

FOOTNOTES





MICHAEL KELLOGG
California



TONY OXENDINE
South Carolina



CHARLIE ROBERTSON
California



JUSTIN RUSSELL
Tennessee



BRONC WISE
California



NEIL BOOTH &
PATTY HARSHMAN
California



MARYANN CALLAHAN &
CRAIG COWAN
California



SHARON & CASEY PARKER
California

50th ANNIVERSARY BAKERSFIELD FIESTA

MARCH 18, 19, 20, 2016

KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1142 SOUTH P STREET
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93307

MAINSTREAM • PLUS • ADVANCED • CHALLENGE • ROUNDS

• ALL DANCES ON THE FAIRGROUNDS •

BONUS DANCE: FRIDAY, 2:00 - 4:00
Charlie Robertson

RV PARKING ON GROUNDS

www.bakersfieldfiesta.com

Sponsored by
The United Square Dancers Association
For Fiesta Information: 661-399-3658
E-MAIL: elgines@att.net

Thursday, March 17! Trail's End Dance!

Caller, Justin Russell; Cuer, Neil Booth
Pre-rounds, 6:45; Square Dance, 7:30
Pre-Sale price, \$8.00 - At the Door, \$10.00

PLEASE DETACH HERE

MAKE REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO BAKERSFIELD FIESTA
MAIL PRE-REGISTRATION TO: BAKERSFIELD FIESTA, 413 CARR ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

		QTY. x EACH = \$	AMT.
NAME _____	3-DAY PACKAGE	x \$40	_____
ADDRESS _____	3-Day Package After March 6, 2016	x \$45	_____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	3-Day Package, 17 and under	x \$20	_____
Telephone No. (____) _____	Tickets for Trail's End Dance, Pre-Sale	x \$8	_____
	NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 6, 2016	TOTAL REG.	\$ _____

AVAILABLE AT DOOR ONLY:
Friday All Programs \$16 Sat. Evening Program Only . . . \$15
Saturday Only, All Programs . . \$35 Sunday Only \$ 8
Sat. Afternoon & Evening . . . \$25

Motel infor. Yes No Indicate dance level:
Ms Pl Advanced Ch Rd

RV PRE-REGISTRATION: \$20.00 per night. At the gate, \$22.00.

Please check: Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun. Total nights checked _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Rev. 2/2015

JANUARY 2016 VOL. 66 NO. 5

CONTENTS

Table of Contents.....	1
Our Advertisers.....	2
Coming Events.....	3
Letter to the Editor.....	3
The Gavel.....	4
65th NSDC.....	5
From Your Editor • Maggie.....	6
From Your Editor • Scotty.....	7
January 2016 State meeting.....	8
Membership & Insurance.....	10
48th Leadership Seminar - 2016.....	12
Youth Coordinator.....	14
Squarely Speaking.....	15
Round Out Your Life.....	16
Sew Together.....	18
Solo Corner.....	20
2016 Festival "Tall Timber Calling".....	21
Club News Begins.....	22
Blue Mountain Council.....	22
Central Area Council.....	24
Central Puget Sound Council.....	26
Evergreen Council.....	29
Mount Baker Council.....	30
North Central Council.....	36
North Olympic Council.....	39
Peninsula Council.....	40
Rainier Council.....	42
Sou'Wester Council.....	48
Spokane Council.....	54
MacGregor Nominations.....	57
Yakima Valley Square Dance Center.....	58



JANUARY COVER

Yakima
Valley Square
Dance Center

Top: *An early
Spring Sashay*

Bottom: *The
Hall today*

See article
starting on
Page 58

Cover Photos & Design by
Scott Marriner

FOOTNOTES STAFF

Margaret Miller.....Co-Editor
 Scott & Shirley Marriner.....Co-Editor,
 Publisher & Graphic Design
 Kay & Roger Mahan.....Business Manager
 George & Sharon Broom.....Advertising Mgr
 Mickey & Barbara Franz.....
Education & Leadership Seminar
 Rob & Vicki Krum.....Square Dance Editor
 Joyce Sebree.....Round Dance Editor
 Richard & Barbara Snyder.....
Membership & Insurance
 Karen & Dave Reichardt.....Sewing Editor
 Tiffany & Matthew Richard.....
 Youth Coordinators
 Kathy Rooney.....Solo Editor
 Inland Saxum Printing LLC., Walla Walla, WA
Printers

STATE OFFICERS

Gene & Tanya Carrier.....President
 Margaret & Kris Kiser.....Vice-President
 Tom & Donna Rhode.....Treasurer
 Bev & Gordon Mustard.....Recording Sec'y
 Lu & Bob Simmons.....Corresponding Sec'y

Subscribers: Please Check your mailing label for your FOOTNOTES expiration date. That is the month your last issue will arrive if you don't renew on time. One month ahead is best. Also, check to be sure your address is exactly right and send us your corrections.

PUBLICATION & POLICY STATEMENT
 FOOTNOTES (UPS 1733330) is published monthly except July & August at 10 N. 7th Avenue, Walla Walla, WA 99362-1865 by the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, a Non-Profit Corporation. Non-Profit Standard Postage paid at College Place, WA 99324. Subscription rate is \$15.00 per year. Canadians pay \$20.00 (US) per year. In the event that FOOTNOTES ceases to be printed, there will be no reimbursement of subscription payments. The editors reserve the right to condense, omit or rewrite all or any part of material received for publication and exercise their discretion in the acceptance of any material. The right to reprint articles or art work included in FOOTNOTES is given provided credit is given to Footnotes. For further information call 509-823-4675.

**POSTMASTER
Send address changes to:
Square & Folk Dance Federation
P O Box 11160
Yakima, WA 98909-2160**

PLEASE THANK OUR ADVERTISERS

Bakersfield Fiesta.....	IFC	Stardust Dancers.....	14
Blue Agate Squares.....	25	Susan Morris.....	34
Blue Mountain Council.....	23	Swinging Squares Plus.....	47
Bonney Lads 'N' Lassies.....	14	Tiger Mountain Engraving.....	25
Buzzin' Bees.....	14	Twin City Twirlers.....	19
Cougar Squares.....	14	Whirlybirds.....	34
Craig Abercrombie.....	11		
Flutterwheels.....	14		
Gateswingers.....	25		
Harbor Haylofters.....	19		
Mt. Baker Council.....	35		
Muddy Frogs.....	23		
North Central Council.....	38		
Peninsula Council.....	41		
Petticoat Junction.....	OBC		
Pi-R-Squares.....	28		
Prairie Shufflers.....	23		
Prairie Steppers.....	19		
R Square D.....	47		
Rainier Council.....	46		
Rhody O's Blues Chaser.....	IBC		
Round-A-Bouts.....	47		
Ruff & Ruffles.....	47		
Silhouette Dancers.....	25		
Silver Stars.....	28		
South Sound Singles.....	47		
Sou'Wester Council.....	52		
Spokane Area Council.....	53		
Square One Plus.....	47		

IFC = inside front cover • IBC = inside back cover • OBC = outside back cover

FOOTNOTES
PO Box 11160
Yakima, WA 98909- 2160
footnotes_wa@yahoo.com
509-522-2716

Mechanical Requirements Advertising Rates, per issue

Full page 4.5" x 7.5".....	\$55.00
Half page 4.5" x 3.7183".....	34.00
Quarter page (landscape) 4.5" x 1.8138".....	18.00
Quarter page (portrait) 2.1667" x 3.7183".....	18.00
One Column Inch ad 2.1667" x 1.0".....	7.00
One Column Inch ad 2.1667" x 1.0" (5 or more, one change free).....	6.00
Two Inch ad (landscape) 4.5" x 1.0".....	14.00
(5 or more, one change free).....	12.00
Two Inch ad (portrait) 2.1667" x 2.0833".....	14.00
(5 or more, one change free).....	12.00
Copy Change Monthly***.....	2.00
Copy Change Permanent.....	No Charge

NOTE: ***\$2.00 Copy Change Monthly charge applies to all ads quarter page and smaller with the exception of one inch ads, which are \$1.00 per month.

AD DEADLINE: 1st of each month preceding the month of publication.

Payment due prior to publication for all ads

Advertise

your awesome
Club, Dance, Business
in

FOOTNOTES

contact our sales representatives:

George & Sharon Broom
206.842.5147
geobrooms@aol.com

THEY WORK FOR PEANUTS!

COMING EVENTS

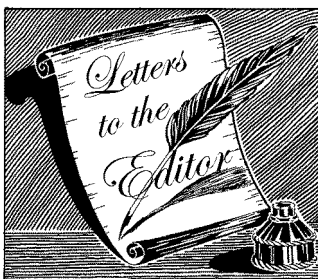
www.squaredance-wa.org

January 2016 State Federation Business Meeting
Rose Valley Grange • Kelso, Washington
Hosted by Sou'Wester Council
January 16, 2016

64th Washington State Square and Folk Dance Festival
"Tall Timber Calling"
Longview, Washington
June 17 - 18, 2016

*65th National Square Dance Convention**
Des Moines, Iowa
June 22 - 25, 2016

48th Annual Education & Leadership Seminar
Circle 8 Ranch
Cle Elum, Washington
July 8, 9, & 10, 2016



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.

From the FOOTNOTES mailbox

We are presently reading the most recent issue (Volume 66 #4, December 2015) of FOOTNOTES. Soon FOOTNOTES will be changing to an online edition. The costs of printing our great magazine are a part of this decision. These are changing times and we have to change with them even though a number of us still like reading the hard copy. Please take a few minutes to sit down and thank the many people who have made this magazine so great. Two of them come to mind - Margaret Miller and Scott and Shirley Marriner. These folks as editors have put in endless hours over the many years. In addition to these folks, we need to thank the many, many people in clubs and councils who have sent in articles and advertisements. Only a few months to go. So enjoy these last hard copy editions. See you in a square,

George and Sharon Broom



THE GAVEL
Gene & Tanya Currier
 360.427.3261
 curriertanya@juno.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and had plenty to eat. Tanya and I did. My new years resolution is to do everything I can to increase the number of dancers in our state. We have been in a decline in numbers for several years and are now under 3000. We all need to get out and ask our friends and neighbors to come to lessons. One on one contact has always been the best way to get new dancers. Many clubs will be having lessons starting in the New Year and they will need help. So get out and bring someone or help by being an angel.

The next state federation meeting will be January 16, 2016 in Kelso, WA. at the Rose Valley Grange, 1520 Rose Valley Rd. Kelso, WA. We will look forward to seeing everyone.

The 2016 State Square Dance Festival will also be in Kelso/Longview area on June 17 & 18, 2016 at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center, 1900 7th Ave., Longview, WA. 98632. Please send in your reservation. As of November, we only had 142 registered. It will be a great weekend with Jet Roberts from Sacramento calling, Chuck & Sandy Weiss doing rounds, & Kellee Ramirez Cueing Clogging.

Don't forget to let your state delegate know your desires before the state meeting, as to what to do about Footnotes.

As the New Year begins we want to think of those who are not as fortunate as the rest of us. It is the season of giving and being charitable. God bless everyone and best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

Gene & Tanya Currier

*"Each Square Dance Lights Anew
 The Flame of Friendship True.
 The Joy We've Had in Knowing You
 Will Last Our Whole Life Through."*

**CHARLIE COOK,
 CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL**



Only 25% of the dancers who pre-registered have completed the long form. The long form is very important as it indicates what type of dancing you will be doing, so rooms can be reserved accordingly. List all the publications that need to be ordered, program, sewing and cook books. Also the hotels requested among other things.

Please be aware, times are changing and we don't have as many dancers as we once had so the facility needs to change also. We can no longer afford to pay for space that is not utilized by the dancers so we are doing our best to have rooms the size needed. Please register early and mark where you prefer to dance so we know how large to have these rooms. If the rooms are too small it is because we don't know how large they need to be.

At the 65th National Square Dance Convention * we plan to cut the tours off one hour before their departure time, so please get your reservations in early. This is to give us time to make sure we have everyone registered on the list accounted for at the departure sight and our treasurer will be able to give us checks for each place we are visiting to pay for them.

There are 2,238 registered with 39% of the downtown hotel rooms gone. However that still leaves 3,200 still available. Also still plenty of rooms available out of the downtown area.

Because of the cost and other problems we will not be renting scooters; in addition there will be no lifts on the buses transporting dancers. However there are plenty of handicapped spaces at the convention center to be used.

We also have found several clogging instructors so we will be making a room available.

There will be a live band for the contra dancers to enjoy.

The 2016 NSDC * is honored to provide exhibitions from six different groups. The exhibition groups will perform multiple times throughout the convention so be sure to take a break from dancing and catch one of their shows. One of these is:

River City Riders

The River City Riders are from Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington as they have earned their way back to perform for this years convention in Des Moines, Iowa. The "horses" have been to five national's, training new riders on their way. Their outstanding caller, Jim Hattrick, makes this possible. He has incorporated the Hex in their six couple square.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Margaret Miller
509-525-9079
m2p2w2@yahoo.com



THE CHANGING TIMES

2016, WOW!!! It seems only yesterday that I was a new dancer and the Eastside Twirlers were one of the largest Solo Square Dance clubs in the Greater Seattle Area. It did not take long for that to change. Square dancers are no longer as visible as they once were. When you bring up the subject you will hear tales of clubs and big dances attended by your great grandparents. They are gone the way of Dick Clark and the Big Band sounds popular in their youth. Let's face it, times change as do fashion.

Support your local youth clubs. They are the future... How? Dave Harry and David Boggs can and are leading the way.

Maggie



Dancers, Callers, Cuers, Clubs
Please visit and use the Washington
Federation Web Site often

<http://www.squaredance-wa.org>

Send lesson information
immediately to:
Webmaster, Teresa Snider
webmaster@squaredance-wa.org

FOOTNOTES DEADLINE(S)

First of the month preceeding publication
for all articles, ads and photos.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Scotty & Shirley Marriner
509-952-3694
ssmarriner2@msn.com



On the horizon

During the past few years we have endeavored to favor our readers with articles on dancer owned Square Dance Halls and Callers who have been calling for 50 years (give or take). It has been a bit of a struggle to find persons who would research and write such articles for us, but we have managed a few. This month we direct your attention to the article on the history of the Yakima Valley Square Dance Center. As some of you may recall we lived in Yakima for 25 years and were deeply involved with the acquisition, remodeling and countless activities that have taken place there. It is with no small amount of nostalgia that we re-live those experiences as they are described by the Kruses and Hamiltons beginning on Page 58.

We talked about this last month and will broach the topic one more time. The next five months of FOOTNOTES will be the last of this publication's 66 year printing history. Thus they will be historical issues, which some folks may wish to keep as mementos. If you are reading this magazine, and know of others who do not subscribe, here is your homework. Get everyone in your club and council to send in a partial subscription for the last five issues of FOOTNOTES (*February through June 2016*). It's easy. Attach a check for \$7.50 to a subscription form (or even a plain piece of paper will do as long as it has your name and address on it) and mail to the FOOTNOTES address:

FOOTNOTES
address
FOOTNOTES
PO BOX 11160
YAKIMA, WA 98909-2160

That'll do it for this time. We wish for each of you a Healthy and Happy New Year. If we were in Washington we'd also say "see you in a square", but since we are so many miles distant we will say that when we are in a square, wherever we are, will will be thinking of you.

Yellowrocks,

Scotty & Shirley--

SQUARE & FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF WASHINGTON

www.squaredance-wa.org

January 2016 State Meeting

Hosted by the

Sou'Wester Council

www.sqdance.org

Saturday Meeting, January 16, 2016 at Rose Valley Grange

State Federation Meeting 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

Luncheon 12 Noon - 1:00 PM

State Federation Meeting 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday Dance Jan. 15, 2016

Rose Valley Grange*

From: 7:30 – 10:00 PM

MS/w Plus Tips, Trail-In, Casual Attire

7:30 Pre-rounds, 8-10 PM Dance

Hosted by Sou'Wester Council

Open Mic

Caller Host: Jim Hatrick

Cuer Host: Lonnie Sycks

Fri. & Sat. Ways & Means to benefit Festival 2016 - Hosted by Sou'Wester Council

DANCE DONATION ADULTS \$7.00 YOUTH \$3.50

***Rose Valley Grange 1520 Rose Valley Rd. Kelso, WA 98626**

Dry Camping by Donation at Rose Valley Grange

Dick & Sandy Sims 360-636-1993 or 360-749-3963

dandssims@comcast.net for details

***Catlin Grange 205 Shawnee St. Kelso, WA 98626**

Saturday Dance Jan. 16, 2016

Catlin Grange*

From: 7:30 – 10:00 PM

MS/ Traditional Attire

7:30 Pre-Rounds, 8-10 PM Dance

Hosted by Ruff & Ruffles

Caller: Jim Raupp

Cuer: Susan Healea

Motels

***Motel 6** 360-425-3229 / Coffee Only
106 Minor Rd.
Kelso, WA 98626
1 Queen \$44.39 2 Full \$51.05
Reservations 800-466-8356

***Super 8** 360-423-8880 / Breakfast
250 Kelso Drive
Kelso, WA 98626
1 Queen \$63.90 2 Queens \$72.90

***Comfort Inn** 360-425-4600 / Breakfast
440 Three Rivers Drive
Kelso, WA 98626
2 Queens \$89.00 1 King \$99.00

***Guest House Inn** 360-414-5953 / Breakfast
501 Three Rivers Drive
Kelso, WA 98626
1 King \$94.30 2 Queens \$99.85

All Motels are off Exit 39 on I-5 N & S

Meetings

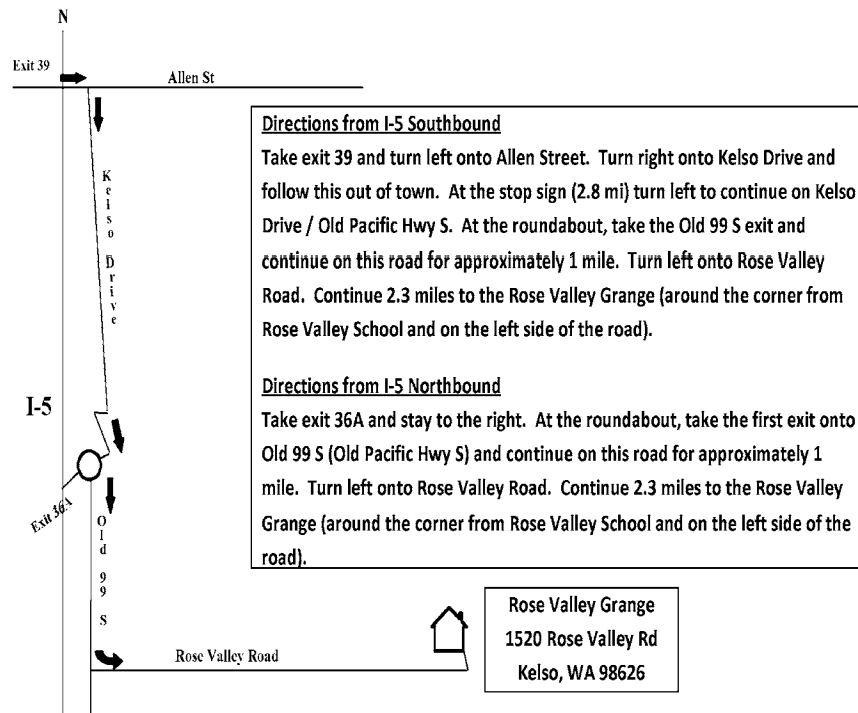
***Leadership Seminar Dinner Meeting**
5 PM Friday, January 15
Izzy's / 360-578-1626
1001 Grant St. 3 Rivers Mall
Kelso, WA 98626

***XP Breakfast Meeting**
7 AM Saturday, January 16
Bob Paul's Restaurant / 360 636 6181
1140 15th Ave
Longview, WA 98632

***State Festival Meeting**
7:30 AM Saturday, January 16
1520 Rose Valley Rd. [Grange]
Kelso, WA 98626

***Suggestion for Dinner**
Kim Bowl Restaurant [Chinese] / 360-636-3388
1228 Vandercook Way
Longview, WA 98632

**Rose Valley Grange is off Exit 39 on I-5 S
or Exit 36A on I-5 N**



Membership & Insurance

Richard & Barbara Snyder
5612 S. Napa Street
Spokane, WA 99223-8248
509-443-0126
richlsnyder@comcast.net



Membership renewals coming in February and March

Greetings and Happy New Year!

Wow, another year is done!! 2015 really did go by fast!

We, along with 200,000 other people in Eastern Washington, just experienced a reminder that those 'good old days' we all talk about: no electricity, no heat, no refrigeration, no chickens to tell you what time to go to bed and get up, really weren't that good! We were among some of the luckier folks, we were only without electricity four and a half days, and no damage what so ever in our immediate area.

The start of a new year for us means that we will begin the process of the club and individual membership renewals. In February we will be emailing club renewals to the council treasurers and in March we will be emailing individual membership renewals to each club treasurer. Our articles in the next two issues of 'Footnotes' will explain these two processes in detail. And remember, we are always available for any assistance needed.

We are receiving your requests to add new members to your clubs, keep them coming, we want our membership to grow. Also, don't forget to send us your new student's names.

A little old lady went to the grocery store to buy cat food. The girl at the register said "We cannot sell you cat food without proof you have a cat. Some older folks buy cat food to eat, so we require proof that you have a cat". The little old lady went home, picked up her cat, brought it back to the store and they sold her the cat food. The following week she came to the store to buy two cans of dog food. The girl at the register said "We cannot sell you dog food without proof you have a dog. Some older folks buy dog food to eat, so we require proof that you have a dog". So she went home, brought back her dog, and they sold her the dog food. The following week she brought in a match box with a hole in the lid. She told the cashier to stick her finger in the hole. The cashier said "No! You might have something in there that will hurt me". The little old lady assured her there was absolutely nothing in there that would hurt her. So the cashier put her finger in the box and quickly jerked it out. She said "That smells like poop!" The little old lady said "It is! Now can I buy some toilet paper?"

Take care,
Richard and Barbara

HAVE FUN DANCING TO

CRAIG ABERCROMBIE



BASIC LESSONS

R Square D, Every Wednesday, Jan 6 & 13, 7:30pm
Kelso Senior center, Kelso, WA

St Helens Squares, Every Sunday, Jan 10, 6:00pm
St Helens Senior Center, St Helens, OR

Fairway Village Sqs, Every Monday, Jan 11 & 18, 12:30 pm
Fairway Village Ballroom, Vancouver, WA

PLUS LESSONS

R Square D, Every Wednesday, Jan 6 & 13, 6:30 pm
Kelso Senior Center, Kelso, WA

MAINSTREAM DANCES

Fairway Village Sqs, Every Monday, 12:30pm
Fairway Village Ballroom, Vancouver, WA

Tumbleweeds, Jan 8, 11:00 a.m.
IOOF Hall, Milwaukee, OR

R Square D, Friday, Jan 8, 7:30p.m.
Kelso Senior Center, Kelso, WA

R Square D, Saturday, Jan 23 7:30 p.m.
Kelso Senior Center, Kelso, WA

MID WINTER FESTIVAL, Jan 29 & 30
On Program
Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR

Cabercrombie1@comcast.net or Call 971-223-6128

48TH ANNUAL EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Barbara & Mickey Franz

9608 60th St. NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258-4010
Mickey 425.334.5184 - Barbara 206.719.7293 • wef1938@yahoo.com

ARRIVING EARLY? STAYING LATE?

Happy New Year everyone. With the new year it will soon be time for the Education and Leadership Seminar. Have you registered or at least considered registering. Everyone seems to have a good time and the dancing is always A#1.

Just a note to campers if you are coming early or staying a few days after the Seminar do NOT contact Circle 8 for anything for our weekend. If you are coming early or staying late, request it from our Wagon Master and we will let Circle 8 know.

The wagon master for Leadership is:

Madalyn and Lewis Cato
4444 S 168TH ST
SEATAC WA 98188-3236
206-244-4746
Email: mbourgcato@aol.com


Motel accommodations are available in Cle Elum 13 miles east of the ranch. There is also a two bedroom house available thru Circle 8.

There are a lot of grassy areas also for the campers who tent camp. A campsite layout is available on the web.




Mickey and Barbara

FOOTNOTES DEADLINE(S)
First of the month preceeding publication
for all articles, ads and photos.



2nd Weekend in July
Friday • Saturday • Sunday



48th Annual Square Dance Education & Leadership Seminar

Circle 8 Ranch, Cle Elum, WA
July 8, 9 & 10, 2016

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
Glen & Tami Shaw
1278 Roy Place
Camano Island, WA 98282-6373
360.387.5055 • tamisperry@msn.com

Council	Club		
Last Name	First Name		
Last Name	First Name		
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Phone with area code	Email Address		

Do you want the Seminar Booklet?

The booklet, in any form, is included in the registration fee

Yes

Paper Copy

CD ROM Disk

No - I do not want the book.

Via Email

Fees: \$15.00 Per Person • \$30.00 Per Couple/Family \$ _____

Camping \$22.00 Per Night (Tents Welcome)

Number of Nights _____ @ \$22.00 Per Night \$ _____

Type of RV (Motorhome, 5th Wheel, Trailer) Circle one

Length of RV _____ **Number of slides** _____

Desired Space Number _____ **Tow Vehicle** _____

Arrival Day/Date _____ **TOTAL \$** _____

Do you plan on having lunch at Leadership Seminar on Saturday?

Yes No

Please make checks payable to 48th Leadership Seminar
Cancellations must be in writing and requested by June 15, 2016
No refunds after June 15, 2016 • NO ROLL OVERS
Full Registration form on State website: www.squaredance-wa.org

January 2016

www.squaredance-wa.org

FOOTNOTES | 13

YOUTH COORDINATOR

**Tiffany & Matthew
Richard**

Youth Coordinators
teencoordinator2015@gmail.com



SQUARELY SPEAKING

Rob & Vicki Krum

Spokane Valley, WA
509.768.7777
robvickik@gmail.com



Costumes create enthusiasm

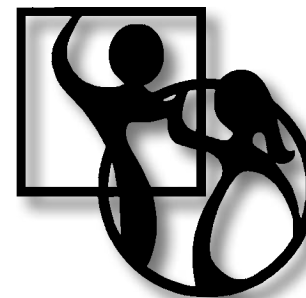
Wishing all a very a Happy New Year

I am sure all the club dances were / are great fun with Christmas on our minds. Hope you added enjoyment by dressing up for some of these holiday occasions... Halloween costumes or playing Santa Claus could be a lot of fun and it creates enthusiasm throughout the entire club to see someone come all dress up as an "Angel" or the "Devil". The more enthusiasm we create, the more members we can attract. The more people, the more talk everywhere means new people at lessons.

Don't be shy about the checkout line at the grocery store, you never know who is listening and I am sure and know for a fact some folks will think yeah I did that a long time ago... and sure was fun at) some other function or house party. Wow! Square dancers do that too.

To me it's all about having fun and if they have a fun time they'll come back and talk about it at other places they go. You never know who is listening. See ya on the dance floor!

Rob/ Vicki



June 17-18, 2016
Longview, Washington

COUGAR SQUARES

1st Sat Sep-Jun
Plus 7:30 MS 8 - 10:30 PM
3rd Thurs Jul (7 PM) / 1st Thurs Aug (7 PM)
Sound Enhancement
Caller/Cuer - JIM RAUPP
St. Francis Rectory Hall/Spencer Rd.
off Jackson Hwy. Toledo, WA



BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES

Mainstream, Plus Tip
2nd & 4th Sat Sep - Jun, 2nd Sat Jul & Aug
Pre-rds 7:30 - 8 MS w/+ tip 8 - 10:30 PM
GREG WEBER, Caller
LORRAINE ROUSE, Cuer
Collins Grange 3404 - 120th St E Tacoma

FLUTTERWHEELS

1st Saturday 7-10 pm Mainstream
+ 3rd Saturday 7:00-9:30 pm Student Level
Don Wood, Caller • Ron Woolcock, Cuer
+ Glenn Raiha, Caller Guest Cuer
Lac-A-Do Hall-1721 46th NE, Olympia, WA
Sound Enhancement + All Dancers Welcome

STARDUST DANCERS

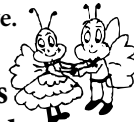
Round Dance Club
SUSAN HEALEA, Cuer
1st & 3rd Thursday 7:30 - 9:30 PM
Catlin Grange #199
205 Shawnee St., Kelso, Washington

Buzzin' Bees MS Square Dance Club

1st & 3rd Sat. at Hazel Dell Grange
Pre-Rounds at 7:30 Squares at 8:00
7509 NE Hazel Dell Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98665

Caller: K.C. Curtis
Cuer: Debbie Combs

Questions? (360) 253-3820



ROUND OUT YOUR LIFE

Joyce Sebree

360.427.7165

icueRD4u@aol.com



Here is an opportunity for new cuers, new teachers, experienced cuers, teachers and dancers. The Northwest Round Dance Teachers Association is hosting a Cuer Conference (*Round Dance Cuer/Teacher Seminar*), at Circle 8 Ranch, July 28th thru July 31st, 2016.

The Clinicians are Sharon and Casey Parker from Maneca, CA. The Parkers are very well known for their teaching, choreography and dance styling.

There will be Round Dancing in the evening with the attending cuers doing the rounds. The dance program in the evenings will consist of Phase II through Phase IV rounds.

Casual attire during daytime sessions, casual or dance attire at the evening dances Friday and Saturday. What an opportunity to dance with cuers from all over Washington State. Possibly there will be cuers from other states also.

If you would like more information on the Cuer Conference, hosted by the Northwest Round Dance Teacher's Association, you can contact: Susan Healea – mscue@hotmail.com, or call 360-423-7423. Susan will have registration forms if requested.

Here are some Learning Hints which round dancers might be interested in reviewing:

1. *Learn in small doses; don't expect to learn everything at once. Some things that you have been taught may take awhile to learn.*
2. *Measure your progress against your own performance, not against another person or couple.*
3. *Go over what you have learned later in the same evening, even if only for 5 or 10 minutes. Perhaps you could focus on a maneuver that you found more difficult. Practice as often as possible until the next lesson night. If you are not able to practice you will still learn but practice will help your progress.*
4. *Feel free to practice on the dance floor. You will probably find there are other dancers who will also be practicing on the dance floor. You need to remember that dancers have different levels in their learning abilities so focus only on your practicing.*
5. *You need to remember that learning takes place in "spurts". Some maneuvers take longer to learn, so you need to be patient.*
6. *In dancing, the first group of instructions enable you to dance the basic essentials: where your feet are placed, relationship of your dance position to your partner, and*

Cowboy Up

Choreographer: Jim & Vonnie Spence

Music: Chris LeDoux CD: "After The Storm" Track #7 or Download

Rhythm: Two Step Phase: Phase II + 2 (Strolling Vine, Fishtail)

Sequence: Intro, A, B, Int, A, B, C, B, Ending

INTRODUCTION

WAIT 2 MEASURES ; ; APART POINT ; TOGETHER TO BFLY WALL ;

PART A

FACE TO FACE ; BACK TO BACK ; SLOW TWIST VINE 4 ; ;
FISHTAIL ; WALK 2 ; HITCH FWD 3 ; HITCH/SCISSORS SCP ;
LACE ACROSS ; FWD TWO STEP ; HITCH FWD 3 ; BACK SIDE THROUGH ;
LACE ACROSS ; TWO STEP TO CP ; BOX ; ;
SIDE DRAW CLOSE ;

PART B

LEFT TURNING BOX ; ; ; ;
2 FWD 2 STEPS ; ; 2 TURNING 2 STEPS ; ;
STROLLING VINE ; ; ; ;
CIRCLE AWAY 2 TWO STEPS ; ; STRUT TOGETHER 4 ; ;
1/2 BOX ; SCISSORS THROUGH ;

INTERLUDE

TRAVELING DOOR 2X ; ; ; ;

REPEAT PART A (1 – 17)

REPEAT PART B (1 – 18)

PART C

VINE 3 & TOUCH ; WRAP ; UNWRAP ; CHANGE SIDES ;
VINE 3 & TOUCH ; WRAP ; UNWRAP ; CHANGE SIDES ;
SIDE DRAW CLOSE ;

REPEAT PART B (1 – 18)

ENDING

TRAVELING BOX ; ; ; SCP ;
HITCH 6 ; ; TWIRL VINE 2 ; APART & POINT

alignment as to where you are in relation to the room.

7. *The man is not totally responsible for leading. Both must learn the foot pattern, and then the leading skill will be much easier to learn.*
8. *Give yourself time to learn. Be kind to yourself and your partner. Enjoy learning together as well as dancing together.*

Please take the time to enjoy your dancing. You do not have to be perfect, we want you to have fun. Don't be afraid to ask your teacher or cuer to help you if you are having trouble with a maneuver.

HAPPY DANCING

Joyce Sebree



SEW TOGETHER

Karen & Dave Reichardt
dkreichardt@gmail.com
www.squaredancesewing.com

NEW YEAR'S TOSS

The sewing area is a place where cleaning and organizing energy runs out. Is it because we get distracted by the possibilities? Or is it because we would rather sew than clean? There is something about sewing that causes over active saving. We save a six inch piece of lace, an old zipper, and an empty thread spool. All of these things take up space in our limited sewing area and they take up time when we have to paw through them to find what we need. Set aside a time to clean and organize the sewing area.

Let's start small. Look at the bobbins. If there is only a little bit of thread on the bobbin wind it back on the spool or just toss it away. Thread may be taking up bobbin space that doesn't have a spool to match. Are two yards really worth saving? A bobbin only holds 35 to 40 yards and it usually takes 2 bobbins to complete a garment. Free up several bobbins so that they will be ready for the next new creation. Check for rust, rough spots or cracks. These can damage your machine. - Toss out any bad bobbins.

On to the thread spools. If there are any wooden spools, they are over 40 years old. That thread is very fragile and will break under the normal stress of the sewing machine. If there is only one layer of thread on a spool there isn't enough for a mend-ing job. Those

spools are taking up space and getting in the way. Buy new strong thread when buying new fabric. - Toss out old thread.

Pins and needles don't last forever. Machine needles pass through the fabric 500,000 times per hour when sewing at high speed. They get worn out. Sew a seam with a used needle and then put in a brand new needle and sew. Listen to the difference and look at the quality of the stitching. The needle passes cleanly through the fabric and the machine doesn't work as hard. Pins get old and damaged from repeated use; they will snag and ruin fabric. - Toss out old needles and pins.

Take all the scissors in to be sharpened. Properly cared for your sewing scissors can last a long time. Always buy quality scissors. To check, hold them up by one finger bow, they should stay closed. If they fall open they are too loose. If the scissor sharpener can't tighten them, open the junk drawer. - Toss them in.

Purchase a couple of new seam rippers, get Clover®, brand. They are sharper than other seam rippers. Dull cutting edges require more force to open the seam. That pulls on the fabric and stretches the edges. Using more force can cause the ripper to slip and rip right through the fabric instead of the seam. - Toss out old seam rippers.

We scrunch pattern pieces tightly together to 'save' fabric for our scrap bins. Those bins are full of pieces that aren't big enough for anything. This became very apparent when I was asked to make baby doll clothes. Many scraps, I had hoarded, weren't big enough. - Weed out the bits and toss them.

If you just can't toss those, scraps make a sewing box for a child. Get small tool box and stock it with scissors, pins, needles, and thread (those almost empty spools). Add odd buttons that are bouncing around in your sewing stuff. Gather pieces of lace, elastic and ribbon that are too short to be useful. Put the fabric, trim and elastic in a large bin. Place the tool box on top of the bin and add a big ribbon. That makes a present that will spark her imagination and provide hours of creative joy.

For the final step of spring

cleaning open up your fabric collection. It is not a stash because stash implies that we are hiding something and that is certainly not true. So dig under the bed, reach to the top closet shelves and pull the drawers all the way out. Place all of your fabric in a pile and look at each piece. What are your plans for this fabric? Do you have enough? Do you really like it? If you don't enjoy the fabric, you won't enjoy working on it. If you feel forced to work on it the sewing will not go well. Life is too short and sewing time is too limited to sew on ugly fabric. Take all of those pieces of fabric that you no longer want and hold a fabric swap with your sewing friends.

Cleaning and organizing your sewing area will give your creativity a boost and enable you to find things faster and easier. Start the New Year with a new attitude and a new square dance dress.

HARBOR HAYLOFTERS

3rd Saturday monthly except
2nd Saturday in June

Caller: Randy & Chris

Carlson

Pre Rounds 7:00
Ms Dance 8 - 10:00

NEW LOCATION

American Legion Hall

112 W 1st St. - Aberdeen, WA

TWIN CITY TWIRLERS

1st & 3rd Sat: Oct 4, 2014 thru June 6, 2015

Caller: Butch Sutley

Curer: Lorraine Kennedy

Rounds: 7:30pm - Squares: 8:00pm

(509) 758-3543 • <http://lcsq.info>

2130 5th Ave., Clarkston, WA

FOOTNOTES DEADLINE(S)

First of the month preceeding publication
for all articles, ads and photos.

Prairie Steppers

2nd Saturday, 7 - 8 Plus • 8 - 10:30 Mainstream

September to May, Oakview Grange, 2715 N. Pearl, Centralia, WA 98531

DON WOOD, CALLER • LONNIE SYCKS, CUER

Chicken Dance TBA watch for ad in Footnotes

THE SOLO CORNER

Kathy Rooney

dancerooney@centurylink.net
360.456.8031



POOR MAN, POOR WOMEN...

WHO'S MOST UNCOMFORTABLE?

Solos have gradually blended into square dancing, with a few bumps still remaining. One bump is "The Gender Gap". Just as some wives have struggled to bring their husbands to try square dancing, and others never get to dance because their husbands resist, there are generally more women than men in the dance world, including at solo clubs.

Attending my first solo club dance, I was saddened to see smiling, very presentable women sitting on the sidelines at dances, seeming not to mind missing the fun, though all the guys had chosen a partner, and it wasn't them.

At State Festivals, solos can find the Hitching Post, usually a spot in the bleachers sporting a big sign, where mostly women sit, openly hoping some man will come by looking for a partner. Worse yet, there may be several women sitting there when a man comes by. Poor man, poor women...who's most uncomfortable? It always takes me back to grade school days when the team captains choose their team members, and eventually both teams are full and some remain, unchosen. Shudder!

Occasionally, State Festivals include a small hall for solo dances, or they may have a reception space where solos can gather and socialize. From the number of squares in the solo hall, I'd say solos, like most minorities, don't want to be sidelined. I've had fun in those little halls, but the big world outside that hall calls to me.

Imagine the ideal, everyone partnered, everyone dancing, no discomfort, no sitting out, just a rousing square dance that includes everyone. Oh, that's right, that's the way it is for couples. Next month I'll write about that experience, which I found back in 1986, as a solo dancer, after 20 years of on and off dancing, as my partners came and went.

Kathy Rooney, happy solo dancer

Meet Kellee Ramirez

**Featured Clogging Cuer for the 64th
Washington State Festival**



Kellee Ramirez has been clogging for 32 years and teaching at workshops for 25 years. Being the product of a square dance caller father (Bill Hanzel) and a clogging instructor mother (Janice Hanzel), teaching clogging is in her blood!

She is the director of the Afershock Clogging Team from Sacramento, California. She has been a member of the Hillbilly Cloggers under the direction of Janice Hanzel and Southern Spectacular under the direction of Barry Welch. Kellee has had the privilege of sharing her clogging talents in Australia and all over the USA. At the age of 19, she was the youngest president of the Northern California Cloggers Association, where she has been an active member of the board for the past 22 years.

When Kellee is not teaching clogging, she is busy being a wife and mom to Hailey (16) and son (8) who both clog with Aftershock. Her real job is with the State of California. Her fun jobs besides clogging are teaching Zumba and owning her own skin care business with Rodan and Field.

Kellee is grateful for the opportunity to share her dances and her talents with the state of Washington.



**Kellee Ramirez
West Sacramento, California**

**Tall Timber Calling
2016 State Festival
June 17 & 18, 2015**

**Cowlitz Regional Conference Center
Longview, Washington**



BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Margaret Miller
Area Reporter
509-522-2716
m2p2w2@yahoo.com



PRAIRIE SHUFFLER'S... hard to believe another year has gone by, 2016 now. Our new dancers joined us for our Christmas party/potluck/dance it was a great time. Tina Allaway and Larry Clark called and Bill Holm cued. Good food, good friends, and good dancing.

Our circle of friends joined us for News Year Eve dance, hosted this year by the Prairie Shuffler's. Daron Tandberg called Bill Holm cued.

Tina Allaway is MC Friday January 15th with the 4x8 Youth calling and Bill Holm cueing. This should be a real treat. For more info see our ad

The **MELODY MIXERS** dance every Tuesday evening at the Shanty in Kennewick. Our usual program is Phase 4 dancing 5:30 to 6:30, beginning Waltz lessons 6:30 to 8:00 and Phase 3 & easy 4 dancing 8:00 to 9:00. We will be finishing beginning Waltz the end of January. Our students are really doing well.

Guest are always welcome. For more information contact Bill & Karen Holm.

BkHolm@charter.net 509-542-1310

FAMILY a-FAIR: This last year has gone by very fast. Club members have followed our teacher Jim Swanson and his wife Thelma to places all over the country putting on exhibitions and dancing with other clubs. We've had people in our clubs who have had surgery or illness... our prayers are still for them. We have those dancing the beau position getting better all of the time. Our new dancers are progressing well, some are going on to Plus lessons. We are still having lessons at the Elks every Monday in Walla Walla.

Have a great New Year.

Mickey Thompson

The **MUDDY FROGS** will be continuing lessons on January 3rd and 10th at the Community Building in Milton-Freewater, but there will be no third Sunday dance and no lessons on January 17th, 24th or 31st, as Bill and Neva Reid, our intrepid caller and cuer, will be in Hawaii, soaking up the sun, while the rest of us will be wishing we could join them! Lessons will resume as usual on Sunday afternoons on February 7th from 2:00-3:30 for Mainstream and 3:45-5:00 for Social Ballroom Dance.

The third Sunday in February will be our anniversary dance from 3:00-5:00

at the Community Building.

We would love to have you join us! And Happy New Year!

Keep on dancin'!

Barb Walter

TRI-CITY CIRCULATORS: A Plus Club: contact Thelma Swanson – 509-539-2660 or paintedswan@frontier.com



PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS

Shufflers Shanty

717 N. Irving, Kennewick

FRIDAY OR SATURDAY DANCING:

PLUS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

MAINSTREAM 8 - 10:30 PM

January 15th-TINA ALLAWAY, MC & 4x8 YOUTH CALLERS/
BILL HOLM

February 5th-DOUG DAVIS/BILL HOLM

February 19th-TINA ALLAWAY/BILL HOLM and
class graduation

509-628-0354 or 509-783-1521

MUDDY FROGS SQUARE DANCE CLUB



Caller: Bill Reid

Cuer: Neva Reid

3rd Sundays • 3 to 5 PM

Milton-Freewater Community Center

105 NE 5th Milton-Freewater, OR

For info • e-mail: merrianeh@charter.net

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Sunday

Muddy Frogs: Mainstream and Rounds

3rd Sunday Year Around

Bill & Neva Reed Teachers with Guest Callers/Cuers (see ad)

Milton-Freewater Community Center 109 NW 5th

Milton-Freewater, OR

Contact Merri Anne Huber 541-861-9055 or

merrianeh@charter.net

Tuesday

Melody Mixers: Rounds Ph 2-4

Every Tuesday Year Around

Cuer Bill & Karen Holm

Shuffler's Shanty 717 N Irving, Kennewick, WA

Contact Karen Holm 509-542-1310 or bkholm@charter.net

Thursday

Tri-City Circulators: Plus and Rounds

Every Thursday Year Around

Caller Jim Swanson & Guest Cuers

Eagles Lodge #2485 115 Fruitland St, Kennewick, WA

Contact Thelma Swanson 509-539-2660 or

paintedswan@frontier.com

Friday or Saturday

Prairie Shufflers: Mainstream with Plus and Rounds

1st & 3rd Friday or Saturday September thru July (check ad for details)

Guest Callers (see ad) and Cuer Bill Holm

Shuffler's Shanty 717 N Irving, Kennewick, WA 509-783-4222

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 or

vickiweber99@yahoo.com

Family a-Fair: Mainstream with Plus and Rounds

1st & 4th Saturday Year Around

Caller Jim Swanson/Cuer Lorna Hayden

Elks Lodge 351 E Rose St Walla-Walla WA 509-525-2870

Contact Thelma Swanson 509-539-2660 or

paintedswan@frontier.com



**CENTRAL
AREA
COUNCIL** www.centralareacouncil.org
Area Reporter
Carel & Michael Edgerly
509-674-5744
carel@centurylink.net

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL hopes everyone had a great Christmas holiday, and has made some New Year's resolutions that you can actually keep. The first one, we hope, is to attend our 5th Saturday dance on January 30th at the Fruitvale Grange, 2908 Castlevale Road, in Yakima.

We all had a great time at the Gateswingers' Anniversary Dance and all of our holiday parties. Best wishes for a Happy New Year full of dancing to all of you.

Carel Edgerly, carel@centurylink.net

Happy New Year greetings from all of the **BLUE AGATES!** We look forward to dancing with many of you in 2016.

The Blue Agates continue to dance on the second Friday and fourth Saturday of each month starting with pre-rounds at 7:30 pm and continuing to 10 pm. Daron Tandberg is our caller and Cyndi Silicki our cuer. We dance at the Swauk Teanaway Grange on Ballard Hill Road in Cle Elum that has a beautiful view of the Teanaway near Blewett Pass.

Our Christmas party last month was special because it was held at the Flying Horseshoe Ranch not far away from our Grange. We did a gift exchange and shared potluck dishes for a fun afternoon.

Lessons will start in January. We will host a potluck to welcome prospective dancers. Manord and Joy Rucker are chairing the Lessons Committee. Lessons will start on Tuesday, January 12th, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm with Daron Tandberg teaching.

Save Saturday, April 2nd for our Anniversary Dance when John Corrigan calls and Jim Dobbs cues. More information about this special dance coming up in a later Footnotes.

Sally Gililand, sallygililand@gmail.com

The **GATESWINGERS** wish everybody a Happy New Year. May this year bring you joy, happiness and a lot of Square and Round Dancing fun!! By the time you read this our Anniversary Dance will have been long completed. We thank everyone who came to join in the fun and festivities. We also want to thank Jim Dobbs who filled in for Jim Spence. The Gateswingers were so saddened at the loss of Jim Spence. He was not only a fantastic cuer but Jim and Vonnie were special friends.

Dancing opportunities: January 2nd will be our 'New Year's Blues' Dance. Our 2nd Saturday-Student dance is January 9th with Paul calling. We end up the month with a Mainstream Dance on the 16th and the Fourth Friday Round Dance on the 22nd.

Jan Logan. ojlogan@charter.net

The **SILHOUETTE DANCERS** had a fun Christmas party with the students as well as the people who have been members but haven't be able to participate in the dancing. It was great to see them again. This is a wonderful time of the year to take time out of our busy schedules and enjoy all those people in our lives. What is a better activity then an activity like Round Dancing!!

We are looking forward to the new year and the many good activities that are planned by our dancers as well of the other clubs.

We wish each and everyone of you a wonderful New Year.

Dorothy Crosslin, dotif55@live.com

GATESWINGERS

Sept. thru May: 1st & 3rd Saturdays
 1st Saturday Pre-Plus 7:00 PM
 3rd Saturday Pre-Rounds 7:00 PM
 Mainstream 7:30 - 9:30 PM
with finger food following the dance
 4th Fridays Phase II Rounds 7:30-9:30 PM

ORVIN LOGAN, Caller

CYNDI SILICKI, Cuer

Summer Dance -- 4th Saturday in July
 caller & cuer to be announced
 Yakima Valley Square Dance Center
 Moxee, WA Info: (509) 949-6712
 Gateswingers@ Circle 8 Ranch
 2nd Weekend In August

BLUE AGATE SQUARES

2nd Friday, 4th Saturday
 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Daron Tandberg - Caller
Cyndi Silicki - Cuer

Swauk-Teanaway Grange, Cle Elum
 Dale: 509 260-1025 or 509 674-5275

SILHOUETTE DANCERS

1st Thursday Intermediate

Thurs - Ph 2 + 7:30-8:30 pmsome intermediate
 Ph3/4 lessons 6:30-7:30 pm Dance/Workshop 8:30-9:30 pm
 Cuer: **DEBBIE & PAUL TAYLOR**
 Fruitvale Grange, 2908 Castlevale Road
 Yakima, WA 98907
 509-965-3015 • Visitors Welcome

TIGER MOUNTAIN



Engraving and Promotions

Rod & Taj Alex
 206-271-5639
rod@tmengraving.com

Donna & Tom Rohde

AREA REPORTER

253-833-2825

donnalou13@comcast.net

www.cpsc-squaredance.org



BOOTS & LACES members caravanned to Samena Squares and Wagon Wheels recently and enjoyed dancing with them. We are looking forward to traveling to Buckley to dance with the Spinners on January 8th. Both of our clubs dance on the first Friday, so it is difficult to have the opportunity to visit with them, however, they moved their dance forward by a week due to January 1st being a holiday.

Our class members are having fun learning the moves during Wednesday night classes and are now able to kick it up a little by attending new student dances. We are very pleased with their enjoyment of our special activity.

The toys collected at our December 4th dance were donated to the "Toys For Joy" program with a local fire department. Thank you to all who brought toys and a special thank you to all the dancers who are coming out to dance with us. A larger group of dancers makes every dance more fun!

An extra **THANK YOU** to our Caller Steve Noseck and Cues Debbie & Paul Taylor as well as the Guest Callers when Steve has other commitments. Debbie & Paul do a 6:15 - 7:15 Classic Teach each dance night. Join us any 1st or 3rd Friday night at the Meridian Grange at 15422 Kent-Kangley Rd, Kent, WA 98042.

Jan Emerson, emersonbobjan2@hotmail.com

Christmas has come and gone and the **JACKS & JILLS** have grown significantly. We had four squares of teen dancers show up one night, which is absolutely remarkable. Our very own Ryker Kay has been a hothouse of ideas and recruitment, not to mention he's a talented Caller! We're encouraging the growth of Teen Callers and Cues, knowing how essential it is to the next generation of square dancers to pass that skill set on.

We look forward to the New Year with Enthusiasm, Competition with Excitement and the Future of Teen Square Dancing with High Hopes! The happiest of New Year's to you all!

Emily Kosterman, daughter.kosterman@comcast.net

The **PI-R SQUARES** hope that all had a great Christmas season with lots of family and friends. Gene and Tanya Currier attended our second dance in November to promote "Tall Timber Calling" our 2016 State Festival on June 17th and 18th, 2016 in Longview, WA. This is our Festival and the early registrations

have been a little slow, so we all need to step up and get our reservations into the committee.

Marilyn and I attended our grandson's graduation ceremony in November in San Diego, on becoming a Navy Seal and it was great! Lots of sunny weather and lots of military things.

Sorry to hear about the Phils & Philies calling it quits. We had some great times dancing with them and will miss those times.

Saturday, January 9th, will be the Pi-R Squares "Winter Luau" Dance with Andy Garboden and Kyle Quande at Meridian Grange in Kent. The dance will be student level with moves 1 to 51. We will have lesson #17 at 6:00 pm, so if you want to dance the night away and help our students, please come early.

On Friday, January 15th, we will caravan to the Boots & Laces dance at Meridian Grange. The Boots & Laces and Steve Noseck always have a great dance. Saturday, January 23rd will be our "Snowflake Sashay" dance with Andy and Kyle.

If you like to plan early, our Pi-R Squares dance on February 13th will be our "Sweethearts Swing and Spaghetti Feed." This is a student level dance and is always fun. The men make the spaghetti sauce from scratch and if you bring sauce early, you can also be in the running for the "best sauce." Come dance with us any 2nd or 4th Saturday at Meridian Grange in Kent.

Terry & Marilyn Quinnett, mvjunkdealer@juno.com

"EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN!"

That is the **SOLO SQUARES** motto this year. Contrary to rumors, the Solo Squares are "Alive and Well" and raring to go for another dance season. After a rocky beginning of the new dance season with a new caller and new club officers, we are back on track. We attempted to have lessons in September, but due to low numbers, we were forced to cancel lessons. We will try again in January. Attendance at dances was scant in September, but have been increasing with each dance, as dancers discover what a gem we have in Burien.

Stephen Cole is back as our Club Caller. He was our caller about 10 years ago when he left for the warmer Arizona climate. He is not only back in Washington, but he is back at Solo Squares. We invite all dancers to come experience his talents on the first and third Sundays at the Burien Elks Club where we dance. Linda Nold is starting her 13th year with us as our club cues.

A big thank you goes out to the clubs who are scheduled to caravan to us this year. The Boots & Laces came out on October 18th and the Mt. Baker Singles visited us for our "Happy Winter" Dance on November 1st. Both were fun, energetic dances. We had a wonderful time dancing with the Jet Steppers who joined us on December 6th for our "Christmas Colors" dance. We also had a wonderful Christmas dance on December 20th.

Happy New Year! The Solo Squares are ringing in the New Year with our "Welcome New Year's" Dance on January 3rd. As we look back on the past year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs who have

caravanned to us and all our guests who continue to support us. As we look to the future, we have planned some special dances and hope that you will join us.

We will begin Mainstream Lessons on Sunday, January 17th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, right before our "Snowflake" Dance. Stephen Cole is our Instructor/ Caller. If you know anyone interested in lessons, please send them our way. We dance at the Burien Elks, 14006 - 1st Ave South, Burien, WA.

Thal Critchfield, tcritch@msn.com

WAGON WHEELS want to wish all the Square and Round Dancers a Wonderful, Healthy and Blessed 2016!

Our second annual "You Choose It" Raffle dance on December 5th was a great evening with Caravans from Boots & Laces and Pi-R Squares joining us for a fun-filled night of lively dancing, warm fellowship, delicious food, and the excitement of trying to win gifts of their choice with our Raffle Dance. Wagon Wheel members also enjoyed a delectable Christmas dinner before guests joined us for our beautiful Christmas Dance on December 19th.

Our Square and Round Dance Lessons are coming along nicely with our students enjoying the moves that they are learning each week. They especially enjoyed coming to our two student level dances in December.

January 2nd will be our "Hangover" Dance which is also our annual PJ dance, so put on your cutest pajamas and come join us! This is always one of our favorite dances throughout the year and it is fun to see all the imaginative and creative pajamas and slippers that dancers wear!

Our 2nd annual Black and White WinterFest Dance will be on January 16th. It was a big hit last year with our hall being decorated in black and white decorations, dancers wearing black and white dance apparel and people being creative in preparing black and white food.

If you are in the Kent area on Saturday, January 2nd or January 16th, please stop by and dance to the Calling of Wayne Easton and the Cueing of Lorraine and John Rouse at the Meridian Grange on Kent-Kangley Road.

Donna Rohde, donnalou13@comcast.net



Silver Stars
Square Dance Club
Hazel Dell Grange
Vancouver, Washington
Caller: Chuck Garner, 2nd Sat.
Caller: Darrell Kalmbach, 4th Sat.
Cuer: Dorothy Lowder
7:00 Plus 8:00 Mainstream
Dark July & August
Info: 360.600.1804 & 360.573.0446
Website: www.silversquaredance.org

PI-R SQUARES
Jan 9th (2nd Saturday):
"Winter Luau"
Student Level
Andy Garboden, caller ~ Kyle Quande, cuer
Come dance with us!
Jan 23rd (4th Saturday):
"Snowflake Sashay"
Andy Garboden, caller ~ Kyle Quande, cuer
W/S 7:30 - 8:00 pm • MS 8:00-10:30 pm
Good floor • Hearing enhancement • 425-432-0138
Meridian Grange ~ 15422 Kent-Kangley Rd, Kent
more information on web site:
www.pi-r-squares.org

EVERGREEN COUNCIL

www.sqdance.com

AREA REPORTER

Colleen Sawyer

360-600-1804

embroiderybycolleen@yahoo.com



Happy New Year from the BUZZIN BEES!

New Year, new ideas! We have made a change to our dance format! We started in December with the first dance of the month as a Workshop dance and the second dance is a regular themed dance. So on the first Saturday we hope you will join us to perfect your Mainstream skills, work out moves that are seldom called, or bring your lesson people to hone their skills and gain some floor time. On the third Saturday we will have themes such as our upcoming Pajama dance on 1/15/16. Our workshop dance will be casual dress and the themed dance will be square dance attire.

We will be starting lessons again on Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 6-8 pm at the Hazel Dell Grange. First lesson is free. We are enjoying dancing to some different music with our new caller KC Curtis and I am looking forward to lessons with him.

We had a theme dance in December where we took in donations for several local assisted living facilities where the majority of the residents are on state assistance. We got an amazing number of lap blankets, slippers, puzzle books, shampoo and lotions. We will deliver the goodies to Arbor Ridge assisted living and to Woodland assisted living. We have such a generous group of people in our club. I am proud to be a member of this group. We are looking forward to Mid-Winter. Hope to see you there.

Debbie Broers

It was a **HAPPY HOPPER** Summit Meeting on November 7th when 18 of the Vancouver Happy Hoppers braved the stormy weather and the heavy traffic, driving more than 200 miles, to have a visitation with the Marysville Happy Hoppers. Our regular venue was being used that night for the "Royal Romp", so our regular club dance went dark. We were warmly welcomed, and felt right at home, especially because the guest caller that night was our own Jim Hatrick. Everyone was surprised to find out that while the Vancouver Hoppers have the grasshopper as a mascot, the Marysville club self-identifies as kangaroos. Doesn't anybody feel sorry for the poor bunnies, being left out like that? There will be a February 12th visitation to the Single Trees in Springfield, Oregon. We're renting a bus for that afternoon and evening. It should be a jolly

EVERGREEN COUNCIL Continued on Page | 47



**MOUNT BAKER
COUNCIL**

Leslie Keyes

Area Reporter

l_a_keyes@msn.com

Happy New Year from **MT. BAKER COUNCIL!** It's not too soon to mark your calendars for our Spring, yes that's right, Spring Council Dance. Our sponsoring club, the Sky Valley Whirlwinds, have some fun plans underway for April 30, 2016. Watch for more information in the coming months. It will be a '50s theme Sweet Sixteen dance featuring Adam Christman and John Neverdowski at the Skagit Valley Grange in Sedro Woolley. Advance purchase tickets should be available by the time you read this.

Leslie Keyes, L_a_keyes@msn.com

Happy New Year from **RAINBOW SQUARES!** In November we celebrated our 34th Anniversary, and prepared a Taco Feed as a fundraiser dinner. Fun time!!

In December we held a Student Level Dance for new students, movements 1-40, and opened our Experienced Clothing sale. We also collected Toys for Tots and delivered them to the Whatcom County Toys for Tots Center.

We are starting the New Year off with some fun dances! January 9th will be "Saturday Night at the Movies" with Brent calling & cueing (and popcorn!). On January 23rd our Cabin Fever Student Level dance will feature moves 1-60 and a PJ contest! Come join us for some fun dancing!

Oren & Lew Gaskill, olgaskill@comcast.net

I've learned that education, experience and memories are three things that can never be taken away from you...start collecting the whole group.

Thank you FOOTNOTES editors and contributors for all the time and effort you have shared with us over all these years that we can carry with us forever. We are so disappointed that we shall not be holding a FOOTNOTES magazine in our hands after June 2016. This is your last chance to secure some of these priceless memories for your square dance experiences. Contact mahanrk@aol.com to get your bargain price. Footnotes will soon be a historical artifact... get your order in today!

Johnny Preston will be calling for the **HAPPY HOPPERS** on Saturday, March 6th.

The Hoppers did have their wreath making event and adorned their homes with their homemade prizes. Some guests also received an original wreath of



Photos by Jean Raymond

Evelyn Orona made an arch for her doorway

Anne Lucas made a big one

Rod Davidson made one too

Bertha Davidson... her first one

their own for the holiday season. We also pushed the weather aside and found our dance hall needing company so we had a social where we fed, gamed and danced with our student dancers. They have become family to us now.

January 16th, we have a level dance with the family Weber, Greg and Sue. We like to share new callers/cueers with our students so they may discover the joys of the wealth of the talents we have in our area.

Psst... don't forget Johnny Preston will come to our area in March for a double dance.

At the prime age of 7, "I've learned that if you laugh and drink soda pop at the same time, it comes out your nose."

Thanks Footnotes...

Jean Raymond, frjr@msn.com

It's January! And our First Friday Fun Fest would be on the FIRST! But you know what day that is? It's New Year's Day! And so the dance is dark. And you can come next month.

Thursdays are Lesson Night for the **WHIRLYBIRDS**. You are encouraged to bring your friends who haven't started in a square yet. At the least you can help those not-dancing-yet friends by being an "Angel" at the Thursday lessons. A new class session begins on Thursday the 7th of January, 7:15 pm.

Whirlybird Dancers will be caravanning on Friday, January 15th, to the Sky Valley Whirlwinds, who dance at the Tri-Way Grange up on Seattle Hill Road over by Mill Creek.

Then, on the third Saturday, January 16th, is the regular Mainstream Dance, "Winter Wonderland". Dave Harry will be joined by Guest Caller Brent Mawdsley, for calling and Roxanne Boelter cueing. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm with Plus Tip and Rounds, and Mainstream from 8:00-10:30 pm. Bring your friends, and meet some new ones.

And remember our location: The Hayloft, 15320 35th Ave. W., Lynnwood

Jim Erickson; charjim2213@gmail.com

The **FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS** Plus Club will be dark for the first Friday of January on New Year's Day, and will have Dennis "Spyder" Webb calling our January 15th dance with Bob and Linda Berka cueing. This will be the first time that Dennis has called a dance for the Fogcutters. Caravans in January are to the

Stanwood Sashayers “Highland Fling” and to the Sky Valley Whirlwinds Plus Dance on January 30th.

Gailyn Ploeg, ploegrj@msn.com

Happy 2016 from the **FREEWHEELERS!** We enjoyed the holiday season with fun dances and visits to other clubs in the Seattle area! On December 6th we collected lots of toys and donations for “Toys for Tots”. Gary Monday was our guest caller and Debbie Taylor entertained us with songs of the season for our round dancing pleasure. We enjoyed a holiday potluck and dance on December 20th. Roger Spiese and Debbie Taylor called and cued a festive dance with the Whirlybirds and the Sky Valley Whirlwinds joining us. Good food and fun are big parts of square dancing with the Freewheelers!

We caravanned to the Fern Bluff Squares in December. There are many opportunities to dance with other clubs in our area and we enjoy hosting other clubs at our dances as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our caller Roger Spiese and our cuer Debbie Taylor and her husband Paul for making 2015 a very entertaining year of dancing. Thank you also to our guest callers and cuers. Without all of their tremendous talent dancing would not be as much fun or as challenging.

We wish you all the very best in the New Year and hope to see you in a square at our 1st dance of 2016 on January 17th the “Snowflake Dance” with Roger Spiese and Debbie Taylor. We will have a “Sports Jersey Night” on January 31st with guest caller Stephen Cole and Debbie doing the cueing. No dance on the 1st Sunday in February due to the Super Bowl.

Freewheelers are looking forward to dancing with you in 2016!
Yellow Rocks!!!

Ruth Jester; ruthjester@frontier.com

The **SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS** have certainly been visiting fellow square dance clubs in our Mt. Baker Council. We have brought over 2½ squares (20-21 dancers) to the Stanwood Sashayers, Square Crows of Woodinville and the Dudes & Dolls of Lynnwood on our caravans. We have received friendship banners from each club on our visits. The Stanwood Sashayers visited our club two weeks later and they were able to retrieve their friendship banner given to us.

As mentioned in prior Footnotes comments we hand out dangles about ½ inch in length to wear on the member’s badge. So, we’ve distributed about 63 dangles since the start of the dance year. This incentive program works for many dancers, but not all. It is a relatively inexpensive project to encourage camaraderie as we visit other clubs among our members.

Roy Johnson; royhjohnson@comcast.net

The **CASCADE CROSSFIRES** continue to offer an “Awesome Plus” (all-position) workshop for experienced Plus dancers September through July, from

6:30 to 7:30 pm. Lessons (October-January), a workshop, or the 4th Monday “Extravaganza” (dancing—no lessons) follow all “Awesome Plus” sessions.

In January, we will be caravanning to the Samena Squares and the Sky Valley Whirlwinds. Plan to join the Cascade Crossfires at their special PLUS dance on Saturday, February 27th at the Sammamish Valley Grange in Woodinville. Kevin Thomaier is calling and Debbie Taylor cueing.

Check us out at cascadecrossfires.org.

Diana Freyfogle; freyf@comcast.net

What a delight this past month has been. It is fun to watch our newer dancers at **SAMENA SQUARES** be exposed to “new” callers. Mike Desisto did our Veterans Day Dance. He kept the level appropriate for newer dancers, yet there were twists to his calling that caught them off guard and delighted them, especially when they figured it out. He has a wonderful microphone that allows him to come down on the dance floor with all of us, which added to the gaiety of the evening. What with Mike being a Veteran from the Vietnam War, he was a very appropriate caller for our evening. Numerous veterans were there and we took time to honor them for their service.

You never know how many squares will come to a dance the day after Thanksgiving, but we ended up with four squares on the floor. We invited our students from this year and a number of them took us up on the invitation. It was Apple Cup Day so as we can entered, we were asked to choose if we wanted to be a Husky or Cougar and we were given an appropriate sticker. Susan then called a couple of squares and we added up the numbers to see how many fans we had of each. In both of first half and second half of the dance, we were tied. The real Cougars would have much preferred that.

January 8th, 2016, brings our Black and White Dressy Ball with Gary Monday calling and Jim Hattrick will be there for our Soup R Bowl Dance on January 22nd, 2016. Both dances are at our home hall of Juanita Community Club. We’d love to have you join us.

Barbara Hubert, hubertones@hotmail.com

January, January, where would we be without January? I know for sure it keeps February from bumping into the end of December. And it is a hot month for dance events. Weather-wise, it may not be so hot.

January 5th starts the new class of lessons in square dancing for **DUDES & DOLLS** at the Cedar Valley Grange Hall in Lynnwood. The usual suspects are involved and the classes are always in need of Angels. We have been aggressively recruiting new students. Each one convince one. If each member brought in One student, and most of those students joined Dudes & Dolls, it would indeed be a boon to the club, and square dancing.

We have three dance events, and one outgoing caravan. Our first (Friday, January 8th) themed dance is a Superbowl Dance. Football attire and/or accessories is the norm. Underinflated footballs not welcome. The second

(Friday, January 22nd) dance is a Tropical Paradise theme, so wear your grass skirt, and we will watch the crops rotate. Our regular dances have our regular caller, Scott Coon, and our regular cuer, Debbie Taylor. Regular hours, regular place, regular split-the-pot, and regular finger-foods. Oh, is it not so sweet being so regular?

The Fifth Friday (January 29th) Special Dance caller is Kevin Thomaier. The incoming caravan is the Happy Hoppers, a fun addition to any gathering.

Our only outgoing Caravan (January 17th) will be to the Freewheelers Snowflake dance with Roger Spiese and Debbie Taylor, calling and cueing, respectively.

Remember to do a little extra for your club, your Council, and the World of Square Dancing. If we all do a little, a lot gets done.

Warren B Funnell, WarnFnel@msn.com

WOODINVILLE SQUARE CROWS begin our new dance schedule this month with one dance on Saturday, January 23rd with Gaylen Sauve and Karen Neverdowski on stage. We have also changed the start time of our dances with Plus dancing beginning at 7 pm and Mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Also, January 5th, we're starting a beginner's class with Mike Olson teaching. Any dancers who were not able to continue lessons, couldn't start in September or need more floor time are welcome to join us! The Crows caravan to Fern Bluff Squares on January 9th.

The Square Crows wish everyone a wonderful 2016 and we hope to see you on the dance floor in 2016!

Lynn Von Seggern,
lynnvs@cablespeed.com

Susan Morris
Square Dance Caller
Basic, Mainstream, Plus & Contra
www.callersusan.com
susan@callersusan.com 425-591-8692

First Fridays... *New dancer level!*

with **Dave Harry** (7:30 Dance time)

Third Saturdays... *Mainstream!*

with **Dave Harry** (squares)

and **Roxanne Boelter** (rounds)

7:30 Plus 8:00 MS

Hayloft: 15320 35th. Ave. Lynnwood



Large Hall!--Bus Caravans Welcome. Come Join The Fun!



www.squaredance.org **Council**
www.squaredance-wa.org **State**
See 2015-2016 State Directory for street addresses of halls.

CASCADE CROSSFIRES Plus Mondays 7:00pm @ Sammamish Valley Grange, Woodinville – Susan Morris & Guest Callers, (425) 591-8692

DANCING SHADOWS Rounds, 1st & 3rd Sat 7:00-9:30 pm @ Juanita Community Club, Kirkland – Debbie & Paul Taylor, (425) 478-5128

DUDES AND DOLLS MS, 2nd, 4th & 5th Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood – Scott Coon & Guest Callers/Debbie Taylor, (425) 337-2906

FERN BLUFF SQUARES MS, Family, 2nd Sat 7:30-10:30 pm @ South Lake Stevens Senior Center, Lake Stevens – Ray Gallagher/Linda Nold, (425) 334-5184

FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS Plus, 1st & 3rd Fri 7:30-10:00 pm @ Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley – John Corrigan-1st Fri and Guest Callers-3rd Fri, Bob Berka, (360) 387-8727

FREEWHEELERS MS, 1st & 3rd (some 5th) Sun 7-10 pm @ Mountlake Terrace Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace – Roger Spiese/Debbie Taylor, (206) 992-4932

HAPPY HOPPERS MS, 1st & 3rd Sat 7:30 – 10:30 pm @ Stillaguamish Senior Center, Arlington – Guest Callers/Guest Cuers, (425) 367-7645

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) 391-5620

MT. BAKER TEACHERS/CALLERS/CUERS Info Contact: Susan & Larry Morris (425) 881-0691 CallerSusan@gmail.com

RAINBOW SQUARES Pre-Rounds 7:00 pm; MS, 2nd & 4th Sat 7:30-9:30 pm at Ten Mile Grange, Lynden – Brent & Therese Mawdsley, (360) 733-4487

SAMENA SQUARES MS, 2nd & 4th Fri 7:30-10:30pm @ Juanita Community Club, Kirkland – Guest Callers/Cuers - (425) 820-4188

SHIRTS-N-SKIRTS MS, Teens, Wed 6:30-9 pm @ Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood – Randy & Marie Preskitt - (425) 348-6030

SKAGIT SQUARES MS, 3rd Sat 7:30-10 pm @ Mount Vernon Senior Center, Mount Vernon – John Corrigan/Bob Berka - (360) 424-4608

SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS MS, 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Triway Grange, Mill Creek – Guest Callers/John Neverdowski - (425) 337-3658

STANWOOD SASHAYERS MS, 4th Sat 7:30-10:00 pm @ Stillaguamish Grange Hall, Stanwood – Ray Gallagher/Bob Berka - (360) 387-5055

WHIRLYBIRDS MS, 1st Fri & 3rd Sat 7:30-10:30 pm @ The Hayloft, Lynnwood – Dave Harry - (360) 794-0947

WOODINVILLE SQUARE CROWS MS, 1st & 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Sammamish Valley Grange, Woodinville – Guest Callers/Karen Neverdowski (360) 805-1891

Revised 10-8-15

NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL

Jackie & Del Chase
Area Reporter
509-764-4254
deljackiechase@nctv.com

Happy New Year from the **BUDS & BLOSSOMS**.

December brought us our anniversary dance with Eddie Harry and Nora Jackson putting on a great performance. Thanks for all who attended and made the dance a success. Our Hawaiian theme dance brought us goodies that ranged from vegies to fruit to pineapple upside down cake.

December also brings Christmas celebrations with parties and dances. This year we had a combined Christmas dance on December 19th with the Cascade Twirlers with a potluck dinner and gift exchange. All that attended had a great time dancing to Christmas songs.

January will bring us back to our normal dance schedule 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays, Mainstream will begin at 7:30 pm with no Pre-rounds.

Don Jackson, Imt655@hotmail.com

I can't believe the New Year is here already and **4X8's** are all wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season. On December 19th we (will hold/ did hold) our annual Candy Cane Dance. We invited (are inviting) our students to come and dance with us so it will be a class level dance. We always enjoy having new dancers on the floor. They are the future of the club so we must treat them well.

Our Christmas party and pot luck also held this month will be fun with games, great food, great comradely and maybe a little dancing.

Many of our club members have expressed their Love and Condolences to Vonnie Spence for with the loss of her husband and partner. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. He will surely be greatly missed. There was a dance held in his honor on December 4th at the East Wenatchee grange hall.

Patti Roberts , pattiroberts@ifiber.tv

Since our last report North Central Council council lost a very special dancer and cuer, Jim Spence. He will be missed by many. Our hearts go out to Vonnie Spence.

CASCADE TWIRLERS dance on November 7th, which was our **SUPPORT THE TROOPS** dance, was a very fun dance with Don Jackson calling and he had a helper, Randy Ogle, calling. Marilyn Holman was the cuer. We collected lots of items to be sent to the troops and to let them know they are being thought about at home.

November 21st we had Andy Garboden calling and Marilyn Holman & Noelle Miller cueing. Andy is a great caller and he made our dance so much fun. This was our **CEREAL DANCE**, in which we collect boxes of cereal to give to the food bank. Thank you to all the dancers who donated.

Our first dance in January will be on January 2nd. Jim Compton will be calling and Marilyn Holman will be cueing us to **CRUISE INTO THE NEW YEAR**. January 16th will be our **WILD & CRAZY DANCE** and in honor of our 66 years of dancing our theme will be **ROUTE 66**. It will be all callers & cuers with Don Jackson and Marilyn Holman as MCs.

Have a happy year of dance and hope to see you in a square.

Noelle Miller, noellemcues@charter.net

WHEATLAND WHIRLERS Square dance lessons are coming along great. The new dancers have been invited to join us at our dances. What fun that is! Our dance on November 14th with Jim Compton calling and Nora Jackson cueing was a very fun dance. It was our **PIE NITE** and the ladies outdid themselves. **YUM YUM**.

Our Christmas dance was December 12th with Jim Compton calling and Noelle Miller cueing, with pre-rounds at 7:00. That was our only dance in December.

Happy New Year!

Noelle Miller, noellemcues@charter.net

The **APPLELAND PROMENADERS** will be closing out the old year with a memorial dance for Jim Spence. This is a combined dance with the Cascade Twirlers with Steve Noseck doing the calling and Noelle Miller and Wendy Syrstad doing the cueing. Jim will be missed by so many throughout the state, He was a true friend. On the 12th of December Dave and Sharon Boggs did the honors and then closed out the year with Tom Clymer and Wendy Syrstad doing the New Years Eve Dance. The Promenaders will also be helping Yakima celebrate their anniversary with Tom Clymer Calling and Jim Dobbs Cueing. January starts on the 9th with Tom Clymer and Don Jackson doing the calling and Nora Jackson doing the cueing. On the 23rd Dave and Sharon Boggs will be doing the honors again.

Classes are ongoing with 10 new dancers coming into the dance world. All of them are wonderful and will make good additions to the dance community.

Tom Clymer, tom.clymer@charter.net

The **PLUS BUNCH** continues dancing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month including rounds between tips. On the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays the dances are Plus Workshops without rounds. The dances are from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the East Wenatchee Grange on North Sunset Highway. If you like

come early and join us for dinner at one of the restaurants before the dance. We typically go to dinner at 5:00 pm and then dance at 7:00 pm. Give us a call and we will tell you where we are eating (509 293- 3514).

We are delighted to announce 4 new dancers in the club, Don and Nora Jackson, and Jim and E.J. Reece.

Tom Clymer, tom.clymer@charter.net



Trish Gaine
Area Reporter
360-683-2409
fasolard@olypen.com
<http://gardinerwa.org/noc/default.htm>

RHODY O'S hope that everyone had a great time welcoming in 2016!!! The Rhody O's have only one dance in the month of January and that's a Class Level Birthday Dance on Friday, January 15th, at the Gardiner Community Center. Pre-Rounds at 6:00 and you know the rest.

February brings the Mid-Winter Blues Chaser Dance on Saturday, February 20th with the Trail-In Dance on Friday, February 19th, - both at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Port Townsend, Wash. The Rhody O and the 4PLUS4 Clubs host the Trail-In Dance with Spike Reid as the caller/cuer. On Saturday, February 20th, at 10:00 the Round and Mainstream workshops begin with callers Steve Noseck and Kevin Thomaier and cuer Lynn Peltola. For a schedule of the Blues Chaser Weekend call Dave Johnson at 360-301-9082 or chinook_6@hotmail.com. The Saturday evening dance begins with Pre-Rounds at 6:30 and MS from 7:30-9:30 (1 Plus Tip). So join in on the Mid-Winter Blues Chaser Weekend and enjoy the atmosphere of the Port Townsend area.

Trish Gaine, fasolard@olypen.com

The **STRAIT WHEELERS** have fantastic news, "The LAVENDER DANCE WEEKEND is back". We are very busy with the preparations and are so thrilled that Jim Hattrick will be doing the calling and cueing. Please mark July 22nd and 23rd, 2016 on your calendars for a fun weekend of activities. We are so thrilled that Jim is back.

Our Christmas dance was great fun. The students were invited to join the celebration and to enjoy a club function. It was exciting to see them relax and enjoy an evening of dancing.

Now that all of the Holidays have been well celebrated it is time to explore the many fun dance venues which are available in 2016. Dancing will also help reduce those extra inches we gained over the fun holidays. Hee! Hee! One of those fun weekends should include our Lavender Dance Weekend.

The club's dance nights are the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the Sons of Norway Hall in Port Angeles. Please join us for a fun evening of dancing and visiting.

Please say a prayer for our men and women in the Armed services and also for the many victims of terrorist actions.

THE CLUBS OF
NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM

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
Wed. 1st & 3rd Dance; 2,4,5 W'shop East Wenatchee Grange, 3400 Sunset Hwy, East Wenatchee
Contact: Tom Clymer (509) 293-3516 or Tom.Clymer@charter.net

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

Barbara Wright, sqdancinlady@yahoo.com

PENINSULA COUNCIL
Kitty & Paul Ogg
 Area Reporter
 360-692-6032
 kjoggpr@aol.com



Welcome and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. PAWS & TAWS celebrated our first dance of the December by having a "Happy Holidays" dance and wearing all our special Christmas outfits. As always a fun time was had by all.

Then we had our Plus class's graduation. Then on to our Christmas Party on December 14th. The club furnishes the meat and members bring things to match. We do the exchange a gift game - if you want you bring a gift and we get in a circle while Roger plays music and when it stops you open what you have and keep or trade. Always a lot of fun and good laughs. We exchange cards and sing carols. This puts the members in the Christmas spirit.

Our second dance is "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"; sometimes members come dressed in costume which makes for a fun time.

We are looking forward to January and the start of our Beginners Mainstream lessons on Monday night. Round Dance classes are still going on.

leotal@msn.com

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS enjoyed square dancing this past Labor Day weekend with five squares on the floor all evening!

Then it was time to get back into the full swing with lessons.

Wish we could join in learning to dance on Tuesdays evenings, but our schedule did not permit the lessons this year, so we decided to relearn Plus and help out at Plus lessons and help another mainstream dancer learn to dance Plus and we are almost done with all of Plus on Monday December the seventh and wish ever one could come and dance with us at Gorst hall and let us show off what we have learned.

Belated Happy Halloween! Sure do hope you were able get rid of all that candy! Thanksgiving was a great time. I have not had to cook the turkey in over fifteen years and this year my husband and our son were treated to a regular real turkey and the rest was fixed up in to a vegan dinner, how interesting and very tasteful!

Wishing All a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Gig Harbor Twirlers! Looking forward to dancing with ever one sometime in the near future!

Mary McGannon, mekm3591@msn.com

SQUARE STEPPERS wishes everyone a Happy New Year. Hope everyone had a nice Holiday Season. Now that Thanksgiving and Christmas are over it's time to get down to the normal busy lives we all have.

In December, we had a fun dance with Spike Reid calling. Our January dance will be January 9th with Roger Spiese calling.

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

Barbara Pennington , bardeldry@gmail.com

ROUND SQUARES had a nice Christmas party at the home of Tim and Sheila Spiro (who filled in at the last moment for Reva Dubiak as she had to go home to take care of her mom). Of course there was lots of ham and lots of side dishes, lots of conversation as we ate and then the gift exchange game was held.

The club decided to donate \$100 to the food line as they can make money go further in purchasing items than when we go to the grocery store.

Round Squares wishes everyone a very Happy New Year and come dance with us when you can.

Kitty Ogg, oggkitty@aol.com

**THE CLUBS OF PENINSULA AREA COUNCIL - 6800 W. Belfair Valley Rd, Bremerton
 KITSAP SQUARE DANCE CENTER IN GORST -- kitsapsquaredance.com**

DUDES AND DOLLS
Mondays from 2nd Mon in Sept to 2nd Mon in June
Plus Dancing - 1 - 3 PM
Kitsap Square Dance Center - Gorst
Caller: Don Smith filling in for Willie Sewell
More Info call: Russ Richardson 360-373-1822

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

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS
7:30 - 8:00 Plus - 8:00 to 10:15 PM MS
1st Saturday of each month, except
1st & 3rd Saturdays in Jan & 3rd Sat in Sep
Lessons, Student Level Dance, MS, Rounds
Come and Dance with us in Gorst, WA
360-692-3723
Caller Roger Spiese & Cuers Carolyn & Larry Small

KITSAP SQUARE DANCE CENTER
GORST (BREMERTON)
RV CAMPING \$15.00 PER NIGHT
FOR SQUARE DANCERS
WATER & ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE
Come Dance With the Gig Harbor Twirlers,
Paws & Taws, Dudes & Dolls Plus,
Round Squares & Square Steppers Plus

ROUND SQUARES
4TH Sat. 7:30 - 8:00 Plus - 8:00 - 10:00 PM MS
3rd Sat. Dec. only
KSDC, GORST, WA.
GUEST CALLERS
CUER: JOYCE SEBREE
Caravans, Mystery Trips - Camping \$15 per Night
Info call: 360-307-8460

PAWS AND TAWS
7:30 - 10:00 PM Mainstream, Rounds, Plus Tip
1st & 3rd Fri Sep - Jun except Mar 1st Fri & 3rd Sat
3rd Saturday only in July & August
CALLER: Roger Spiese - CUER: Shawn Cavness
Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst
Caravans-Mystery Trips-All Dancers Welcome
Info: 360-930-5277



RAINIER COUNCIL

Lane Johnston

Area Reporter

253-200-4566

www.squaredance-rainier.org

lanej@chessmenkastle.com

RAINIER COUNCIL hopes you all had a very Happy New Year celebration! 2016 promises to test our mettle as members of the square and round dance community. Hopefully, every dancer (especially those dancers in leadership positions within their clubs) has already made a New Year's resolution to do everything within their power to promote this wonderful activity. It's a part of our American heritage and culture, just like baseball and apple pie. Let's share what WE already know about it with those around us...our non-dancing friends, our non-dancing family members and co-workers, our acquaintances... everyone! Let's preserve an entirely positive example of a "community that matters" for generations to come.

Lane Johnston, lanej@chessmenkastle.com

The **SWINGNUTS** dance at the Sumner Valley Dance Hall, 1705 Willow Street in Sumner, WA. Our caller is the incomparable caller and cuer "duo", Don and Marie Wood.

On the 3rd Saturday, January 16th we will have a Winter Wonderland dance. We will dance Plus from 7-8:30 pm. Then from 8:30 pm-10pm, we will dance Mainstream with Rounds. Of course, Don will call and Marie will cue.

Our next B51 class will start on Thursday, January 7th. This will be our second 10-week Beginning Square Dance class, having graduated our initial class in December (just in time for our New Year's Eve "Load the Boat" dance!).

Come and Dance and have FUN with the SwingNuts!

Gail Johnston, gailj@chessmenkastle.com

The **ROAMIN' TACOMANS** want to wish you happiness and good health throughout 2016. January 9th we will be having our "Replenish the food bank" Plus dance. We will be collecting food items and money throughout the month to help the food bank restock after the holidays. If you want to bring something to help, that would be great! January 23rd will be our "I Wish It Was Spring" mainstream dance. We had so much fun at this dance last year that it may become an annual event. Tom Tomlinson is our caller/cuer. Our hall is at 1705 Willow St. in Sumner. Pre-rounds start at 7:30 and our dances are from 8 to 10 pm.

We are having Plus lessons every Sunday from 5 to 7 pm (except for January 24th, when the hall will be unavailable). When our current class graduates we

will start Plus workshops from 5 to 7 pm on Sundays. So make a New Year's resolution to come and dance with the Roamin' Tacomans in 2016!

Sharon Herman, tonysharherm@yahoo.com

November 4th found the **SPINNERS** at home doing a tropical dance. It was pretty cool (in more ways than one) for shorts and flip flops. It was a fun dance with Greg and Sue Weber doing island songs. The Bonney Lads caravanned-in and brought several dancers (great club, and lots of fun). After the dance there was a good pot luck with live entertainment. Doug Schafer and Sandy Anderson brought their ukuleles and played and sang for us. They were awesome! Many thanks from all of us.

On November 20th we caravanned to the Boots and Laces dance at Meridian Grange. That was a great dance with several squares. All dances should be that big...a fun club to visit.

Come join the Spinners in Buckley on January 8th for the Elvis Sock Hop dance. Pre-rounds start at 7:30 and the dance will go from 8:00 to 10:30. We would to see you.



Photo by Greg Weber

The couple are Doug Schafer and Sandy Anderson from the Bonney Lads square dance club. They came with their ukulele's and played and sang island songs to a standing ovation.

Dave Pearcy, skidave@comcast.net

Happy 2016 from the **SWINGING SQUARES**. We look forward to welcoming you to our January dances at the Sumner Dance Center, 1705 Willow St. It's always fun dancing to our Caller Andy Garboden (Tricia) and Cuer Lorraine Rouse (John).

Our January 8th Plus dance has a Snowman & Snowflakes theme. Our January 22nd dance will be Student level with Plus tips. Both dances begin at 7:30 with Lorraine cueing Rounds (phases 2-5), including filling requests. Squares follow from 8:00 -10:30.

Lorraine Kramer, mlorrainek@live.com

The **RAINIER CALLERS AND CUERS ASSOCIATION** had their monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday back in October. Jeff Graeff presented a workshop on Ferris-wheel and Sue Weber presented a workshop on the Round of Month for November - Lucky Devil. Many thanks goes to Jeff Graeff on furnishing the lunch for the meeting. By the time you read this, we will have already had our Christmas Brunch. We always look forward to this social event - it's a chance to visit and get to know our colleagues a little better.

Our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Sundays at the San Souci Mobile Estates clubhouse in Puyallup. They start at 1:00 pm. We encourage dancers to

attend our meetings and participate in our square and round dance workshops. For more information, such as directions, feel free to contact Tom Tomlinson at 253-770-7447. Wishing all of our square dance friends much happiness in the coming year.

dosadogreg@comcast.net

Each year at this time the **YOUNG BUNCH** starts getting ready for “comp” (Competition). It certainly takes dance lessons and personality to reach the precision and focus needed to be successful at comp, BUT it’s the teamwork takes months of practice to learn to move together perfectly. It feels great to end a mystery tip with all 8 dancers doing the same thing at the same time without messing up. The trophies are great, but for us kids (facing our fears), it’s when we complete that 8 minute mystery that we know we have won. When we hear the applause from the audience we know...WE DID IT!

It might seem silly, or not all that difficult, to some, but it’s great that the adults are able to see what competition is by participating in “Super Senior Squares”. I imagine it’s a lot of fun for them, as well! We have a lot of fun watching our parents and other adults mess up...but, at the same time, we are really proud of them, too. It takes a lot of effort and dedication to raise money so we can compete year after year.

I love competition...it’s the best part of my year.

Rachel Ulmer - Youth Reporter

Something Special from the Young Bunch



All the kiddos at the dance holding some of the jammies to be donated.



Story and photos by Leslie Young

On November 14th the Young Bunch did something different. They held a Jammie Dance at which they also collected and donated new jammies to foster kids in the Tacoma area. A representative from the Tacoma Children’s Administration came along with her family to pick up the jammies. Her six kids (five of them foster children) all came dressed in jammies as well and stayed for our potluck. We would like to thank all the dancers both youth and adult who came dressed in jammies and brought jammies for foster kids.

Emily Pederson, Hailey Pederson, Ashley Young, Bianca Carl and Annie Heilman who are very active members of Young Bunch.

Thank you to our very own State President couple, Gene and Tanya Currier, for attending. Thank you Lynn Red, our very own Rainier Council President, for attending as well. And thank you to the ways and means for the Washington State Festival in Longview for attending and bringing items to sell to support the State Festival. We had about six squares at the dance and that is a huge success for us.

As the publicity and promotional chair it takes everyone to make something like this a success. I would really like to thank our Young Bunch board for taking a chance on this so we could pay it forward to kids who need an extra smile.

Well hello again from the **BONNEY LADS ‘N’ LASSIES**. We want to start out by thanking all of our members and guests that came out to our club dances this past year. All of you are family and we really appreciate all your support. We hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We will again be having our lessons every Sunday starting January 3rd from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Collins Grange. Teaching again this year we will have the One, the Only, Greg (still “working” on nickname for him) Weber. If you know anyone wanting to learn to Square dance, just bring them on by. It’s going to be a whole lotta fun!

We have our first dance of the year on January 9th, and it is our Family and Friends Dance. Bring all of your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone else you might find wandering the street. We will get them up to dance and just have a great time starting off the New Year. January 23rd will be our 59th Birthday Dance. We want to invite all of our square dance family and friends to come and help us celebrate. Remember all of our dances start with Pre-rounds at 7:00 and the dance is 7:30-10:00. So, to all of our friends until next time, keep dancing, but most of all keep smiling.

Dance with RAINIER COUNCIL Clubs!

Website: squaredance-rainier.org (see "Calendar" link)

MONDAY

Every **ROUSE-A-ROUNDS** Collins Grange
Lorraine & John Rouse 6:30 Beg, 8-9:30 Phaze 2/EZ3
Dance 4th Mon, 7-10
253-846-8203

WEDNESDAY

Every **EVERGREEN ROUNDS** Sans Souci Mobile Home Estates
Tom Tomlinson 6:30-8:00 teach/8-9:30 3,4,5 dance
253-229-9443 All Rds

FRIDAY

1st **SPINNERS** Buckley Hall
Greg Weber/Sue Weber 7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds
(Sept-June) 360-829-0251

2nd **YOUNG BUNCH** Collins Grange
Mark Sebree/Sue Weber 6:30 PreRds, 7-9 MS/Rds
253-472-9092

2nd & 4th **SWINGING SQUARES** Sumner Valley Square Dance Hall
Andy Garboden/Lorraine Rouse 7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 Plus/Rds
(2nd & 4th Friday, Sept-June) 253-841-9656; break @ 9:15

SATURDAY

1st **NW CALLERS ASSOCIATION** Cedar Grange
253-445-4691; mtg; dances TBA

1st & 3rd **SOUTH SOUND SINGLES** Collins Grange
Jess Thomas/guest cuers 7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds/+Tip
253-851-5773

3rd **SWINGNUTS** Sumner Valley Square Dance Hall
Don Wood/Marie Wood 7-8:30 Plus, 8:30-10:00 MS w/Rds
253-200-4566

2nd & 4th **BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES** Collins Grange
Greg Weber/Lorraine Rouse 7:00 PreRds, 7:30-10 MS/Rds/+Tip
(July & August, 2nd Saturday) 253-875-5380

2nd & 4th **ROAMIN' TACOMANS** Sumner Valley Square Dance Hall
Tom Tomlinson - caller/cuer 7:30-8 Pre-Rnds, 8-10 Squares w/Rds
(July: 4th Sat-MS; Aug: 4th Sat-Plus) 253-848-7073 (2nd Sat Plus, 4th Sat MS)

SUNDAY

2nd **LEGION SQUARES** American Legion Post 138
Jeff Graeff/cuer TBA 6-9 MS/Rds; W lessons
(Please call about dances.) 253-720-2788

3rd **RAINIER CALLERS & CUERS** San Souci Mobile Estates
253-229-9443 1:00 pm

old time!

Our twice yearly clothing sale was held on November 16th, concurrent with one of our Monday lesson nights. It was, as always, a grand affair punctuated with amazing bargains. I bought a 4th of July ensemble, consisting of a red western shirt with a red, white, and blue scarf tie, along with a scarf slider for \$7.00 total. Wow! Even with the inexpensive prices, the club raised over \$1,000.00. We'll have another sale coming up in March or so. Keep your eyes open.

Our annual New Year's Eve dance is themed as "The Wild West". A buffet dinner will be served at 7:30. Plus tips start at 8:30. The Front Porch Trio (Jim Hattrick, Craig Abercrombie, and Adam Christman) will "bring order" to the festivities. At midnight, Jim will offer a toast to the New Year. The pre-sale ticket price of \$15.00 will go up to \$20.00 as of December 27th.

We'll only have one club dance in January. Because the first Saturday is so soon after our New Year's Eve Dance, we'll be dark on January 2nd. But we'll be up to our old tricks on January 16th with Jim Hattrick calling and cueing.

We work hard to make our education program a comfortable environment for students. Many of our club members volunteer as "Angels" to help make it an easy and productive experience. We encourage beginning dancers to start introductory lessons on the first Monday of every month at 7:30. We are committed to serving both beginners and continuing students with our lesson format. Every Monday, Plus lessons will be given at 6:30, Basic lessons start at 7:30, and Mainstream lessons are available at 9:00.

Marc Kahn

South Sound Singles

1st & 3rd Sat. Dark: 6/18/16 & 7/2/16
Pre Rounds 7:30PM • Dance 8-10:30PM

Caller: Jess Thomas
Cuer: Guest Cuers
Mainstream/Plus tip at end
Info: 253-851-5773
Collins Grange 3404 - 120th St. E., Tacoma

ROUND-A-BOUTS

Lac-A-Do Hall -- Olympia

1st Tuesday & 3rd Fridays
7:30 - 9:30 PM Phase 2 & 3
Ron Woolcock - Cuer & Instructor

SQUARE 1 PLUS

1st Friday - 7:30 - 10:00 PM

3rd Sunday - 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Gunter Monroe Caller

Guest Cuers

Lac-a-do Hall, Olympia, WA

Info: 360-754-1830

Swinging Squares Plus Club

2nd & 4th Fridays Sep - June

Pre Rounds 7:30-8 PM Dance 8-10:30 PM

Caller: Andy (Trisha) Garboden

Cuer: Lorraine Rouse

Valley Square Dance Hall

1705 Willow St - Sumner, WA

RUFF & RUFFLES

3rd Saturdays, 7:30 pre-rounds; 8-10:00 p.m. MS

Jim Raupp, Caller

Susan Healea, Cuer

Catlin Grange, 205 Shawnee Street, Kelso

Using Williams Sound System

LAST SCHEDULED DANCE FEBRUARY 20TH, 2016

R SQUARE D

2nd Friday & 4th Saturday

Plus 7:30 - Lonnie Sycks, Cuer


Mainstream Dance 8 - 10 PM

Craig Abercrombie, Caller

Annual OCTOBERFEST 1st weekend Oct.

360-425-0583 or 360-636-3358

Kelso Senior Ctr., 106 NW 8th Ave., Longview, WA



Don & Judy Wilson
AREA REPORTER
 350 Joppish Road
 Centralia, WA 98531
 donjudywilson22@gmail.com

SOU'WESTER COUNCIL wishes everyone a happy 2016. This is our year to host the Washington State Festival, "Tall Timber Calling". It will be held in Longview, Washington at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center. Jet Roberts is the featured caller, Chuck and Sandy Weiss the Featured Cuers and Kellee Ramirez is the Featured Clogging Cuer, something for everyone! This is the year, so be sure you are registered!

Welcome in 2016 by visiting the **DO SI DO** Square Dance Club on January 9th for our 'Polar Bear Express' as we dance to the cuing of Joyce Sebree and calling of Jim Hattrick.

The first half of the year dance themes include: 'Valentine's Day Celebration' on February 13th, 'Raining Cats and Dogs' on March 12th, Dark in April, 'Cinco de Mayo' on May 14th, and "Take Dad out to the Ballgame" on June 11th. So pick a theme dance that appeals to you and put it on your calendar!

December's 'Jingle Bell Rock' theme was a great way to get into the spirit of the season with Jim Hattrick calling as he returned to his regular duties as our club caller. We're glad to have Jim back in good health and putting us through our paces!

We greatly appreciate all the donations of small travel/trial sized toiletry items that club members and guests made to SafePlace Olympia during the dance. SafePlace Olympia is one of several charitable efforts the club sponsors throughout the year. It is a local support system that helps those who have been subjected to violence and/or may be homeless. Thank you all!

We dance every second Saturday of the month at Lac-A-Do Hall (1721 46th Avenue NE in Olympia). Pre-rounds begin at 7:30 pm under the guidance of Joyce Sebree, and Mainstream/Plus Tips follow at 8 pm until about 10:30 pm with Jim Hattrick calling. We encourage students who have finished the B51 level and up from our OASDI classes to join us and practice their 'moves'. As always, we offer delicious treats during break and door prizes for those who traveled to the dance. Join us in our monthly celebration of the Do Si Do Square Dance Club and Square Dancing!

Katherine Deuel

Here it is a brand new year, and the **HARBOR HAYLOFTERS** are getting ready for their January 16th dance. It will be a new caller dance. Kris Kiser will be our main caller and MC, any new callers and cuers are welcome to come up

on stage.

In November we visited the Prairie Steppers and R Square D. On the 21st we had our Veteran's Dance with visitors from Square Ones. The Sunday after Thanksgiving we had our annual wreath making party. A huge thanks to Bruce and Terry 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.

Ray Filyaw, Linda High, and Darlene Smith were very sick in the month of November. It is nice to have them back on the dance floor. Ray and Joanie Filyaw decided not to go south because of his illness.

We, along with the American Legion, have collected food for the local food banks.



Photo by David Cooley

This year the club has been using the first Tuesday of the month to perform for free at nearby nursing homes. We have really been enjoying ourselves and the residents like the spritely music and dancing. This photo was taken at the Willapa Harbor Health and Rehab Center on December 1st.

December was our Christmas Dance on the 19th. We visited the Cougar Squares for their big Christmas dinner and dance, and the Prairie Steppers. We danced at a nursing home in Raymond and had our Christmas Party, with lots of fun, dancing, and food.

We wish you all a great start of the New Year and hope you can come out and join us and we will try to visit you when the opportunity presents itself.

Ann Kilwien, sqcamper@comcast.net

The **SQUARE ONE** Plus Club will have had fun dancing and socializing in December with our regular dances, then at our annual Christmas Dinner, which included some of our Honored Dancers, who were instrumental in getting the club started. It is always nice doing things with your square dance friends in a different venue.

The Square Ones will have participated, along with the other clubs at Lac-A-Do Hall, in the annual New Year's Eve celebration. The Caller was the ever-fun Steve Noseck and Cuer was our own Joyce Sebree. We enjoy working with the other clubs at Lac-A-Do in putting on functions like this and the Memorial Day Dance Weekend.

January will be a busy one for the Square One club. Although our 1st Friday dance will be cancelled due to the New Year's Eve holidays, we will be having our regular 3rd Sunday dance, then start our Plus Lessons on the 4th Sunday of the month, January 24th. Any of you Mainstreamers in the area, or folks who would like a brush up on Plus, are invited to join us. Good dancin' to you all!!

Ken Moller, ckmoller@outlook.com

The **PRAIRIE STEPPERS** wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

We had seven squares on the floor for our November dance hosted by Dick and Diane Russell. Thanks to all who attended. The theme was Honor our Veterans. Dick and Diane served SOS to rekindle our veterans' fond memories of mess hall chow. We planned to travel to the Silver Stars dance in November and to the Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas dance in December. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas dance. Santa was on hand to dispense gifts to all of our guests.

Wednesday lessons concluded in December with 8 new and returning dancers for Basic 51 and 8 dancers for Plus lessons. Some of our new dancers enjoyed the Flutterwheels B 51 dance on November 21. We plan to start Mainstream lessons in January along with another session of Plus lessons.

We extend our sympathy to the family of long time dancer Cliff Johnson who was 105 years old. His wife of 81 years Lillie died earlier this year. Several Prairie Steppers attended services for Cliff at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on November 20th.

Roger Vallery had minor knee surgery while Kathy Vallery broke her ankle. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to them as well as to cuer Lonnie Sycks who was scheduled to have knee surgery in late November.

Members of the Oakview Grange presented a Community Citizen Award to the Prairie Steppers at their November meeting. The award was in recognition of our outstanding service to the community and acknowledgement of the dedication and personal involvement of the Prairie Steppers in the Grange.

Our 38th Annual Chicken dance will be held on April 9th at the Oakview Grange with Richard Lane calling and Lonnie Sycks cueing. On site dry camp RV parking is available. See a Prairie Stepper to purchase tickets at \$15.00 each for dinner and evening dance. The price at the door will be \$8.00 each for dinner and \$8.00 each for the evening dance. You can find the flyer for the 2016 Chicken Dance as well as flyers for all our other dances at www.thesteppers.org.

Marion Freels, M_librarion@yahoo.com

It was with great surprise and sorrow that the **SALTY SASHAYERS** learned their former caller, Bill Odem, passed away on October 24th. Bill went to bed Saturday night and didn't wake up Sunday morning. Bill called for the Salty's for nine years. He died five days before his 73rd birthday. Bill was very good about adhering to the themes of our dances, both in dress and song selection. He will be missed.

It's time for you to start thinking about clam chowder, pie, and a fun-filled evening dancing to the calling of Richard Lane and the cuing of Randy Wulf at our annual Old Salts Anniversary Dance. So draw a circle around Saturday April 23rd on your 2016 calendars now so you won't miss it.

Bonnie Blewett, blew@hctc.com

RUFF AND RUFFLES held our annual "Pie Dance & Auction" on Saturday, November 21st at the Catlin Grange Hall. It was a free dance with Pre-rounds at 7:30 followed by Square dancing from 8:00 – 10:pm. Jim Raupp was the caller and during his last square to the dancers he was cleverly calling out different kinds of pies and "buy a pie, buy a pie". Susan Healea was the cuer. Three squares included guests from Cougar Squares and R Square D. We then proceeded to the dinning room to enjoy a piece of pie served by Norman and Barbara Baer assisted by other club members.

Then, a total of thirty-six pies brought by members and friends were auctioned off by auctioneers Donna Madsen and Bruce Andrews. And what some of those pies sold for!! For example, two wild blackberry pies made by President Bruce went for \$70.00 each, a 5 pound cheese cake pie went for \$45.00, a millionaire's pie went for \$40.00 and many other various kinds like pecan, pumpkin, lemon meringue, apple, goose berry, mincemeat, you name it, also did very, very well. All proceeds from the sold pies totaling \$1,116.50 was donated to the local "Community House" that houses and helps the less fortunate. This was the charity Ruff and Ruffles selected. A great big "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated so generously. It was a fun evening, so rewarding, and the money went for a great cause.

We are now looking forward to our 63rd "Anniversary/ Sweetheart Ball" coming up February 20, 2016. Jim and Susan will be caller/cuer. We invite you to come dance with us. Wishing you the best in the New Year 2016.

Betty Clifton, sqkats@q.com

COUGAR SQUARES will hold their first Saturday dance on January 2, 2016. This would be a great way to start the year. You could dance Thursday night, New Year's Eve and Saturday night January 2nd and be off to a great start with the New Year! Jim Raupp is our caller/cuer. The dance begins with Plus at 7:30, Mainstream at 8:00 with a break at the end, 10:00 pm.

Cougars thank everyone that attended our Thankful Christmas Dance on

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 & **Stardust Dancers** Catlin Grange 7:30-9:30
3rd 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 Squares** 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 **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 **Harbor Haylofters** American Legion Hall 7:00-10:00
Randy & Chris Carlson 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 4:30-6:30
Jack Hardin, caller, Ron Woolcock, 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
American Legion Hall 112 W. 1st Street, Aberdeen

Rev. 9-9-15

Come and Dance with our Clubs

www.squaredancespokane.org



SPOKANE AREA COUNCIL
SQUARE AND FOLK DANCE FEDERATION OF WASHINGTON

Coeurly Q's 1 st Saturday 7:00 P; 8:00 MS & R. Harding Family Center, 411 N 15 th St, CDA, ID	Roundup Workshop Tuesdays 7:30 R III-VI. WDC
Dancing Shadows 3 rd Friday 7:00 P & Int R; 8:00 MS & R. WDC	Shirts n' Skirts 3 rd Friday. Calvary Lutheran Church, ID
Diamond Squares 2 nd Saturday 7:00 "MS w/a Twist"; 8:00 MS & R; Plus tip after break. WDC	Spokane Area Council 5 th Saturday 7:00 P & R; 8:00 MS & R Sept – May. NSDC or WDC
Heartbeats Wednesdays except 5 th Beg/Int/Adv Clogging 8:30am. Knechtel's Shop, 211 E Ziegler Ln, Colbert	Spokane Callers & Cuers 2 nd Friday 8:00 MS. WDC
Hi-Flyers 3 rd Friday 7:00 P & R; 8:00 MS & R. Cheney City Hall	Spokane Carousels 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 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 R; 8:00 MS & R. NSDC
Jacks & Jennys 3 rd Saturday 7:00 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 III; 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 & Int R; 8:00 MS & R. NSDC	Valley Crosstrailers 3 rd Saturday 7:00 P & R; 8:00 MS & R. WDC
North Spokane Dance Assoc 1 st Friday 'Adventures in Dancing' 8:00. 5 th Friday 7 P, 8 MS. NSDC	Wag Arounds 1 st Sunday 7:00 R II-III. WDC. 2 nd Friday 8:00 R III-V. NSDC
Octo-Plus Squares Tuesdays 7:00 P (workshop). East Spokane Grange	Western Dance Association 5 th Friday 7:00 P & R; 8:00 MS & R. WDC
Plus & Stuff Mondays 6:30 Adv; 8:00 Plus. 4 th Friday 7:00. NSDC	Wild Rose Ramblers 1 st Sat. 7 P&R III; 8:00 MS&R. NSDC
For more information contact Richard Snyder @ 509.443.0126	



The **DANCING SHADOWS** would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! Our annual Christmas dance was well attended as usual. Thank you to all who came out and joined us. Our candlelight ceremony was awesome and there was a special visit from Santa. Everyone who attended received a Christmas stocking filled with goodies. Thanks to Adam Christman and Carol Shopbell for a wonderful evening of dancing. Join us on 3rd Fridays for all the fun. Dancing starts at 7:00 pm at the Western Dance Center. Our theme for our January dance is "Mexican". Bob Amsbury and Carol Shopbell will be providing us with another great evening of dance. We hope to see you on the dance floor.

Tami Carson

DIAMOND SQUARES round dance basic class wrapped up on December 28th. We had 15 couples on the floor each night including angels. Most of them were already Square dancers and belong to different clubs. Our Party Dance at the North Spokane Dance Center on November 6th was attended by almost 6 squares. We will start our Square Dance basic class on January 4, 2016 at 7:15 pm at the Western Dance Center. Bob and Claudia Amsbury are our teachers. Bring your friends, co-workers and neighbors to start learning this fun and healthy activity and possibly the best way to meet new friends. You can always come in casual wear. Our "Honoring our Veterans" dance turned out great. Wild Rose Ramblers traveled too and stole back their banner. Some of our club members danced to Jet Roberts at the North Spokane Dance Center with lots of interesting costumes. It was a very fun dance attended by almost 10 squares. We finally got snowy days. Kick off your shoes, get warm, and come dance with us on January 9th. Our theme is "Hot Chocolate Nights". We start at 7:00 pm with Mainstream. With our caller and cuer, Bob and Claudia Amsbury at the Western Dance Center. Have a blessed and prosperous New Year everyone, and happy to see you on the dance floor.

Nelly Christoffersen

It has been a wild winter so far with hurricane force winds. Some dances had to be cancelled. We are thankful to have made it thru this safely. The **MODEL T'S** invite all to our January 9th Cowboy theme dance. Vern and Kathy Boggs, our caller and cuer, will start the evening at 7:00 pm with Plus and Rounds and Mainstream at 8:00 pm. Come join us for a fun filled evening.

Charlene Weist

SPOKANE AREA COUNCIL will be hosting a 5th Saturday dance with Steve Noseck calling and Claudia Amsbury cueing at the Western Dance Center on January 30th.

Be sure to check the Spokane Area Council website at squaredancespokane.com. There is a wealth of information on this website. Our web masters, Dave and Karen Reichardt, are doing a fantastic job!

The police sergeant was parking his car after concluding his shift with his K-9 partner in the back seat. A little boy passing by on his way home from school knocked on the window and said to the police man, "Do you have a dog in the back seat?" "Yes, I do", answered the sergeant. The little boy asked "What did he do?"

Richard and Barbara Snyder

STAR SHOOTERS welcome 2016! We sure hope we are through with the craziness the end of 2015 brought us here in Spokane. As always we were happy to ring in the New Year with our favorite people -Square Dancers. Our dance and buffet is the one I look forward to the most. It's a chance to spend a little extra time with the ones we work so hard with all year long for the good of our clubs and activity. It's not just the dancing because every year someone has a sore knee or hip or back and can't dance. But what a great support system we have in each other. We call, we text, we make lunch plans, we send cards and go to visit. Sometimes it's a hospital, sometimes a memorial service. But we are connected in a way that others don't share. I'm going to start reaching out this year to everyone I see that is searching for a place, an activity, friends and extended family members. Because that is what we are! Happy New Year Peeps! Come dance every 4th Saturday from 7-10:30 pm at the Western Dance Center with the Star Shooters. We guarantee you a good time!!

Diane Hartley

It's a new year! Happy 2016! The **TWIN CITY TWIRLERS** New Year starts on January 2, 2016 with an annual meeting to install new club officers and hear any club member concerns. There is no dance scheduled. Bill Kennedy is the featured caller for the Mainstream dance on January 21st while Lorraine Kennedy will cue Rounds. South of the Border is the theme for this dance. Pre-rounds begin at 7:30 pm and Squares at 8:00 pm. Pajama Party is the theme for the Plus dance on January 8th and Fruit Pizza will be on the menu at the Plus dance on January 22nd. For both dances Plus workshops start at 7:30 pm and Squares at 8:00 pm. Mainstream lessons are held on Thursday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Plus and A2 lessons are held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. It should be a fun filled dance month for us. We invite all dancers to join us.

Kathy Boulton

The **WESTERN DANCE ASSOCIATION** board decorated the hall with festive Christmas decorations for those clubs dancing in the month of December

to enjoy. It always seems to create a more festive atmosphere with decorations depicting the different seasons. It always seems extra special during the month of December.

Western Dance Association will be holding their annual Trustee's Meeting on January 24th to conduct necessary business and elect new officers. This is a very important meeting in the management of our building.

I was telling a pretty girl at the pub about my ability to guess what day a woman was born just by rubbing her chest. "Really!" she said, "Go ahead and try." After about a minute had passed she began to lose patience and said "Come on, come on! What day was I born?" I said "Yesterday." When you're over 60, who cares?

Richard and Barbara Snyder

The **WILD ROSE RAMBLERS** hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a terrific year in 2016! December's silent auction "Christmas Baskets" was a lot of fun, as usual, and we hope all attendees enjoyed the evening of dance. Club members shared a potluck at an informal Christmas party at the North Spokane Dance Center and enjoyed our annual "white elephant" gift exchange. January's dance will have the Luau theme, and dancers are encouraged to wear their favorite "Hawaiian-style" fashion or adornments. WRR's caller is Rob (Vicki) Krum, and Carol (Jim) Shopbell will be our cuer for our January 2nd, 2016 dance. Plus and Phase 111 Rounds begin at 7:00 pm and Mainstream with Rounds follow, from 8:00-10:00. Snacks and fellowship follow the dance. You're welcome to bring your favorite Hawaiian or Luau-type finger food.

Blessings to all.

Judy Ottoson

SOU'WESTER COUNCIL Continued from Page | 51

December 5th. This is Cougar's biggest dance of the year and it is a great way to start the holiday season. If you don't have this on your club schedule, consider it for 2016.

Cougars are in the midst of Square Dance lessons that began in September. We hope to conclude the lessons early in the spring, giving new dancers lots of floor time prior to the State Festival in June this year. Jim Raupp is our caller/teacher.

Cougar's Round Dance "lessons" or "floor time," continue on the second and fourth Sundays beginning at 4:00 pm. Susan Healea is our cuer/teacher. If you are a Phase III or IV rumba/cha dancer or a Phase III "waltzer", join as at 4:00. If you would like Phase II mixed level round dances arrive at 6:00 to 8:00 for floor time and a short Phase II worship during the evening. We dance at Baw Faw Grange next to the Boistfort School near Curtis.

We wish you a Happy New Year filled with lots of dancing and remember to plan to attend the State Festival in June, Sou'Wester Council is hosting it in Longview. Plan on attending!

Don and Judy Wilson, donjudywilson22@gmail.com

MacGregor Nominations encouraged for the 2015-16 dance season

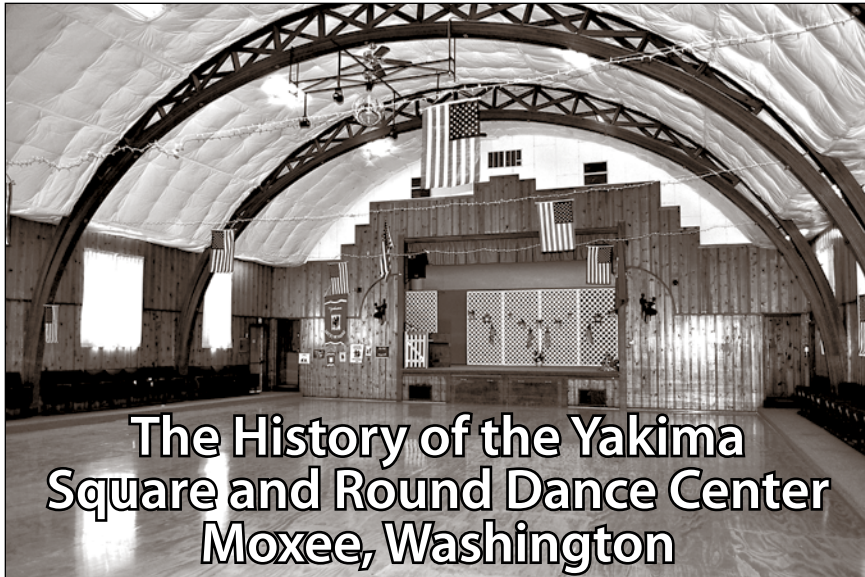
Bruce and Judy Ottoson were astonished and blessed to receive the 2015 MacGregor Memorial Award at the State Festival in June. The award was created in memory of Harry MacGregor's substantial time and efforts on behalf of square dancing and promotions. His philosophy of being a dancer: *"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and think what you owe the world; to put your rights to the background and your duties in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are and try to look behind their faces into their own hearts? Are you willing to confess that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness? Are you willing to do this for even a day? If so, you are a SQUARE DANCER."*

As the last recipients, it is our privilege to accept nominations for 2016 (to be awarded at the 2016 State Festival in Longview). The deadline for receiving nominations is April 1, 2016. If a dancer's (or couples') names and résumé has previously been submitted, but they not received the award, please re-submit with updated information on the individual(s). If you know of dancer(s) who have not been recipients, please submit their résumé to Bruce & Judy Ottoson, at 2203 W. Monroe Rd., Spokane WA 99208-9752 or by email jdottoson1@msn.com or bruceottoson@msn.com **No Later than April 1, 2016.**

The résumé should include specific information about the individual(s) participation and leadership activities during their dance history, such as offices held at the Club, Association, Council, State and National levels, promotional and other volunteer activities to support our dance recreation. We are blessed with many dancers who work endlessly to help our activity thrive; these are the folks who should be honored. Additional letters supporting the nominee are welcome from others who are aware of their contributions to our world of dance.

The recipient will retain the State's trophy for one year, until the next recipient(s) from a different Council has been selected.

Bruce and Judy Ottoson



The History of the Yakima Square and Round Dance Center Moxee, Washington

by Bob & Ruth Hamilton and Russ & Elaine Kruse

In the mid 1950s the Gateswingers and Wagonwheelers Square Dance clubs decided to start a fund for the purpose of finding or building a hall for them to dance in. A committee was formed and a charge of 25 cents was added to any person who attended a dance. This money went into the fund. Many buildings and lots to build on were considered but were not chosen.

The Catholic Church in Moxee had a parish hall and school on the property where the dance hall now stands. In August 1937 the parish hall was destroyed by a fire. Everyone who was able donated money, time and labor to construct a much needed center for their parish activities. Mr. Adolphe Fontaine, a well known farmer acted as contractor, foreman, and chief laborer during this work. The general plans for the new were his.

On October 26, 1937 a loan of \$5,619.25 was secured to finish paying for the construction of the hall. The total cost for the building was \$7,821.75. The hall was formally opened on May 15, 1938 and thus the hall we now dance in was born.

The hall was used by the Catholic Church for church and school until they sold it to the Mormon Church. The Mormon Church used it for the same purpose until the spring of 1985 while they were building a new church in Terrace Heights, Yakima.

A long time Gatewsinger member, Shirley Nopp, informed the committee that the building would be for sale within a year. The committee president, Mr. Ray Cobb, contacted the Mormon Church and inquired about the sale of the building. The Mormon Church was interested in selling the build to the square dance clubs as long as they would agree that any use of the building would be family friendly. Mr. Cobb assured them it would be so, a practice that we still use

today.

As the committee had approximately \$55,000.00 to work with they asked the church the price of the property. The church kept telling them to make them an offer. The committee decided to offer \$55,000.00. The church accepted the offer right away but they said they only wanted \$25,000.00 down and monthly payments for approximately three years and a balloon payment at the end of the three years. The committee accepted the offer and a deal was made in the spring of 1986. Monthly payments were made and work began on the building. Three years later Gateswinger members Jerry and Doris Milham loaned the committee enough money to pay off the balloon payment.

We had to remove the old coal fired furnace and install new gas ones. We then removed the partitions in the basement which divided off class rooms. Three offices that were in what is now the balcony were also removed. When the building was built there was a gym floor put down upstairs. When the Mormon Church bought the building they glued rug to the gym floor. The rug that was glued to the floor upstairs had to be removed and because of the damage to the floor from the glue we had to put down a plywood floor.



Over the years many improvements have been made to the building. Some of them are insulation in the walls and ceiling. RV hookups were added in



the parking lot. The building has been painted twice. A second wood floor was put down just a few years ago. Some of the key people involved in these improvements are Dick Hogsett, Roger Nopp,

Jerry Puyear, Mel Tandberg and many, many other people who donated their time and money.

With the Wagonwheelers Square Dance Club closing and the Yakima Rounders leaving the building, the building association which had been established to manage the building, had to be dissolved according to Washington State law. Therefore the Gateswinger Square and Round Dance club became the owner of the building



and all of its assets.

Many fund raisers and rentals have made it possible to maintain the building. We have held yard sales and given coffee and cookies away at the Indian John Rest Area most years. We have rented the hall for weddings, anniversary parties, and also to the East Valley School District for dance classes. We currently have an individual teaching preschool and grade school age children dance classes. We have had two churches rent the building. The first one for approximately five years and the other one still currently rents the building. We also use the building for community use such as benefit dinners. The first dance to be held in the building was a Gateswinger Anniversary dance. Every April for the past 29 years we hosted the Spring Sashay. A few years later we added a Plus Weekend in May.

A couple of years ago, thanks to the generosity of the Lower Valley Square Dance club, we were able to paint the building the second time for a cost of approximately \$11,000.00.

We are very proud of the building and of the people who come and dance with us. It is the goal of the Gateswingers to continue to provide a good wholesome place for Square and Round dancers to come and enjoy themselves.

Russ & Elaine Kruse and Bob & Ruth Hamilton, Gateswinger members.



Photos by Scott Marriner

MID WINTER BLUES CHASER

Wooden Dance Floor
Great Sound Throughout
Erickson Dance Hall
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016
DBD, Ext. App. Mainstream & Plus, and Rounds

STEVE & KEVIN & LYNN
NOSECK THOMAIER PELTOLA

II - IV Rounds	10:00 - 11:00	Plus DBD WS/Dance	3:00 - 4:30
MS DBD Sq. Workshop	11:00 - 12:30	Dinner (on your own)	4:30 - 7:00
Lunch (on your own)	12:30 - 2:00	II - IV Pre-Rounds	7:00 - 7:30
II - IV Round workshop	2:00 - 3:00	Mainstream Dance ^{1 plus tip}	7:30 - 9:30

TRAIL-IN DANCE, Friday Night, Feb. 19, 2016
Erickson Dance Hall, Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Spike Reid, caller/cuer MC

(Hosts: Rhody O's & 4PLUS4's) 6:30 Pre-Rounds, 7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream

REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____
Address _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

Friday Night Trail In Dance (separate event - same location) \$ 7.50 per person
Saturday Night Dance ONLY (if not dancing during the day) \$10.00 per person, OR
Saturday all day Workshops & Dances plus the Night Dance \$20.00 per person

Registration Checks should be made payable to DAVID JOHNSON
Mail Registration to: David Johnson, 30 Jefferson Place, Port Hadlock, WA 98339
FOR MORE INFO: David Johnson, 360-301-9082 or chinook_6@hotmail.com

DIRECTIONS TO HALL AND LODGING INFORMATION ON BACK

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID 99324
Permit #44

SQUARE & FOLK DANCE
FEDERATION OF WASHINGTON
PO BOX 11160
YAKIMA WA 98909-2160



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**PETTICOAT JUNCTION
DANCE SHOP**

14523 Highway 99 #1
Lynnwood, WA 98087
800-344-3262 425-743-9513

www.petticoatjct.com
email us! friends@petticoatjct.com