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THE GAVEL

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The weather has changed, and winter is coming, so I want to be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas.

I have enjoyed dancing in multiple areas in Washington in October and November. It was my pleasure to join Lane & Gail Johnston at their Presidents Award dance on October 21st in Sumner and then I joined Shawn & Wendy Cavness at their McNutt Award dance on November 10th. I am working on visiting each council at least once throughout the year so if you have a major dance you think I should join, please let me know early so I can get it in my calendar.

Please consider joining us for the next state meeting via zoom on Saturday, January 27th. I will gladly share the link with anyone who wants to join us.

Have a happy and safe holiday season. I look forward to dancing with more people in the new year.

Joshua Strickler

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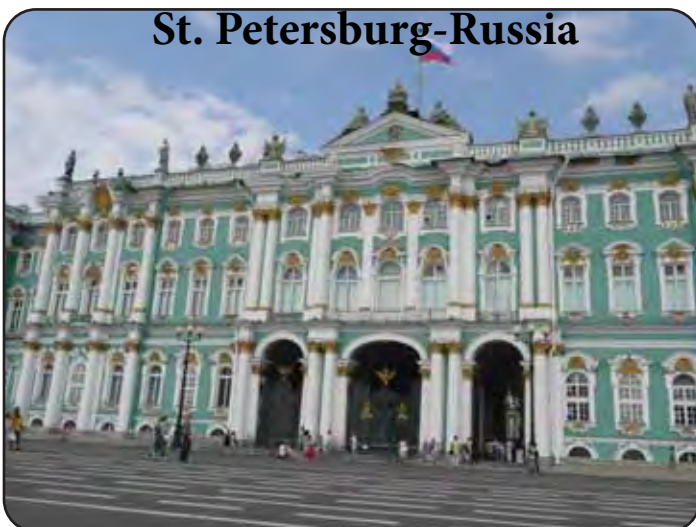
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I know others took cruises, & tours to very exciting places. **Please consider sharing some of your photos with your Square Dance family.** I would like to feature someones adventure each month, or it will be what ever I find on the internet -- birds and flowers!

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DID YOU KNOW...?

by Lane Johnston

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Did You Know...?

...“a picture is worth a thousand words”? Fred R. Barnard, advertising executive, 1927 [I looked it up!]. My grandkids routinely (& bitterly) complain whenever I want to take a picture of them. But later, they look and sound excited whenever they chance upon a picture of themselves!...go figure.

Square dancers, on the other hand, usually smile or wave when someone with a camera or smartphone snaps a picture (even when they don't know who the person is that took it). Dancers whose pictures were taken at a dance seldom get to see the outcome. Why is that?

See if this not-so-fictional account resonates with you. Suppose you travel to a dance outside your own council area (already, that makes it somewhat “special”). You meet some nice people, maybe dance with a caller you've never danced to before and have a great time. You notice another dancer or two that seem to enjoy taking lots photographs during the dance (even at least one you're sure had “you” in it), but you were so busy dancing and having a good time you never thought to ask the photographer(s) his/her/their name(s) or where you might be able to get a copy or see the pictures online.

You get home and a few days afterwards you go searching for photos taken at the dance. Where do you look? Facebook???...good luck with that one! Maybe there's a Facebook page or group for the sponsoring club...nope (they don't have one). There could be some on the website for the council...nope (no website, either...couldn't find one even after searching for it). Ahhh...how about Instagram???...nope, not there either (besides, you've never used Instagram and don't plan on starting now). Yet you KNOW there were lots of pictures taken at the dance, so you don't give up hoping to find some.

A day or two later one of your “friends” on Facebook “shares” a post containing 3 pictures taken at the dance (now you're getting somewhere, but sadly none of the 3 have “you” in them). A year goes by...you're at a council dance in TimBuckTwo and lo & behold there's a really nice picture of you in one of the Historian books that come out of hiding once in a while (lucky for you, Tom Rohde finally loaded them in the car after the 3rd time Donna reminded him not to forget them!).

Congratulations! Now all you have to do is take a picture

of a picture with your smartphone and store it somewhere so you can show it to your grandkids. Good luck with “that one” too...they really don't care now...maybe later...MUCH later (but, by then, THEY won't be able to find it either)!

I'm sure by now you “get the point”. It's nice to see pictures of your square dance friends but trying to find them (even when you KNOW they exist) can be challenging and frustrating.

Back in 2019 I put together a website with the intention of exclusively storing square dance pictures (and even videos) taken anywhere in WA state all in one place. I linked the site to the WA State Federation webpage as a “companion” website. But the Covid fiasco brought everything to a screeching halt. I haven't promoted the site effectively, but still feel it's “the way to go” going forward. I hope you'll take the opportunity to poke around and explore what's on the site already. It's a Work-In-Progress, so don't expect a well-oiled machine, but I think you'll come away with a pretty clear “picture” (pun intended).

Oh yeah...you just might find a picture of “YOU” on the site somewhere!

Start here: [WA State Square and Round Dance Clubs Pictures \(squaredance-wa-pics.org\)](https://www.squaredance-wa-pics.org). Then scroll down to Statewide (Federation) Events, then select State Festivals. There's a link for every council, and below that a link for every club (needs work).

There's a link to the latest Flipbook version of Footnotes, and a link to the State Federation website. You might even try looking at Rainier Council (shameless promotion since that's where I live)...that's where you'll find the most “Content”. More on this topic in next month's Footnotes “Did You Know...?” article.

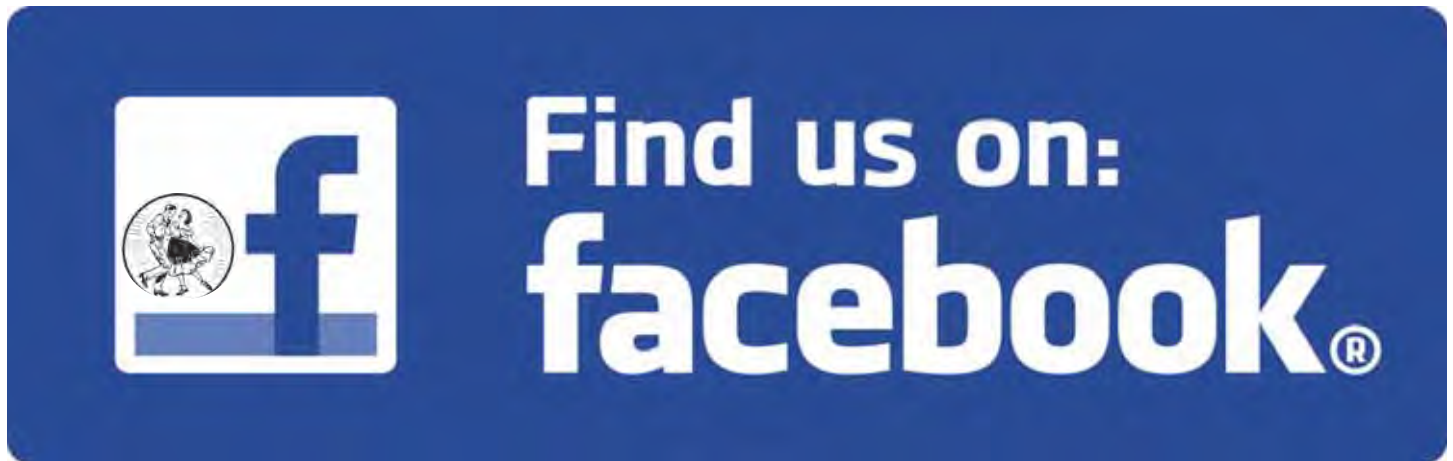
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We have lost three clubs in the federation this year. The following clubs have been dropped due to not completing the renewal process: Jacks & Jills and the Mavericks of the Central Puget Sound Council and the Northwest Callers Association of the Rainier Council. That leaves us with 81 clubs, and 1,913 members as of August 31, 2023, a gain of 65 members from last year.



When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighborhood. I remember well the polished old case fastened to the wall.

The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was too little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother used to talk to it. Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person – her name was Information Please and there was nothing she did not know. Information Please could supply anybody’s number and the correct time.



My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbor. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible, but there didn’t seem to be any reason in crying because there was no one home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway – the telephone!

Quickly I ran for the footstool in the parlor and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up I unhooked the

receiver and held it to my ear. Information Please I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. “Information.” “I hurt my finger. . .” I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

“Isn’t your mother home?” came the question. “Nobody’s home but me” I blubbered. “Are you bleeding?” “No,” I replied. “I hit my finger with the hammer and it hurts.” “Can you open your icebox?” she asked. I said I could. “Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger.” After that I called Information Please for everything. I asked her for help with my geography and she told me where Philadelphia was. She helped me with my math, and she told me my pet chipmunk I had caught in the park just the day before would eat fruits and nuts. And there was the time that Petey, our pet canary died. I called Information Please and told her the sad story. She listened, then said



the usual things grown-ups say to soothe a child. But I was unconsolated. Why is it that birds should sing so beautifully and bring joy to all families, only to end up as a heap of feathers, feet up, on the bottom of a cage? She must have sensed my deep concern, for she said quietly, “Paul, always remember that there are other worlds to sign in.” Somehow, I felt better. Another day I was on the telephone. “Information Please.” “Information,” said the now familiar voice. “How do you spell fix?” I asked. All this took place in a small town in the Pacific Northwest.

Then when I was 9 years old, we moved across the country to Boston. I missed my friend very much. Information Please belonged in that old wooden box back home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, shiny new phone that sat on the hall table. Yet as I

grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me; often in moments of doubt and perplexity I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy

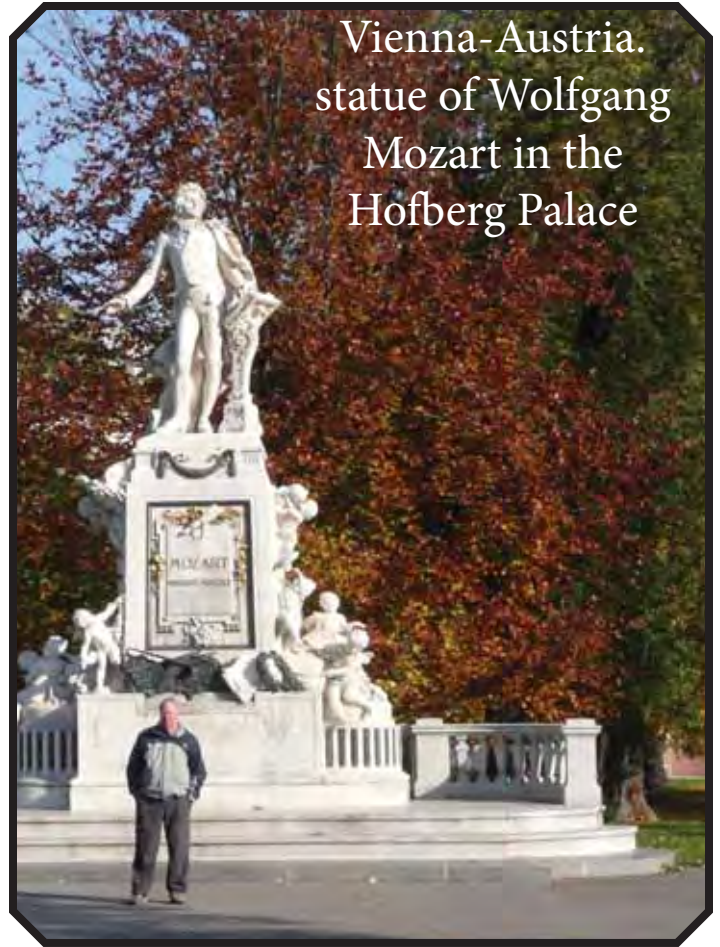
.A few years later, on my way west to college, my plane put down in Seattle. I had about half an hour or so between planes, and I spent 15 minutes or so on the phone with my sister, who lived there now.

Then without thinking what I was doing, I dialed my hometown operator and said, "Information Please". Miraculously, I heard again the small, clear voice I knew so well, "Information." I hadn't planned this but I heard myself saying, "Could you tell me please how to spell fix?" There was a long pause. Then came the soft-spoken answer, "I guess that your finger must have healed by now." I laughed, "So, it's really still you," I said. "I wonder if you have any idea how much you meant to me during that time." "I wonder," she said, "if you know how much your calls meant to me. I never had any children, and I used to look forward to your calls." I told her how often I had thought of her over the years and I asked if I could call her again when I came back to visit my sister. "Please do, just ask for Sally." Just three months later I was back in Seattle. . . A different voice answered Information and I asked for Sally. "Are you a friend?" "Yes, a very old friend." "Then I'm sorry to have to tell you. Sally has been working part-time the past few years because she was sick. She died five weeks ago." But before I could hang up she said, "Wait a minute. Did you say your name was Paul?" "Yes." "Well, Sally left a message for you. She wrote it down. Here it is. I'll read it. "Tell him I still say there are other worlds to sing in. He'll know what I mean." I thanked her and hung up. I did know what Sally meant.



*Take care,
Richard and Barbara Snyder*

Vienna- Austria.
statue of Wolfgang
Mozart in the
Hofberg Palace



Saint Paul de Vence-
French Riviera



CIRCULATING THOUGHTS

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I am going to start this month by asking everyone a question.

“As a dancer what part of your body is the most important for you to be a successful dancer and why?? Here is a list of what I think will be the most common responses:

- My brain that helps me to help me remember the movements.
- My ears that allow me to hear the music and the caller’s commands.
- My legs that help me get to the right place when I am dancing.
- My feet that help me dance one step to every beat of the music.
- My arms to help me execute moves like California Twirl etc.
- My hands are used on almost every move in square dancing.

Of those six possible answers I believe your hands are the most important. Let me explain why I think that. From the very beginning of our dance experience, we are told to “take hands” with your partner. We are also told that anytime we are standing beside someone, regardless of gender, we should take their hand. Why is this important? Because our hands always tell our brain the location of the rest of our body. Some would contend that our eyes tell us body location. They do, but the sense of touch is much faster in determining location.

When I teach new dancers, I constantly remind them to touch hands with the person beside them – even if it is only for a split second, which will tell your brain where you are. That is very important in our activity because of the quick amount of time dancers need to determine where they are and where they need to go next.

As a dancer, either experienced or brand new, the next time you dance make a conscious effort to touch hands with the person who is next to you. If they don’t offer their hand, touch it anyway to help them understand how important that is to your dancing.

Notice that I use the term “take hands” but it’s really “touch hands.” Take hands indicate hold the person’s hand – when all that is needed is a light touching of the hands. That brings me to the discussion about hand use in turning movements, especially ocean waves. Because of multiple turns in opposite directions your hands must be able to change positions quickly. I teach my dancers to have their palms touch without gripping the hand. I also tell them to do “hand touches,” not “hand holds that place your thumb over the back of the person’s hand.

Let me finish by saying that all the parts I listed in the beginning are important because without any one of them learning to square dance would be a challenge. The hands are what brings them all together.

Til’ next month
Enjoy your dancing!

Glenn

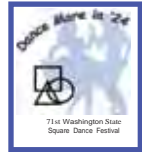


Florence, Italy.
Ponte Vecchio Bridge



CUER'S THOUGHTS FROM DAN BAILLY

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Hello everyone sorry we didn't get anything in last month. This time I would like to talk about basic round dance figures in general we have an organization (Round A Lab) that has worked at the standardization of them so that each figure is hopefully taught the same--where ever you take lessons.

Over the years, there have been modifications made to some of the steps to keep them up to date with the times or easier to dance. Having said that, some modifications have been learned or incorporated to deal with limitations dancers need due to ailing issues. For example, I learned three different ways to do a whip turn in West coast swing, first one was due to my skill level, then another way because that different way improved the movement for me and my dance partner, and the third way was due

to health issues I developed recently.

It's nice to get instruction from several different people as we don't all explain the figures the same way even though it is the same figure; one teacher may say something that clicks for you or maybe just having someone else say it makes you more comfortable with the figure. The more comfortable dancers are with a figure, it helps blend to or make it easier to move from one figure to another. Be sure to ask any cuer teacher if you don't know or understand a move or sequence. I'm certain that many would gladly help anyone learn our activity. Till next time, and we hope you are enjoying the holidays.

Daniel and Linda Bailly



Athens-Greece. Temple of Zeus

DECEMBER'S ROUND OF THE MONTH

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Rhythm: Waltz RAL Phase: II +2 (Hover, Interrupted Box)
Sequence: Intro-A-B-B-Inter-A-B-B-Inter 2-End

Intro:

1-8 OP-FCG WALL wt 2 meas;; APT PT; TOG to BFLY TCH; BAL L & R;; TWRL VINE; THRU FC CL;

1-4 Wait; Wait; Apt L, Pt R twd ptr, -; Tog R, Tch L,-;
5-6 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L, XRIB, In place L; Sd R, XLIB, In place R;
7-8 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L, XRIB, Sd L (W Undr joined Id hnds Sd & Fwd R trng RF, Sd & Bk L continue trn, Sd R end fcg ptr); Thru R, Sd L to fc ptr, Cl R Blend to BFLY;

A

1-4 WZ AWY; TRN IN to LOP; BKUP WZ; BK DR TCH;

1-2 [Bfly Wall]- Fwd L trng awy from ptr, Fwd R to fc LOD, Cl L; Fwd R trng RF (W LF), Sd R cont RF trn joining Id hnds & releasing trlg hnds, Bk R fin trn in LOP;
3-4 [LOP RLOD]- Bk L, Bk R, Cl L; Bk R, Draw L to R, Tch L;

5 - 9 THRU TWKL OP; PKUP SD CL; FWD WZ TWICE;; FWD CANTER;

5-6 [Bfly Wall]- Fwd L trn LF (W RF) into ptr, Fwd & Sd R cont trn, Cls L blnd to OP FCG M fcg DLW (W DLC); Small Fwd R, Small Sd L, Cl R end CP LOD (W Fwd L trng LF moving in-front of M, Small Sd R fin trn end fcg RLOD in front of M, Cl L);
7-8 Fwd L, Fwd & slightly Sd R, Cl L; Fwd R, Fwd & slightly Sd L, Cl R;
9 Fwd L, Drw R, Cl L;

10-13 2 L TRNS to WALL;; BOX;;

1-2 [CP LOD]-Fwd L start LF upper body trn, Sd & Bk R continue LF trn, Cl L;
Bk R start LF upper body trn, Sd & Bk L continue LF trn, Cl R;
3-4 [CP Wall]-Fwd L, Sd R, Cl L; Bk R, Sd L, Cl R;

14-17 HOVER; MANUEVER; 2 RT TRNS to CP LOD;;

14-15 [CP Wall]- fwd L, fwd sd R, rec fwd L to SCP;
fwd R beg RF upr bdy trn, cont RF trn sd L, cl R (W bk L beg RF upr bdy trn, sd R, cl L) to CP RLOD;
16-17 [CP RLOD]- bk L commence trn up to 1/4 RF, sd R continue RF trn up to 1/4, cl L; fwd R commence trn up to 1/4 RF, sd L continue RF trn up to 1/4, cl R to CP LOD;

B

1-4 L TRNG BOX SCAR;;;

1-4 [CP LOD]-Fwd L start LF upper body trn, Fwd & Sd R completing ¼ LF trn, Cl L;
Bk R start LF upper body trn, Bk & Sd L completing ¼ LF trn, Cl R; Fwd L start LF upper body trn, Fwd & Sd R completing ¼ LF trn, Cl L; Bk R start LF upper body trn, Bk & Sd L completing ¼ LF trn, Cl R Blend to SCAR DLW;

5-8 TWKL to BJO; MANUV; 2 R TRNS to CP LOD;;

5-6 [SCAR DRW]-Fwd L outsd ptr, Fwd & Sd R trng slightly LF, Cl L; Fwd R trng RF, Sd L continue RF trn, Cl R (W Bk L trng RF, Sd R continue RF trn, Cl L);
7-8 [CP RLOD]-Bk L start trn RF, Sd R twd LOD continue RF trn, Cl L; Fwd R start RF trn, Sd L twd LOD, Cl L Blend to CP LOD;

REPEAT PART B TO FACE WALL

INTERLUDE

1-4 BAL L & R;; TWRL VINE; THRU FC CL;

1-2 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L , XRIB , In place L ; Sd R , XLIB , In place R ;

3-4 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L , XRIB , Sd L (W Undr joined Id hnds Sd & Fwd R trng RF , Sd & Bk L continue trn , Sd R end fcg ptr); Thru R , Sd L to fc ptr , Cl R Blend to BFLY ;

REPEAT PART A

REPEAT PART B

REPEAT PART B TO FACE WALL

INTERLUDE 2

1-4 BAL L & R;; TWRL VINE; PKUP TO LOD;

1-2 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L , XRIB , In place L ; Sd R , XLIB , In place R ;

3-4 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L , XRIB , Sd L (W Undr joined Id hnds Sd & Fwd R trng RF , Sd & Bk L continue trn , Sd R end fcg ptr); Small Fwd R , Small Sd L , Cl R end CP LOD (W Fwd L trng LF moving in-front of M , Small Sd R fin trn end fcg RLOD in front of M , Cl L) ;

C

1-4 INTERRUPTED BFLY BOX TO SCAR LOD;;;

1-4 [In BFLY]- Fwd L , sd R , cl L ; Raising jnd Id hnds bk R , sd L , cl R (W undr raised arms circ RF ½ L , R , L) ;
Fwd L , sd R , cl L (W cont circg R , L , R) to BFLY WALL ; Bk R , sd L , cl R to SCAR LOD;

5-8 3 PROGRESSIVE TWINKLES;;; MANUEVER;

5-8 XLif & slightly fwd , sd R & slightly fwd , cl L blending to BJO (W XRib & slightly bk , sd L & slightly bk , cl R blending to BJO) ; {Prog Twinkle to SCAR} XRif & slightly fwd , sd L & slightly fwd , cl R blending to SCAR (W XLib & slightly bk , sd R & slightly bk , cl L blending to SCAR) ; {Prog Twinkle to BJO} Repeat meas 9 Part B ;
Fwd R trng RF , Sd L continue RF trn , Cl R (W Bk L trng RF , Sd R continue RF trn , Cl L) ;

9 – 12 1 RT TRN FC LOD; FWD WALTZ; 1 LFT TRN FC RLOD; BK WALTZ;

9–10 Bk L commence RF trn , continue trn sd R twd LOD trng RF , cl L fc LOD; fwd R , fwd L , fwd R;

11–12 Fwd L commence ¼ LF trn , cont trn sd R diagonally across LOD trng ¼ LF , cl L to R fc RLOD; 1 Bk Waltz] Bk R , bk & slightly sd L , cl R to L;

13-16 2 RT TRNS FC WALL;; TWRL VINE; THRU FC CL;

13–14 Bk L commence RF trn , continue trn sd R twd LOD trng RF , cl L fc LOD; fwd R continue RF trn , continue trn sd L diagonally across LOD trng RF to Fc Wall , Cl R (Fwd R commence RF trn , continue trn sd L diagonally across LOD trng RF , cl R; bk L continue RF trn , continue trn sd R twd LOD trng RF , cl L) ;

15-16 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L , XRIB , Sd L (W Undr joined Id hnds Sd & Fwd R trng RF , Sd & Bk L continue trn , Sd R end fcg ptr); Thru R , Sd L to fc ptr , Cl R Blend to BFLY ;

17-20 BAL L & R;; CANTER TWICE;;

17-18 [Bfly Wall]- Sd L , XRIB , In place L ; Sd R , XLIB , In place R ;

19-20 [CP WALL] – Sd L , Draw R to L , Cl R ; Sd L , Draw R to L , Cl R ;

ENDING

REPEAT PART A MEASURES 1-6

7-8 CANTER; APT, PT

7-8 [CP WALL] – Sd L , Draw R to L , Cl R; Apt L , Pt R twd ptr

God's Plan

Choreo: Pat and Wanda McBride Phone: 970-434-3543 E-mail: pandapw@centurylink.net
3138 F ¾ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504
Record: God's Plan- Derek Ryan, available on Amazon.com
Footwork: Opposite Unless Noted
Rhythm: Waltz RAL Phase: II +2 (Hover, Interrupted Box)
Sequence: Intro-A-B-B-Inter-A-B-B-Inter 2-End

Intro:

1-8 OP-FCG WALL wt 2 meas;; APT PT; TOG to BFLY TCH; BAL L & R;; TWRL VINE; THRU FC CL;

A

1-4 WZ AWY; TRN IN to LOP; BKUP WZ; BK DR TCH;
5 - 9 THRU TWKL OP; PKUP SD CL; FWD WZ TWICE;; FWD CANTER;
10-13 2 L TRNS to WALL;; BOX;;
14-17 HOVER; MANUEVER; 2 RT TRNS to CP LOD;;

B

1-4 L TRNG BOX SCAR;;;;
5-8 TWKL to BJO; MANUV; 2 R TRNS to CP LOD;;

REPEAT PART B TO FACE WALL

INTERLUDE

1-4 BAL L & R;; TWRL VINE; THRU FC CL;

REPEAT PART A

REPEAT PART B

REPEAT PART B TO FACE WALL

INTERLUDE 2

1-4 BAL L & R;; TWRL VINE; PKUP TO LOD;

C

1-4 INTERRUPTED BFLY BOX TO SCAR LOD;;;;
5-8 3 PROGRESSIVE TWINKLES;;; MANUEVER;
9 – 12 1 RT TRN FC LOD; FWD WALTZ; 1 LFT TRN FC RLOD; BK WALTZ;
3-16 2 RT TRNS FC WALL;; TWRL VINE; THRU FC CL;
17-20 BAL L & R;; CANTER TWICE;;

ENDING

REPEAT PART A MEASURES 1-6

7-8 CANTER; APT, PT



SEW MUCH FUN

Karen Reichardt

squarelyyours@icloud.com
www.squaredancesewing.com



NO REPORT FOR DECEMBER



On our 2018 Mediterranean cruise, we had the opportunity to dock in Venice, Italy. After a wonderful day there, we had a sail-away party in one of our friends' suites. There were 20 of us at the sail away party and this is what we saw as we sailed past St. Marks Square. It does not get better than this!

Bill Freyfogle

**SOLO CORNER
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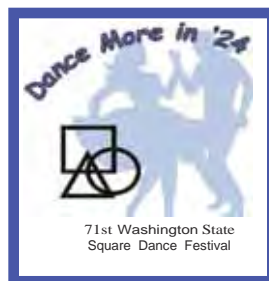
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CYNDA CLARK

509-528-7081

OR EMAIL

footnotes_wa@yahoo.com





YOUTH COORDINATOR Sierra Weber

P.Dolphin1110@comcast.net 253-445-6692



Youth Scholarship
c/o Sierra Weber
1717 Wildflower CT SE
Puyallup, WA. 98374
Or email: P.Dolphin1110@comcast.net

Please share this information with all the youth in your clubs and councils! If you can't apply for this but want to help the youth around Washington State, then you can donate to the funds of this scholarship. Any amount helps. The scholarship is given to students who are actively involved in square dancing and the funds must be used to further their education beyond high school. Please send donations to:

MARSHA SULLIVAN
Washington State Federation Treasurer
2704 50TH Ave NE Tacoma, WA 98422-2917
Attn: Youth Scholarship

Questions? Future article ideas? Please e-mail me at P.Dolphin1110@comcast.net

Thank you!
Sierra Weber

May your holidays be filled with joy and love. I hope you can spend it with your extended family – your square dance family. Try bringing your family to a dance and they're sure to fall in love! I hope to see you on the dance floor.

As always, it is never too late to start thinking about scholarships! If you are 16 to 22 years of age and pursuing a postsecondary education next year, then this is the perfect scholarship for you! The Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington will be accepting applications for the Youth Scholarship until the end of April.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP....



Please consider giving a donation to the Youth Scholarship. The scholarship is given to students who are actively involved in square dancing and the funds must be used to further their education beyond high school.

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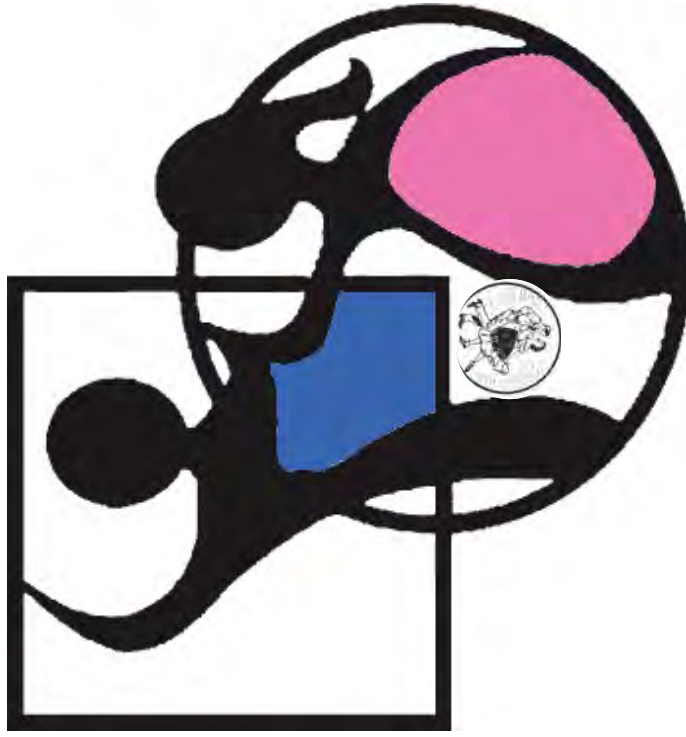
MARSHA SULLIVAN, Treasurer
Attn: Youth Scholarship
Washington State Federation
2704 50TH Ave NE
Tacoma, WA 98422-291



On January 15, 2000, the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc. voted to award an annual Youth Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded at the Washington State Square and Folk Dance Festival in June of each year. Monies are paid directly to the winner's college or trade school.



Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc. Youth Scholarship Fund



Tax deductible donations to this scholarship may be made through the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc. State Treasurer.

For more information to to:

www.squaredance-wa.org

Supporting our Leaders Of Tomorrow!

Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc.

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The Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc. is accepting applications for the merit based \$1,000.00 scholarship from youth members active within our clubs and councils.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be active members in good standing of a Washington State Federated Club.
- Applicants must be 17 through 22 years of age.
- Applicants must show a commitment to the promotion of square dancing.
- Funds must be used to further education beyond high school.

Application Procedures

The following items are required:

- A completed application form
- A letter of nomination from an un-related adult, who is an active member in good standing of a Washington State Federated Club
- An essay on your involvement in square dancing; how it has improved your life; how would you help square dancing grow, and why you deserve this scholarship
- A short paper telling us about yourself (hobbies, sports, family, goals, etc.), including your volunteer work

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30th

Please send all applications by mail or email to the State Youth

Coordinator:

Mail to: **Sierra Weber**
1717 Wildflower Ct.
Puyallup, WA 98374-1403
253-686-2133
Email: **p.dolphin1110@comcast.net**

Youth Scholarship Application

Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

High School: _____ City: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Email: _____

College or Trade School you will be attending:

Name: _____

City & State: _____

Area of study or major: _____


Club Affiliation(s): _____

Council: _____ Number of years danced: _____

- **Only completed applications forms, including a letter of nomination, essay and personal description will be considered.**
- **All material must be received by April 30th.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

This section contains information about weekends, special dances, yearly list, or other events that may require pre-registration.

To be considered the ads must have interest to more than just one council or more than one dance, and be a FULL PAGE AD. 

A club hosting a national caller is an example

Special requests will be considered, but not guaranteed. 5th Saturday dances will not be included unless it is sponsored by several councils.

Also see Advertisers Page for complete list of all ads. Always on the last page of FOOTNOTES



HAVE FUN DANCING TO CRAIG ABERCROMBIE MAINSTREAM DANCES

St Helens Squares-Every Sunday-6:00PM

St Helens Senior Center, St Helens, OR

Dec 17-Christmas Dance Dec 24 & 31-DARK

You are invited to Fairway Village Squares-Every Monday-12:30PM

Fairway Village Ballroom, Vancouver, WA

Dec 18-Christmas Dinner Dance Dec 25-DARK MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happy Hoppers PLUS Dance-Saturday- Dec 2-7:00PM

Washington Grange, Vancouver, WA

R Square D CHRISTMAS DANCE- Friday- Dec 8-8:00PM (PLUS 7:00PM)

Kelso Senior Center, Kelso, WA

Corvallis Squares CHRISTMAS DANCE-Saturday-Dec 9-:15PM (Pre-Rounds 7:00PM)

First Congregational Church, Corvallis, OR

Single Trees-Friday Dec 15-8:00PM (Pre-Rounds-7:30PM, PLUS 7:45PM)

Emerald Square Dance Center, Springfield, OR

Happy Hoppers CHRISTMAS DANCE -Saturday- Dec 16-7:00PM

Washington Grange, Vancouver, WA

CRAIG ABERCROMBIE & ADAM Christman Calling & Cueing

Country Cut-Ups SNOW BALL DANCE-Saturday-Dec 30-7:30PM (PLUS 7:00PM)

Boring Barn, Boring, OR

Columbia River Dancers HAPPY NEW YEAR CHICAGO STYLE DANCE-Sunday-Dec31-7:00PM

Manor Grange, Battle Ground, WA

ASCAP/BMI/SESAC LICENSED

Craigabercrombie14@gmail.com

Or Call 503-410—5482

<https://www.craigabercrombiewix.com>

LET'S CELEBRATE -
CHICAGO STYLE!

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

December 31, 2023

CALLERS/CUERS:

CRAIG ABERCROMBIE

ADAM CHRISTMAN



7 - 10 pm

Mainstream w/ 3rd tip Plus

\$12 pp sugg donation

Held at Monor Grange
17901 NE 72nd Ave, Battle Ground, WA

+ Hearing Enhancement

+ Finger food!

Sponsored by the
Columbia River Dancers!

MID WINTER BLUES CHASER

Wooden Dance Floor

Great Sound Throughout

Erickson Dance Hall

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Port Townsend, WA



STEVE EDLUND



DEBBIE TAYLOR

Friday Night, Feb. 16, 2024

6:30 Pre-Rounds, 7:00 Plus Dance, 7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream Dance

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024

Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds

II - IV Rounds	10:00 - 11:00	Plus Workshop/Dance	3:00 - 4:30
MS Workshop/Dance	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 Rounds	2:00 - 3:00	Mainstream Dance	7:30 - 9:30

Hosts: Rhody O's

REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Friday <u>Night Dance Only</u> (6:30 -9:30)	\$20.00 per person
Saturday <u>Daytime Only</u> workshops and dances (any or all sessions)	\$15.00 per person
Saturday <u>Night Dance ONLY</u> (7:00 -9:30)	\$20.00 per person
2024 Pre-registration Full weekend only \$50 per/person by February 1	Total \$ _____

Registration **Checks (US Funds)** should be made payable to **Mid-Winter Blues Chaser**
Mail Registration to: Mary Pitts, 180 Lone Star Rd, Quilcene, WA 98376
 FOR INFO contact: Helen Ridder, 360-643-0659 or roblueschaser@gmail.com

JOIN The 4x8s
72nd Anniversary

Sat, March 2, 2024

A Garden Party

Featuring



caller

from Oroville, CA

Tim Merino

&



cuier

from Spokane, WA

Dan Bailly

7PM PREROUNDS 7:30 MAINSTREAM
\$15/adult \$7.50/youth \$45/family S.D.

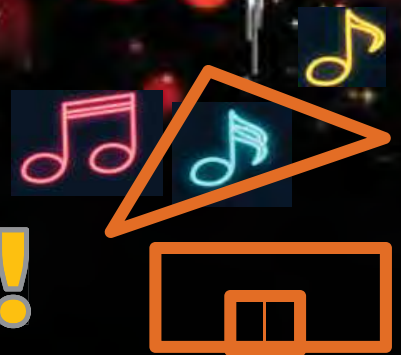
608 E Third Ave
Moses Lake, WA

Search @the4x8s
Call/text 509-220-6580
4x8sSquaredance@gmail.com



MAKE SOME NOISE

Raise the Roof!



Steve Noseck & Glenn Raiha

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2023

\$20 per adult

7-8 Advanced

8-9 Rounds

9-12 Mainstream

with every 3rd tip Plus



Shawn & Wendy Cavness - Cueing

Food! Punch! Hats & noise-makers! Midnight toast! All profits go to Lac-A-Do roof fund!

Tickets on sale now.

For more info: Contact Dan Bode
dansblues@msn.com 360-451-1832

Hosted by Flutterwheels & OASDI - Lac-A-Do Hall, 1721 46th Ave NE, Olympia

PRE-WA STATE FESTIVAL

Plustacular Dance



Featuring

**Dan Preedy and Steve Noseck
Rounds with Debbie Taylor**

July 10, 2024

7:00 – 7:30p Rounds

7:30 – 10:00p Plus

\$12 per dancer

**Yakima Square & Round Dance Center
207 E Charron Rd, Moxee, WA**

Sponsored by Central Area Council Questions? Call Holly 509-949-6712

**2024 WASHINGTON STATE FESTIVAL
AND LEADERSHIP SEMINAR
YAKIMA WA
REGISTER EARLY--MORE INFO TO COME**



**71st Washington State
Square Dance Festival**



Dance More in '24

The 71st Washington State Square Dance & Round Dance Festival and Washington State Leadership Seminar

July 11-13, 2024

Yakima Convention and Events Center

10 N. 8th Street, Yakima, WA 98901

Registration Type	Before February 1, 2024	Beginning February 1, 2024
Adult	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00
Youth	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
Family	\$ 220.00 (family of 4)	\$ 250.00

Thursday night Trail-in Dance included in registration

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Dancer Level (Check all that apply) Rounds: _____ Ph II _____ Ph III _____ Ph IV _____ Ph V & VI

Squares: _____ Basic/SSD _____ M/S _____ Plus _____ Advanced

Clogging _____

First Name	Last Name	Adult	Youth	Badge (5.00)	Award Banquet	Total

Saturday Awards Banquet Dinner

Total _____

Dinners are 48.50 per person (includes tax & gratuity)

Make checks payable to: 2024 WA State Festival

Choice	How Many
Chicken	
Salmon	
Pork	
Vegetarian	



Mail Registration to: 2024 Washington State Festival,
4223 Lorna Ct. SE, Olympia, WA 98503

Refunds available through June 28, 2024



71st Washington State Square Dance Festival and Leadership Conference

Trail-In Dance

Thursday, July 11th, 2024

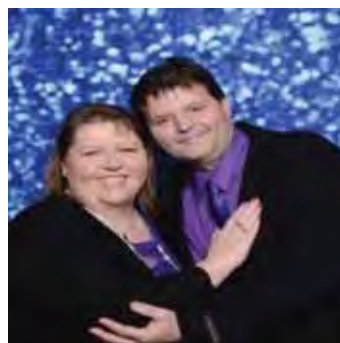
Pre-Rounds: 7:00-7:30pm

Squares with Rounds: 7:30-10:00pm

Plus Every Third Tip



Callers: Glenn Raiha and Adam Christman



Cuer: Rochelle Catt

Location

Yakima Convention and Events Center

10 North 8th Street, Yakima WA 98901

*** Cost of Trail-In Dance included in Festival Registration ***

FESTIVAL HOUSING AND REGISTRATION UPDATE

CALLERS, CUERS & CLOGGING INSTRUCTORS: If you would like to call, cue or instruct, please login to Festival.wasdf.org to register to be scheduled at the festival. Deadline is May 1, 2024

ACCOMODATIONS:

HOTELS

The following hotels in Yakima are offering special rates for the festival on a limited number of rooms:

LEDGESTONE HOTEL, 107 North Fair Avenue, Yakima 509-453-3151

HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN, 802 East Yakima Avenue, Yakima 509-494-7000 Block Code: SDF There is a cut-off date of 6/28/2024.

BAYMONT INN BY WYNDHAM, 1603 East Yakima Avenue, Yakima 509-654-9168

BEST WESTERN AHTANUM INN, 2408 Rudkin Road, Yakima 509-248-9700

RV CAMPING:

There is no RV camping onsite at the Yakima Convention Center. Below are some options that are available around Yakima.

YAKIMA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CENTER, 207 E Charron Rd., Moxee, WA approx. 7 miles. \$20 per night water & electric only No Sewer. ~20 spots available. Contact Holly Gonseth 509.949.6712)

SPORTSMAN STATE PARK...approx. 3 miles. You have to go through the state park website <https://www.parks.wa.gov/278/Yakima-Sportsman>

THE ELKS CLUB in Selah has RV spots for Elks members only.

SUNTIDES RV PARK, Glead, WA, approx. 7 miles, 509.966.7883
<https://suntidesgolf.com/rv-park-suntides-yakima-washington/>

YAKIMA RV PARK 1610 N 1st ST, Yakima, WA 98901, approx. 2 miles, 509.452.9561
<https://www.yakimarpark.com/>

CIRCLE H RV PARK 1107 S 18th St., Yakima, WA 98901, approx. 2 miles, 509.457.3683
<https://circlehrvpark.com/>

BRITISH COLUMBIA PLANS FESTIVAL IN 2025



B.C.S. & R.D. FEDERATION



The Executive of the British Columbia Square and Round Dance Federation would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year with lots of fun-filled dancing.

Dennis Sutton, Mae Fawcett, Lyle O'Hara,
Wendy Krueger, Pat Zeeman, & Norm Cox

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

 *Merry* 
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

USA WEST 2025-SPOKANE WA

We can't wait to . . .

*Square up in
Spokane, WA*

with you in 2025

July 23-26



*For more information
contact Jen at
generalchair@
washington.usawest.net*



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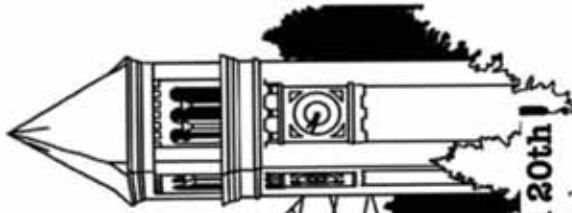
Kick off Weekend

in 2024
at the

Western Dance Center

1901 N. Sullivan Rd,
Spokane Valley, WA

Host Hotel:
Mirabeau Park Hotel
1100 N. Sullivan Rd.
for reservations call
(509)924-9000



Sessions

Friday April 19th 11 AM-1 PM Advanced
1-3 PM Rounds
3-5 PM Mainstream
7-7:30 PM Pre-Rounds

Saturday April 20th! 11 AM-1 PM Advanced
1-3 PM Rounds
3-5 PM Plus
7-7:30 PM Pre-Rounds

7:30-9:30 PM Plus (w/Rounds)

7:30-9:30 PM Mainstream (w/Rounds)

Register for 21st USA West and get into Saturday night's dance free. Save even more by registering for the entire kick off weekend.

REGISTRATION FORM

#	Description	Amount
PM RI M P	Day sessions @ \$10 each 5 sessions available Fri: R, M and Sat: A, R, P	
	Night sessions @ \$15 each Sat night free with USA West registration	
	Weekend package @ \$50 each	
	Pre-register for 21st USA West, weekend package @ \$30 each	
	Add this amount to USA West Registration Total \$	

21st USA West
Square Dance Convention
July 24 - 26, 2025



21st USA West Square Dance Convention July 23-26, 2025 Spokane Fair and Expo Center Spokane, Washington washington.usawest.net

Please Print Clearly

First Name _____ Last Name _____
First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Registration Fees

Early Bird July 27, 2023 - April 20, 2024 | Adult \$90.00 Youth \$45.00
At the Door Registration beginning June 16, 2025 | Adult \$110.00 Youth \$55.00
Pre-registration April 21, 2024 - June 15, 2025 | Adult \$100.00 Youth \$50.00
Family Rate Early Bird \$250.00 / Pre-registration \$280.00

Additional Attendees

First Name _____ Last Name _____ \$
_____ \$
_____ \$

Sub Total \$

Kick off Weekend (total from other side) \$

RV Spaces \$45.00 per night | Date In _____ Date Out _____ \$

Type of RV _____ Length of RV _____ \$

Round Dance Syllabus # _____ \$6.00 each (thumb drive only) \$

Badge | Magnet _____ Pin on Badge _____ **Total Registration \$**

No cancellations or ribbons mailed after June 16, 2025

Below put an X for all that apply

Where will you be dancing? **MS** _____ **Plus** _____ **Advanced** _____

Challenge _____ **Line Dancing** _____

Rounds _____ **Phase 2** _____ **3/4** _____ **4/5** _____

Please check if you would like to participate: **Caller** _____ **Cueer** _____

(You must complete the caller/cueer profile form)

Jen Devine Thayer, General Chair
generalchair@washington.usawest.net
(208)704-5835

Paul & Kathy Fredericksen,
registration chair
registration@washington.usawest.net
(509)954-2814



Cancellation fee \$ 10.00 per registration
Payment Information - Cash, Check or Money Order make checks payable to: 21st USA West Square Dance Convention
Credit Card (circle) VISA MC AMEX Discover
Name on Card _____
Card Number _____
Exp Date _____ Billing Zip _____
Signature _____
there will be a \$9.00 fee when playing with credit card
Return this payment to: Paul and Kathy Fredericksen 13422 S. Marshall Rd, Valleyford, WA 99056
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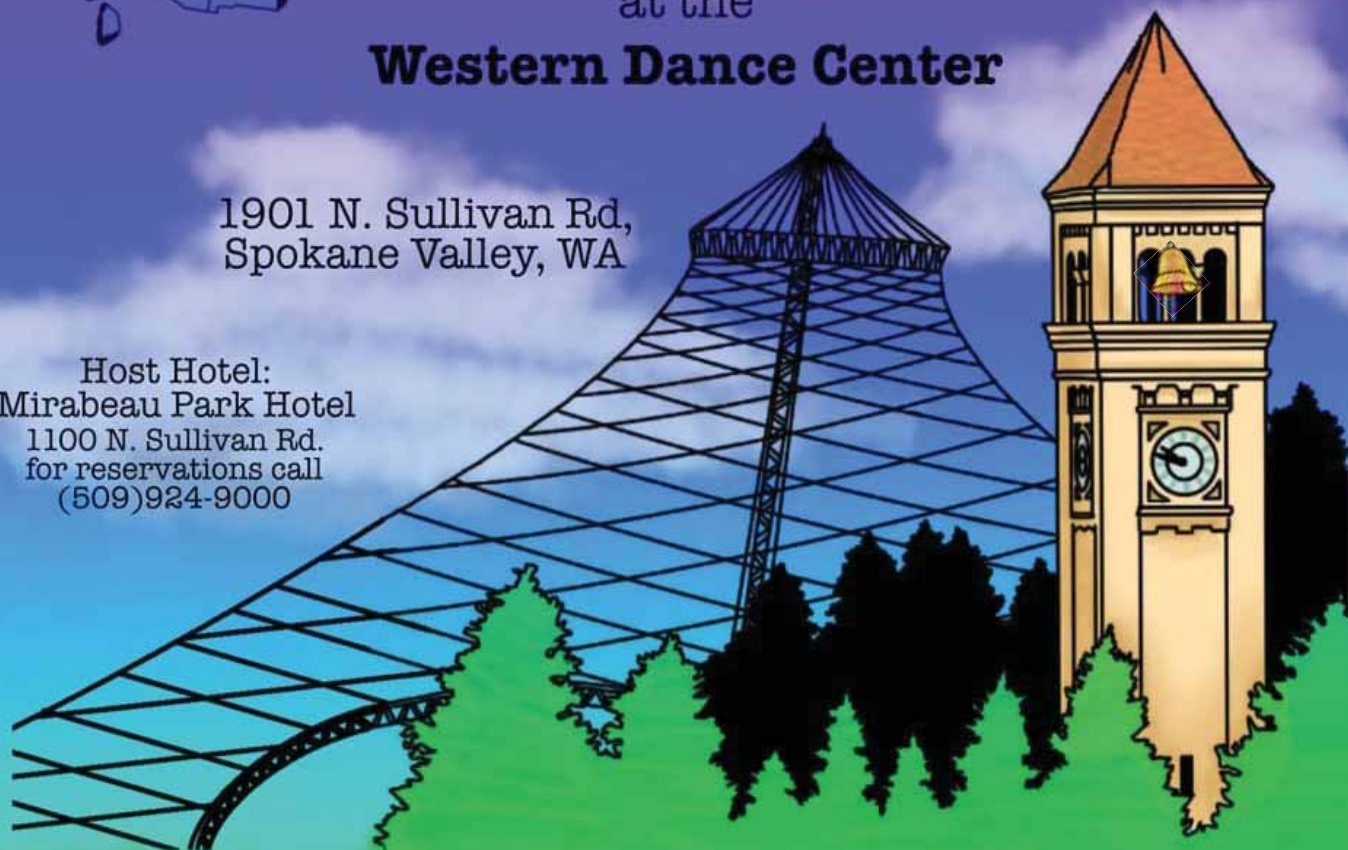
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Kick Off Weekend \$50
OR \$30 if you register
For 21st USA West.

Individual sessions
\$10 during the day
\$15 for evening dance

Questions?
contact JEN

generalchair@washington.usawest.net

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NATIONAL SQUARES E-MAGAZINE

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73RD NATIONAL CONVENTION MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN JUNE 26-29, 2024



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- T-shirts!! So many choices, many hand-dyed
- Unusual jewelry (including Packer colors)
- Handmade wood-handled seam rippers
- Silicone jar openers
- Swedish towels that sop up spills, wash dishes, can be cleaned in the dishwasher & are biodegradable.
- Raffle quilts - 2 large throws & 1 queen-sized bed covering



**73rd National
Square Dance Convention®
June 26-29, 2024
Milwaukee, Wi**

*Lulu says,
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Mobile Convention Center."*

73NSDC.com



More information available at www.73nsdc.com

Hilton & Hyatt hotels are both connected to the Baird Center via skywalk.



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

The 73rd NSDC will not be holding or making camping space reservations. Below is a list of area campgrounds. There will be no shuttle service to or from campgrounds.

WI State Fair RV Park 6 miles from Baird Center	https://wistatefair.com/wsfp/rv-park/ (Full & partial hookups)
Jellystone Park Caledonia 18 miles from Baird Center	https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/ (Includes a waterpark)
Cliffside County Campground 22 miles from Baird Center	https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground (No full hookups.)
Country View Campground 29 miles from Baird Center	https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/ (Full & partial hookups.)
Jefferson County Fair Park 50 miles from Baird Center	https://www.jcfairpark.com (Full & partial hookups.)
Reserve America Online campground reservations	https://www.reserveamerica.com/

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

1	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests.	\$169+tx
2	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 No discounted parking	\$169+tx

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

S 6/22 S 6/23 M 6/24 T 6/25 W 6/26 T 6/27 F 6/28 S 6/29 S 6/30

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____

Room request: _____ Single _____ Double _____ Queen _____ King

_____ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) _____ Handicap Accessible

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

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

BLOCK HOUSING: Group blocks on hold must be booked by individuals no later than September 15, 2023. After that date, rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released to the general attendee pool. If you are registering as part of a group or block, please complete the following:

Block Name _____

Block Leader Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

No airport shuttle services provided. There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available for the short ride to downtown.

Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 20, 2024. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees **in the order of convention registration**. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You **must be registered** for the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: housing@73nsdc.com. Convention registrations will be verified.

73rd National Square Dance Convention® RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Baird Center - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203
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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Phone 2: _____
 Email: _____

*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared. First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES

No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd	Name	Last Name	DOB	Rate	Subtotals
1. Adult	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
2. Adult	_____	_____	_____	@ \$ 2.00	\$ _____
3. Adult/Youth	_____	_____	** DOB / /	@ \$20.00	\$ _____
4. Adult/Youth	_____	_____	** DOB / /	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
5. Adult/Youth	_____	_____	** DOB / /	@ \$20.00	\$ _____
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				@ \$15.00	\$ _____
				@ \$15.00	\$ _____
				@ \$25.00	\$ _____
				@ \$ 3.00	\$ _____
Total					\$ _____

- Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
- Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2024)
- Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive or Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024)
- Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download Cookbook
- Hearing Assistance Device
- Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers"
- Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))
 Check Enclosed Cash (In Person) Credit Card
 Name on Card: _____
 Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
 Card Number: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm.
 Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
 73rd NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Payment Processed _____
 Check# or Ref # _____
 Reg Form 07/02/23

Jim & Katie Green 73rd NSDC
 7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.
 Wauwatosa, WI 53213

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com.
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please complete this form also. Enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
- Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2024 - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40.
- Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations.
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. No refunds after April 30, 2024.
- Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 73nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
 ___ SSD ___ Mainstream ___ Plus ___ Advanced ___ Challenge ___ Hex ___
 ___ Contra ___ Lines ___ Rounds ___ Handicapable ___ Solo ___ Veteran

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at sdconvention.com

Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

Planes, Trains, Automobiles, Bus and Boat

Here are the many ways to travel to Milwaukee, WI so you can enjoy the 73rd National Square Dance Convention®:



By Auto, there is an extensive highway system to get you into and around Milwaukee. The convention site is just off the Interstate highway system and very easy to get to.



By plane, you can fly into the Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE), only 12 minutes (7.8 miles) from our convention site. At the airport there are several options to travel to the convention site, public transportation, Uber, and taxi services. Check your local airlines that travel to Milwaukee, WI.



You can fly into Chicago and take the Amtrak or a bus to Milwaukee as an option. We had several committee members travel this way for our pre-convention. There is bus service from Chicago O'Hare and Midway airports to the train & bus terminals in Chicago.

By train and bus, Milwaukee has the Milwaukee Intermodal Station. The station is 0.3 miles from the Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel. You can schedule your train ride by visiting; www.amtrak.com . If traveling by bus, look up your local area bus service providers, and let others do the driving.



By Boat, you can cut across Lake Michigan by using the Lake Express High-Speed Ferry. There are 3 departures daily for a 2.5-hour “short cut” across Lake Michigan from Muskegon, MI, to Milwaukee, WI. This is a great way to avoid the Chicago area traffic and get some relaxing time before arriving in Milwaukee. There are one-way and round-trip options for the ferry and the cost is moderate. The trip is 80 miles long from the Muskegon Terminal at 1918 Lakeshore Drive to the Milwaukee terminal at 2330 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive. This option is extremely popular and sells out quickly, so get your tickets soon if you are interested! Go to: www.lake-express.com, for further information, pricing, and reservations.

73rd National Square Dance Convention® Education program

"It's not cheesy – add some flavor to your convention with slices of education!"



Why “Get Educated” at a Convention?

One key difference between a square dance festival and a convention is education – conventions generally offer a variety of learning experiences to help dancers, clubs, organization leaders, callers and cuers expand their own knowledge base, become better and more informed leaders, and continue to grow our activity.

Education is more than just classes. A National Convention includes many activities that fall under the education umbrella, including:

A **Leadership Certification Program** to help club and dance organization leaders build their knowledge and skills as dance leaders.



Education Sessions that cover a range of topics – recent session titles have included “Toolkit for Club Leaders,” “Spice Up Your Calling,” “Marketing Your Club,” “Square Dance Parties,” “Travel Safety,” “Camping and Dancing: S’mores than Dance,” and many, many more.

A **Keynote Address** by a notable figure in our square dance activity, focusing on a topic of interest to dancers, leaders, and the dance community.



An **Organizational Roundtable** where dancers and leaders can learn about how dance organizations are working effectively from the local to the national level.

The **Showcase of Ideas**, where local, state, and national dance organizations display ideas for promoting square dancing and attracting dancers.



A **Sew & Save Program** for more than just tailors and seamstresses – it includes classes, “Make It / Take It” craft sessions, demonstrations, patterns to trace, and of course a raffle and giveaways.

The **NEC Archives**, where convention attendees can view the program books from the first National Convention to the current one, see convention badges and belt buckles, and share in the history of our National Square Dance Convention®.



73rd National Square Dance Convention® Facilities

HOTELS: The Hilton Milwaukee City Center and the Hyatt Regency are the hotels for our dancers and callers/cuers. The Hilton Milwaukee City Center provides parking for our convention registered guests at **\$5.00 per day with in & out privileges.**

The Hyatt Regency Hotel **does not have a parking structure** and we cannot get a set price. Currently (August 2023), the rates run about **\$25.00 per day with no in & out privileges.**

CONVENTION CENTER: We will use the new Baird Center (Formally Wisconsin Center) for the 73rd National Square Dance Convention®. The Baird Center, as of this writing, is undergoing a major expansion and total update of all the facilities, with completion in May of 2024! There will be a new 400 space parking garage within the convention center. At a future date, information will be provided on their parking rates.

GETTING AROUND: Both of our hotels are connected to the Baird Center by enclosed, climate- controlled skywalks.

Our facilities are within easy walking distance of many restaurants and attractions. Public transit can take you almost anywhere around the Milwaukee area for a low fee.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES: All dancing, Education rooms, Vendors, & Showcase of Ideas are in the Baird Center. The Live Band, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Fashion Show, Wednesday Special Event, and Wednesday Trail End Dance will be on the 3rd floor of the Baird Center in Exhibit Hall A.


Other Convention events include: The GSI Callers School, located in the Hyatt Regency. The Bid Session, Keynote Speaker, and the Siegmann Sunday Morning Concert will be in the Hilton's Crystal Ballroom on the 5th floor. Additional group meetings will be in the Hilton. (See the program book for further information.)

REGISTRATION PACKET PICK UP LOCATION: Dancer Registration Packet & Tours sign-up will be located on the first floor of the Baird Center, in the lobby across from the S102 dance rooms. (See Baird Center layout attached.)

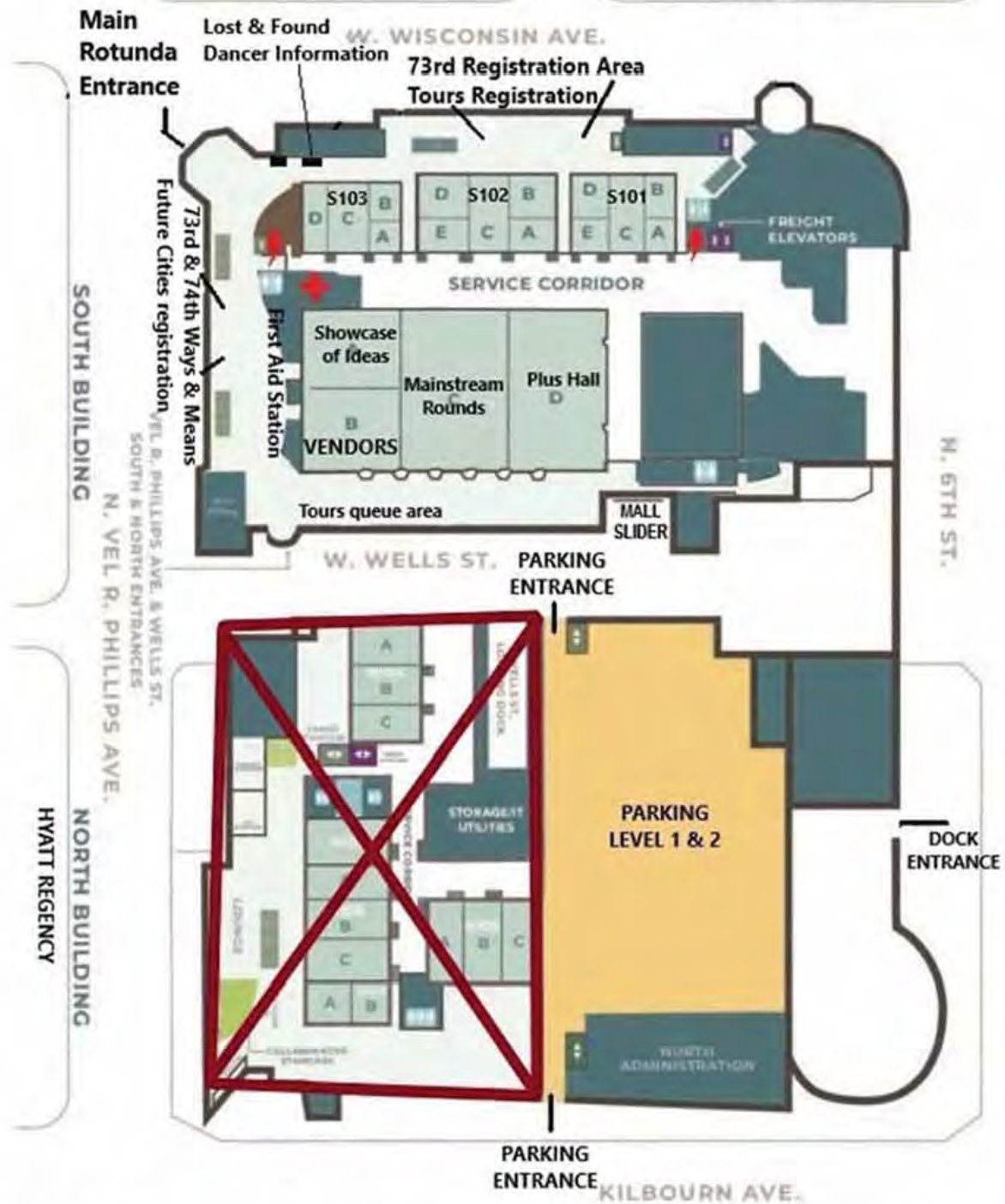
Just a note to all dancers, Milwaukee holds the World's Largest Music Festival, Summerfest, on the weekend of our convention. During Summerfest, hotels are extremely expensive all- around Milwaukee and surrounding areas. Book your hotel through the convention to get our guaranteed rate of \$169 per night plus taxes.

NOTE: The Hilton Milwaukee City Center does have parking for guests for \$5.00 per day with in/out privileges.

BAIRD CENTER - FIRST FLOOR

 = AED location

HILTON WISCONSIN CITY CENTER



S101AB - Contra / *Contra Tuesday*
Night Energizer Dance

S101C - Rounds II/III
S101DE - Rounds V/VI

S102ABCDE - Rounds III/IV Showcase of Rounds
Tuesday Night GSI Dance

S103AB - Youth Hall
S103C - Lines



The 73rd NSDC Fashion Show team says,
Turn Your Radio ON



73rd NSDC Fashion Show

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Doors open at 12:30 pm;

Fashion Show starts at 1 pm

Baird Center, Upper Level, Exhibit Hall A



Come join us! Admire fashionable square dance styles for men, women & children. You will be educated on some fun facts about Wisconsin along with hearing some great tunes.

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**June 26-29, 2024
Milwaukee**

**THE 73RD NSDC
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE**



The Ghost Riders
will be coming to
Milwaukee!

**Dance to live music & remarkable calling
in the Live Music Hall during the
73rd National Square Dance Convention.®**

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73rd National Square Dance Convention®

Sweetheart Fundraiser Dance

**Saturday
February 10, 2024
1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
311 W Mackie St
Beaver Dam, WI 53916**

\$10.00 per person



SSD / Plus / Rounds

Callers:

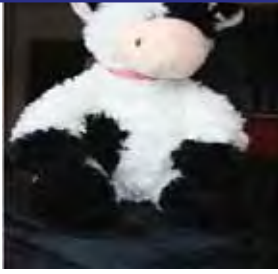
**The Sprosty Twins
Tom Manning**

Cuers:

**Doug Sprosty
Natalie Sprosty**

New Students Welcome

www.73nsdc.com



Square dancing at the 73rd National Square Dance Convention® will provide many halls and many levels of dancing. There will be halls for SSD, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge level dancing. In addition, there will be lots of opportunities to improve your dancing skills at Workshops and Clinics. If you are interested in trying something new, check out the “Intro” sessions to various levels of dancing. These workshops and clinics will provide a small glimpse of that next level of dancing and what you can expect at that level.

There will be some unique square dance experiences to try or watch. Be sure to try Hex, Progressive, and Six-Couple squares. These unique square dances can be a great experience. There will also be a “Competition Squares” event for you to join in or just check them out. You will not want to miss the very lively atmosphere found while dancing to the “live” music of the *Ghost Riders Square Dance Band*. The dance level for this hall will allow all dancers to enjoy the Ghost Riders Band.

Wisconsin Trivia



Wisconsin shaped modern music.

The electric guitar was first brought to market by George Beauchamp and Adolph Rickenbacker. Their configuration, a lap steel guitar fitted with crude coil windings that sent a signal to an amplifier, wasn't quite the instrument we enjoy today.

What we now refer to as the solid-body electric guitar was brought into popularity in-part part by Wisconsin's very own Les Paul. Les was aptly nicknamed the Wizard of Waukesha due to his innovations and inventions in guitar playing and recording styles. His legacy lives on with the modern interpretations of the Gibson Les Paul. Other companies have followed suit with replicas of Les Paul's paying homage to his signature design. You can visit the Waukesha County Museum to take in the Les Paul Experience. Enjoy a collection of Les' personal guitars, equipment, awards and much more on display at this permanent exhibit.

Courtesy of *Discover Wisconsin*



The 73rd NSDC Urges You to **WHEEL AROUND MILWAUKEE**

GETTING AROUND

FOUR WHEELS, TWO WHEELS, NO WHEELS — NO PROBLEM!



BY FOOT

Milwaukee has a highly walkable downtown that's easy to explore on foot. Downtown neighborhoods are connected by the 3-mile Milwaukee RiverWalk that winds through the city. The Milwaukee Art Museum and the lakefront are approximately 1 mile, or a 20-minute walk, from nearby hotels.



BY STREETCAR

The Hop is a free way to get around the downtown area, from the Milwaukee Intermodal Station to the East Side. Simply head to one of the M-Line or L-Line stations and hop on board. Cars arrive every 10-15 minutes, visit thehopmke.com for real-time car updates and more.



BY BUS

Buses run throughout downtown Milwaukee and the rest of the county. WisGo cards makes it easy for everyone to get around. Download the Umo app or purchase a card at area locations. Rates are capped at \$4 a day. Learn more at ridemcts.com.



BY CAR

Find parking with ease in Milwaukee. For metered parking, use the MKE Park app to pay from your phone or find one of the lots, like Interstate Parking. Your hometown disabled parking placard and out-of-state parking permits are recognized by the state of Wisconsin. If you prefer to rideshare, Uber and Lyft are available.



BY BIKE

Milwaukee is a city of year-round bike commuters with ever-expanding bike-friendly infrastructure. You'll find over 100 miles of bike lanes as well as paved multiuse trails. Take advantage of Milwaukee's bike share program, **Bublr Bikes**. Milwaukee is also a BCycle city, so use your pass to check out a bike and start riding!

Courtesy of VISITMilwaukee.org



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Tour Milwaukee During the 73NDSC

Here are a few of the tours to tempt you during the 73rd National Square Dance Convention®. Full details at 73NSDC.com

MILWAUKEE CITY TOUR

\$35 per person
June 26, 27, 28 or 29, 2024

ETHNIC BAKERIES OF MILWAUKEE

\$75 per person
June 25, 26, 27 or 28, 2024

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM

with lunch & guided tour
\$109 per person
June 25 or 28, 2024

HANDS-ON CRAFTING EXPERIENCE

Wisconsin Quilting & Fiber Arts Museum
\$115 per person
June 26, 2024

CHURCHES AND CHOCOLATES

Includes lunch & tour
\$90 per person
June 25, 2024

WALKING SCAVENGER HUNT

in downtown Milwaukee
\$5 per person
All times and days

SIGHTSEEING CRUISE on Lake Michigan

\$40 per person
June 25, 26 or 28, 2024

BEER BARONS TOUR

\$80 per person
June 25, 26, 2024



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**BIG SONG. BIG DANCE. BIG BAND.
BIG ENTERTAINMENT.**



Featuring the top talents from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, **Wisconsin Singers** entertains with stellar vocals, stunning choreography and spectacular big-band sound from the past 40 years. Recognized as the first collegiate pop music ensemble to feature song, dance and live instrumentals, **Wisconsin Singers** have been touring the country since 1967 with new shows each year, created to engage audience members of any age.





Ordering Cookbooks

Cookbooks make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, showers, Christmas, Mother's Day, and other special occasions.

To order additional copies of this cookbook, detach and mail the order form below with a check or money order to:

**73rd National Square Dance Convention
2591 Lavender Lane
Green Bay, WI 54313
920-819-0364
kgulbrand@att.net**



Please send me _____ copies of:
Do-Si Dough Delights and More!
at **\$15.00** each plus **\$7.00** s/h per book.
Enclosed is my check for \$_____.
Make checks & money orders to: **73NSDC**

Mail book(s) to:

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Address

City State Zip

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Phone E-mail





Baird Center – Join us for a Great Convention, in a Great City, on a Great Lake.

The Happy Team has been working hard to put together a wonderful event for you. It is hard to believe in 9 months we will all gather again for Dancing, Fun and Friendship. We look forward to sharing a little more about Milwaukee with you next month. Please visit the 73rd NSDC Website for up-to-date information: www.73nsdc.com.

For a great dance in a great city on a great lake!

Milwaukee, WI June 26-29, 2024.



JOIN US AND PERFECT YOUR CALLING ABILITY! in 2024

MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION

Caller School

THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S
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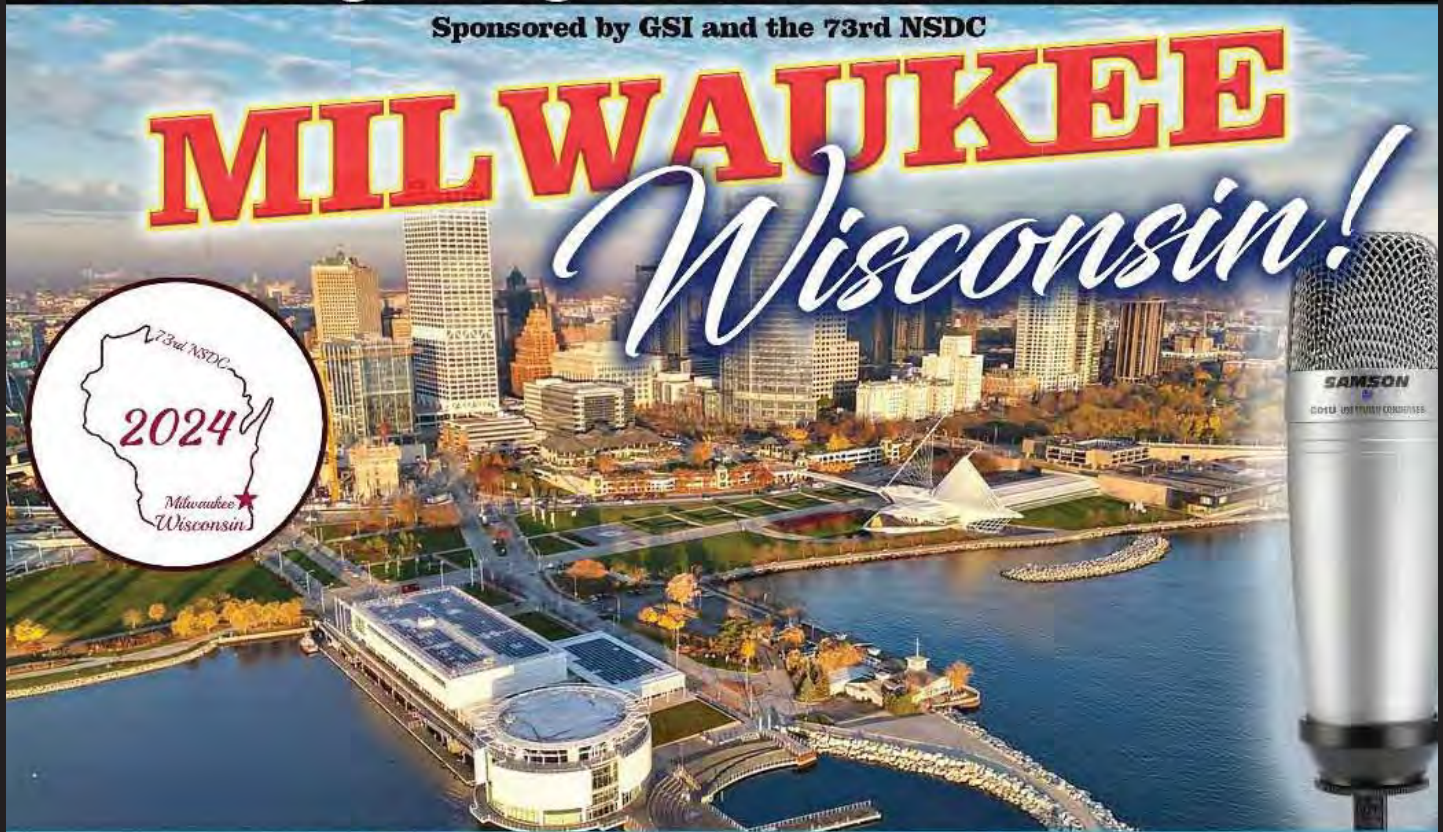
At The **73rd Nationals**

FREE for registered guests of the National Convention

Sponsored by GSI and the 73rd NSDC

MILWAUKEE

Wisconsin!



DON'T WAIT, REGISTER TODAY!

HYATT REGENCY 333 W Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203



Sunday, June 23rd, Noon — Wednesday, June 26th, Noon 2024

**Email: Tony@TonyOxendine.com to REGISTER. Do it now!
Or sign up at www.gsicallerschool.com**

Polos! Get Your 73rd NSDC Polos Here!



The 73rd NSDC is taking orders for Polos.

1. Send the following information in an email to Wanda.Kruse@73nsdc.com.
2. Once an email order is received, you will be invoiced by email. After receiving your invoice, payment must be collected prior to placing your order.
3. You will be notified when orders are sent out.
4. Cost is by size and runs \$23-\$26. Postage is \$8.

Here's what we need:

- 1) Color. Convention colors are maroon, black, and white. However, you can order any color you wish.
- 2) Embroidery: Wisconsin logo or Life is a Dance. Names can be added for an additional charge.
- 3) Size in Men's. We have Tall as well.

Shirts, modeled by Art and Wanda Kruse, Assistant General Chairman Rich and Carol Kilzer, Business Secretary & Auditor feature the 2 embroidered logos. These pink shirts were a hit on the dance floor!

74TH NATIONAL CONVENTION SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA JUNE 25-28, 2025

Tonia and I are running the roads trying to meet as many of you as possible. If you are having a festival in your area please email me at chair@74thnsdc.com and let me know and we will see if we can schedule to come visit.



COMING TO A DANCE NEAR YOU! The last 5 weeks we driven over 10,000 miles going to dances and meeting many of you. We started our road trip at Promenade Hall in Tool, TX with Tony Oxendine; danced with Mike Bramlett in Richardson, TX; Jerry Gilbreath in Albuquerque, NM; 62nd California State Convention in Yuba City, CA; CALLERLAB in Reno, NV and then Dogwood Squares 60th Anniversary Dance in Palestine, TX. We came home 1 ½ days then off to Mountain Home, AR with Roy Hestand;

Ohio State Square Dance Convention in Columbus, OH; Southern Swingers in Shreveport, LA with Joey Duhamel; Mid-TEX Festival, Georgetown, TX.





Pre-Registration
74th National Square Dance Convention[®]
Shreveport, Louisiana
June 25, 26, 27, & 28, 2025

REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

REGISTER ONLINE at www.74thnsdc.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Partner's (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

Check if you do not want your email shared. Email addresses to be shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

Phone: (_____) _____ Alt Number (_____) _____

Registration Prices (*U.S. currency only*) \$55.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

Youth born after June 25, 2007 \$27.50 each x _____ = \$ _____

Add \$3 for Credit Card Processing Fee = \$ _____

Cash Received \$ _____ Check# _____ (Pay to 74th NSDC) **Total Due: \$** _____

Credit Card Type _____ Card # _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ Security Code _____ Name of Cardholder: _____

Statement Mailing Address (if different) _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

IF REGISTERING BY MAIL: General Chairman: Ted & Tonia Hofmeister 501-520-7270
74th National Square Dance Convention[®] 1126 Lawrence Lane, Benton, AR 72019

HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply

Dancers: SSD, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Handicapable, SOLO

Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Education Presenter: Topic _____

Arrive Early or Stay Late? # Days _____ Camp, Stay at Convention Hotel, or Other Accommodations?

Group name: _____ Do you need Block rooms, Meeting Room, Storage Space?

Tour, Education, Program or other suggestions? _____

\$10 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2025. This form & registration rate are void after March 16th, 2024. Registration Long Forms will be mailed March 2024 for selection of hotel & additional items. Convention badges required for entrance to all convention activities; Dressy casual attire allowed until 6:00pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6:00pm for all dancers.

Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on March 16th, 2024.

WHO MAY WE THANK FOR YOUR REGISTRATION? _____

Internal Use Only) Accepted by _____ Date _____

Registration Location _____ **RECEIPT NUMBER** _____

6/1/2023

74TH National Square Dance Convention[®]



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Shreveport Pre-Convention Square &



Round Dance Celebration



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Texas

TIM TYL



----*ROUND DANCE CUERS*----



**MARTIN
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Louisiana



**KEN
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Louisiana



Saturday, March 16, 2024 // 7:00 – 10:00

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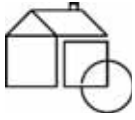
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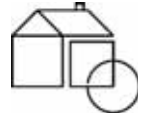
Honor your dancers with a memorial donation to the Heritage Center.
Contact Ellen Ostrum (425-308-9559) or Doug Keyes (425-478-3397)

waheritagecenter@gmail.com

[http://www.squaredance-wa.org/HC %20Memorial Donation Form 05-2020.pdf](http://www.squaredance-wa.org/HC%20Memorial%20Donation%20Form%2005-2020.pdf)



Square & Folk-Dance Federation of Washington



Heritage Center

7424 North Freya, Spokane WA 99217

waheritagecenter@gmail.com

Memorial Donation

The honored person's name will be engraved on a brass plaque for the Memorial Board and their history recorded in the Book of Memories for a \$20 minimum donation.

In memory of: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of death or age: _____

Council: _____ Club: _____

Please attach a short story of their life, participation in dance activities and other information. Include newspaper obituary and/or picture, if available.

Name of donor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

An acknowledgement will be sent to the person listed below and the donor.

Name : _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to Square & Folk Dance Heritage Center.
Mail the donation & form to:
SFDFW Heritage Center – 816 W Francis Ave #343, Spokane WA
99205

For office use only:

Check #: _____ Date of Check: _____ Amount: _____ Memorial # _____

Date received: _____ Date to Treasurer: _____ Date acknowledgement sent: _____

Plaque Location – Column: _____ Row: _____

BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Area Reporter

Jonnie Jenquin jenquin.uj@gmail.com



PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS had successful dances with many Shufflers and guests this Fall. In November, Tom Clymer (Appleland Promanders) and Bob & Claudia Amsbury (Diamond Squares) entertained us.

PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS

Shufflers Shanty
717 N. Irving, Kennewick

DANCING 1ST & 3RD FRIDAYS
SEPTEMBER-JUNE
PLUS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

MAINSTREAM 8:00 - 10:00 PM
CHECK OUT OUR AD FOLLOWING THE
REPORT

See Shuffler ad for dance information

We are looking forward to our dances in December with Dave & Sharon Boggs on December 1st, Larry Clark & Tina Allaway are scheduled for a class level dance and Christmas dinner on December 15th. Pre-NYE is on Dec 29 it's regular dance schedule Please call President Debbie Greene @ 509-531-8712 if you have any questions. Check out our ads for upcoming dances.

MELODY MIXERS resumed their dance schedule with a Party dance night on the 2nd Tuesdays of each Month. On other Tuesday evenings, Tina Allaway is teaching 2-step figures to eager round dancers. Thell and Bill take turns cueing dancers' requests the rest of the evenings. Please contact Thell for updated information 360-981-5601 or thell.rooney@gmail.com.

MUDDY FROGS Happy December to everyone from the Muddy Frogs! We're delighted to be back on the dance floor starting with a successful dance in October. Muddy Frogs Square Dance Club invites you to dance with us on Sunday, December 3rd 2 - 4 p.m. Our Caller will be Thell Rooney. See you at the Milton Freewater Community Building 109 NE 5th, Milton



MUDDY FROGS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Caller: Guest
Cuer: Guest

3rd Sundays • 2-4 PM

Milton-Freewater Community Center
105 NE 5th Milton-Freewater, OR
For info • e-mail:

luckymunk50@yahoo.com

Freewater, OR. (\$8 per person). A potluck will follow. We have plans in the works to begin lessons in January! (Students: \$4 per person) - the first three lessons are free, Angels are \$2 per person. If you

have questions or need to confirm details, please contact Merri Anne at 541-861-9055

TRI-CITY CIRCULATORS are dancing Thursday night at the Kennewick Eagles 6:15-8:15. Dave and Sharon Boggs are calling and cueing. For more information, please call Dave and Sharon at 509-398-5444 or grizzlyboggs@AOL.com . Or Facebook Kerry Eager.



Amsterdam from a canal boat



December Dancing with the Prairie Shufflers'



Dec. 1st
David & Sharon Boggs
Calling & Cueing

Dec. 29th
Tom Clymer & Bill Holm
Calling & Cueing

Dec 15th
Larry Clark & Tina Allaway
Calling & Cueing
Class Level Dance
Fill the Pot
Christmas Dinner at 4:55



6:30 Pre-round 7:00 Plus 8:00 Mainstream
Garry 509-378-5511





BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL DANCE SCHEDULE



SUNDAY

MUDDY FROGS: Mainstream & Rounds
3rd Sunday Year Around

Guest Callers & Cuers

Milton-Freewater Community Center, 109 NW 5th Milton-Freewater, OR

Contract: Kim Munk 509-520-0576 or

luckymunk50@yahoo.com



TUESDAY

MELODY MIXERS: Rounds Ph 2-4

September thru 6:00-8:30

Cuer Thell & Jennifer Rooney

Shuffler Shanty 717 N Irving Kennewick, WA

Please contact Thell Rooney text at 360-981-5601 or

thell.rooney@gmail.com OR call /text

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CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL

Area Reporter
Carel & Michael Edgerly
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www.centralareacouncil.org

Tonight, the *GATESWINGERS'* Spirit Award was given to our Dancer, Carol Ann Fischer, by last year's spirit award winners Bryan and Barbara Hubert. We had a great 69th anniversary celebration called by Adam Christman and rounds by Debbie and Paul Taylor. Plus dancing in the afternoon, anniversary dinner then the mainstream dance in the evening. Thanks to all our friends and fellow dancers who joined us for a fun event.

We look forward to next year, our 70th which will feature Tom Clymer and Glenn Raiha on squares, Debbie & Paul Taylor on rounds. Daron Tandberg will be cooking up a great dinner for us. Save the date for Gateswingers on November 9, 2024.

Holly Gonseth



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Area Reporter Donna & Tom Rohde

253-833-2825 donnalou13@comcast.net

BOOT & LACES want to wish everyone a very Special and Joyous Christmas Holiday Season! We have been a “Traveling Club” for several years now. If you are having a Special Dance, Anniversary, Fundraiser, Dinner, etc. contact us at 206-478-0718 so we can plan on coming to support your dance.

Pat Hoot

hootpnr@yahoo.com

The **JET STEPPERS** dance the third Saturday of each month from September thru June and host a special Open House dance in August. Mainstream Workshop is from 7:00 to 7:30, followed by the Mainstream Dance with Rounds and Lines from 7:30 to 9:30. Follow us on <https://www.wheresthedance.com/> where you can find our latest dance schedule and activities.

The Jet Steppers and new students have been enjoying the Round Dance Thursday Night Lessons which resumed on Thursday, October 5th with Beginning Two-Step Sessions at the Maple Valley Grange in Maple Valley. Round Dance Lessons are from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm with Square Dance Workshops from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We invite New Dancers and Angels to join us for wonderful evenings of “Fun and Friendship Set to Music.”

We held our “Harvest Moon Black Light” dance on November 18th. Dancers wore white gloves, white clothes, glow sticks, and other outfits that glowed under the Black Lights and had a marvelous time! We also collected non-perishable food items for the Maple Valley Food Bank. Come join in the spirit of the Harvest!

On December 16th, tis the season to ROCK the UGLY Sweaters!! We will be holding our “2nd Annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party.” Please come join us and wear your holiday outfit and ugly sweaters (or ugly shirts, hats, scarves . . .)! We will also be collecting toys for “Toys for Tots”, to help children have a very Merry Christmas. Lastly, bring some yummy cookies to share with your fellow dancers as we dance (and jingle) the night away!

Mark your Calendars!! The Jet Steppers are celebrating 50 years of dancing on May 18th, 2024!

Our “50th” Anniversary Dance will be held at a special location: Burien Community Center. We are unable to sell tickets at the door, so if you would like tickets, please contact our Secretary Suzan Blais-Wilkerson at 253-876-4178 or email: suzanw@comcast.net or Leo and Rochelle at 253-632-7240. The dance will be called by National Caller Andy Allemao from San Diego, California, as well as, our own square dance Club Caller Leo Catt with Rounds cued by Rochelle Catt. More information is available on <https://www.wheresthedance.com/>

Suzan Blais-Wilkerson, suzanw@comcast.net

Lisa Nordlander, Lisanordlander13@gmail.com

The **JACK’S AND JILL’S** teens dance every Sunday night, September thru May. Mainstream dance with Rounds from 7:00 to 8:00. Follow us on <https://www.wheresthedance.com/> where you can find our latest dance schedule and activities.

The Jack’s and Jill’s are excited to announce this year, we have several new students! The Jack’s and Jill’s and new students have been enjoying the Square Dance Lessons which are held prior to the dance every Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 at the Meridian Grange in Kent. We invite New Teen Dancers and Angels to join us for wonderful evenings of fun and friendship set to music.

At this time, we don’t have any “themed” dances planned, but we hope to plan some soon and will let you know in the next issue of Footnotes!

Lastly, the Jack’s and Jill’s plan to compete once more in the (PNTSDF) Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival, which will take place in May of 2024. We will have more information about the festival next month, including the date and how to buy tickets. We had a great time last year and look forward to another great festival this year!

Lisa Nordlander, Lisanordlander13@gmail.com



Halloween was the theme of **Pi-R SQUARES** October 28th dance. Dancers wore costumes that brought much frivolity to the night of dancing and friendship. A wonderful time was better because members of the Bonney Lads and Lassies who did not attend the Seaside Sashay in Oregon, arrived to celebrate Halloween square dancing to Caller Andy Garboden and round dancing to Cuer Kyle Quande. Our clubs dance on the same night, so we were delighted to see them!



On November 3rd, we met for dinner in Renton before Caravanning to the Hayloft in Lynnwood for a “No Experience Necessary” dance with Line dancing. Dave Harry calls a fun dance for newbies and experienced dancers. The Whirlybirds invited the Pi-R’s to join them again in April. They will join us on March 23rd.

We saluted our Veterans at our November 11th dance. Andy Garboden led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is important to honor and thank all who serve to protect us. Fly the U.S. Flag proudly!

Extra calories consumed during the Thanksgiving feast were worked off with the most pleasurable workout – square and round dancing – on November 28th at the Meridian Grange. The evening began with a workshop at 7:00 pm followed by Mainstream with Rounds at 7:30 pm.

The Pi-R Squares will end the 2023 dance season with a “Charitable Giving” themed dance on December 9th to collect non-perishable food and clothing. The Christmas season has begun, so it would be jolly to wear Christmas attire (optional).

Our annual “Black Light” dance is January 13, 2024. Come “Glow in the Dark”. The team is masterful in the placement of black lights.

The Pi-R Squares welcome you to come dance with us the 2nd and 4th Saturdays this 2023 – 2024 dance season. We dance at the Meridian Grange located at 15422 SE 272nd St in Kent. The only exception this season is no dancing on the 4th Saturday in December due to Christmas. You can find our schedule on

<https://www.wheresthedance.com/>

Andy Garboden is our Caller and Kyle Quande is our Cuer.

Grace Jones
graceenum@outlook.com

December is a time for family, friends, peace on earth and goodwill to mankind. **WAGON WHEEL SQUARE DANCE CLUB** members look forward to sharing the warmth of the season with you at our December dances at the Kent Meridian Grange. Caller Michael Olson and our Cueing couple Charles and Katie Morehead will bring the spirit of the season to share with you. Wagon Wheels dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month starting at 7:30 pm with a half hour plus square dance workshop beginning at 7:00 pm on the 1st Saturday of the month and a round dance workshop on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Wagon Wheel’s first fundraiser of the year, our “Candy Cane Lane” Bazaar and Raffle dance on December 2nd will provide you an opportunity to support square dancing and find some clever, beautiful, handy and/or tasty Christmas gifts. Every year the assortment of gifts is remarkable, so there will be lots from which to choose. On December 16th, come decked out in your Christmas finery and celebrate the joy of the season with us. Enjoy some Christmas treats and let us end the year with lots of squares on the dance floor.

Wagon Wheels will kick off the New Year on January 6th with a “Chicken” dance. On January 20th, we will celebrate Wagon Wheels 55-year Anniversary with a “Black and White” Ball. Now that is something to celebrate! We encourage dancers to dress in black and white which looks very elegant on the dance floor and we hope you will join us for this special event.

Planning ahead, if you would like to introduce friends and family to square dancing, starting in January, Wagon Wheels and Pi-R Squares are teaming up to offer Mainstream lessons on Tuesday evenings at the Kent Meridian Grange with Andy Garboden teaching.

Also, mark your calendars for a Spring Time Special Event on March 2nd next year when “Elvis” also known as Scott Coon, will be in the room. It will be a “50’s Sock Hop”. It will be square dancing with a beboppin’ beat!!!

Enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

Geri Kraft
pinefox@comcast.net

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JACKS & JILLS - KENT

Caller: Brett Kappenman
Cuer: Kyle Quande
Every Sunday - Meridian Grange
6:00 - 8:30 pm - Teen Club - M/S

BOOTS & LACES - TRAVELING CLUB

If you are having a Special Dance, Anniversary, Fundraiser, Dinner, etc. contact us so we can plan on coming to support your dance.

RON & PAT HOOT - 206-478-0718
hootpnr@yahoo.com

PI-R SQUARES - KENT 360

Caller: Andy Garboden
Cuer: Kyle Quande
2nd & 4th Sat - Meridian Grange
2nd Sat - 7:00 RD W/S or Teach
4th Sat - 7:00 - M/S Workshop
7:30 - 10:00 - Mainstream Dance

JET STEPPERS - MAPLE VALLEY

Caller: Leo Catt
Cuer: Rochelle Catt
3rd Saturday - Cedar Grange
3rd Sat - 7:00 - Square Dance W/S
7:30 - 9:30 - Mainstream Dance

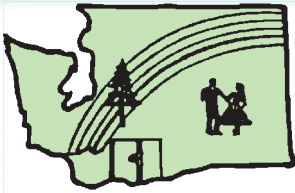
WAGON WHEEL SQUARES

Callers: Mike Olson
Cuer: Charles & Katie Morehead
1st & 3rd Sat - Meridian Grange
1st Sat - 7:00 - "Plus" Workshop
3rd Sat - 7:00 - Round Dance W/S
7:30 to 9:30 - M/S with 1 Plus Tip



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RSQUARE D hosted Fall Festival in mid-October with Callers Craig Abercrombie and Adam Christman and Cuer Susan Healea providing great music and fun dancing throughout the festival. River City Riders' performance on Saturday night was a treat, as always! The festival was well-attended and our club has decided to host this again next October.



R SQUARE D

Craig Abercrombie, Caller

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360.425.6260 (Chris)
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Beginning lessons continue on Wednesday evenings with seven students. We are encouraging them to attend "new dancer" or "class level" dances as much as possible. The Plus class is also going well and we are grateful for the help of our angels.

R Square D has only one December dance, which is "Sounds of the Season" on December 8th. Craig Abercrombie and Susan Healea will call and cue this dance.

Our annual Christmas party will be December 18th at Kelso Senior Center. We'll enjoy ham with potluck side dishes and goodies. The gift exchange is always great fun with people being able to "steal" gifts others have opened or select a new gift.

We wish all our dance friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

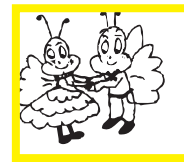


Chris Poole

Buzzin' Bees MS Square Dance Club

2nd & 4th Saturday.

Caller - KC Curtis
Cuer - Guest
6:00pm - 8:00pm



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Questions? Colleen Reylea 360-600-1804



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caller/cuer

craigabercrombie14@gmail.com

Info: 308-340-3972

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360-374-5622

POULSBO PROMENADERS, *Peninsula Council*
206-842-5147



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MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL

Area Reporter

Sammi Fredenburg

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Most clubs throughout **MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL** will be collecting new unwrapped toys during their December dances for Toys for Tots. *Thank you!*

A BIG THANK YOU to Rainbow Squares and Skagit Squares for putting on an awesome Council dance! The dynamic duo of Scott Coon and Brent Mawdsley performed like they were at Nationals, with Krista Baird cueing. I recently attended a student level dance; there were 10 squares! I was able to dance with students from 8 different clubs!

Stephen Sworen, MBSDC President
ssworen@msn.com

The **DUDES AND DOLLS** wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, hoping you have an awesome one! This month, we'll be caravanning to Whirlybirds, where the fun never ends! On December 8th, join us as we line dance, plus dance, and level dance. Bring your students to have a blast with us! December 22nd we'll have a round dance, plus dance, and mainstream dance. Plus, Santa will be paying us a visit! You'll get a Santa dangle if you're dancing with Santa in a square! Then come December 29th for a must-attend event: our New Year's Eve dance, with a theme of "Auld Lang Syne - Times Past" featuring the fabulous caller Ray Brendzy and the talented cuer Shawn Cavness. What's more, we're rolling out a delectable sit-down dinner from 6 - 7:30. Get ready for the best deal in town - the Dinner & Dance combo is only \$20 per person through pre-sale. If you're just up for dancing, you can grab a ticket at the door for \$15.

Catch you in a square!



Grace Maria
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The **FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS** will continue to offer our Fun Plus Dancing/Teaching program with Steve Noseck as the caller/teacher on Wednesday evenings

from 7-9 pm. Cost is \$8 per person.

We will hold our regular monthly dance on the second Saturday (December 09) afternoon: 1:30-2:00 pm Pre-Rounds, Phase II-IV; and 2:00-4:00 pm alternating 2 Mainstream and 1 Plus Square and Phase II-IV Rounds. Caller Steve Edlund; Cued Couple Bob and Linda Berka.

All our dances are held at the Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Rd., Sedro Wooley (take I-5 Exit 232, then go East 2.5 miles and the grange will be on your left.

We will caravan to the "Square Crows" on Dec 15 at the Maltby Community Club in Snohomish. Gaylen Suave calling and Karen Neverdowski cueing. It is their Happy Holidays Mainstream dance.

Ronald A. Ward
ron.ward740@gmail.com

FREEWHEELERS had a great time dancing in November with 2 caravans visiting at our Mainstream dance and a smaller crowd for the Plus dance before the Thanksgiving holiday. Our first dance, December 3rd, is a level dance that will benefit "Toys for Tots;" bring donations and your students. There will also be an "Experienced Clothing Sale" downstairs. Spyder Webb calling and Debbie Taylor cueing. Stephen Cole will be calling on December 17th for our Happy Holidays Plus dance. Debbie always has a wonderful selection of holiday tunes for your round dancing pleasure.

Our ten Freewheeler/Sky Valley Whirlwinds students will have learned most of the MS moves by early December. A Jan 4th graduation is planned. Freewheelers/Sky Valley Whirlwinds are holding Mainstream Strengthening Workshops on Thursdays in January; the 11, 18, 25, 2024. Want to improve your mainstream skills and confidence? Please join us. Students, Recent Graduates, & Experienced Dancers are all Welcome. TriWay Grange 7:30-9:30. Spyder Webb teaching/calling.

Please check our website for updated club information at www.squaredanceseseattle.com

Lew and Oren Gaskill
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December 10

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Marie Wood cueing



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Winter is on its way! Fight those dark dreary days with lively and social square dancing! The **SAMENA SQUARES** meet at the Juanita Community Club (“JCC”), 13027 100th NE in Kirkland, and hold our regular dances on second and fourth Friday evenings, September-June. Our dances typically begin at 7:30 PM with Plus tips, switching to Mainstream and Rounds, 8-10 PM. Details can be found on our website: www.samenasquares.org/

We had lots of dancing to enjoy in November, beginning with “Military Appreciation Night” on September 10th with Andy Garboden calling and Karen Neverdowski cueing. We did not have a second club dance in November due to Thanksgiving, but Stephen Cole hosted and called a “Black Friday” student Level dance at JCC on 11/24/23 (FREE!).

Lessons (led by Stephen Cole) continue into December and our 11 new students are also showing up to Level dances to get in on the fun. No student dance in December; but one coming up in January! As always, we welcome and appreciate experienced dancers to show up for Thursday night classes (7-9 pm) to help, support, and enjoy our new dancers.

One dance in December due to the holidays. The “Toys for Tots” dance will be held on December 8th with Brent Mawdsley calling and cueing. Brent always draws a

big crowd, so come early for parking! Please bring a new and unwrapped toys to donate or a monetary donation if you wish to participate. We also plan to caravan to Sedro Woolley to dance with the Fidalgo Fogcutters on December 9th.

Best Holiday Wishes to you all!

Dave Kalman

Dave.kalman13@gmail.com

SKAGIT SQUARES has had a fast calendar this month because each Friday and Saturday in December has an extra 5th day. We still have a normal 4 weeks to arrange caravans and had good turnout. The 4 weeks allow us to easily make room to have a “tweener” dance. Tweener is a new word to invite the square dancers to an extra dance between Christmas and New Years. It was December 19 and boy we had fun!

December put me in mind of past Square Dancing after WWII. The number of dancers increased dramatically as huge numbers of Americans got housing, marriages, children, and jobs. This group, about 1955 and onward, needed to find social groups for adults and teens. Square dancing was the answer for many families. Note: the Skagit Squares was formed 73 years ago and built 3 dance floors at the Skagit Fairgrounds to accommodate dances. How many dancers were normal? 30 squares!

The caravan chairperson had to limit the number of caravan dancers going to the other target dance halls.

The normal social event is dancing and then serving a hot dinner to the members and visitors. In about 1980, the "finger food" was invented to accommodate the increased number of working men and women dancers. It is my belief that food be returned as it can add more social activity for the club and its visitors. More social activity means more members.

I would have the Square Dance board of directors add more social events to their club activities. An example from me follows. At 6:00 PM dancers and visitors meet at a place away from the dance floor when possible. I would have arranged to have a cookie or ice cream tasting event. The winner is the person that finds

the cookie that has a black berry inside of their cookie or ice cream. Coffee, tea, and water are served as well. 6:30 PM round dancing, 7:00pm to 10 PM. Rounds between the tips.

Mike Corning
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The **SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS** and the **FREEWHEELERS** square dance lessons continue to be held on Thursday evenings at the TriWay Grange in Mill Creek. There are 10 students every week and 3 squares dancing on the floor under the instruction of Spyder

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Webb. By early December most of the Mainstream moves will have been learned, and the students will attend local LEVEL dances to help them have fun in learning square dancing.

A January 4, 2024 graduation is planned. Then our two clubs jointly will sponsor Mainstream Strengthening Workshops on January 11, 18, and 25, 2024. If anyone would like to improve their mainstream skills and confidence level, please join us. All students, recent graduates, and experienced dancers are welcome at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 with Spyder Webb calling/teaching.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds hold their monthly dances at the TriWay Grange on the 4th Saturday. In January, February, March and April, 2024, we are also sponsoring a PLUS dance in the afternoon on the 4th Saturday with Stephen Cole calling.

We are looking forward to beginning another Mainstream Class on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the TriWay Grange with teacher/caller, Spyder Webb.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Geri Johnson
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The **SQUARE CROW** lessons are going very well. We have been dancing with three squares, which is fun for us and our students. We have been encouraging our students to go to level dances and will continue to do so. A few of our students joined students from other clubs at the Samena Squares level dance on October 29th. It was a great night!

Our students were very happy with the new student books they received at the last lesson. We really appreciate our angels who have been helping out. We will

be holding a holiday event for our students and angels in December.

The recent Council dance was a huge success! The Skagit Squares and Rainbow Squares did a great job. The Square Crows will be hosting the Fall of 2025. We don't have dates, venue or theme yet, but will soon.

Our November dance was on November 17th with Brent Mawdsley calling and Karen Neverdowski cuing. The theme was "Cartoon Town." We decided to do our Toys for Tots at that dance, as our December dance would be a little too late.

Our December dance is on the 15th and the theme is "Happy Holidays." Gaylen Sauve is calling and Karen is cueing. At that dance we will be accepting donations for the Maltby Food Bank, which is around the corner from our hall.

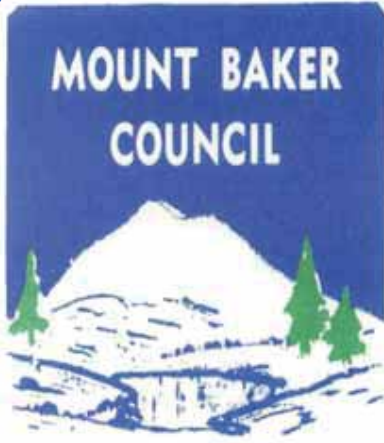
Have a great holiday season!

Jo Ann Pyle
lopann@aol.com

The **WHIRLYBIRDS** November dance was a hoot with a great night of Live Music – Dave Harry on accordion and keyboard, Bonnie accompanying him on drums. This is an annual tradition we've looked forward to for as long as most club members can remember. The Square Crows caravanned in and numerous dancers from both sides of the border came in for this special event. They kicked off the holiday dance season with a couple of festive Christmas songs. We showed appreciation to the many veterans joining us for the evening. We're looking forward to this month when the Harry Family Trio is calling on our December 9th Christmas dance. Back in the days of dancing at Seattle Center, brothers Dave and Eddie and their sister Vera would orchestrate us around the floor; great memories! And we're going to create some new ones! **ps: Santa will be in the building too!**

Sammi Fredenburg
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- CASCADE CROSSFIRES** / Plus / Mondays - 7:00-9:00 PM
 Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood Stephen Cole/Guest Cuers 425 435-8253
- DANCING SHADOWS** / Rounds / Phases 3, 4, 5 / 1st & 3rd Sundays - 7:00-9:30 PM
 Juanita Community Club, Kirkland Cuer Debbie Taylor 206 362-3734
- DUDES AND DOLLS** / Mainstream / 2nd, 4th Friday - 7:00-10:00 PM
 Cedar Valley Grange #306, Lynnwood Scott Coon/Shawn Cavness 425 337-2906
- FERN BLUFF SQUARES** / Mainstream / Family, 2nd Saturday - 7:30-10:30 PM
 South Lake Stevens Grange, Lake Stevens Robert Sax/Caron Grasso 425 345-5941
- FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS** / Plus / 2nd Saturday - 2:00-4:00 PM
 Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley Steve Noseck/Bob Berka 360 682-5348
- FREEWHEELERS** / Mainstream/Plus / 1st & 3rd Sundays- 7:00-9:00 PM
 Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood Roger Spiese/Debbie Taylor 206 367-9219
- HAPPY HOPPERS** / Mainstream / 2nd & 4th Sundays 6:00– 8:30 PM
 Stilly Valley Center, Smokey Point Guest Callers/Guest Cuers 701 240-4023
- HAPPY ROUNDERS** / Rounds / Phase 3 & 4, Tuesday - 7:30-9:30 PM
 The Hayloft, Lynnwood Randy Preskitt 206 365-8095
- MT BAKER TEACHERS, CALLERS & CUERS ASSOCIATION** Information: Steven Cole
 stephen@isquaredance.com 206 769-4959
- RAINBOW SQUARES** / Mainstream / 2nd & 4th Saturday - 7:00-9:30 PM
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- SAMENA SQUARES** / Mainstream / 2nd & 4th Friday - 7:30-10:00 PM
 Juanita Community Club, Kirkland Guest Callers/Cuers 425 206-8709
- SKAGIT SQUARES** / Mainstream / 3rd Saturday - 7:30-10:00 PM
 Mount Vernon Senior Center, Mount Vernon John Corrigan/Bob Berka 360 939-2048
- SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS** / Mainstream, 3rd Saturday - 7:30-10:00 PM
 Tri-way Grange, Mill Creek Guest Callers/Shawn Cavness 206 310-5627
- SQUARE CROWS** / Mainstream / 3rd Friday - 7:30-10:00 PM
 Maltby Community Center, Maltby Guest Callers/Karen Neverdowski 206 914-2253
- WHIRLYBIRDS** / Mainstream / 1st Friday (Floor Level) & 2nd Saturday - 7:30-10:30 PM
 The Hayloft, Lynnwood Dave Harry/Karen Neverdowski 206 799-5424

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4X8 Visited Appleland Promenaders for their Anniversary. We had a great time. We are continuing our classes. Members are providing great help. We have a anniversary coming up in March 2, 2024. It will be our 72 Anniversary. The Theme will be Garden Party. Tim Merino from Oroville, Ca. will be calling, Dan Bailey from Spokane will be cueing. Pre-rounds at 7pm, mainstream at 7:30pm.

See you at a dance. Have a great Holiday

Jackie Chase

The **APPLELAND PROMENADERS** celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a dance and dinner. We started with plus dancing from 3-5. Following our plus afternoon, we served an Italian dinner with lasagna from Olive Garden. For the evening dancing we had mainstream. Ray Brendzy was our caller. Nicholas and Caitlin Brendzy did the cueing for us. It's nice to have the Brendzy family come to our club. We had about 6 squares, so it was a very fun evening.

We are continuing with our lessons. We usually have 4 squares (including our angels) so it's a fun evening – especially since we have about 8 youth grange members who are taking lessons.

Connie Mulholland

PLUS BUNCH are happy to be dancing every first, third, and fifth Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30pm. Tom Clymer is reviewing the plus program to help us all become more proficient. We dance at the East Wenatchee Grange. Join us for a fun evening.

CASCADE TWIRLERS and Appleland Promenaders will have a joint mainstream Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 16 at the East Wenatchee Grange from 7:30-9:30PM. The theme is Jingle All the Way! Tom Clymer is calling and Judy Schock is cueing.





The Clubs of North Central Council



Appleland Promenaders – *Mainstream*

www.applelandpromenaders.com

1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday

East Wenatchee Grange • 3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee

Info: Bob & Connie Mulholland - 509-881-4961

or sqdnrc@nwi.net

Cascade Twirlers – *Mainstream*

1st & 3rd Saturday

East Wenatchee Grange • 3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee

Info: Randy & Sheila Ogle - 509-663-2395

Moses Lake 4x8's – *Mainstream*

1st & 3rd Saturday

Moses Lake Senior Center • 608 E. 3rd Ave., Moses Lake

Info: Del & Jackie Chase - 509-764-4254

or deljackiechase@nctv.com

Plus Bunch – *Plus Level*

Every Wednesday

East Wenatchee Grange • 3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee

Info: Tom & Chris Clymer - 509-293-3516

or Tom.Clymer@charter.net



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NORTH OLYMPIC COUNCIL

Area Reporter *Steffany Neuschaef*

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The **RHODY O'S SQUARE DANCE CLUB** put on a great Halloween dance and the turnout filled the hall. The decorations were beautifully Halloweeny and our treats table was filled with festive savory appetizers, candies and cakes. Many dancers had very creative costumes on that added so much fun to the atmosphere.

The holiday Christmas Celebration dance is next on the schedule with the RhodyO's Square Dance Club.

The Rhody O's 'way' is perfect for growing your social life and community with really fun-loving people that know how to enjoy.

The Rhody O's Square Dance Club's home dance floor is at the Gardiner Community Center in Gardiner, WA. MainStream workshop takes place every Thursday night from 6:00pm to 7:00pm and MainStream lessons follow from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Any questions on how to find out more about the RhodyO's Square Dance Club, e-mail rhodyos.wa@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/RhodyO>.

See you on the dance floor!

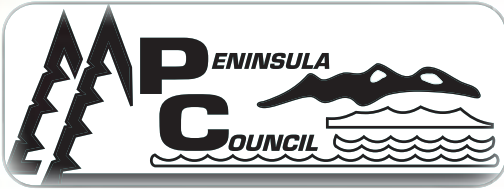
Steffany Neuschaef

Halloween Dance
Kathy & Linda



Halloween Dance
Sharrie & Louie





PENINSULA COUNCIL

Area Reporter Anne Ondeck

PENINSULA COUNCIL

On Saturday December 16, The Council will sponsor a student level dance including students from the Gig Harbor Twirlers, Paws and Taws and Round Squares. There will also be a silent auction fundraiser.

KITSAP SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION

KSDA met last Sunday and accepted nominations for next year's officers. A reservation for a New Years Eve dance was accepted. Hall holiday decorating will take place in the morning on December 1.

PAWS AND TAWS

The club held a Fall Fun Dance on Saturday, November 18. They will go dark on December 15 and join in the student level dance on December 16. There will be a dance on Friday, December 22 to celebrate Anne's 80th birthday.

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS

The club will dance on December 1st. It is the annual Teddy Bear Dance. All donated toys will be given to local hospitals. They will also participate in the student level dance on December 16 and in the silent auction.

ROUND SQUARES

On December 16 the club will host Peninsula Council's Student Level Dance and the silent auction for sister clubs.

SQUARE STEPPERS

Veterans were honored at the November dance. The club will add a STAR (A level) dance at their December 9 dance. They also plan to sponsor a plus workshop in the new year on Tuesday evenings.

DUDES AND DOLLS

This plus club hosts a weekly workshop on Monday afternoons from 1-3. The club will not dance on Christmas.

SWEETHEART ROUNDS

At a special dance on November 10th the club honored Shawn and Wendy Cavness as recipients of the McNutt award. Many cuers came to help honor them as well as their dancers.

Anne Ondeck



**The Clubs of Peninsula Council - 6800 W. Belfair Valley Rd, Bremerton
Kitsap Square Dance Center in Gorst – kitsapsquaredance.com**

DUDES AND DOLLS

Mondays from 2nd Monday in Sept to 2nd Monday in June

Plus Dancing – 1-3PM

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

Caller: Roger Spiese

More info call: Russ Richardson – 360-373-1822

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS

1st Saturday each month except

1st & 3rd in January & 3rd Saturday in September

7:30-8PM Plus – 8-10PM Mainstream

Lessons, Student Level Dance, Mainstream & Rounds

Caller: Steve Mazel , Cuer Dan Saikkonen

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

More info call: 360-692-3723

ROUND SQUARES

4th Saturday, 3rd Saturday December only

7:30-8PM Plus; 8-10PM Mainstream, Rounds

Caller: Gunter Monroe

Guest Cuers

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

Caravans-Mystery Trips-Camping \$15.00 per Night

More info call: 360-307-8460

SWEETHEART ROUNDS

Lessons Thursdays 7:00-9:00 PM

Dances on 2nd Fridays 7:00-10:00

Cuer- Shawn Cavness

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

SQUARE STEPPERS

2nd Saturday each month

Plus Dancing – 7:30 - 10PM

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

CALLER: Spike Reed - No Rounds

Caravans/Mystery Trips/Camping

More info call: 360-377-9494

KITSAP SQUARE DANCE CENTER

Gorst (Bremerton)

RV Camping; \$15.00 per Night

For Square Dancers

Water & Electric Available

Come Dance the Gig Harbor Twirlers, ,

Paws & Taws , Dudes & Dolls Plus,

Rounds Squares & Square Steppers Plus

PAW AND TAWS

1st & 3rd Fri. September-June except March, 1st Fri. & 3rd Sat.

3rd Saturday only in July & August

7:30-10PM Mainstream, Rounds, Plus Tip

Caller: Roger Spiese, Cuer, Shawn (Wendy) Cavness

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

Caravans-Mystery Trips-All Dancers Welcome

More info call: 360-930-5277





<https://www.squaredance-rainier.org>

RAINIER COUNCIL

Area Reporters

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RAINIER COUNCIL serves the Pierce County area at the south end of Puget Sound.

We had a wonderful October, hosting the State Fed's Fall meeting with a dance to honor Lane & Gail Johnston receiving the State Federation President's award, and a visit & demo for Tom Tomlinson and friends up north!

The gorgeous golden trees of early November brought beauty & joy to our journeys, along with a colorful backdrop to the Bonney Lads & Lassies' annual holiday craft fundraising sale, and the many Thanksgiving family events.

Now in December, we are focusing a bit more indoors... on the square dance floor, of course! Music, friendly smiles, and fun, graceful (or at least playful) movement... what a great way to live! This month there is even an event where you can get a gift - a Christmas ornament! Spinners is hosting an ornament exchange dance in Buckley to start the holiday season off early on Friday, Dec 1 - bring a wrapped ornament to participate in the exchange. See all the upcoming December dance event postings by each club, both on this page and at: <https://www.wheresthedance.com/>

Rainier Council will be celebrating the year-end and welcoming the new year with a Mainstream dance 'Twas the Night before New Year's Eve 2023 on Saturday, December 30, 2023. Doors open at 7 pm, we will end the evening by 10 pm. Offering light refreshments, and plenty of smiles. Come join us!



2024 lessons will start up a new cohort across the 4 mainstream clubs beginning Sunday, Feb 4th, so invite friends and acquaintances to give this activity a try! More information about upcoming classes will be posted at <https://www.squaredance-rainier.org/classes/>

Stay up to date with Rainier Council postings and photos at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RainierCouncil>



Happy Holidays!

Clare Murphy
Rainier Council President 2022-2024
readingclare@gmail.com

The **SPINNERS**, are a Mainstream square dance club, that dances at the Buckley Community Hall, 127 N River Avenue, Buckley WA.

We provide new student square dance lessons on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at Buckley Hall, which started in September, and then again at the end of January in 2024.

The Spinners host a club dance on the first Friday of each month. This is a mainstream square dance (with calls by Greg Weber) and alternating rounds (cues by Sue Weber). Snacks are provided.

The next Spinners' club dance will be on Friday, December 1st, from 7:00 to 9:30 PM, with alternating rounds. This is our annual ornament exchange dance! Please bring a wrapped or bagged ornament to exchange during the dance!

This is our 42nd year as a square dance club.

We hope you'll be able to join us.
Club Reporter: Don Harris
pdhracer1@comcast.net



**FALL
STATE MEETING
AT RAINIER COUNCIL
OCTOBER 21 2023**

**LANE AND GAIL
JOHNSTON
HONORED AT THE
SQUARE DANCE**



2023 State President Award Honorees



Lane and Gail Johnston
Shown with Joshua Strickler, President



Roamin' Tacomans

First Saturdays 7:00 to 9:30 pm
All Plus with rounds between tips



Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave S, Orting, WA



Saturday, December 2
Snowflakes
caller: Andy Garboden
cuer: Carolyn Tagles



Saturday, January 6
Hawaiian Dance
caller: Greg Weber
cuer: Sue Weber



The **SWINGNUTS**, is a Mainstream club, that dances at the Sumner VFW Hall (1705 Willow Street, Sumner WA 98390). Once monthly dances are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month (October through May). Thursday evenings, October through May, are reserved for lessons and workshops. Don Wood is the club caller and Marie Wood is the club cuer.

December 16th - Hot Chocolate Hoe Down. Potluck at 5:30 pm (Hot chocolate, chili, soup and sandwiches) There will be an opportunity to receive a dangle. Dancing starts at 7 pm with Rounds in between tips. Two tips student level with every third tip Mainstream.

Our classes are on Thursdays from 7 to -9 pm at the Sumner Hall. Check Where's The Dance: <https://www.wheresthedance.com/>

Please come and join us for dancing!

Club Reporter: Gail Johnston
gailj@chessmenkastle.com

The **ROAMIN' TACOMANS**, is a Plus club and dances on the first Saturday of the month at the City of Orting Multi-Purpose Center (202 Washington Ave S, Orting, WA 98360). Club callers are Greg Weber & Andy Garboden. Club cuers are Sue Weber & Carolyn Tagles. Lessons are held at the City of Pacific Senior Center (100 3rd Ave SE, Pacific, WA 98047).

Roamin Tacomans want to invite you to our Snowflake Plus dance on Saturday, December 3. Andy Garboden will be calling and Carolyn Tagles will be cueing. It will be from 7 to 9:30 pm at the Orting multipurpose Center, 202 Washington Ave S in Orting. We have a great plus class this year and they are going to have most of the plus calls by Dec 3 so the dance will be at class level so they can join us.

Our plus classes are Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm at the Pacific Senior Center, 100 3rd Ave SE, Pacific, WA. Greg will be our caller/teacher in December and we will be dark on Dec 20. Plus dancers are always welcome to “angel” at no charge. We had more than 3 squares at our November plus dance and had a great time. We also collected several bags of food for the food bank. We want to thank all those who donated so we could reach out a helping hand to those in need.

Looking forward: Rainier Council will be having a Pre New Year’s Eve dance on December 30 at Collins Grange. Roamin Tacomans January plus dance will take us to the land of sunshine. We are having our Hawaiian dance on Saturday January 6th from 7 to 9:30 pm. It will be at the Orting multipurpose Center, 202 Washington Ave South in Orting. Greg Weber will be calling and Sue Weber cueing. You can always find updated info on Roamin Tacomans dances on our Facebook page or wheresthedance.com.

*Club Reporter: Sharon Herman
tonysharp@yaho.com*

The **YOUNG BUNCH** is a youth-oriented club that dances Mainstream at Collins Grange in Tacoma Wa, the 2nd Friday of the month.

Young Bunch’s lessons are going well, we had some students move around to other Rainier Council’s lessons which is the great benefit of how our lessons work! We look forward to seeing you at our December 8th dance with Steve Mazel calling and Sue Weber cueing, starting at 7 pm at Collins Grange.

*Stephanie Schaewe,
sschaewe@gmail.com*

The **BONNEY LADS ‘N’ LASSIES** dance mainstream at Collins Grange, 3404-120th Street East, Tacoma, WA, normally on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Greg Weber is our caller, and Sue Weber is our cuer. We start square dancing at 7:00 pm and dance until 9:30 pm, with level two rounds between tips. We normally offer finger-food and punch, but sometimes we have a potluck.

On Saturday December 9 we’ll host a plain ol’ regular dance -- no particular theme. It will be SSD level so our students can join us. Just wear your smile and whatever outfit you choose. We’ll have fun. Finger food and punch

during the break.

On Saturday, December 23, on the eve of Christmas Eve we’ll be merrily prancing and dancing at the SSD level so our current students can join in. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies or other treats to share with our family of square dancers during the break. Perhaps Santa will stop by to fuel up for his epic ride the next night. If he appears, you might get to have your picture taken with Santa. We’ll provide coffee and punch.

Angels (especially men) are needed and welcomed at our new dancer classes at Collins Grange on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Each week’s lesson will match those of the other Rainier Council mainstream clubs, so students can learn the week’s new calls at any venue or at multiple ones during the week. More information is at <https://www.squaredance-rainier.org/classes>.

Come dance with us. We love visitors.

*Club Reporter: Doug Schafer
schafer@pobox.com*

RONDE’ VU ROUNDS is a round dance club. Cuers are Carolyn Tagles and Everett Colglazier (phases 1 and 2), and Charles and Katie Morehead (phase 3 and 4). The club dances on Monday evenings at Collins Grange, 3404 120th Street East, Tacoma, WA.

Rondé’ VU Rounds has been busy this month. We had a fun Halloween dance and are looking forward to a Christmas Dance on December 18th. The 6:30 beginning Two Step class is still picking up more figures in Phase 2 Two Step. We are learning the Lucky Wrap in Lucky – Little Black Book and will have lots of Christmas dances with new figures to learn. The 8:00 class is going to wrap up Jive for now, we will continue to practice what we’ve learned so far in Phase 3 Jive. We will start Phase 3 Rumba on December 4th. Come and join us if it’s new or you need a brush-up. We will be learning Phase 3 in the beginning, and Phase 4 when we are ready. We are having so much fun. Come and join us.

*Carolyn Tagles, Club Reporter
tagles3@comcast.net*





Rainier Council Clubs

website: squaredance-rainier.org
(check Calendar link for latest info)

MONDAY Every	RONDÉ VU ROUNDS Cuers: Charles & Katie Morehead Carolyn Tagles & Everett Colglazier	Collins Grange (East Tacoma, WA) 6:30-9:30 Phase 2 thru 4 (253) 278-8272
FRIDAY 1st	SPINNERS (MS) Caller: Greg Weber Cuer: Sue Weber	Buckley Hall (Buckley, WA) 7:00-9:00 MS/Rounds (520) 906-7624
2nd	YOUNG BUNCH (MS) Caller: Guest callers Cuer: Sue Weber	Collins Grange (East Tacoma, WA) 7:00-9:30 MS/Rounds (206) 240-2624
SATURDAYS 1st	ROAMIN' TACOMANS (PLUS) Callers: Greg Weber & Andy Garboden Cuers: Sue Weber & Carolyn Tagles	Orting Multi-Purpose Center (Orting, WA) 7:00 - 9:30 Plus/Rounds (206) 510-1984
1st	NW CALLER ASSOCIATION	Cedar Grange (Maple Valley, WA) Monthly Meeting, Dances TBA (253) 250-3999
3rd	SWINGNUTS (MS) Caller: Don Wood Cuer: Marie Wood	Sumner Valley VFW Hall (Sumner, WA) 7:00 Pre-Rounds, 7:30-9:30 MS/Rounds (425) 765-7013
2nd & 4th	BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES (MS) Caller: Greg Weber Cuer: Sue Weber	Collins Grange (East Tacoma, WA) 7:00-9:30 MS/Rounds (253) 431-5156

Search for events on WheresTheDance.com

All events are posted and maintained on the "WTD" website. Always check for updates before heading to a dance.

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Merry Christmas!



SOU' WESTER COUNCIL

Area Reporter

Don & Judy Wilson

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SOU'WESTER COUNCIL clubs wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024! We hope that dancing is back, and we can focus on positive thoughts beginning right now. May 2024, find you enjoying your favorite things and we hope one of the favorite things is dancing!

The **OLYMPIA DO-SI-DOS** celebrated our 74th anniversary on October 14, 2023, with Steve Noseck and Dan Preedy calling and Ron Woolcock cueing. We had so much fun, and it was so nice to see the hall full of dancers helping us celebrate this wonderful occasion. We are busy planning our 75th anniversary dance which will be held on October 12, 2024. Dan and Steve have agreed to return and call for us. A plus dance will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 and a mainstream dance will be from 7:00 – 9:30. We will be serving a dinner between the two dances.

As many of you already know, Jim Hattrick our long-time caller and cuer passed away in May of this year. We have been hiring guest callers and cuers since his passing and have them lined up through December 2024. This has given us an opportunity to enjoy the calling and cueing of many outstanding individuals.

November 11h we had our “Let Freedom Ring” dance with guest caller and cuer Craig Abercrombie. We honored our veterans at this dance and their service to our country.

Mark your calendars to attend our December 9th Snowball Frenzy dance. Steve Noseck will be calling, and Rochelle Catt will be cueing. The mainstream dance will be held from 7 – 9 with a plus tip at break. We will be accepting donations to Safe Place during the dance.

Hope to see you in a square soon!

Diane Leigh

On October 15th **HARBOR HAYLOFTERS** had our first big dance since the pandemic started. We were

visited by six clubs with four squares on the floor. Randy Carlson (Kris) did a great job calling. It was great to see

HARBOR HAYLOFTERS

2nd Saturday monthly

Caller: Randy & Chris Carlson

Pre Rounds 7:00

Ms Dance 8 -10:00

BRAND NEW LOCATION

ABERDEEN VFW

105 E HERON- Aberdeen, WA

R Square D Octoberfest, Olympia and traveled to Seaside for the Seaside Sashay. Jim Raykowski celebrated his 80th birthday.

November saw us planning another Sunday dance. We visited several out-of-town clubs. Everyone enjoyed a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

December 17th is our big Christmas Dance. I am sure Randy will be calling some great songs to dance to. Hope to see some of our square dance friends, maybe at our dance and yours. This is wishing everyone out there a wonderful Christmas. Remember he is checking his list.

Ann Kilwien

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STARDUST DANCERS celebrated its 27th Anniversary in October. It was a festive event. Many dancers dressed in round dance attire and Susan Healea cued dances from several rhythms and phases. There was something for everyone and most danced all evening.

Stardust will have their Christmas Dance and Silent Auction on Thursday, December 7th. The dance begins at 7:00 p.m. with phase IV mixed rhythms

STARDUST DANCERS

Round Dance Club

SUSAN HEALEA, Cuer

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:30 - 9:30

PM

Catlin Grange #199

205 Shawnee St., Kelso, Washington

and continues with phase II and III mixed rhythms. During the dance time people bid on treasurers at the silent auction. This will be another festive dance and people are encouraged to dress for the holidays or round dance attire. All round dancers are welcome.

Stardust dances on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Susan Healea is our cuer/teacher. The dress is usually casual, but dance attire is always admired. Phase IV dances start the evening with phase II and III dances from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Stardust Dancers wish everyone a happy holiday and hope that the holidays are filled with lots of dance opportunities!

Don and Judy Wilson
donjudywilson22@gmail.com

COUGAR SQUARES Christmas Dance will be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall, where we usually dance. The dance begins at 7:00 p.m. with plus and 7:30 to 9:30 mainstream and phase II rounds. Jim Raupp is

COUGAR SQUARES
 1st Sat Sep-June
 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



our caller and Susan Healea is our cuer. Come and start the holiday season with us!

Square dance lessons are held on Mondays at Napavine Elementary School from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Jim Raupp is our caller/teacher. Rocky Reed did the lessons in October while Jim and Paula were on a train trip adventure. Jim returned at the end of October. There have been four squares on the floor for lessons, we can always use more “angels”.

Cougars regular dance night is the first Saturday of each month beginning at 7:00 with plus and 7:30 to 9:30 mainstream and phase II rounds. Jim Raupp is our regular caller and Susan Healea is our regular cuer. Dance attire is encouraged, but everyone is welcome.

Don and Judy Wilson
donjudywilson22@gmail.com

Happy holidays from the **FLUTTERWHEELS!** We skip our first Saturday Dance on December to 2nd to attend the Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas Dance. On Saturday December 16th, we will have our annual Holiday Dance with caller Glenn Raiha and cuer Mary Parsons, starting at 7 p.m. We will dance at the Basic Level for the first part of the evening so we can

incorporate our two big classes in the holiday festivities. We will finish the night with Mainstream.

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

We have been busy with supporting the Olympia Area Thursday class which finished Basic and Mainstream in

November, and the Monday Basic Class which will finish in December. The December graduation date hasn't been set yet. These are wonderful classes, and we are so proud to be a part of bringing so many new dancers into the community. And, yes, we are already working on publicity for the new Lessons starting on Thursdays in January and Mondays in February.

Please join us and the rest of Olympia Area Square Dancers at our Gala New Year's Eve Celebration and Dance at Lac-A-Do Hall. The theme is “Make Some Noise; Raise the Roof.” All profits will go to the Lac-A-Do roof fund. We will dance Advanced from 7-8. Then Rounds from 8-9. The rest of the evening will alternate two Mainstream tips and a plus tip, with rounds. Steve Noseck and Glenn Raiha are calling. Shawn and Wendy Cavness are cueing. We'll serve heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening, with a toast, hats, and noisemakers at midnight. It's always an elegant, good time! Tickets are available from callers, cuers, and any Olympia Area Square Dance club presidents.

Nancy Raiha

October was a great month for **SQUARE ONE PLUS CLUB**. We had a good attendance at our two dances over four squares and over two squares at our workshop. We also helped the DO-SI-DO club celebrate their 74 the Anniversary dance. So much fun.

Can not believe that we are now preparing for December, where did the year go?? On our First Friday dance, December 1st we will have our annual “Toys for Tots” dance. We will collect unwrapped Toys to donate to children for Christmas.

This will also be a Dance to ‘Raise the Roof’ to help Lac-A-Do Hall replace the roof on the hall.

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

The hall was rebuilt in 1996 after a fire burned the old hall to the ground in May of 1995. So, a new roof is really needed. The dance will start at 7 PM with Mary Parsons cueing. PLUS, from 7:30-9:30 with Gunter Monroe calling. Our 3rd Sunday dance will be Sunday December 17th from 6:30-9:00 PM Gunter Monroe calling Plus. Rochelle Catts on the rounds.

The club is looking forward to our Christmas get together which will be held on December 13th. There will be lots of good food and a chance to visit with everyone.

On to the New Year and we will be offering PLUS lessons at Lac-A-Do Hall. They will start on Sunday January 7th, 6:30-8:30 PM. We will go every Sunday for around 11 weeks (excluding Easter Sunday) or until the caller has gotten through all the moves. Our caller Gunter Monroe will be doing the teaching. You are all invited to join us and even if you do dance PLUS it will be a good learning time and a big help to the new students.

Another great event will be the New Year's Eve dance at Lac-A-Do with Steve Noseck & Glenn Raiha calling, Shawn & Wendy Canvness on the rounds, the festivities will start at 7 PM, Sunday night December 31st. Flyers and tickets are available from any club from Olympia. So much going on and lots of dancing. Hope you can get out to some events.

We wish you all a Happy Holiday with dancing and time with family and friends. Then on to 2024 and lots of dancing!!!!

Peggy Smith
pegscott29@comcast.net

The holiday season is upon us. **THE PRAIRIE STEPPERS** hope you will be able to spend this time with friends and family. We hope you enjoyed our Salute to

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 • MARIE WOOD, CUER

Veterans dance in November. Join us to enjoy Christmas memories while dancing to caller Santa Don Wood and cuer Mrs. Claus Marie Wood on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Oakview Grange.

Several Prairie Steppers attended the Sou'Wester

Council dance on September 30 at Lac A Do Hall with our own Don and Marie wood calling and cueing. We plan to travel to the Cougars Thankful Christmas Dance on December 2nd.

Our fun workshops AKA Funshops on Tuesday nights at the Oakview Grange with Don Wood instructing will continue through the end of the year. We sent a Community Education Course Proposal for Modern Western Square Dance lessons to Centralia College to publish in their Winter catalog. Our next set of lessons are scheduled to start on Tuesday January 9, 2024.

Some Prairie Steppers assisted by dancers from the Swingnuts, the Cougars, the Harbor Haylofters and a Lac A Do club participated in a demonstration dance at the LDS Church in Chehalis on October 16. The square dancers paired up with church members to give them a taste of what modern square dancing is all about. Don Wood sent his thanks to all who participated, and we hope that some church members will want to take lessons in January.

Marion Freels

THE TANGLEFOOT CLOGGERS wish you a very happy holiday season. Mary Dart started teaching a new set of Beginner Clogging Lessons on Monday, October 2. Lesson nights start at 5 PM with High Intermediate followed by Intermediate, Low Intermediate, Extended Basic and ends with Beginner level from 7:30 to 8:15 PM so it is a long night for Mary.

On the last Monday of the month the Tanglefoot Cloggers have a "Dance Night" where we just dance a mix of all levels from 5 to 7 PM followed by Extended Basics and Beginner lessons. For several months now any of us who like have been meeting at a local restaurant for an early dinner at 3:30 PM prior to "Dance Night". As many dancers know, clubs can be an extended family.

We welcome anyone who wants to dance with us on Monday nights at the Brighton Park Grange, 525 73rd Avenue SW in Tumwater near the New Market Skills Center and the UPS Customer Service Center in Tumwater. Donation is \$10.00 per person each lesson night.

Marion Freels
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Round a Bouts ad is on page 2

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Progress is being made in preparation of USA WEST coming to Spokane in July of 2025! But first we need to have a successful Kick-Off weekend in April of 2024! This kick-off weekend promises to be filled with dancing at every level, including round dancing! We are pleased to announce the weekend will feature caller Andy Allemao, and cuer couple Doug and Leslie Dodge. There has been some confusion surrounding the details of how the kick-off weekend is tied into the USA West 2025 convention. Hopefully we can help clear up anything you are maybe wondering about! If you pre-register for USA West 2025 you will receive a discount on the cost of the kickoff weekend. If you plan to pre-register for USA West 2025, the early bird rate will expire Saturday night of the kickoff weekend. You can register for both with one transaction by credit card or check. Registration forms are being distributed throughout the state and are available at our website www.squaredancespokane.org and our Facebook page. We can't wait to see everyone at this unique event!

Tricia Ensign, Reporting

The holiday season is upon us after having a beautiful fall. The **COEURLY Q'S** November "Time of Giving" dance brought many happy folks together, there was a lot of laughter and mixing; we did indeed "Fill the Truck" with food items for the local food bank. Our square dance community has such a generous heart for giving. Many of us in the council also look forward to the "Toys for Tots" dance on December 16th hosted by the Model T's, it's a chance to be part of a giving extended family.

"Christmas Traditions" is our December 2nd dance theme. Coeurly Q's have the first dance of the month in the council, so we get everyone into the holiday spirit with Adam Christman and Dan Bailly using Christmas theme songs for calling and cueing.

Donna Seil, Reporting.

STARSHOOTERS new students are making wonderful progress and continue to bring joy and laughter to our Wednesday nights. This fall was a busy season for the Starshooters with our 59th anniversary dance in October and our hot cookie dance in November! We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays together and ringing in the new year with our NYE Dance! Even during the cold of winter, we can always count on a warm greeting from our fellow dancer! We hope everyone has a spectacular holiday! See you out on the dance floor!



Tricia Ensign, Reporting

Merry Christmas to everyone from the **TWIN CITY TWIRLERS**. Our members have enjoyed the new dance season with lessons, both mainstream and plus, in full swing. We have new dancers in both classes. The Thanksgiving Dance is always great fun with lots of dancers. The food for the buffet is always awesome, not only was the turkey stuffed

Twin City Twirlers

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but so were we. Our Christmas Dance is on Saturday December 16th. We start with rounds at 6:30 and then have squares with rounds from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Come join us. Have a happy and healthy 2024.

Jeanne Greer, Reporting

VALLEY CROSS TRAILERS had a fun October "Pumpkin Dance" in October with Doug Davis calling and Jen Devine cueing. We had 9 decorated pumpkins for dancers to vote on. The winner was Bronwyn with her "chicken pumpkin" and she is in the picture with all the contestants. All the dancers sang Happy Birthday to our treasurer Tony—we surprised him for sure. November's theme was "Shoot the Turkey" which is a chance for dancers to win a turkey. December brings Santa to the


dance as he gives each dancer a homemade decorated Christmas stocking filled to the brim. The duo Doug Davis and Adam Christman make it a wonderful way to end our 2023 dancing. Even though our class is small in number they are enjoying learning to square dance. Birthday wishes to Nellie on Dec. 3. Happy Anniversary to Jeffrey & Brooke on Dec. 16. Whether you go dancing New Years Eve or decide to stay home for a quiet celebration, know that 2024 will bring lots of dancing for your pleasure. Valley Cross Trailers wish every dancer a Merry Christman and a Happy New Year.

Priscilla Davis, Reporting

The **WILD ROSE RAMBLERS** are continuing lessons on Tuesday nights at 6:30. The attendance has fluctuated, but it's now settling down. The "worker-bees" (Barb Melis, Carlyn Kofer and Karol Hoffman) have been sorting through items in the two-barn "yard sale" which is the club's main fund-raiser. Perhaps next year it will settle down to one "barn" which has a cement floor. The November 4 dance theme was "Giving Thanks". We hope all dancers enjoyed a great Thanksgiving. Rob Krum is our caller and Genie Parrill is our cuer. We always have a fun evening, whether it's lessons or the dance nights. Come and "Dance and enjoy our Silent Auction" on December.

WRR traveled to the Starshooters dance on Saturday October 28. Several of the members had dinner at the Red Dragon before the dance. Bruce and Judy Ottoson, Ron and Karol Hoffman, Peggy and Dwaine Brown, Barbara and Don Melis, Darby Forsberg, Kevin Ackerman and Mark Hocum. Square dancing lets you develop lifelong friends!

Judy Ottoson & Barb Melis, Reporters

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<p>Diamond Squares - 2nd Saturday 7:00 Plus & Rounds; 8:00 Mainstream & Rounds Western Dance Center 1901 N. Sullivan Rd, Spokane, WA 99216</p>	<p>Spokane Callers & Cuers - 2nd Friday 8:00 Mainstream & Rounds Western Dance Center 1901 N. Sullivan Rd, Spokane, WA 99216</p>
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