are doing very well. Hope all of you are enjoying your new dancers too.

Everyone have a special Christmas, it is a Holy season, and very precious time. Try to slow down a bit and enjoy it!

Annie Wilson; bestill273@gmail.com



Happy Hoppers
"Lose Yourself in Costume" Dance

Top row: L-R Leslie Ewing, our Nun; Karen Miller, our dance with the skeleton greeter, & Mike Papa, our fencer. 2nd row: L-R Karen Neverdowski, our cuer/witch; Lee Clark and Dottie, clownish; Jill Czadek, our cow girl, & Shannon Camardo, our Asian doll; L-R Marilyn Brousseau; Melody Scalzo, our cheetah; Kristi Anderson, resident devil, & visitors Vickie and Rich.

Photos by Jean Raymond

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Plus Mondays 7:00pm@woodinville Sammamish Valley Grange - Susan Morris-Guest Callers (425) 881-0691

CHECKERBOARD SQUARES

MS, 2nd & 4th Sat 7:30-10:30pm @ Masonic Hall, Edmonds - Guest Callers/Debbie Taylor (425) 338-2255

DANCING SHADOWS

Rounds, 1st & 3rd Sat 7:30-10:30 pm @ Lake City Community Center, Seattle - Debbie & Paul Taylor (425) 483-6701

DUDES AND DOLLS

MS, 2nd, 4th & 5th Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood - Scott Coon & Guest Callers/Debbie Taylor (425) 486-8587

FERN BLUFF SQUARES

MS, Family, 2nd Sat 7:00-10 pm @ East County Senior Center, Monroe - Ray Gallagher/Linda Nold (360) 805-6853

FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS

PL, 1st & 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley - John Corrigan - 1st Fri, Guest Caller - 3rd Fri/Galen Ploeg (360)766-6729

FREEWHEELERS

MS, 1st & 3rd (some 5th) Sun 7-10 pm @ Lake City Community Center, Seattle - Roger Spiese/Debbie Taylor - (425) 337-5441

HAPPY HOPPERS

MS, 1st & 3rd Sat @ Stillaguamish Senior Center, Arlington - Guest Callers/Shirley Cook - (360) 387-8727

HAPPY ROUNDERS

Rounds, Ph 3-4, Tues 7:30-9:30 pm @ The Hayloft, Lynnwood - Randy Preskitt (425) 348-6030, (206) 364-4173

MT. BAKER SINGLES

MS, 2nd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley - Dave & Bonnie Harry (360) 629-6380

MT BAKER TEACHERS/CALLERS/CUERS

Info Contact: Susan & Larry Morris (425) 881-0691 CallerSusan@gmail.com

RAINBOW SQUARES

MS, 2nd & 4th Sat 8-10 pm @ Ten Mile Grange, Lynden - Brent & Therese Mawdsley - (360) 738-8186

SAMENA SQUARES

MS, 2nd & 4th Fri 7:30-10:30pm @Juanita Community Club, Kirkland - Guest Callers/Cuers -(425) 823-6581

SHIRTS-N-SKIRTS

MS, Teens, Wed 6:30-9 pm @ Canyon Park Jr Hi, Bothell - Randy & Marie Preskitt - (425) 348-6030

SKAGIT SQUARES

MS, 3rd Sat 7:30-10 pm @ Mt Vernon Senior Center, Mt Vernon - John Corrigan/Bob Berka - (360) 424-9675

SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS

MS, 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Triway Grange, Mill Creek - Guest Callers/John Neverdowski - (425) 334-4934

STANWOOD SASHAYERS

MS, 1st Sat 7:30-10:30 pm - Ray Gallagher/Bob Berka - (360) 387-5055

WHIRLYBIRDS

MS, 1st Fri & Sat, & 3rd Sat 7:30-10:30 pm @ The Hayloft, Lynnwood - Dave Harry/Roxanne Boelter (425) 806-8423

WOODINVILLE SQUARE CROWS

MS, 1st & 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Sammamish Valley Grange, Woodinville - Guest Callers/Linda Nold (360) 805-1891

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CASCADE TWIRLERS October 5th dance was small but a lot of fun. Our caller Jess Thomas & cuer Noelle Miller led us in a very fun dance. If you have not danced with Jess yet you are missing a great time. We traveled to 4x8s on October 19th and danced to Dave Boggs & Noelle Miller. We always have fun with the 4x8s as they always make us feel so welcome. Since we dance on the same nights we cancel in October to travel to them and they cancel in January to travel to our dance. What a deal we have!!

December 6th is our co-host dance with Appleland Promenaders; Steve Noseck is calling and Jim Spence & Noelle Miller cueing. This will be a really fun dance and we would like you to join us. (We are cancelling our December 7th dance.)

December 21st is our Christmas dance with Don Jackson calling and Marilyn Holman cueing. We collect Christmas dinner food items to help make someone's Christmas a little brighter.

Merry Christmas to all!

Noelle Miller, noellemcues@charter.net

WHEATLAND WHIRLERS cancelled their September 28th dance and their October 17th dance for the Winthrop Weekend and for Appleland Promenaders Anniversary dance. Both dances were lots of fun. October 26th we had Jim Compton calling & Noelle Miller cueing. We had a good time dancing and catching up on everyone's news.

December 14th, Jim Compton and Noelle Miller will be calling and cueing. December 31st we are hosting a New Year Eve dance. It will be at the Ephrata Senior Center. If you are in the area come and help us bring in the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Noelle Miller, noellemcues@charter.net

BUDS & BLOSSOMS celebrated their 28th anniversary with a big dance October 18th. We had Dave and Sharon Boggs for caller and cuer, and they kept us moving, good for some who haven't been dancing much lately.

In December, Buds & Blossoms has dances scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd Fridays, but the club decided not to dance on December 27th, since the time between Christmas and New Years is so busy for many. Our Christmas party,

with gift exchange, will be at our Friday dance December 20th, East Wenatchee Grange.

So Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good square dance.

Don Richardson, donrichardson@live.com

October was a busy Month for the **4X8'S**. We are hosting lessons and have closed the class now. We have 16 new class members attending. Along with our regular dances, we caravanned to the Appleland Promenaders Anniversary dance on October 12th. Then on the 18th we traveled again to Wenatchee for the Buds & Blossoms Anniversary dance with our own Dave and Sharon Boggs calling and cueing. As always we enjoyed both evenings of lively squares and great rounds.

On the 19th we were happy to have the Cascade Twirlers attend our dance. Dave called and Noelle Miller cued for us as we were not sure Sharon Boggs would be here as she had arranged to be with her daughter for the birth of their first grandchild in Boise. Dave did survive his two weeks while Sharon was gone, but seemed a little malnourished.



Photo by Jackie Chase

We end the month of October with our semi-annual cleanup of Hwy 17. The sun was shining albeit a little chill in the air. Everyone met at 9 am and was done by 11. They picked up over a truck load of debris.

Merry Christmas to everyone and we plan to see you in the new year in a square!

Patti Roberts, pattiroberts@ifiber.tv

The **APPLELAND PROMENADERS** celebrated their 65th anniversary in October with a good crowd enjoying Ray Brendzy. The younger Brendzys, Katie & Nicholas, are talented also, demonstrating their dancing and calling skills. Thanks to all who joined us; it was a fun time.

Tom Clymer has gotten the new students off to a good start. Club members are eager to have them joining in soon on the dance floor.

On December 6th, the APs are combining with the Cascade Twirlers for a dance called by Steve Noseck. Jim Spence and Noelle Miller will do the cueing. On December 14th, the EWG will go dark as the members travel to Moxee to help celebrate the Gateswingers anniversary. Steve Noseck and Jim Dobbs will show all a good time there. Then, yikes, it will be time (already!) for the New Year's Eve dance on December 31st. John and Wendy Syrstad will help us dance the night away and Wendy will cue as well. Pre-rounds begin at 8 pm; dance with us until 10:30.

The AP members send wishes for good health and good dancing to you all in 2014.

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With the Thanksgiving turkey a thing of the past, we now look ahead to our Christmas-New Year Holidays!!! It's still a favorite time of year even though things seem rushed and we always seem to be one step behind.

The **RHODY O'S** December dance dates have changed a little. We dance on December 6th and 13th. The dance on the 13th will be the RHODY O'S Class Level Christmas Dance so come share the holidays with your dance family. Our students have turned out to be one great group of dancers - loving everything that Spike can throw at them. Pre-rounds are at 6:00, Mainstream workshop at 7:00 with dancing from 7:30-9:30 pm.

Our BIG event for this month is the RHODY O'S / 4PLUS4 sponsored New Year Eve Dance. We only have enough room for 10 squares so get your tickets early - tickets are \$18 per person if purchased by December 6th but will be \$22 per person after December 7th. Dinner begins at 7:30 with dancing from 9:00 pm to 12:20 am. Spike Reid is our caller/cuer and we dance at the Gardiner Community Center. As usual, Louie Torres and Spike Reid are our tickets sellers and if you have any questions send me an Email. New Years' Eve doesn't get any better than this!!!

Our first dance in January will be held on the 17th. The hall will be dark on January 3rd. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Trish Gaine, fasolard@olypen.com

The **STRAIT WHEELERS** had three fun events in October. Three squares of Canadians joined us as we hosted our fortieth annual Canadian visitation. The evening included a fabulous dinner, lots of visiting and great dancing. Thanks to Janolyn Keller, our caller/cuer, for giving us a very enjoyable and fun evening of dancing. The community college asked us to do a demo for their foreign students. A local church hosted this event and there were two squares of our dancers and about eighty students, from many different countries, which made for a very interesting and fun dance. Our members then met at a local restaurant for a delicious dessert, the only way to end a fun afternoon. Our Halloween class level dance was the third event. Everyone had a fun time and the costumes were great.

Our lessons are doing great and the preparations for our 14th Annual Lavender Dance is going well.

We have voted to change our place of dance which will place us back in Port Angeles. This change will take place in January 2014. Remember, also, that we only dance the second Saturday in December.

We wish you a safe and fabulous Holiday Season.

Barbara Wright, sqdanceinlady@yahoo.com

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Appleland Promenaders-Mainstream • www.applandpromenaders.com
 1st Fri, 2nd & 4th Sat. East Wenatchee Grange, 3400 Sunset Hwy. East Wenatchee
 Contact: Bob & Connie Mulholland, (509) 881-4961 or sqdnrc@nwi.net

Buds & Blossoms-Mixed Level
 2nd/3rd/4th Fri. East Wenatchee Grange, 3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee
 Contact: Don Jackson, (509) 670-3540 or imt655@hotmail.com

Cascade Twirlers-Mainstream
 1st & 3rd Sat. East Wenatchee Grange, 3400 Sunset Hwy. East Wenatchee
 Contact: Noelle Miller, (509) 884-0497 or noellemcues@charter.net

Moses Lake 4X8's-Mainstream
 1st & 3rd Sat. Moses Lake Senior Center, 608 E. 3rd Ave., Moses Lake
 Contact: Del & Jackie Chase, (509) 764-4254 or deljackiechase@aol.com

Plus Bunch-Plus Level
 1st & 3rd Mon. East Wenatchee Grange, 3400 Sunset Hwy. East Wenatchee
 Contact: Jim & Barb Vorderbrueggen (509) 782-4345 or jbvordyl@hotmail.com

Wheatland Whirlers-Mainstream
 2nd & 4th Sat. Ephrata Senior Center, 124 C Street NW, Ephrata
 Contact: Judy & Harold Schock, (509) 754-4803 or jaschock@homenetnw.net

Tri County Callers and Cuers Association
 Contact: Dave & Sharon Boggs, (509) 787-4099 or grizzlyboggs@aol.com

All Clubs Dance September through May with Some Summer Dances

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SQUARE STEPPERS had a wonderful Birthday Dance on September 14th celebrating 58 years. We had Steve Noseck calling and Jill (Roger) Spiese cueing. It was well attended - over 80 people - as it was the same weekend of the State Federation meeting and installation of new State officers at our dance hall in Gorst, Washington. It was a lively mainstream with plus tips dance and enjoyed by all.

Square Steppers is a plus club that dances on the second Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 10 PM.

Barb Pennington, bardeldry@gmail.com

Merry Christmas and Season Greetings from the **GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS!**

For those of you who could not make it to Peninsula Council's Annual Fall Festival in October, you missed a great dance. Steve Noseck and Joyce Sebree did an outstanding job calling and cueing the dance. A few members of the Gig Harbor Twirlers have been helping as angels for the Tuesday evening class for new dancers. It is a large class and needs lots of angels (guys) as there have been as many as 10 squares on the floor.

It was good to see Charlie Wofford again... he retired as our caller in June. Since then the Gig Harbor Twirlers have been having guest callers fill in. Bill (Neva) Reid of The Dalles called a great dance for us in October and helped us wish Carolyn Small a Happy Birthday. Charlie called for our November Thanks Giving Dance and Janolyn Keller will be calling for us this month. Gig Harbor Twirlers members had a great time helping KSDA celebrate by attending their Anniversary Dance last month. We are working on scheduling callers for our two dances in January, but mark your calendars, Bill (Neva) Reid will be returning to call for us in April, 2014.

On Mondays some of us are having fun dancing with the Dude's & Doll's to the calling of Spike Reid. Spike is doing a terrific job of filling in for Willie Sewell who is thankfully recovered from a recent stroke. We are definitely looking forward to hearing Willie calling again.

Hope to see you on the dance floor.

Mary McGannon, mekm3591@msn.com

DUDES & DOLLS are having a fun filled afternoon on Monday's, 1 to 3 pm. at the Gorst square dance center. We would like give a special "THANK YOU" to

Spike Reid for calling while Willie Sewell is recuperating.

Norm Collins, NColl45762@aol.com

ROUND SQUARES did a "spooktacular" job decorating the hall for Halloween. A backdrop cobblestone wall painted by Reba Dubiak was set up in the corner with a fireplace and witches and goblins, spider webs, hand carved pumpkins, and yes a black rat. Our decorating chairman Peggy Fix is recovering from surgery and doing better every day.

Tuesday night square dance lessons are moving right along and students will be graduating in December. Would you believe there were ten squares on the floor of angels and students at the October 15th lesson night? There are a lot of young people taking lessons. We would like to thank the angels from the other clubs who have been coming to help.

We have been keeping our caller Willie Sewell, and Missie too, in our thoughts and prayers... Willie has lots of healing with PT from his last stroke and just getting back in to a daily routine.

Well, it's holiday time so we would like to wish everyone a joyous and Merry Christmas and the best of health and happiness in 2014.

Betty Force, Reporter

PAWS & TAWS update on the Spiese's Benefit dance - it went great, lots of dancers and good times. Costumes came out for the October Halloween dance with the best costumes going to Dan and Reva Dubiak, great job.

Our silent auction dance was held November 1st with Roger Spiese Caller and Jill Spiese Cuer. Will report more on that later as all money goes toward our Christmas Angel Children.

Looking forward to our Christmas dances and having Happy Holiday times.

Two of our members had surgery -Ellen Boggess and Ann Pebbles. Both ladies are on the road to recovery.

Happy Dancing!

Leota Lewis, leotal@msn.com

SQUARE STEPPERS

2nd Sat each Month
PLUS 7:30 - 10:00 PM
KSDC, GORST, WA
GUEST CALLERS
Caravans/Mystery Trips/Camping
For Info Call: (360) 377-9494

ROUND SQUARES

4th Sat 7:30 - 10:00 MS
3rd Sat Dec only
KSDC, GORST, WA
WILLIE SEWELL, Caller
JOYCE SEBREE, Cuer
Caravans, Mystery Trips - Camping \$12 per night

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS

1st Saturday of each month, except
1st & 3rd Saturdays n Jan & 3rd Sat n Sep
Lessons, Student Level Dance, MS, Rounds
and Plus Dancing 6 to 10:15 pm
Come and Dance with us n Gorst, WA,
Camping is also available
Caller: Charlie Wofford & Cuers: Carolyn & Larry Small
For More Info Call: 360.692.3723 or 360-373-1822

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7:30 -10:00pm Mainstream, Rounds, Plus Tip
1st & 3rd Fri Sep - Jun except Mar 1st Fri & 3rd Sat
3rd Saturday only in July & August
Caller/Cuer Roger & Jill Spiese
Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst
Caravans-Mystery trips-All Dancers Welcome



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Brrrrrr! It's getting' cold **RAINIER COUNCIL**. Come on down to Sumner on NYE and join the rest of the council warming up at the NYE dance hosted by the **SOUTH SOUND SINGLES** (Yes you read that right South Sound Singles are hosting the dance at the SUMNER dance hall). There will be dancing, food, and friends. What more could you ask for than to be in the company of friends as you ring in the new year. Loraine rouse will cue and Stephen Cole will call this wonderful evening of merriment and joy. See ya there!

Mike Bowen, bowen_mike_roamintacomano@yahoo.com

Well hello to all, the **BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES** had 2 great October dances. First, I would like to congratulate Frank & Diane Fohn for again putting together our dance on October 12th to benefit The American Cancer Society. They recruited quite a few people to help with the decorations and they turned out awesome. Between everyone's donations, Steve and Lorraine donating their pay and the club donating the net proceeds, we were able to donate a little over \$570.00. We want to thank our entire Square Dance Family that came and supported this worthy cause.

December 14th is our Christmas Dance and our only dance this month. Pre-rounds are at 7:30 with the dance from 8:00-10:30. We hope to see you all there. This will also be Steve Haslett's last dance that he will be calling for our club. Steve has decided to retire from calling but he and Sherry will be joining our club which is really awesome. We would like to invite everyone that has danced with Steve to come and help us celebrate this night. That's all for now, so to all of our friends, Merry Christmas, and keep dancing, but most of all keep smiling.

Ron & Linda Sferrazzo, sferrazzo5@msn.com

The **ROAMIN' TACOMANS** start the wonderful Christmas season off with a holiday plus dance on December 14th. Then on December 28th we will have our post Christmas mainstream dance. No more shopping, wrapping, baking, etc. Let's dance! Both will be festive occasions with Tom Tomlinson calling and cueing. We dance at the Valley Square Dance Hall, 1705 Willow St. in Sumner. Rounds start at 7:30pm and the dance is from 8 to 10:30 pm. If you like to shop, you can check out the hall's "experienced" square dance clothing shop. It is packed full of bargains.

We have a great plus class this year. It is on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Tom cues rounds between tips and we have a fun evening. If you dance plus, come and "angel". Angels always dance free of charge. Merry Christmas and all our best wishes for 2014.

Sharon Herman, tonysharpsherm@yahoo.com

SOUTH SOUND SINGLES got fall off to a great start. In September we had an Amateur Callers and Cuers Dance. It was great fun especially when Kenny Freeman (our caller) got Lorraine Rouse (our cuer) to call a tip. Then in October we had an October Fest Dance with a guest accordion player. It really added to the evening. This month we are looking forward to our annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 16th followed by a Come As You Are Dance.

We will begin holiday celebrations with our annual Student Level Teddy Bear Dance. It is always a good dance with students coming from all around the area.

If you are in the area please come dance with us at Collins Grange in Tacoma. We dance from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm with pre-rounds at 7:30 on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Lynn Red, lynn.red7@gmail.com

The **SPINNERS** know how to put on a fun dance and that is just what they did on November 1st when we had our Jokers Wild Dance. We wish to thank everyone in attendance especially the Bonney Lads N' Lassies caravan.

December 6th will be our Christmas Dance with an Ornament Exchange. For all who would like to participate bring a wrapped ornament. It is a fun time for all. This dance will also be a student level dance. Pre-rounds will begin at 7:30 pm with Sue Weber cueing. Student Level Dance will begin at 8:00 pm with Greg Weber calling, followed by a Potluck at 10:30.

Neil Andrews, neilc42@yahoo.com

The **SWING NUTS** dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Sumner Dance Hall (1705 Willow Street). Rounds are at 7:30 pm Stephanie Speelman will cue on December 21st.

Leo and Rochelle Catt have moved to San Diego, CA. We wished them Good Luck at our November 2nd dance. Cliff Nichols is now calling for the Swing Nuts. Please join us for a dance to welcome him.

Mark your calendar for February 15th. It is our Catt in the Hat Charity Dance. We will be donating to the Ashley House in Enumclaw. <http://www.ashleyhousekids.com/> Ashley House is home to children and their families who are coping with the challenges of a catastrophic injury or a congenital birth defect.

Happy Dancing.

Gail Johnston, gailj@chessmenkastle.com

Holiday Greetings from **SWINGING SQUARES!** We are continuing our Plus dances at our usual location, Sumner Dance Center, 1705 Willow St. We're looking forward to your joining us for our Snowflake Dance on Friday, December 13th (with an optional \$5 ornament exchange), and we're squeezing in a Holiday dance on Friday, December 27th, combining Christmas and New Year's festivities. Both dances feature Andy Garboden (Tricia) as Caller and Lorraine Rouse (John) as Cuer. Lorraine always has a fun variety of pre-rounds at 7:30, before Andy joins her for our dance from 8:00 to 10:30. We're also looking forward to caravanning to the Bonnie Lads & Lassies on December 14th. Thanks for inviting us!

For planning ahead with your students, our Friday, January 24th dance will be a **MAINSTREAM STUDENT LEVEL** dance. Watch for details.

Thanks to everyone for helping make our third annual Holiday Bazaar a success. Our vendors and visitors were all wonderful! We had fun organizing and putting it on, so we'll see you at next year's too!

Mary Kun, marmikk@comcast.net

South Sound Singles
1st & 3rd Sat: 8-10:30PM
New Caller: Kenny Freeman
Cuer: Lorraine Rouse
Mainstream/every 3rd tip Plus
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INFO: 253-851-5773
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FRIDAY

1st **SPINNERS**
Greg Weber/Sue Weber
(Sept-June)

Buckley Hall
7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds
360-829-0251

2nd **YOUNG BUNCH**
Mark Sebree/Sue Weber

Collins Grange
6:30 PreRds, 7-9 MS/Rds
253-472-9092

2nd & 4th **SWINGING SQUARES**
Andy Garboden/Lorraine Rouse
(2nd & 4th Friday, Sept - June)

Valley Square Dance Hall
7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 Plus/Rds
253-841-9656; break @ 9:15

5th **SOUTH SOUND SINGLES**

Collins Grange
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SATURDAY

1st **NW CALLERS ASSOCIATION**

Cedar Grange
253-445-4691; mtg; dances TBA

1st & 3rd **SOUTH SOUND SINGLES**
Kenny Freeman/Lorraine Rouse

Collins Grange
7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds/+Tip

1st & 3rd **SWINGNUTS**
Cliff Nichols/Stephanie Speelman

Valley Square Dance Hall
7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds/+Tip
253-230-0827

2nd & 4th **BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES**
Steve Haslett/Lorraine Rouse
(no dance 12/28/13)

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7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds/+Tip
253-846-7943

2nd & 4th **BLAZING STARS**
Kevin Thomaier/Lynn Peltola
(no dances in August)

Steele Lake Grange
6:30 A-2, 7:30 Rds, 8-10 Plus
425-881-8190, 206-244-5196

2nd & 4th **ROAMIN' TACOMANS**
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(July:4th Sat MS; Aug:4th Sat Plus)

Valley Square Dance Hall
7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Plus/Rds
253-848-7073 (2nd Sat Plus, 4th Sat MS)

SUNDAY

2nd & 5th **LEGION SQUARES**
Jeff Graeff/cuer TBA

American Legion Post 138
6-9 MS/Rds; lessons start W 7/9/13
253-720-2788

2nd **ROCKIN'TEENS**
Leo Catt/Sue Weber
(Sept - June)

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SOU'WESTER COUNCIL clubs are excited about the holiday season and have planned lots of special dances to celebrate and also to reach out a helping hand to helping organizations in their communities. Remember to look at the articles and flyers to see if there is something you can bring to help a community group. It is a real win-win, you bring a small gift or cash to help out and you get an evening filled with great dancing, friends and fun! Merry Christmas to everyone and we wish you lots of dancing for the holidays!

HARBOR HAYLOFTERS are celebrating the holidays with their Christmas Dance on December 7th. In November and December we collected food for the local food banks. On November 2nd we had our Saturday night dance by celebrating the end of the Harvest Season. Toward the end of November we held a wreath making party and made Christmas wreaths to sell for our club. A huge thanks to Bruce and Terri Kuhnau for allowing us the use of their workshop and to Guy and June Priest for securing the machines to speed up the process of making the wreaths. We had a great time and enjoyed a potluck.

December finds us getting ready for the holidays with our Christmas Dance. Also towards the end of December our club will have our Christmas Party. We have talked to Santa and set up a date with him. He is checking his list and I am sure our caller, Randy Carlson, and his wife, Chris, are on it.

Come join us for dancing when you are in town. As always, we dance on Tuesdays evenings from 7 to 9 and the first Saturday of every month with mainstream starting at 7:30. We dance at the Aberdeen Eagles, 204 W. Market Street.

We hope your holidays are happy. We look forward to seeing all of you through the rest of this year and next.

Ann Kilwien, sqcamper@comcast.net

THE PRAIRIE STEPPERS Spooky Halloween Dance hosted by Gretchen Kunkel, Mary Niccoli and Pat Colton was a great success. We had five squares on the floor including a SWAT officer and a jailbird, Beauty and the Beast, a very scary devil, a yahoo with buckteeth and glasses, and a Native American princess. From R Square D we had a devil and a very round happy clown. At break, breakfast buffet was served with biscuits and gravy, eggs and ham plus many other scrumptious side dishes and desserts.

We hope you enjoyed our November dance. The theme was honoring our Veterans. Dancers were encouraged to bring photos of vets in uniform. The

challenge was to see if we could match the photos to our veterans!

Our travel for October was to the R Square D Oktoberfest. We planned to travel to the Bonney Lads and Lassies on November 23rd and to the Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas Dance on December 7th.

Andrea Kershner invited a photographer and reporter from The Chronicle to visit our Modern Western Square Dance lessons in October. We eagerly wait for an article extolling the joys of square dancing. Lessons are progressing well with a dozen students. Our next set of lessons will start on January 8th.

Do plan to attend our New Year's Eve Dance at the Oakview Grange from 9 PM December 31st to 1 AM January 1st and our 33rd Annual Chicken Dance on March 28th and 29th, 2014 at Lac A Do Hall.

Marion Freels, M_librarian@yahoo.com

Greetings and Happy Holidays from the **FLUTTERWHEELS!** Our first Saturday in November was our Pie Dance. This was a really special dance with all the pies that were brought to judge and eat. Thanks to all bakers that shared their desserts for all the dancers to enjoy.

The Flutterwheels had a great time at the Sou'Wester Council dance on November 30th at Lac-A-Do Hall. We enjoyed dancing to the calling of Richard Lane and the cueing by Ron Woolcock. This was a nice holiday treat.

In December we will be dancing on Saturday December 7th and Saturday December 21st. Glenn Raiha will be calling both dances and Ron Woolcock will be cueing rounds. Both dances will start at 7:00 pm. The Christmas feeling will be in the air and lots of holiday music is planned. Remember the third Saturday is our new dancer level dance and all dancers are welcome to join us for the Holiday Season as we dance at Lac-A-Do hall.

We continue to collect non-perishable can goods for donation to the Thurston County Food Bank. In November we took 4 boxes to the food bank and we hope to do more in December.

Flutterwheels will be gathering for our Christmas party on December 15th at the home of Glenn and Nancy Raiha. Besides the Christmas desserts we will be sharing a White Elephant gift exchange. We are looking forward to this time for enjoying fun together during the holiday season of the year.

WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Gordon Allen, ggallen001@hotmail.com

WOW ! What a dance / party that **SQUARE ONES** and Salty Sashayers hosted for the 2013 President Award recipient's Gene & Tanya Currier on Oct 20th at Lac-A-Do Hall. We had over 90 people in attendance with dancers and family, and had nine squares of dancers on the floor. It was a fun night. We served a variety of hot soups and had a cake with Gene and Tanya's picture on it for dessert. We had some past President Award winners and the State Federation

President Kathy Chase and husband Frank were there to help us honor this couple. It was a GREAT dance!

We had travels to the Capitol Singles Anniversary dance in September with nine couples and a travel to Do-Si-Dos Anniversary dance in October with six couples. We will travel to the Roamin Tacomans plus dance in December, on Saturday, the 14th. Lots going on in the next few months.

Our first Friday dance on December 6th is our annual "Toys for Tots Dance". We ask that you bring an unwrapped Toy for a child and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army's Christmas program. Then on Sunday December 15th we will AGAIN have our HOT SOUP night (in case you did not get enough at the October 20th dance.)

We will begin PLUS LESSONS starting in the New Year. Our lessons are on Sunday nights from 7-9 pm. The start date will be Sunday January 5th at Lac-A-Do Hall in Olympia. Our club caller Gunter Monroe will teach the lessons. If you are interested or know someone who might like to learn PLUS please contact Ken & Cathy Moller at ckmoller@outlook.com or call 360-456-4144.

Plans are getting finalized for the OASDI NEW YEARS EVE DANCE AT Lac-A-Do Hall that Square Ones is hosting. We will have the FINAL appearance from the JOKERS WILD who will call this dance (Greg Weber & Steve Haslett). Steve will be retiring from calling after this night, so if you want to hear him one more time this is your chance. The "MAGICAL MASQUERADE BALL" fun begins at 8:30 pm with rounds from Ron Woolcock then mainstream square dancing with every 3rd tip PLUS goes from 9- 12:30 am (or until you get tired and want to go home.) The cost is \$ 15.00 per person, \$ 7.00 per youth. There will be a lite buffet all evening and dessert and sparkling cider at 12 midnight. Tickets have been distributed to all the clubs in OASDI or you can notify pegscott29@comcast.net or dannjuda@aol.com if you would like a ticket. Or call 360-754-1830 or 360-427-8581. There is dry RV parking available at the hall if you are too tired to drive home Please let us know by December 20th if you want to purchase a ticket so we can plan enough food. Hope to see you at one of our dances!

Peggy & Scott Smith pegscott29@comcast.net

On September 14th, the **DO SI DOS** held our Back to School dance with a good turn out and are pleased to say we received a "lot" of donated school supplies. Debbie Gaffney, from the North Thurston School District, showed up at the dance to collect all the goodies, and was thrilled to fill her car with so many school supplies. We have so many homeless children in our school system and it is very difficult to attend school and try to do work without proper supplies. I personally want to thank each and every one of you who so generously donated to help these children, so THANK YOU!

The Do Si Do's celebrated our 64th Anniversary October 12th with a black light/Halloween dance. Our theme was Chills and Thrills... we encouraged people to wear costumes and we had quite a few. Prizes for best costumes went to Gene and Tanya Currier, I'm not sure who they were suppose to be but they

were pretty scary looking... Julia Crapo made a very cute "Fairy". Some other costumes included a pirate, a clown, a roman emperor, some medical staff and even a couple of escapee's from the state pen. Some people get really creative and I'm just glad I didn't have to judge.

We had quite a few of the Do Sis travel to Square One's dance Sunday, October 20th, where they honored Gene and Tanya Currier recipients of the 2013 President's Award. The Curriers are also the new Vice President couple for State. Congratulations Gene and Tanya. Prior to the dance Square Ones served some really yummy looking soups to everyone attending. I was really sorry we had already had dinner. During the break they served a beautiful and delicious cake with Gene and Tanya's picture on it. It was really a good dance and we had an appearance from several of our State Officers and past Presidents.

Our November dance was a salute to Veterans. Our caller, Jim Hatrick, will be taking a break from this dance and Craig Abercrombie was our guest caller along with Joyce Sebree doing the cueing. Pre-rounds start at 7:30 and mainstream is from 8:00 to 10:30. Craig is a really fun caller and we always look forward to a visit from him.

We are planning our annual club travel to the Cougar Squares Christmas Dinner Dance, December 7th. We look forward to this dance every year. Come join us, they serve up a really delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

December 14th the Do Si's will be "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" at Lac a Do Hall and Jim will be back at the mike with Joyce. We'd love to have you come dance with us and enjoy some Christmas music.

Until next time, we would like to wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Judy Hroncich, jnt@q.com

RUFF AND RUFFLES ended September by hosting the southbound Toutle Rest Area furnishing coffee, cocoa and lots of cookies. The cocoa really went over well. In spite of such a very stormy weekend we did quite well. Cookies left over were donated to Sou'Wester Council for their up-coming rest stop as part of the club's contribution.

On October 19th we helped Betty Clifton celebrate her 80th birthday at a party given by her family. (Actual B-day is the 11th). What a gala affair with many current and former square dancers attending along with many other friends and family. When she came to the club dance that evening (she is club President and this reporter. Kind of hard to write about yourself) "Happy Birthday" was sung to her again. It was also Fred Rolf's B-Day so we sang to him too. He retires November 27th. Several members had surgery recently including Neil Rosevear who had shoulder surgery.

As for the dance, three squares danced to the calls of Jim Raupp and cues of Susan Healea. Guests were from Cougar Squares. They walked off with all the door prizes and 50/50 pot split. Kind of nice though to see your guests win. And we did appreciate them attending the dance. We also learned that Susan Healea's

mom was in the hospital, but is now home and slowly recovering. We send her our get-well wishes for a speedy recovery.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Betty Clifton, sqkats@q.com

R SQUARE D'S Oktoberfest was a full weekend, we had over 120 people for our German dinner and 8-9 squares on the floor dancing to Les Seeley's calling and Tami Helm's cueing.

The following weekend was our Columbus Day dance. Our Halloween dance had many trick and treaters there with a few winning prizes.

Our lessons started on October 16th. We had some very enthusiastic new dancers. It is wonderful to see them having fun while learning.

Bob and Helen Leu had a 50th wedding anniversary party at the hall. There was a lot of good food to go with the celebration. Many members baked cookies for the coffee stop, which was a full weekend. You meet so many interesting people as they travel and stop for a rest.

December 13th is our toy dance and December 28th is our Christmas dance. Come join us at a dance this Christmas season. Merry Christmas and safe travels to all.

Arlene Evanson



Rest/coffee stop on I-5 -- Lonnie Sykes, Dick Sims, Linda Sykes, Helen Baldwin in the back October 18, 19, 20th. Photo by Arlene Evanson

The **STARDUST DANCERS** celebrated their 17th Anniversary in October with a kick off dinner and dance to the October Fest Weekend. There were a lot of visitors who came to eat the wonderful ham dinner prepared by Stardust members. You really missed out if you missed that dinner. The dance was great also, with a festive party atmosphere.

December 5th will be the annual Christmas Dance and Silent Auction. The proceeds will go to benefit a local charity. There have really been some clever items donated for this auction over the years. Handmade goodies and crafts and some white elephant items also. The trays of chocolate candies are to die for. Come on out and join Stardust for an all Christmas Music dance cued by our own Susan Healea.

Kay Rogers

COUGAR SQUARES are all prepared for the Thankful Christmas Dance to be held December 7th at Toledo Elementary School. The festivities begin at 6:30 pm with a full turkey dinner and dancing following the meal. The music will be Christmas music for both squares and rounds whenever possible. Santa Clause has put us on his schedule and he is bringing some of his younger elves. Dawn

and Dave Harper will be on hand to take holiday pictures. This year they have two backgrounds for the photographs, so you get to choose! Be sure to mark December 7th on your appointment calendars. The cost is \$8 for dinner and dancing if you purchase tickets before December 1st. If you want only the dinner or only the dance, the cost is \$4 per person. After December 1st or at the door, the cost is \$10 per person. Still a real bargain!

Cougar square dance lessons are going well at both Salkum and Napavine. Jim Raupp, our caller/teacher is keeping the classes at about the same pace and some people are attending both places. There will be a pause in lessons during the holidays in December due to the way the calendar falls this year.

Cougars are also sponsoring round dance lessons on Sundays with Susan Healea teaching. Rumba and Cha classes begin at 3:30 pm and go to 5:00 and beginning waltz starts at 5:15 to 7:00. Students do not need any round dance experience for either class. There was a good turnout in October and most students stayed for both rhythms. If both rhythms are new to students, it was suggested that students focus on one at a time. However many students have had one or both rhythms and are taking classes to brush-up. This gives people lots of floor time as well as outstanding teaching!

FYI Cougar Squares January 4th, 2014 dance will be held at Adna Grange and NOT in Toledo. The address for Adna Grange is 123 Dieckman Road, Chehalis. The dance will begin at 7:30 with plus and 8:00 mainstream and rounds. Please put this on your calendars and in your car's guidance system!

Cougars wish everyone a Merry Christmas and lots of dancing for the holidays!

Don and Judy Wilson, donjudywilson22@gmail.com

Ron and Georgine Woolcock are back from their travels and are teaching lessons for the **ROUND ABOUTS** again. They have a great waltz class ongoing with 14 couples. The lessons are going very well and everyone should be graduating about the time of this printing. After the waltz lessons each Tuesday, they also are doing some workshops for the last 2-Step class.

Round A-Bouts would like to invite everyone to their Annual Pound Exchange Dance this month. This festive event will be held on December 3rd this year. What is a pound exchange you ask? They exchange gifts with each other with the only requirement that it is to be a pound. In the past there has been everything from a pound of pennies to an English pound, from a pound of M & M to a pound cake. They only ask that the present you trade should be something you would be able to give to your mother.

Round A-Bouts want to remind everyone that they still dance twice a month. They Dance the first Tuesday and the 3rd Friday of each month. The next dances are Tuesday December 3rd and Friday December 20th. Ron has been doing a workshop on one of the classic dances during the 3rd Friday dance. Please come out for some great Phase II and III round dancing, some fun, and you too ... can dance circles "around" everyone here at Lac-A-Do hall. (1721 46th Ave NE).

Gary Gerdes, garygerdes@comcast.net



The **CAROUSELS** will be ringing in 2014 with our annual New Year's Eve Dance and breakfast buffet at the E. Spokane Grange. Dancing starts at 9:00 pm with Jack DeChenne cueing phase III through VI dances until midnight. Party hats and noise makers, Auld Lang Syne, hugs and good wishes all around are next on the program followed by breakfast with friends before venturing out in the cold morning for the drive home. Cost is \$25 per couple; contact Bob and Deb Gruber, 509-238-4359 or email dagruber9@hotmail.com if you'd like to join us.

The club will also host phase III-VI dances on the first and third Saturdays of December at the E. Spokane Grange from 7:30 pm to 10:30 with Jack DeChenne cueing the dancer-chosen program. Wednesdays from 7:30 pm to 9:30 at the Grange will see us learning a new dance or reviewing past teaches. There are fun evenings of dancing ahead, so we hope you'll join us!

Submitted by Deb Gruber

The **COEURLY Q'S** "Harvest Nights" dance was a pumpkin smashing success with Dan Preedy calling and Justine Brown cueing! This month's dance on December 7th will be titled "Winter Wonderland" and features Adam Christman calling and Justine Brown cueing! Times for the dance are 7:00 pm to 8:00 for Plus and Intermediate Rounds, and 8:00 pm to 10:00 for Mainstream and Rounds. All are welcome to help us ring in the holidays!

Submitted by Marcia Siring

The **DANCING SHADOWS** are enjoying this dance season. In October we traveled to the Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners for their Haunted Barn Dance and also went to the Star Shooters for their 49th Anniversary Dance. Both dances were wonderful and we had a blast. We would like to invite everyone to join us for our Christmas Dance. Everyone who comes will receive a gift and there will be a special visit from Santa. So come out and join us on December 20th. The dance starts at 7:00 pm with Plus and Rounds. Mainstream starts at 8:00 pm. Carol Shopbell is our cuer and Don Cochrane is our caller. Jack Blood will also be joining us as a special guest caller. We hope to see you all there.

Submitted by Tami Carson

What great fun it was to see **DIAMOND SQUARES** members dressed up at our "Vice Versa" dance in October. Bob Amsbury reminded me of a skinny "Mrs. Doubtfire" from the movie and awards were given to Taylor and Beth Noel, Joshua Strickler and Lois Simpson for their versions of vice versa costumes.

Join us at the Western Dance Center December 14th for our "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas" dance with Bob and Claudia Amsbury calling and cueing. Mainstream with a Twist is from 7:00 pm to 8:00. Mainstream with Rounds starts at 8:00 and after the break, it's Plus.

Club members gather together Sunday, December 8th for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Our Monday night Round dance basic class wraps up December 23rd.

We wish everyone the timeless treasures of Christmas, the warmth of home, the love of family and the company of good friends. May good health, happiness and blessings greet you each day of the year; enjoy the festivities, keep smiling and dancing and see you on the dance floor!

Submitted by Nelly Christoffersen

The **JACKS & JENNY'S** had a fun hayride in October through the fields of Bob and Maggie Forward's farm. We had a group of white tail deer take off through the trees and a little later saw a group of 8 to 10 elk watching us. Homemade chili and stew along with homemade rolls and pies were enjoyed by all. Bobbing for giant marshmallows on a string was hilarious.

Our October dance was called by Jim (Sherryll) Compton and cued by Kathy (Vern) Boggs. There were many good costumes but winning the prizes were Ron Hoffman for best male, Lolita Sutton for best female, and Jim Foust and Sylvia Germek best couple. John Miner was the winner of the 50/50 pot and Sylvia Germek won the door prize.

Join us December 21st at the North Spokane Dance Center and dance to Rob Krum and Kathy Boggs. Don't forget the Golden Garter Dance will be held in March, 2014 instead of April.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

Submitted by Helen Knapp

The **KRAZY 8'S** are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and fellow dancer, Roxie Lakey. Please keep Tim and his family in your prayers.

Our club dances on the first Friday with Plus and Rounds from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and Mainstream and Rounds from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. Our December dance is our Christmas dance with Adam Christman calling in the absence of Jerry (Molly) Walker who will be out of town. Nina Leisi is cueing. Bring your club out and expect to have fun.

Our club hosts a Mainstream workshop with Jack Blood on Sunday afternoons at the Western Dance Center from 1:30 pm to 4:00; cost is by donation.

Submitted by Donna Holmes

Vern and Kathy Boggs will be calling and cueing for the **MODEL T'S** at the North Spokane Dance Center on December 14th. This is our annual "Toys for Tots" Christmas dance. Our special guests, the Marines, will be with us to collect the toys and money donated by the dancers. They are always happy to join us on the dance floor for a tip. We will be traveling to the Dancing Shadows December 20th for their annual Christmas Dance. Have a Merry Christmas everyone.

Submitted by Charlene Weist

It's December already. We've all enjoyed turkey dinners and being thankful for family and friends. It's hard to believe that 2013 is coming to a close, so the **STAR SHOOTERS** are gearing up to make this year's "New Year's Dance" the best one yet. We have wonderful door prizes and our deli buffet will include new additions as well as favorites from past years. Rounds start at 8:30 pm with John Downing cueing. At 9:00 pm, Dan Preedy will call Mainstream and every third tip will be Plus. There will be hats and noise makers at the door for everyone, so get ready to make joyful sounds when the clock strikes 12:00 and join us to dance in the New Year.

And don't forget we'll be supporting the Model T's in their annual "Toys for Tots" dance December 20th.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Submitted by Mike Schmidt & Vivian Ellson

For the **TWIN CITY TWIRLERS** the dance schedule for the holiday season begins on December 7th when Butch Suttey calls a Mainstream dance; Lorraine Kennedy will cue Rounds. At the Christmas Dance on December 21st, both Butch Suttey and Dick Spooner call Squares; and Lorraine cues Rounds. Dancers are asked to bring contributions for a food drive to this dance. Ed Holyoke calls a Plus dance on December 13th. All dances begin with Rounds at 7:30 pm and Squares at 8:00 pm.

The New Year's Eve dance is a tradition begun by Al and Elsie Wolverton. Dancing begins at 8:00 pm on December 31st and lasts until midnight. Dances will be called by callers from the floor.

Mainstream lessons are Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Plus & A-1 lessons are held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. There will be no lessons from Christmas Eve until January 7th.

From the Twirlers to all of you--- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Submitted by Kathy Boulton

October was the **VALLEY CROSSTRAILERS'** Harvest Dance. Thanks to Doug Davis and Justine Brown for doing the honors that evening. We also visited the Spurs and Skirts who had a great crowd dancing to Adam Christman and Dan Bailley.

On the first Thursday of December we will be starting a new dancer class. If you know someone who couldn't begin lessons in September or October, they can still get started before the end of the year. Class starts at 7:00 pm at the Western Dance Center.

December will be our Holiday Dance. Since we were dark in November to visit the Cheney Hi-Flyers, they will be visiting us that night. Nina Leisi will be cueing and Doug Davis will be calling. We hope you will be able to come join our two clubs. As always, Plus and intermediate Rounds start at 7:00 pm with Mainstream and easy Rounds at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by Chris Smith

The **WAG AROUNDS** host our first Sunday dance December 1st with Nina Leisi cueing phase II-III dances at the Western Dance Center from 7:00 pm to 9:00. If you have a favorite dance, be sure to let Nina know so she can put it on the program!!

Jack DeChenne will cue our club's Intermediate dance (phases III-V) on December 13th at the North Spokane Dance Center from 8:00 pm to 10:30. You get to choose your favorite here as well, so plan to join us this month for some great dancing.

And, from all of us to all of you....Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Submitted by Deb Gruber

The **WILD ROSE RAMBLERS** will dance December 7th with Rob (Vicki) Krum calling and Theresa Nichols (Zack) Ray cueing. This will be the beginning of a very busy month. We hope you all enjoy getting ready for Christmas and have a blessed holiday!

The Ramblers are looking forward to hosting this year's New Year's Eve celebration dance at the North Spokane Dance Center. It will be a very fun event. Pre-Rounds begin at 8:30 pm with Nina Leisi cueing and Squares with Rob from 9:00 pm to midnight. Following the midnight celebration, a full breakfast will be served to include ham, eggs, pancakes (including gluten-free) and many other foods. It will be a great alternative party! Charge for the dance, celebration and breakfast is \$10 per person. Join us if you can, and enjoy your holiday gatherings.

Submitted by Judy Ottoson

TWIN CITY TWIRLERS
1st & 3rd Sat: Oct 6, 2012 thru June 1, 2013
Caller: Butch Suttey
Curer: Lorraine Kennedy
Rounds: 7:30pm - Squares: 8:00pm
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Coeurly Q's 1 st Saturday 7:00 P 8:00 MS/R Harding Family Center	River City Cloggers Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. . Corbin Community Center
Dancing Shadows 3 rd Friday 7:00 P&Int R; 8:00 MS&R. WDC	Roundup Workshop Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. R III-VI. WDC
Diamond Squares 2 nd Saturday 7:00 "MS w/a Twist"; 8-10 MS&R; Plus tip after break. WDC	Spokane Area Council 5 th Saturday 7 P&R; 8 MS&R September - May
Heartbeats Wednesdays except 5 th Beg/Int/Adv Clogging 8:30am-12 PM, Garden Spot Grange, Deer Park	Spokane Callers & Cuers 2 nd Friday 8:00 MS. WDC
Hi-Flyers 3 rd Saturday 7:00 R; 7:30 MS; 9:30 P. Cheney City Hall	Spokane Carousels 1 st /3 rd Sat. 7:30 R III-VI. East Spokane Grange
Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners , 3 rd Saturday, 7:00 R III; 7:30 P; 8:00 MS & R II. Jewel Lake Barn, Sagle. Special dances during year.	Spurs & Skirts 4 th Friday 7:30 PreR; 8:00 MS&R. Oct-Jan-Feb-Mar-Apr. NSDC
Jacks & Jennys 3 rd Saturday 7:30 P&R III; 8:00 MS&R. NSDC	Star Shooters 4 th Saturday 7:00 R III-IV; 7:30 R II; 8:00 MS&3 rd tip P&R. WDC
Krazy 8's 1 st Friday 7:00 P&R; 8:00 MS&R. WDC	Twin City Twirlers 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 7:30 R; 8:00 MS&R. Twin City Square Dance Center
Model T's 2 nd Saturday 7:00 P&IntR; 8:00 MS&R. NSDC	Valley Crosstrailers 3 rd Sat. 7:00 P&R; 8:00 MS&R. WDC
North Spokane Dance Assoc 5 th Friday at NSDC	Wag Arounds 1 st Sun. 7-9 R II- III. WDC. 2 nd Fri 8:00 R III-V NSDC
Octo-Plus Squares Tuesdays 7:00 P (workshop). East Spokane Grange	Western Dance Association 5 th Friday 7 P&R; 8 MS&R. WDC
Plus & Stuff Mondays 6:30 Adv; 8:00 Plus. NSDC	Wild Rose Ramblers 1 st Sat. 7 P&R III; 8:00 MS&R. NSDC
For further information contact Priscilla Davis @ 509.979.2607	



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State Meeting Weekend



January 10 & 11, 2014

The Spokane Area Council would like to invite you to the January State Meeting in Spokane. The meeting will at the North Spokane Dance Center located at 7424 N Freya on Saturday, January 11th, 2014 9:00 AM. A Continental Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 AM. For lunch, the clubs of the Spokane Area Council will provide a soup bar. Please watch for more details on the state website www.squaredancewa.org and on the Spokane Area Council Website www.squaredancespokane.org.

Motel Information

Apple Tree Inn
9508 N Division
Spokane, WA 99218
509/466-3020
Newly refurbished rooms from
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Quality Inn Oakwood
7919 N Division
Spokane, WA 99208
509/467-4900
"Square Dance" rate at \$82 a night +
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Ramada Inn Suites
9601 N Newport hwy
Spokane, WA 99218
509/468-4201
Rooms starting at \$85 per night.

Committee Meetings

Leadership Seminar Dinner
6:00 PM Friday, January 10th
Prospector's Grill & Bar
12611 N Division St / Spokane, WA

XP Breakfast Meeting
7:00 AM Saturday, January 11th
Old European Breakfast House
7640 N Division / Spokane, WA

State Festival Meeting
7:30 AM Saturday, January 11th
North Spokane Dance Center
7424 N Freya / Spokane, WA

Dancing



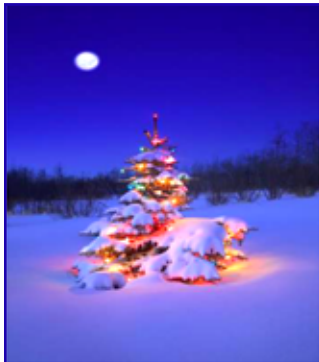
Friday, January 10th
Diamond Squares "Beach Party"
North Spokane Dance Center
7:00 Mainstream with a Twist (DBD)
8:00 Mainstream with Rounds
Caller: Bob Amsbury
Cuer: Claudia Amsbury



Saturday, January 11th
Model T's "Black & White"
North Spokane Dance Center
7:00 Plus with Rounds
8:00 Mainstream with Rounds
Caller: Vern Boggs
Cuer: Kathy Boggs

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DECEMBER 14, 2013

STEVE NOSECK—CALLER

JIM DOBBS—CUER

★ Plus Dance 2-4 p.m.—Adults \$3 each ★
★ Roast Beef Dinner 6 p.m.—Adults \$10 each ★
★ RSVP to Bob or Ruth Hamilton (the chefs) at 509.966.4356 ★
★ or sign up at the hall by December 5. ★
★ We will have a "Load the Pot" building maintenance fundraiser during the dance. ★

Pre-Rounds 7:30 p.m.
★ Mainstream Dance 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
★ Adults \$7 each

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