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THE GAVEL
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S MONTH

Tanya and I wish everyone a very happy Valentine's Day. This is the month for love. Tanya and I met 57 years ago at a square dance and because of our love for square dancing we have been dancing ever since. We love Square Dancing and I am sure that all of you do too. I know there will be many Valentines Dances so get out there and dance and have fun. We will be visiting as many clubs as we can.

The State Meeting was held January 16, 2016 in Kelso. I know the FOOTNOTES publishing was on the agenda, but since I am writing this in December, I don't know what the vote will be. I am sure we will continue to publish FOOTNOTES, but it may be only on-line. I am sure your Council Reps will let you know. In any case we will continue with the hard copy until the June issue and we will publish the answer in the March issue.

Remember our State Festival is coming up soon and we need your help in getting your registrations in for this event. This is one of the biggest events our State puts on each year that is sponsored by different councils within the state. This year it is being sponsored by Sou'Wester Council. As I am sure you know, this year's State Festival will be June 17/18, 2016 at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center in Longview, WA. This used to be called the Cowlitz County Fairground. There will be plenty of parking for R/V's with electricity and a few with water. Dry camping is also available. There are several Motels/Hotels nearby. Registration forms are at most dance halls or if you can't find one, you can get one off the state website (www.squaredance-wa.org). We will be having a no experience necessary dance for beginners as well as Mainstream, Plus, Advanced Square Dancing, Round Dancing, and Clogging. There will be two Badge Dances and several workshops. So please come out and have fun.

Gene & Tanya Currier, your President Couple



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Smiling Across the Square at You

How many of you really see the person across the square smiling back at you? I've been studying the faces of my table mates for five months. What conclusions did I reach after that time? Not everyone takes care of their teeth! It is true that dental work can be costly, but there is nothing like a beautiful smile and what it says about its owner. Want to look younger? SMILE! It lifts the corners of your mouth and brings out the dimples in your cheeks. It makes your eyes twinkle and the recipient of your smile will feel charmed too. And don't forget to FLOSS your teeth.

Maggie

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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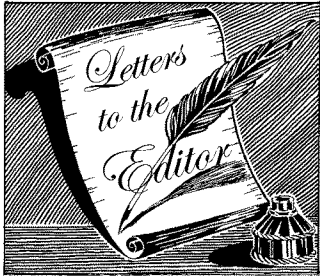
You are the inspiration for this month's cover. I'd direct our readers to your "Round Out Your Life" on page 14. You begin by enumerating all the special days in February. This got me to thinking about what else may be on the February calendar. So, like any good computer person, I went to Google. Guess what? I found these 59 special days created just so that we square dancers, and anyone else who needs an opportunity to celebrate, can take their pick of things to do and commemorate.

Not only are there special days in February, but there are a number of special month designations. Once again, check Google! WOW, what a month!

Now if I still need something to do, I can always check out the nearest Square Dance. How about you?

Scotty

- 23 Tennis Day
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- 26 Carnival Day
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- 28 Oscar Night - date varies
- 28 Public Sleeping Day
- 28 National Tooth Fairy Day - and/or August 22
- 29 Leap Day - it occurs in 2016, once every four years



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

2016 PARKER AWARD NOMINATIONS WANTED

Every year the Parker Award is given to a caller in recognition for his/her contribution to square dancing in Washington State. In 2015 Jack Hardin and his partner, Thal Critchfield were honored to receive the Parker Award at the State Festival at Mount Vernon. Jack has been calling for the past 40 years, most of it at the higher levels. He has an Advanced and Challenge (C1) club, the Hard-N-Easys, and he also calls weekly for the Double A's in Olympia, one of only 2 Advanced clubs in the State Federation. Thal has been involved with the Solo Squares Square and Round Dance Club and the Central Puget Sound Council. Until we were nominated and bestowed the award, we did not realize how important the Parker Award was to square dancing. The award has been passed on every year since 1949, and although callers come and go, the award lives on. It all starts with a nomination.

It is our privilege to accept nominations for the 2016 Parker Award. If you would like to nominate a caller for this award, please send in the caller's resume to:

Jack Hardin
21843 SE 251st Pl.
Maple Valley, WA 98030

or email to: jackhardin@me.com

The resume should include the caller's history and contributions to square dancing in Washington. Additional letters supporting the nominee from others who are aware of his/her contributions to square dancing are welcome. Unfortunately, past recipients are not eligible to receive this award again. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2016.

Sincerely,
Jack Hardin & Thal Critchfield



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A paperwork primer or

Club Renewals for Dummies

In this issue we will explain the club renewals which are handled through each council. We realize that each council makes out their own instructions due to the fact they all have different regulations and fees for their clubs. Therefore, we will email the renewal notification to each council treasurer with a 'cc' to the council president. We will include a generic sample that they are welcome to use in handling the renewals of their clubs. We intend to email these notifications out the first part of February. These club renewals will still be due back to us the 31st of May, so we're hoping this method will give the councils a little more time to complete this renewal process. And remember, all clubs, councils and associations are included in this renewal process.

The above process has nothing to do with the individual renewal process that we send out in March to each club treasurer. We will address that in the next "Footnotes" issue.

An elderly gentleman and a young man pushing their carts through the aisles at WalMart, collide at the end of an aisle. The young man apologized, saying "I was distracted because I am looking for my wife." The elderly gentleman said "What a coincidence, I'm looking for my wife too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate. Maybe I can help you find your wife, what does she look like?" The young man says "Well, she's 27 years old, tall, red hair, blue eyes, very buxom, wearing no bra, long legs and wearing pink short shorts. And I'll help you look for your wife. What does she look like?" To which the old man says "Doesn't matter - - - let's go look for yours!"

Take care,
Richard and Barbara

THE SOLO CORNER

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OK WHO'S HEARD OF THE PUDDLETOWN SQUARES?

In and out of square dancing from 1964 until 1986, depending on whether I had a partner, I eventually found a Seattle club that was perfect, an hour from my home in Yelm. That first night Mike Desisto was calling and the energy in the room was astounding! Best yet, I came in alone and was immediately warmly welcomed into a square.

PUDDLETOWN SQUARES was my home club for the next 20 years. Every Friday I'd drive from Yelm to Seattle for seven ecstatic hours of dancing. Seven hours! We danced at the Timberline, a former Sons of Norway Hall, all giant beams and woodsy interior. One of the dancers opened it as a dance bar, and as our club hall. We square danced from 6:30-9 pm, followed by western dancing until closing time.

These dancers, whether couples or singles, squared up mostly as individuals, so no one was ever left out. There was no dress code, but since we danced at a western bar, cowboy clothes were typical, with T-shirts and jeans just as standard.

We traveled to annual conventions all over the USA and Canada, and most clubs have an annual "fly-in", hosting dancers from several states.

There are now around 80 gay square dance clubs, mostly in the USA and Canada, but as far away as Japan. (Oh, have I mentioned, these hard-dancing, welcoming folks are predominantly gay?)

They may have learned about square dancing from us, but they could have taught us many decades ago about the acceptance and good will that we're just now coming to expect, as solo dancers.

Kathy Rooney, happy solo dancer

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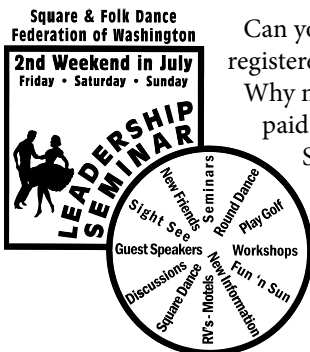
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A Sweet (heart) Gift

Can you believe Valentine Day is here already? Have you registered for the 2016 Education and Leadership Seminar? Why not superprise and treat your significant other with a paid registration to the 2016 Education and Leadership Seminar.

Come and dance to the calling of Kevin Thomaier and the cueing of Joyce Sebree both with many years of experience. Both have served in many capacities on various boards and committees in their respective fields.

See you there.



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Traveling clubs and Banners

What about the traveling clubs that don't have a home? Well not a regular dance night. Do they have a banner? Do they take a club banner? Who are they? I suppose I could look them up; but if they want to they could send me a line or two and I could let everyone know who they are. Then you could invite the homeless clubs to your home for a dance or two. Just a thought!

Rob/Vicki

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1ST

I am still waiting on scholarship applications for 2016! Send them to me as soon as possible. Two winners of \$750 will be picked in May and announced at the State Festival in June!

All applications are due to me no later than April 1st (no joke) and if you are going to college next year or your child is going to college next year you will want to get your applications in to me ASAP!

Applications can be found on the state website and can be sent to me by email or snail mail. If you have questions or need help with your application let me know and I will help you.

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Isn't this a whale (tail) of a month?

Well here we are in 2016. This is the month of February where we will be looking at Black History month, Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine Day, Presidents' Day and George Washington's Birthday. Wow, what a month.

The Washington State Square Dance Festival will be held at the Cowlitz Regional Conference Center in Longview. Dates June 17 & 18, 2016. Featured Caller Jet Roberts, Featured Cued Couple Chuck & Sandy Weiss and Featured Clogging Cued Kellee Ramirez. There will be Mainstream, Plus, Rounds, Clogging, Youth & Vendors. You will also have the opportunity to dance with a number of our State Callers and Cuers. You will be able to enjoy shopping with the Vendors, have a place to sit, relax, and enjoy your time at the Festival. You will hear "Tall Timber Calling" in 2016 all over the State of Washington. I am sure you will hear a lot about the Festival at different events and at your local Council Meetings. Make sure you get your registration in to Kay & Jim Rogers who are handling the registrations.

The Washington Round of the Month for February 2016 is "Goodbye Jimmy" a Waltz, PH II +1 [Hover], Artist - Kathy Linden - Choreographer, Milo & Terry Molitoris. The other 2 dances presented for consideration were "Heart II" Reba McIntire, "Tonight I Celebrate My Love" [For You], Tony Evans.

I hope you enjoy the dances presented, they were all good Waltzes.

Joyce Sebree



GOODBYE JIMMY

By: Milo & Terry Molitoris, **Music:** "Goodbye Jimmy Goodbye" by Kathy Linden, Rock 'n Roll Relix CD #18, Track #7. **Slow for comfort.**

Rhythm & Phase: Waltz Phase 2+1 (Hover SCP)

Seq: Intro, A, B, A, B, A, End February 2005

INTRO

OP FCG WAIT 2;-; APT PT; TOG TCH BFLY;
BAL L & R;-; TWIRL VN 3; THRU FC CLS BFLY;

PART A

WALTZ AWY & TOG;-; SOLO TURNS BFLY;-;
LACE ACRS; FWD WALTZ; LACE ACRS; FWD WALTZ BFLY;
TWSTY BAL L & R;-; TWIRL VN 3; PU CP LOD;
LFT TRNG BOX CP LOD;-;-;

PART B

2 LFT TRNS WALL;-; HVR; THRU FC CLS CP;
BOX;-; TWRL VN; TWINKLE;
TWINKLE; MAN; 2 RT TURNS;-;
BFLY BAL L & R;-; VINE 6;-;

PART A

WALTZ AWY & TOG;-; SOLO TURNS BFLY;-;
LACE ACRS; FWD WALTZ; LACE ACRS; FWD WALTZ BFLY;
TWSTY BAL L & R;-; TWIRL VN 3; PU CP LOD;
LFT TRNG BOX CP LOD;-;-;

PART B

2 LFT TRNS WALL;-; HVR; THRU FC CLS CP;
BOX;-; TWRL VN; TWINKLE;
TWINKLE; MAN; 2 RT TURNS;-;
BFLY BAL L & R;-; VINE 6;-;

PART A

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TWSTY BAL L & R;-; TWIRL VN 3; PU CP LOD;
LFT TRNG BOX CP LOD;-;-;

END

2 LEFT TURNS WALL;-; TWRL VN 3; THRU FC CLS; DIP-TWST HOLD;



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Hanging by a Thread

Your clothes are literally hanging on you by a thread. With all the money invested in the fabric and all the time spent sewing, this is not the place to decide to economize. Quality thread is worth the price.

Thread the machine with white thread. Using a marker, color an inch of the thread just even with the top of the needle. Sew slowly on a scrap and watch the mark. It will go down, through the needle, around the bobbin, and back up through the needle backwards. The marked thread will do this many times before being sewn onto the fabric. That is a lot of movement and tension. Therefore, if the thread is more than ten years old - DO NOT- use it. Old thread becomes dry and brittle. Old thread can not be revived.

When buying a spool of thread write the year on it and keep it with the fabric it matches. Purchase spools of thread at the same time as the fabric. Thread colors change with the fashion seasons and if the fabric is not used for several months it will be difficult to match last year's burgundy with this year's dark wine. With that in mind, don't get stressed trying to find an exact match for a fabric. Choose the color that is nearest and when there are two colors that are close go with

the one that is slightly darker than the fabric. For most sewing the types of thread found at the fabric store work well. Some stitchers favor one brand of thread over another. This may be due to their machine or the type of sewing. If you find that one brand of thread works well for you stick to that brand.

At the start of a project wind at least two bobbins in the new color. That much will be needed to complete almost any project. Wind bobbins at a medium speed. Yes, this takes longer than just tromping the pedal, but wind-ing fast causes uneven filling of the bobbin and uneven stitching. Winding fast also causes the thread to heat and stretch, resulting in frequent breakage and puckered seams. Never wind one color thread over another. This causes a lumpy bobbin. The bobbin will hold less thread of the color being used, requiring more refilling. To save left over thread, wind it back on the spool. There are usually only a couple of yards of thread remaining, not worth keeping and the thread on the bobbin may not have a matching spool.

Purchase additional bobbins to make color changes easier. Be sure to get the right size bobbins for the machine. Some of the new machines have an electric eye that sends a message

when the bobbin is getting low. These machines require plastic bobbins. Always keep full bobbins of most frequently used colors on hand.

What are the main causes of thread breakage?

- * 50% is the quality of the thread
- ** 20% is the needle - poor quality, wrong size, wrong type
- *** 20% is the tension setting or using too short of a stitch length
- **** 5% is the condition of the machine - lint built up, timing, oiling
- ***** 5% is the thread delivery system - machine is improperly threaded

Thread tension is a combination of the thread passing through thread guides and the pressure applied to the tension disks via the tension spring. Whenever threading your machine, make sure that the presser foot is up. This allows the thread to slip properly between the tension disks. Most machines are factory set for 50-60 weight sewing thread. When using a heavier thread for quilting or decorative stitching, the tension will

have to be changed. Experiment with different threads and tensions. It can always be changed back.

Problem: - The top thread frays.
Probable Cause: - The needle is too small, the wrong type, or damaged. Tension is set too high. Cheap old thread. Machine improperly threaded.

Problem: - The bobbin thread shows up on the top.
Probable Cause: - The bobbin tension is too loose. There is dirt/lint under the tension spring or in the bobbin case. Top tension is too high.

Problem: - The thread makes a birds nest under the needle plate.
Probable Cause: - The top tension is too low. The machine is improperly threaded and the take up lever was missed.

Success is achieved by using the proper thread for the project, the correct needle for the type of fabric, and maintaining the machine in good condition. Tension should be on the thread not the sewer.

Seattle Logic - You know that you have had enough coffee when you can thread the sewing machine while it is running.

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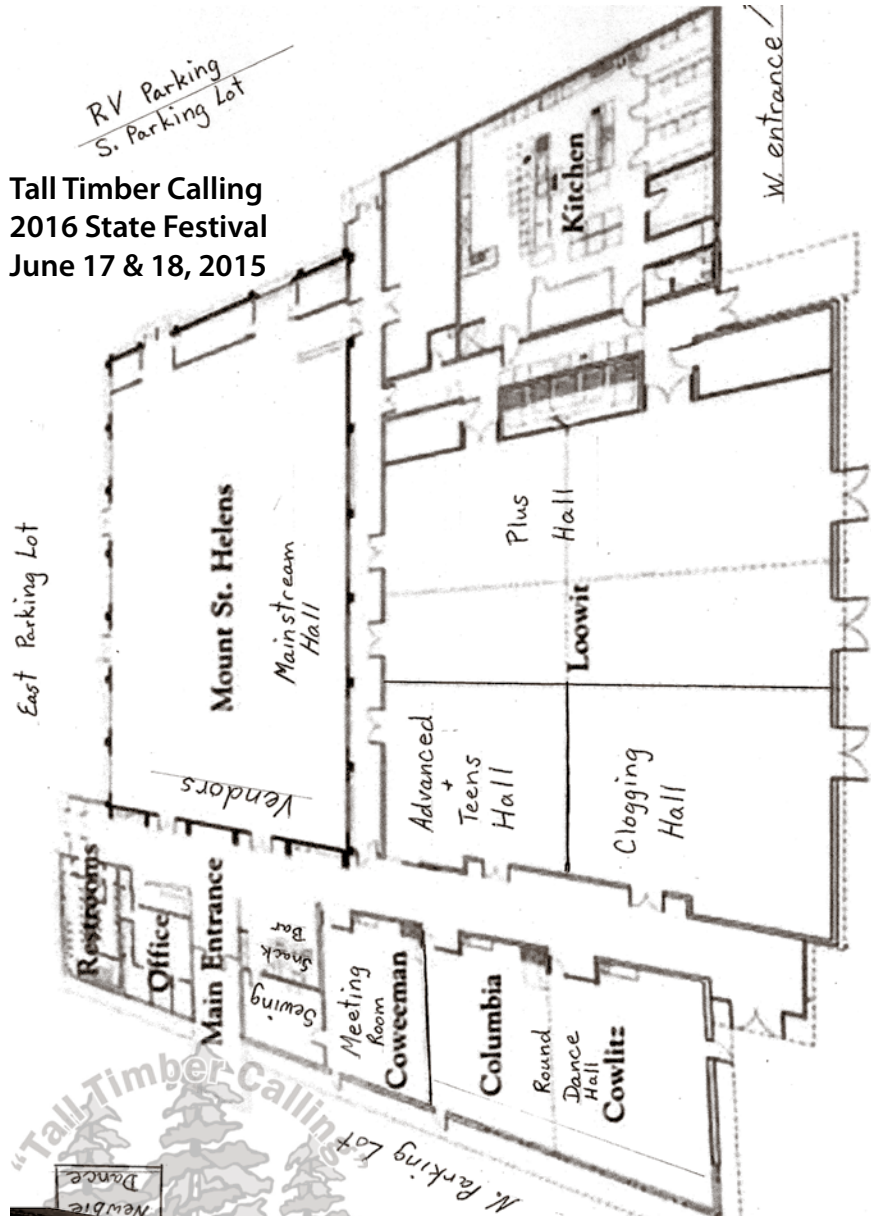
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Listen! I think I hear Tall Timber Calling you! See you at the festival!



BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

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On February 7th, the - MILTON FREEWATER MUDDY FROGS' Mainstream and Social Ballroom dance lessons will resume with Bill and Neva Reid on Sunday afternoons, with Mainstream from 2:00-3:30 and Ballroom from 3:45-5:00. The Reids will be all tanned and refreshed from their annual Hawaii vacation. We missed you, Bill and Neva, but we doubt very much that you were spending any time missing us!

The Frogs will celebrate their anniversary on the third Sunday of February, the 21st, with a dance from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Milton-Freewater Community Building, with Bill calling and Neva cueing. We hope to see you there!

Keep on dancin'!

Barb Walter



Above: Muddy Frogs December 20th Christmas Dance with
Right: Jim Swanson Calling.



Photos by Brenda Putnam

COLUMBIA RIVER SQUARES will have enjoyed their January dances with Dave and Sharon Boggs on January 8th and Adam Christman with Bill Holm on the 23rd.

Now it's February, the Sweetheart month with a Valentines dance on the 13th, bring your sweetheart and enjoy an evening with Daron Tandberg calling and Bill Holm cueing. Following on the 27th will be a rip roaring evening with Tom Clymer and Bill Holm. The dances are held at the Richland Community

Center with an Intro to Squares at 6:30 and Mainstream 7 - 9:30 with rounds between tips.

Karen Holm, Karen.Holm@ColoState.EDU

PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS celebrated the New Year with a great dance. Can you believe it? Where has the time gone? Did you make any New Year resolutions? Last year I made one to call my daughters more often. Now I talk to them once a week.

I wonder what resolutions we could make to improve Square Dancing. Try to talk to everyone at a dance?? Make sure all the singles are dancing?? Volunteer to be an officer?? Volunteer to help?? Recruit, recruit, and recruit. I know our club is trying new things all the time to recruit new people. We have flyers, we have a booth at the Senior Picnic, we have business cards advertising square dance lessons, we place an ad in the newspaper, we put out road signs all over town, and we helped with a radio ad advertising square dancing in the Tri-cities. What have you done that worked? What New Year's resolution will you make???

We have some great callers for 2016. In January we hosted the 4x8 Youth callers and cuers. I can hardly wait to have them in our hall again. The youth give Square Dancing so much life.

Remember most of our dances are Friday nights - 1st and 3rd. See our ad for dates and time

Let's have a great 2016.

Jeanne Cozad, jeannecozad@charter.net

The **MELODY MIXERS** round dance club held their annual Christmas Ball in the Tri-Cities on the 12th of December. We danced Phase 2 thru Phase 4



Photo by Bill Holm

dances and shared lots of good eats. The dancers got to dance lots of Christmas dances as well of lots of their favorites.

The Melody Mixers dance every Tuesday evening at the Shanty in Kennewick. Our usual program is Phase 4 dancing 5:30 to 6:30, lessons 6:30 to 8:00 and Phase 3 & easy 4 dancing 8:00 to 9:00. We will be starting lessons on a new rhythm in February. We will decide on what rhythm in January after talking with our club members. For information as to what the lessons will be, contact Bill & Karen Holm. 509.542.1310

Guest are always welcome.

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CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL

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CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL had our January 30th Fifth Saturday Dance hosted by the Silhouette Dancers at the Fruitvale Grange in Yakima, with Scott Coon and Debbie Taylor.

We hope you survived the snow and cold weather (and that it mellows a little now); and are still keeping all your New Year's Resolutions; and that one of them is to dance with us and our clubs during the year. And be sure to take your sweetheart to a Valentine Dance somewhere.

Carel Edgerly, carel@centurylink.net

SILHOUETTE DANCERS really gave our dancing shoes a workout in January. Of course, Debbie and Paul always have us doing something different and fun. (The weather has cooperated most of the time.) Our class is continuing the Rumba and doing well. We didn't have any special activities for this month. Because we have our break after the students' lessons, it gives us time to socialize, though we will be doing something special for Valentine's Day.

I didn't think I would be so glad to see snow, which came in December and has continued. We needed the moisture and I have to admit that "that white stuff" looks pretty good on the ground. So, if you would like to join us dancing this season just put your snow boots on and join the fun.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day

Dorothy Crosslin, dotif55@live.com

The GATESWINGERS have been busy managing the cold and the snow. Our lessons are going well. New Square Dance Lessons are starting in January. Since Orvin is going to retire from calling after the summer months, the club has been busy looking at who they might recruit to take over for the Gateswingers. We thank Kay Mahan and her committee for working so hard on this.

Dancing opportunities: February 6th will be Football Jersey Theme. On February 20th is a Red & White Dance with all those great love songs. The Fourth Friday Round Dance will be on the 26th.

Jan Logan, ojlogan@charter.net

The BLUE AGATES celebrated our Christmas party and potluck at the Flying Horseshoe Ranch in Cle Elum on December 20th. Thanks to Manord and Joy Rucker for hosting this fun party for our club. It included our usual gift exchange and swapping of gifts that provided lots of laughs for the afternoon.

A welcome social and dessert potluck was held for our potential students

on January 10th with lessons starting the following week with Daron Tandberg teaching. We are back to our regular dance schedule on the second Friday and fourth Saturday nights with rounds starting at 7:30 pm. Your caravans are always welcome. Friday, February 12th is canceled to follow Daron to the Buds and Blossoms in Wenatchee.

Save Saturday, April 2nd, for our Anniversary Dance when John Corrigan calls and Jim Dobbs cues. More information will be in March Footnotes.

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GATESWINGERS

Sept. thru May: 1st & 3rd Saturdays
1st Saturday Pre-Plus 7:00 PM
3rd Saturday Pre-Rounds 7:00 PM
Mainstream 7:30 - 9:30 PM
with finger food following the dance
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ORVIN LOGAN, Caller

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Summer Dance -- 4th Saturday in July
caller & cuer to be announced
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2nd Weekend In August

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1st Thursday Intermediate

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My how the time flies! Last week was about the last minute, get ready for Christmas and now it is, think ahead to February happenings. We, the **BOOTS & LACES** Angels had a week off from filling squares for the new dancers and now plan to spend Wednesday evenings helping out where we are needed. We hope to be able to get those who were traveling up to speed quickly.

Our members enjoyed dancing with the Spinners on January 8th as they moved their dance to the 2nd Friday and we joined them that evening. Greg & Sue Weber always do a great job with calling and cueing, plus it was "Elvis" music! Our Chowder Dance was well attended and the guests were able to choose from many types of chowder plus rolls and salad for their dinner. Our condolences went out to Cuer Debbie & Paul Taylor on the loss of her dad.

On February 5th, we will be collecting non-perishable food for a local Food Bank at our New Dancer night. Bring out your student dancers to experience a different caller. Graduation plans are being made for our students. We will welcome the Solo Squares on February 19th and have the Hatch boys calling for us that evening. The next night we will be going to Sumner to dance with the Swing Nuts. More fun for all of us and some of us will be able to dance a little bit of Plus.

Jan Emerson, emersonbobjan2@hotmail.com

2016 is here and the **JACKS AND JILLS** are busy with lessons, happy that our numbers have grown and looking forward to hosting the CPSC Council Dance in Spring. However, other teen clubs have not fared as well as we have. We want our sport to grow, but that only happens when the generations work together, young and old. We intend to do several caravans to the adult clubs in our area to show how grateful we are for your support. But please remember, there are other youth clubs out there in need of a boost in numbers and morale. Times change, but square dancing shouldn't have to die out because of it. Let's invigorate the sport this year together! I know we're looking forward with great anticipation to the Council Dance!

Emily Kosterman, daughter.kosterman@comcast.net

Hello from the **JET STEPPERS!** Hard to believe that we are writing an article for February. We aren't even done celebrating the Holidays. I pray that

everyone was able to have a most blessed Christmas. We wish everyone a most wonderful and healthy New Year. If you made a resolution(s), we hope that they can be made.

Our dances in December were a lot of fun and thanks for the donations to the Toys-For-Tots. In January, our lessons picked up on the 14th and our dance on the 16th. We invite you all to join us for our dances in February on the 6th and 20th. Our Valentine's Day dance will be held on the 6th starting at 7:30 pm. So bring your sweetheart and join us.

Sharon Buechler, buechler73@comcast.net

The **PI-R SQUARES** invite you to come to our "Sweethearts Swing and Spaghetti Feed" on Saturday, February 13th at Meridian Grange in Kent. This is a Student Level Dance. The men make the spaghetti sauce from scratch and if you bring your sauce early, you can be in the running for the "best sauce". Judging usually starts at 6:00 pm and eating at 6:30. Andy usually leads us in some Line Dancing before the square dance workshop at 7:30 and Student Level Dance from 8:00 - 10:30.

Saturday, February 27th, will be our "Red, White and Blue" Dance at Meridian Grange. Round dance workshop at 7:30 and mainstream dance from 8:00 - 10:30 pm. Andy Garboden will be the caller and Kyle Quande will be the cuer for both dances. Fun and moving dances to get rid of all the food we ate over the Christmas Season.

The Pi-R Squares will be Caravanning to the Swing Nuts dance in Sumner on February 20th. Dancing with the Swing Nuts always makes a fun evening. Our classes are going along very well. It is not the biggest class we have ever had, but Andy Garboden and Brett Kappenman have been doing a great job of keeping the lessons fun for the students who are learning to square dance. Graduation should be on Thursday, February 4th at Meridian Grange in Kent. Come on out at 7:00 pm and enjoy the evening with us. Come dance with the Pi-R Squares any 2nd or 4th Saturday at Meridian Grange in Kent.

Terry & Marilyn Quinnett, mvjunkdealer@juno.com

The **SOLO SQUARES** send a special thank you to all our guests who joined us for our holiday dances. You made them extra festive for us. On February 7th, we will be having our "Sweetheart Dance", so bring your sweetie dancing with us. Our second dance of the month on February 21st is our "Leap Year" Dance. Yes, this year there are 29 days in February and an extra day to square dance! We dance at the Burien Elks, 14006 1st Ave S, Burien from 7:00 - 9:00 pm on the first and third Sundays of each month. From 6:30 - 7:30 pm, we have a round dance workshop on the first Sunday with our Club Cuer, Linda Nold and a square dance workshop during the same time on the third Sunday with our Caller, Stephen Cole.

Don't let our name keep you away. Despite the term "Solo" in our name, we

welcome everyone - couples, singles and families. The name, "Solo Squares" is left over from 40 years ago when couples clubs would not allow singles or solo dancers in. Today there are many "solo" dancers, who are single, whose spouses or partners do not dance anymore, or who have lost their partners. Fortunately, the times have changed and all dancers are accepted at all the clubs. Come dance with us!

Thal Critchfield, tcritch@msn.com

WAGON WHEELS enjoyed being "warm and cozy" and dancing in our comfortable pajamas at our January 2nd "Hangover and Pajama" Dance. The hall was decorated with pajamas of all shapes and sizes on a clothesline and stuffed animals and children's books adorned the tables. Our Black & White dance on January 16th was an elegant affair with all the dancers dressed in black and white attire. It was amazing to see how creative and innovative dancers were in preparing black and white food for the evening! We were happy to have the Roamin' Tacomans caravan to our special dance!

Come and join us for our February 6th "Sports" Dance where dancers will be wearing T-Shirts commemorating their favorite sports team. This is always a very fun dance! February 20th will be our "Sweetheart and Cake Walk" Dance. Maybe you will go home with a cake! Both of our February dances will be Level Dances, so encourage your students to practice the moves they have learned and get used to dancing with a different caller.

We are looking forward to caravanning to the Pi-R Squares on February 27th for their "Red, White and Blue" dance! Our club members always enjoy square dancing to Andy Garboden's wonderful calling and round dancing to the great cueing of Kyle Quande.

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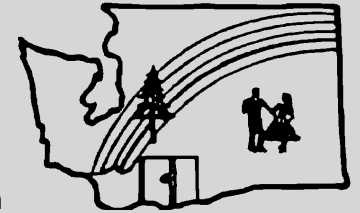
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We had a great time at our New Year's Eve dance. In keeping with the "Wild West" theme, John Wayne showed up for photo opportunities and dinner was served from an authentic chuck wagon. Attendance was great with 10 squares for the first tip. The Front Porch Trio (Jim Hattrick, Craig Abercrombie, and Adam Christman) kept us moving all night.

The **HAPPY HOPPERS** believe in giving back to our community. With that in mind, we have committed to donating a few hours of our time, one Tuesday morning a month as a group, to sort food donations into usable categories for the FISH food bank in downtown Vancouver. They appreciate it greatly, and we have a fun time doing it. Everybody wins!

At our December 5th dance we recognized the long-term commitment of Dorothy Lowder and Hoyt Brezeale to furthering round dancing in our small chunk of the world. They were presented with a commemorative plaque and a large basket of fruit. By the time you read this, the fruit will be long gone, but they still have the plaque.

Carol and Danny Williamson are organizing a February 12th visitation to the Single Trees club's Anniversary Dance in Springfield, Oregon. We're renting a luxury bus, for transportation and an overall good time. The callers will be the Wild Cards. Jackie Gale will be cueing.

We will host our regular first and third Saturday dances at the Clark County Square Dance Center. Our annual Sweetheart Dance will be on February 6th, with a regular club dance on February 20th. Jim Hattrick will take care of both calling and cueing. At our February dances, we'll be collecting non-perishable food to donate to a local food bank, so please keep that in mind.

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

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Greetings from the **BUZZIN' BEES**. I hope everyone had a good holiday season. I want to be the first to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and hope your month is filled with love in honor of Valentine's Day. We only have one dance in

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February and it is on 2/6/16. It is our annual Pie Eating Contest. It is great fun and if you are a fast eater you could win and have your name engraved on our plaque. Of course there will be pie for the break. We are dark on 2/20 because the grange is rented to a clogging group that night so we will plan a visitation.

Next month I'll let you know how it is going with our new lesson class and our new format for the first dance of the month. We are starting a workshop for the first dance of the month. Come and work on anything giving you problems on the dance floor. Hope to see you in a square.

Debbie Broers, marfam_3@yahoo.com

The **SILVER STARS** continue our new dance program on 4th Fridays with Darrell Kalmbach as our club caller and Dorothy Lowder cueing. Dancing begins with pre-rounds at 7 pm, plus at 7:30, and mainstream from 8-10pm at the Hazel Dell Grange in Vancouver. We realize many of you may just be getting off work so don't worry about square dance clothes--JUST COME DANCE. We are working on a visitation schedule so do not be surprised if we show up to your club. Hope everyone made it through the winter unscathed and healthy. See you in a square. Yellow rocks to all.

Teresa Hill, willbak4u@yahoo.com

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Feb 13th (2nd Saturday):
"Sweetheart's Swing"~Student Level
'Spaghetti Feed' dinner
 Andy Garboden, caller~ Kyle Quande, cuer
Come dance with us!
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www.pi-r-squares.org


Silver Stars
Square Dance Club
Hazel Dell Grange
Vancouver, Washington
4th Friday
Club Caller: Darrell Kalmbach
Club Cuer: Dorothy Lowder
7:00 Pre-Rds, 7:30 Plus, 8-10 MS/RDS
Info: 360.600.1804 & 360.607.4025
 Website: www.silverstarssquaredance.org

First Fridays... *New dancer level!*
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MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL

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 Area Reporter
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Can it really be February already?! As **MT. BAKER COUNCIL** looks forward to spring, we've already begun our search for council officers and committee members to help with the many activities and support we provide our clubs behind the scenes. We encourage all club members to consider representing their club as a council delegate or just visiting one of our meetings to get a firsthand look at what the Council is all about. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. Our meetings are the first Wednesday each month at the Marysville School Administration Building, 4220 8th St. NE, Marysville, WA at 7:30 pm.

We hope many of you will be able to attend and support the Alzheimer's Benefit Dance this month, sponsored by Sky Valley Whirlwinds. See their club report below for more details.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Valentine's Day!

Leslie Keyes, L_a_keyes@msn.com

WOODINVILLE SQUARE CROWS have a Valentine dance February 6th with Craig Abercrombie on stage calling and cueing and welcome the Freewheelers! This is the second dance for the year with our new schedule. Our lessons started January 5th; a report of how these are going will be given in the next edition! The Crows caravan to Samena Squares on February 12th.

Lynn Von Seggern, lynnvs@cablespeed.com

How would you feel if square and round dancing no longer existed? As we all recognize, our dances are getting smaller turnouts and fewer recruits for new dancers. Would you get lonesome? Miss your music? Miss the comradery of the group? Miss our callers and cuers? Miss our few remaining dance halls? Miss the exercise?

We continue to survive due to the loyalty and dedication of a determined set of dancers who have kept the program working in many cases for more than 60 years...all as volunteers. That is truly remarkable!

Leave some of yourself to future generations by sponsoring square dance, go to dances and on caravans, talk to your doctor and ask them to recommend the exercise, post notices around town letting people know it is available, suggest your schools introduce it for all ages and let the public know what happy, good natured people we are. Today's world really needs us.

"I've learned that the person who says something can't be done is interrupted

by someone doing it". (Age 45)

Johnny Preston is flying north to join us all at the **HAPPY HOPPERS** dance on Saturday, March 5th with a Plus dance from 3-5 pm and Mainstream for the evening. He will be joined by Roxane Bolter doing our cueing. We get to experience Johnny right here in our own backyard!

Would you like some additional practice before Johnny gets here? How about Doug Davis and Bob Berka setting us up for fun on the 6th of February and yet another heart warmer, Gary Monday and Stephanie Speelman on the 20th of this month? You all that come make these dances the real fun.

I may not understand all of Einstein's theories but I like this one. "If you judge the inability of a fish to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid."

Jean Raymond, frjr@msn.com

The **CASCADE CROSSFIRES** completed Plus lessons at the end of January and now offer Plus workshops from 7:30-9:00 pm on Mondays through July. For experienced Plus dancers, we also offer "Awesome Plus" (all-position) workshops from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

We had a fun New Year's Eve plus dance at the Juanita Community Center. Plan to join the Cascade Crossfires at their special PLUS dance on Saturday, February 27th at the Sammamish Valley Grange in Woodinville. Kevin Thomaier will be calling and Debbie Taylor cueing.

Diana Freyfogle; freyf@comcast.net

The **FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS PLUS CLUB** is busy once again planning the remainder of the dance year to include dances in March and May that have Mainstream as well as Plus to accommodate the local clubs that wish to caravan to us. Our board is already at work planning dances for the next season.

In February, John Corrigan will call our first Friday dance and Dan Preedy will call our third Friday dance, with the Berkas cueing both dances. Also in February we continue with our Plus Lessons on February 6th and 20th that began last month, and invite all Plus dancers to come and angel. John Corrigan is our teacher and lessons will continue through May. In February we have caravans to the Samenas and to the Cascade Crossfires special Plus dance.

Gailyn Ploeg, ploegrj@msn.com

The **FREEWHEELERS** wish you all a happy and healthy 2016. We decided to cancel our January 3rd dance due to the New Year holiday. Our Snowflake Dance on January 17th was great fun with Roger Spiese entertaining us with singing calls. This is one of Debbie Taylor's favorite dances and she always has great music in store for us. The Dudes & Dolls joined us for a great evening of dancing. We had a wonderful time at our Sport Jersey Night on January 31st with everyone representing their various teams.

Normally our first dance in February would be on the 7th but since it is Super Bowl Sunday we have decided to cancel our dance so that all of you can enjoy the game. Our only dance in February will be on the 21st when we will

celebrate President's Day with a pie and ice cream social. Roger Spiese will be calling and Debbie Taylor will be cueing. The Mt. Baker Singles will be visiting us. We will caravan to three clubs in February – the Square Crows, the Whirlybirds and the Cascade Crossfires.

Please remember to support the 9th Annual Alzheimer's Benefit Dance sponsored by the Sky Valley Whirlwinds on February 28th, 2016 from 1-4 pm at Leota Jr. High in Woodinville. There will be quite a lineup of callers and cuers and all of your donations go to a very worthy cause.

Yellow Rocks!

Ruth Jester; ruthjester@frontier.com

The **SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS** have two amazing dances coming up this year in addition to our regular club dances. The first is the 9th Annual Alzheimer's Benefit Dance on February 28, 2016 from 1-4:00 PM. It will be held at Leota Junior High School, 19301 168th Ave NE, in Woodinville, WA 98072. There will be a number of callers and cuers bringing their skills to entertain the dancers. Scott Coon is the Master of Ceremonies with Debbie Taylor cueing in support of this benefit dance. Hopefully, any donations that are made will help to find a cure for this debilitating disease. 100,000 people in the state of Washington have Alzheimer's or some other type of dementia. 1 in 8 will be affected by this disease. Last summer a group of us explored the Alzheimer's Research Center at the University of Washington. There were talks that explained the research and possible remedies that the doctors are exploring to cure this disease. Donations and checks may be made to the University of Washington (write on the memo line "ARDC" Fund). Also, donations may be made to Rush University Medical Center Alzheimer's Research "ADRC".

The second amazing dance will be the Mt. Baker Spring Council Dance sponsored by the Sky Valley Whirlwinds on Saturday, April 30, 2016 ~ 7:30-10:30 PM. It will be held at the Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Rd, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284. The Theme of this dance is, "SWEET SIXTEEN IN 2016." It will be a 50's-60's dance. Adam Christman will be calling and John & Karen Neverdowski will be cueing. The teen group, the Shirts-N-Skirts will be selling pie, ice cream and root beer floats as a fund raiser for their club activities.

Roy Johnson; royhjohnson@comcast.net

SAMENAS wore an abundance of red in December. Between our Snowman Level Dance, a caravan to Happy Hoppers, and our Holiday Gift exchange there was plenty of reason to wear red.

Susan Morris called our well-attended Level Dance. There was the usual amount of stealing at our Holiday Gift exchange. Seahawks gifts, tools, and a "Dance, Just Dance" sign were just some of the popular gifts. Not everyone came in their best holiday attire since we had an ugly sweater competition. A bunco game was part of the event too. Such fun to celebrate with our dance friends!

Barbara Hubert, hubertones@hotmail.com

Wow! It's February 2016 already! What a great dance year **RAINBOW SQUARES** are enjoying! Special thanks go to our caller, Brent Mawdsley, and our guest caller/teacher Oren Gaskill, for providing us with such fantastic dancing! And thank you to all of our visitors and club members for the friendship, laughter, and dedication they share, which make our dances so great.

February 13th is our Sweetheart Valentine's Dance, and then on February 27th will be our fun "Disney on Parade" with Brent singing all Disney tunes.

Rainbow Squares wishes you all fun dancing in 2016!

Oren & Lew Gaskill, olgaskill@comcast.net

WHIRLYBIRDS First Friday Fun Fest is on the FIFTH! Bring your dancing learners and help with the Fun! Line dancing, too! Thursdays are Lesson Night for the Whirlybirds. Come and help those not-dancing-yet friends by being an Angel at the Thursday lessons 7:15 pm.

Then, on the third Saturday, February 20th, is the regular Mainstream Dance, "Oldies but Goodies" with Dave Harry calling and Roxanne Boelter cueing. Dancing starts at 7:30 pm with Plus Tip and Rounds, and Mainstream from 8:00-10:30 pm. Bring your friends, and make some new ones.

Whirlybird dancers will be caravanning on Friday, February 26th, to the Samena Squares, who dance at the Juanita Community Club. It's their Pajama Dance.

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

Jim Erickson; charjim2213@gmail.com

It must be Spring, as a young (and Mature) man's fancies are turning to "Hearts and Kisses", which is the name of the **DUDES & DOLLS** dance closest to St. Valentine's Day on February 12th. My wife told me being with me makes everyday a Valentine's Day. That tells me I am not getting a gift again this year.

Have a heart, and ask your favorite throb (heart throb, that is) to attend the event in your best Valentine duds, where you will have an exhilarating dance time, and a (watch out, a pun is next) hearty snack time at the break. (Hearty-har-har).

On February 26th, 2016, get out the fancy dancy shoes for a D&D does Mardi Gras Dance, along with some classy Round dancing, as per usual.

Outgoing caravan takes us to the Cascade Crossfires Plus Dance on February 27th with Kevin Thomaier.

Lessons started in January and well on the new students are well on their way to becoming Mainstreamers. Be an Angel by Being an Angel. Go help. It is not like going to the dentist.

Like Mr. Frog says, "Time is fun, when you're having flies".

Warren B. Funnell, WarnFnel@msn.com



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CASCADE CROSSFIRES Plus Mondays 7:00pm @ Sammamish Valley Grange, Woodinville – Susan Morris & Guest Callers, (425) 591-8692
DANCING SHADOWS Rounds, 1st & 3rd Sat 7:00-9:30 pm @ Juanita Community Club, Kirkland – Debbie & Paul Taylor, (425) 478-5128
DUDES AND DOLLS MS, 2nd, 4th & 5th Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood – Scott Coon & Guest Callers/Debbie Taylor, (425) 337-2906
FERN BLUFF SQUARES MS, Family, 2nd Sat 7:30-10:30 pm @ S. Lake Stevens Grange, Lake Stevens, WA 98258 – Ray Gallagher/Linda Nold, (425) 334-5184
FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS Plus, 1st & 3rd Fri 7:30-10:00 pm @ Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley – John Corrigan-1st Fri and Guest Callers-3rd Fri, Bob Berka, (360) 387-8727
FREEWHEELERS MS, 1st & 3rd (some 5th) Sun 7-10 pm @ Mountlake Terrace Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace – Roger Spiese/Debbie Taylor, (206) 992-4932
HAPPY HOPPERS MS, 1st & 3rd Sat 7:30 – 10:30 pm @ Stillaguamish Senior Center, Arlington – Guest Callers/Guest Cuers, (425) 367-7645
HAPPY ROUNDERS Rounds, Ph 3-4, Tues 7:30-9:30 pm @ The Hayloft, Lynnwood – Randy Preskitt (425) 348-6030, (206) 364-4173
MT. BAKER SINGLES MS, 2nd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley – Dave & Bonnie Harry (360) 391-5620
MT. BAKER TEACHERS/CALLERS/CUERS Info Contact: Susan & Larry Morris (425) 881-0691 CallerSusan@gmail.com
RAINBOW SQUARES Pre-Rounds 7:00 pm; MS, 2nd & 4th Sat 7:30-9:30 pm at Ten Mile Grange, Lynden – Brent & Therese Mawdsley, (360) 733-4487
SAMENA SQUARES MS, 2nd & 4th Fri 7:30-10:30pm @ Juanita Community Club, Kirkland – Guest Callers/Cuers - (425) 820-4188
SHIRTS-N-SKIRTS MS, Teens, Wed 6:30-9 pm @ Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood – Randy & Marie Preskitt - (425) 348-6030
SKAGIT SQUARES MS, 3rd Sat 7:30-10 pm @ Mount Vernon Senior Center, Mount Vernon – John Corrigan/Bob Berka - (360) 424-4608
SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS MS, 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Triway Grange, Mill Creek – Guest Callers/John Neverdowski - (425) 337-3658
STANWOOD SASHAYERS MS, 4th Sat 7:30-10:00 pm @ Stillaguamish Grange Hall, Stanwood – Ray Gallagher/Bob Berka - (360) 387-5055
WHIRLYBIRDS MS, 1st Fri & 3rd Sat 7:30-10:30 pm @ The Hayloft, Lynnwood – Dave Harry - (360) 794-0947
WOODINVILLE SQUARE CROWS MS, 1st & 3rd Fri 7:30-10:30 pm @ Sammamish Valley Grange, Woodinville – Guest Callers/Karen Neverdowski (360) 805-1891

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NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL

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Christmas has come and gone. **BUDS & BLOSSOMS** was very busy the month of December with their anniversary dance. And the combined Christmas dance with the Cascade Twirlers with a potluck dinner and gift exchange. All that attended those dances had a fun time.



Fran Lucas

But sometimes there must also be sorrow. December was one of those months, with the loss of Fran Lucas and Anne Smith. Fran died on December 3rd and Anne died December 23rd. Fran was our long time club cuer and Anne was a member for many years.

Don Jackson, imt655@hotmail.com

Our December 4th dance was co-hosted by **APPLELAND PROMENADERS** and **CASCADE TWIRLERS**. Our caller was Steve Noseck, who always does a fun dance. December 19th was our Christmas dance which was co-hosted with Buds & Blossoms and Cascade Twirlers. A fun time was had and really got us into the spirit of Christmas.

February 6th Don Jackson will be calling and Marilyn Holman cueing. On February 20th Jess Thomas will be calling for our annual **LADIES NITE OUT** dance.

March 19th is our anniversary dance which is a **BLACK LIGHT** dance. There will be Plus 7 to 8 and Mainstream 8 to 10:30. Greg & Sue Webber will be calling and cueing. We have some interesting dances to start the New Year and would like very much to dance with you.

Happy dancing

Noelle Miller noellemcues@charter.net

WHEATLAND WHIRLERS lessons are progressing and will continue thru January. The students have been coming out to our dances and are having fun. It is fun for us to dance and visit with them. December 17th we got together and went out for dinner. Everyone had a good time. Due to the holiday we only had one dance in December. Jim Compton called and Noelle Miller cued. Judy Schock tried her hand at cueing and did a very good job. We are looking forward to more from her.

February 13th we will be having Dave & Sharon Boggs calling and cueing for us at our **SWEETHEART/CANDYLAND DANCE**. On the 27th Don & Nora Jackson will be calling and cueing for us. March 12th we have Jim Swanson and Noelle Miller calling and cueing for our **WEARING OF THE GREEN** dance. We

have some interesting dances coming up and would like to share with you.
Lots of Yellow rocks!

Noelle Miller noellemcues@charter.net

4X8's think it only seems appropriate that the round of the month was choreographed by Jim and Vonnie Spence. It is a nice tribute to a talented man who was taken from this world way too soon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vonnie and the Spence family.



Our Candy cane dance was December 19th. It was festive and cheery with all the lovely decorations by Emanuel Schaible and Judy Carlson. We enjoyed Christmas music in both squares and rounds alike. Good Job Sharon and Dave!



Photos by Judy Carlson

As I write this I am reminded that we will have a busy week. Mainstream class on Tuesday, Thursday there are

several New Years dances to pick from and Saturday the 4x8's have given their regular dance night to the teens as a fundraiser for the Northwest Teen Festival.

Our students are all welcome to attend our regular dance nights from now thru May free of charge. This will give them more experience on the floor and hopefully more confidence to attend other clubs after graduation.

Patti Roberts, pattiroberts@ifiber.tv

About 40 **APPLELAND PROMENADERS, PLUS BUNCH** members and visitors welcomed in the New Year with a dance on December 31st. It was preceded by dinner at the Olive Garden, setting everyone up for dancing later that night at the East Wenatchee Grange with Tom Clymer calling and Wendy Syrstad cueing. By now the **NEW YEAR** is well underway; get out to a dance and beat the winter doldrums. Here are the dances you can anticipate in February: Friday, the 5th, with Tom Clymer; Saturday, the 13th, when Tom will be calling again. In addition, on February 27th, Tom will be calling for the Columbia River Squares in Richland. Join in to get the year off to a good start.

Kay White, kwhite@nwi.net

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 Contact: Bob & Connie Mulholland, (509) 881-4961 or sqdnrc@nwi.net

Buds & Blossoms-Mixed Level

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

Cascade Twirlers-Mainstream

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

Moses Lake 4X8's-Mainstream

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

Plus Bunch-Plus Level

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

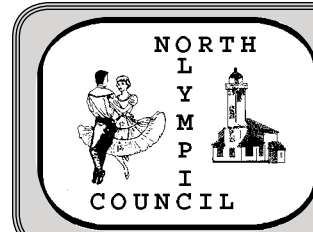
Wheatland Whirlers-Mainstream

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

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All Clubs Dance September through May with Some Summer Dances



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For years when I thought of February I always pictured the colors red and white. But lately my color of choice is blue. I wonder if that's due to the Mid Winter Blues Chaser Dance at Port Townsend with Steve Noseck, Kevin Thomaier and Lynn Peltola. The Blues Chaser Dance will be held on Saturday, February 20th, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds with DBD, Ext. App., Mainstream and Plus and Rounds.

The RHODY O's and 4PLUS 4's Clubs are hosting the Trail-In Dance on Friday, February 19th, at the same Jefferson County Fairgrounds Hall. In prior years the Trail-In Dance was at our dance hall in Gardiner, but we decided to make it a little easier and hold the Trail-In Dance at the same location as the Saturday workshops and evening dance. The Trail-In Dance begins with Pre-Rounds at 6:30 and MS at 7:30-9:30 with our caller/cuer Spike Reid. For more information please contact Dave Johnson at 360-301-9082 or at chinook_6@hotmail.com; you could also e-mail this reporter. Here's hoping we all thaw out soon so you can come over and enjoy this fantastic dance weekend!!!

Trish Gaine, fasolard@olypen.com


WOW", can you believe that a month has already disappeared from our New Year. How is everyone doing with those well thought out resolutions? Hee! Hee Several of the STRAIT WHEELERS enjoyed a fun time at a New Years Eve dinner and dance hosted by the 4Plus 4's and Rhody'Os. We were served delicious food and had fun dancing and visiting.

On February 13th the club will host a Valentine's dance, so please join us in your red and white. For more info please contact Louise at 360 452 2561. We are now back to our regular schedule of dancing the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at The Son's of Norway Hall in Port Angeles and we always enjoy guests.

Oh, don't forget our Lavender Dance Weekend! It will be held the fourth weekend of July with events beginning on Friday and lasting through the Saturday evening dance. Two workshops and a Badge dance will keep you busy during Saturday morning and afternoon. We always have a fun weekend with Jim Hattrick calling and cueing.

Please remember our service men and women in your prayers.

Barbara Wright sqdcancinlady@yahoo.com

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PENINSULA COUNCIL

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ROUND SQUARES wishes to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Gale Force who passed away on December 29th at the age of 91. Gale was a woodworker, square dancer (45 year life member of Round Squares) and loved to spend time his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gale and Betty were MacGregor Award recipients in 1995 as they were always there to help and promote square dancing. Please send cards to Betty Force at 1546 Marguerite Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337 (Phone is 360-377-6904). Public visitation was held on Wednesday, January 6th at Lewis Funeral Chapel and the interment was a private event at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. One of my best memories of Gale is when he was pulled in a little red wagon as the blond mermaid – he would do anything for square dancing.



Round Squares had their Christmas Dance on December 19th and had 3 squares dancing to Mark Sebree calling and Joyce Sebree cueing. Fun time was had by all. The January dance was called by Gunter Monroe and cued by Joyce Sebree.

On February 27th we will have Glenn Raiha calling and Joyce Sebree cueing. Join us for a great time dancing.

Come visit Round Square on the 4th Saturday at the Kitsap Square Dance Center in Gorst.

Happy New Years to everyone and happy dancing. Keep your friends close and in your hearts.

Kitty Ogg, oggkitty@aol.com

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And also a Happy Valentine's Day from our club. Come dance with us in Gorst.

PAWS AND TAWS' first dance in January was canceled, as it was New Year's Day. Second dance was "Winter Wonderland Dance" with Roger Spiese as caller

and Shawn (Wendy) Cavness as cuer.

Our first mainstream class started January 4th. Round dance class is still going, and our first dance was January 6th.

Hope everyone has made their New Year's resolutions; I know mine last about 2 weeks. More next time.

Leota Lewis, leotal@msn.com

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Caller: Don Smith filling in for Willie Sewell
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Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst
Caravans-Mystery Trips-All Dancers Welcome
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RAINIER COUNCIL is excited to meet the challenges another Square DANCE Year brings. We hope all our clubs and the other councils in Washington State are excited about the prospects as well. Square Dancing is in a "rebuilding" period, we hope, perhaps with a bit of "re-branding" thrown-in for good measure. Not enough has been said (let alone, "done") about the need to constantly innovate, evolve, and adapt in support of anything worthwhile... and Square Dancing is certain worthwhile. History has taught us that maintaining the status quo over a long period of time is not generally the best approach... more often: it is a recipe for extinction.

Lane Johnston, lanej@chessmenkastle.com

The **RAINIER CALLERS AND CUERS ASSOCIATION** met at their usual time and place in December, but rather than have a business meeting, they gathered for some socializing. We do this every year, and it's always something this reporter looks forward to. Many Club President's or other representative from Rainier Council clubs were in attendance. It's always a fun time getting to know each other a little better. Much thanks to all the cooks who prepared and brought the food - it was wonderful! Some of us will be attending the New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by the Swing Nuts. From the advertisements I've seen or heard, it sounds like it's going to be a grand time. Our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Sundays at the San Souci Mobile Estates clubhouse in Puyallup. They start at 1:00 pm. We encourage dancers to attend our meetings and participate in our Square and Round Dance workshops. For more information, such as directions, feel free to contact Tom Tomlinson at 253-770-7447.

Sue Weber, dosadogreg@comcast.net

ROAMIN' TACOMANS first dance in February will be our Plus Sweetheart dance on February 13th. On Sunday February 21st from 2:30 to 4:30 pm we will be hosting Rainier Council's Footnotes/Youth Fund mainstream dance. The theme is Double Good, Double Fun. The council wants to help the kids with competition expenses.

Our regular mainstream dance will be our Baked Potato/Chili Feed annual club fundraiser and Mainstream dance on February 27th. So forget about cooking, and come join us for a great dinner at 6:30 pm. Our dinner includes baked potatoes with all the trimmings, homemade chili, cornbread, salads and

desserts for only \$3 each. \$8 for the dinner and dance. Pre-rounds are always at 7:30 pm and dances are from 8 to 10 pm. Tom Tomlinson is our talented caller/cuer. Our hall is at 1705 Willow St. in Sumner.

We will be having Plus Workshops every Sunday in February except Superbowl Sunday (February 7th) from 5 to 7 pm; Cost is \$4 adults, \$3 kids. Tom cues Rounds between tips; we sharpen our Plus skills, and have a great time. Hope to dance with you soon.

Sharon Herman, tonysharp@yaho.com

Well hello again from the **BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES**. We want to start out by thanking all of our members and guests that come out to our club dances. We know that we all have a lot of other things that vie for our time, but it's seeing and dancing with all of you that makes every dance night a fun night.

We would like to invite everyone to our two dances in February...the 13th and the 27th. February 13th is our Sweetheart Dance, how cool is that! So c'mon everybody, bring your spouse, your girlfriend, your boyfriend (just not all of them at once, that would be really awkward), and make it a special night.

Lastly, to all Bonney Lads, it's that time of year again. We are looking for volunteers to run for the Board so please start thinking about it. So if you are interested and want to give it a shot, remember you will have a lot of help. So just let anyone on the Board know you want to throw your hat into the ring. It really is fun! So until next time, to all of our friends, keep dancing, but most of all keep smiling.

Ron & Linda Sferrazzo, sferrazzo5@msn.com

Here it is February already and **SWINGING SQUARES** will be having our Valentines Dance on February 12th with Andy Garboden (Tricia) calling Plus Squares and Lorraine (John) cuing Rounds at 7:30 followed by squares at 8:00. The 26th of February will be a Mainstream dance, so we hope to have some new dancers out to enjoy Andy's calling. He does call to the floor so everyone can enjoy dancing. Don't know where you can go to have so much fun with Super people, lots of exercise and lots of Fancy food. See you all in a square soon at the Valley Dance Center, 1705 Willow St., Sumner WA.

Lorraine Kramer, mlorrainek@outlook.com

Happy New Year to all square dancers from **SOUTH SOUND SINGLES!** Hope the year got off to a good start for you. We tried something new for our annual Christmas Student Level Dance. As we've been having trouble finding homes for the teddy bears we collect, we decided to help the homeless by collecting warm socks, gloves, scarves and hats. Our "Fill the Sock dance" on December 19th was very successful with several large socks getting filled with warm items.

Although our class of students is small they are having fun and learning fast. Our Caller, Jess Thomas, is holding lessons at his home which is helping with

finances. This month (February) we celebrate 34 years of dancing fun and good times. We are looking forward to having an Elvis Night and a Hobo Dance in the coming months. Watch for information on the "WheresTheDance" website and come join us. We are having a great time with Jess (new caller) and his wife Jean. We love having guests, so come and dance with us if you are in the area. We dance at Collins Grange on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays except for a couple where the hall is booked for other events. Hope to see you in a square.

Lynn Red, lynn.red7@gmail.com

The **SWINGNUTS** dance at the Sumner Valley Dance Hall, 1705 Willow Street in Sumner, WA. On February 6th, the 1st Saturday of the month, the SwingNuts will host a B-51 dance. Time is 7:30 pm for pre rounds and 8 pm for B-51 with single rounds. Tom Tomlinson will call and cue.

February 20th, Saturday, will be the SwingNuts Hearts and Flowers dance. 7pm-8:30 pm is Plus and 8:30 pm-10 pm is Mainstream with Don Wood calling and Marie Wood Cueing. Classes continue on Thursday's from 7-9 pm.

The SwingNuts held a New Year's Eve Celebration with nearly 100 in attendance on the SS Sumner Hall. Dancing to Donny and Marie until midnight... Jess Thomas and Don Wood gave a rousing tribute to Elvis and Neil Diamond. A dessert extravaganza was served after the show in the Promenade Dining Room. Whistles were blown and toasts were made to a Happy and Fun 2016 for all. Then all enjoyed breakfast and happy conversation. Come and Dance and have FUN with the SwingNuts!

Gail Johnston (gailj@chessmenkastle.com)

Here are some questions for you from the **YOUNG BUNCH**: Have you ever thought, "I wonder what the youth in Square Dancing think" about Square Dancing? Did you know the best way to find out what they think about Square Dancing, or how to best promote it to their friends, is to just ASK them? Youths are a wealth of knowledge just waiting for us to ask them what they are thinking, or how to improve things, or how to get involved to keep square dancing going strong.

Our club is super lucky to have had several youths step up to the plate to take leadership roles. Thank Patrick Hubbell for stepping up to the plate as our club president along with his mom Tonia Hubbell as the adult adviser. They are doing a great job keeping things going and Patrick is doing great with announcement at our monthly dances.

We are so honored to have so many great youth club members in Young Bunch to help keep things going for the next generation. Our parents do a lot to keep things going, but we couldn't do it without our youth as well. Thank you to all our Minions.

Rachel Ulmer - Youth Reporter
Leslie Young - Adult Adviser, polyanna1962@gmail.com

Dance with RAINIER COUNCIL Clubs!

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

MONDAY

Every

ROUSE-A-ROUNDS

Lorraine & John Rouse

Collins Grange

6:30 Beg, 8-9:30 Phaze 2/EZ3

Dance 4th Mon, 7-10

253-846-8203

WEDNESDAY

Every

EVERGREEN ROUNDS

Tom Tomlinson

Sans Souci Mobile Home Estates

6:30-8:00 teach/8-9:30 3,4,5 dance

253-229-9443 All Rds

FRIDAY

1st

SPINNERS

Greg Weber/Sue Weber

(Sept-June)

Buckley Hall

7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 MS/Rds

360-829-0251

2nd

YOUNG BUNCH

Mark Sebree/Sue Weber

Collins Grange

6:30 PreRds, 7-9 MS/Rds

253-472-9092

2nd & 4th

SWINGING SQUARES

Andy Garboden/Lorraine Rouse

(2nd & 4th Friday, Sept-June)

Sumner Valley Square Dance Hall

7:30 PreRds, 8-10:30 Plus/Rds

253-841-9656; break @ 9:15

SATURDAY

1st

NW CALLERS ASSOCIATION

Cedar Grange

253-445-4691; mtg; dances TBA

1st & 3rd

SOUTH SOUND SINGLES

Jess Thomas/guest cuers

Collins Grange

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

253-851-5773

3rd

SWINGNUTS

Don Wood/Marie Wood

Sumner Valley Square Dance Hall

7-8:30 Plus, 8:30-10:00 MS w/Rds

253-200-4566

2nd & 4th

BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES

Greg Weber/Lorraine Rouse

(July & August, 2nd Saturday)

Collins Grange

7:00 PreRds, 7:30-10 MS/Rds/+Tip

253-875-5380

2nd & 4th

ROAMIN' TACOMANS

Tom Tomlinson - caller/cuer

(July: 4th Sat-MS; Aug: 4th Sat-Plus)

Sumner Valley Square Dance Hall

7:30-8 Pre-Rnds, 8-10 Squares w/Rds

253-848-7073 (2nd Sat Plus, 4th Sat MS)

SUNDAY

2nd

LEGION SQUARES

Jeff Graeff/cuer TBA

(Please call about dances.)

American Legion Post 138

6-9 MS/Rds; W lessons

253-720-2788

3rd

RAINIER CALLERS & CUERS

San Souci Mobile Estates

253-229-9443 1:00 pm



65th National Square Dance Convention®

Des Moines, Iowa
June 22-25, 2016

Where to stay and how to make room reservations while attending the 65th NSDC® in Des Moines

PLEASE NOTE: The Renaissance Savory Hotel and the Caller/Cuer hotel Quality Inn are full. The overflow Caller/Cuer hotel is the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Hotel Reservations: Should be made online at www.65nsdc.org (click on the housing tab to get to the link).

Single Rooms and Shared Rooms: Online request should be made by one person per room online.

Multiple Hotel Rooms Requests: To guarantee reservations for multiple rooms at the same hotel, one person from the group should make the online reservations with the hotel.

NOTE: You must have a credit card with an expiration date of 7/16 or later to guarantee rooms

Block Housing: Block housing is for NEC, 65th NSDC® staff and future national convention staff, tour groups, special national organizations. Block leaders for these organizations will pre-approve the number of rooms with the chairman of 65th Registration and Housing Committee. *The block leader is the only one that can send in the registration forms for rooms, and will do this in a single mailing.*

Registration forms for Block housing requests should be mailed to:

65th NSDC®, Registration and Housing Committee
P.O.Box 18
Preston, IA 52069

A 4-day bus pass can be purchased on the registration form for \$50 through April 30, 2016. After April 30, 2016, the rate will increase to \$60.

***Hotels 1 -7 require a minimum 4 night stay (Wed – Sat)

***Shuttle buses will stop at hotels 1 and 3 – 9

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| 1. Des Moines Marriott Downtown--700 Grand Ave, Des Moines | .40 miles |
| 2. Quality Inn & Suites Event Center--929 3rd Street, Des Moines | .22 Miles |
| 3. Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel--401 Locust St, Des Moines | .45 Miles |
| 4. Embassy Suites Des Moines Downtown--101 E Locust St, Des Moines | .52 miles |
| 5. Residence Inn Des Moines Downtown--100 SW Water St, Des Moines | .64 miles |
| 6. Hampton Inn & Suites Des Moines Downtown--120 SW Water St, Des Moines | .67 miles |
| 7. Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus--1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines | .81 miles |
| 8. Holiday Inn Airport & Conference Center--6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines | 6 miles |
| 9. Baymont Inn & Suites Airport Conf. Ctr--6221 SW Army Post Rd, Des Moines | 9 miles |
| 10. Valley West Inn--3535 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines | 8 miles |
| 11. Sheraton West Des Moines--1800 50th St, West Des Moines | 9 miles |
| 12. Wildwood Lodge--11431 Forest Ave, Clive, IA | 9 miles |
| 13. Sterling Hotel & Suites Studio--11428 Forest Ave, Clive, IA | 9 miles |
| 14. Prairie Meadows--1 Prairie Meadows Drive, Altoona, IA | 11 miles |

There are plenty of rooms still available at the downtown hotels of Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, Hyatt, and Residence Inn. All outlying hotels also have rooms available.



COUGAR SQUARES

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



FLUTTERWHEELS

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

STARDUST DANCERS

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

BONNEY LADS 'N' LASSIES

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

Buzzin' Bees

MS Square Dance Club

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

Caller: K.C. Curtis
Cuer: Debbie Combs



Questions? (360) 253-3820

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South Sound Singles

1st & 3rd Sat. Dark: 6/18/16 & 7/2/16
Pre Rounds 7:30PM • Dance 8-10:30PM
Caller: Jess Thomas
Cuer: Guest Cuers
Mainstream/Plus tip at end
Info: 253-851-5773
Collins Grange 3404 - 120th St. E., Tacoma

ROUND-A-BOUTS

Lac-A-Do Hall -- Olympia
1st Tuesday & 3rd Fridays
7:30 - 9:30 PM Phase 2 & 3
Ron Woolcock - Cuer & Instructor

SQUARE 1 PLUS

1st Friday - 7:30 - 10:00 PM
3rd Sunday - 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Gunter Monroe Caller
Guest Cuers
Lac-a-do Hall, Olympia, WA
Info: 360-754-1830

Swinging Squares Plus Club

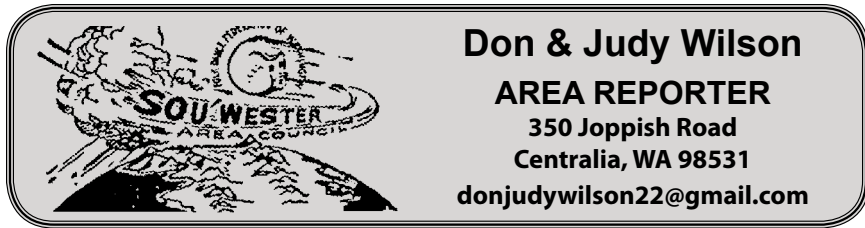
2nd & 4th Fridays Sep - June
Pre Rounds 7:30-8 PM Dance 8-10:30 PM
Caller: Andy (Trisha) Garboden
Cuer: Lorraine Rouse
Valley Square Dance Hall
1705 Willow St - Sumner, WA

RUFF & RUFFLES

3rd Saturdays, 7:30 pre-rounds; 8-10:00 p.m. MS
Jim Raupp, Caller
Susan Healea, Cuer
Catlin Grange, 205 Shawnee Street, Kelso
Using Williams Sound System
LAST SCHEDULED DANCE FEBRUARY 20TH, 2016

R SQUARE D

2nd Friday & 4th Saturday
Plus 7:30 - Lonnie Sycks, Cuer
Mainstream Dance 8 - 10 PM
Craig Abercrombie, Caller
Annual OCTOBERFEST 1st weekend Oct.
360-425-0583 or 360-636-3358
Kelso Senior Ctr., 106 NW 8th Ave., Longview, WA



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SOU'WESTER COUNCIL wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and a month filled with lots of dancing. With signs of longer day light hours, our thoughts look forward to spring. This spring, 2016, is a very special one for this Council as we are hosting the State Festival on June 17th and 18th in Longview Washington. Be sure to get registered so you can enjoy the whole event from beginning to end.

The **DO SI DO'S** had great fun welcoming in 2016 dancing to the cuing of Joyce Sebree and calling of Jim Hatrick during our 'Polar Bear Express' dance in January. Thanks to everyone who joined us!

As we look forward to making 2016 a memorable time for the club, we're thankful for the members who have made and continue to keep our club vibrant. We lost a few former and active members in 2015 that we recognize were key to our club; Joanie Mitchel, Bill Odom (former caller), and Will Leonard (former member). Our condolences go out to their families.

Valentine's Day is the focus of our February 13th dance. I'm sure your sweetheart will enjoy spending time with you as we Square Dance with Jim Hatrick and Round Dance with Joyce Sebree.

Looking forward, the club members are discussing travels to other clubs, including the Wagon Wheels in May; supporting OASDI Square Dance lessons, and gearing up to coordinate the 2016 New Year's dance. Put that end of the year/greeting the New Year dance on your calendar!

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

Katherine Deuel

YES! The **SALTY SASHAYERS** will host their annual "Old Salts Anniversary" dance on April 23, 2016.

YES! We will be serving our delicious clam chowder for dinner at 6:30 PM.

YES! There will also be pie during the break.

YES! The dinner and dance still only cost a donation of \$10 per person.

YES! Richard Lane will be calling the dance.

YES! Randy Wulf will be cuing the rounds.

YES! The dance will be at the Skookum Community Center in Shelton (3480 SE Lynch Road)

YES! Your club can schedule a visitation or mystery bus trip.

YES! You should RSVP by calling the Blewett's at 360-877-5907 or the Currier's at 360-427-3261.

YES! We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Bonnie Blewett, blew@hctc.com

Hard to believe it is February already and the **HARBOR HAYLOFTERS** are getting ready for their Sweetheart Dance on the 20th.

On December 7th we lost one of our own. Ray Filyaw passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife Joanie and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this most difficult time.

In December our club caravanned down to the Cougar Squares for their wonderful Christmas dinner and dance. We attended the Prairie Steppers' Christmas Dance. We had our Christmas Dance on the 19th with Dick Russell (Diane) calling; it was a great dance with visitors from Square Ones. Some members attended the New Year's Eve Dance in Olympia. We also danced at the Willapa Care Center in Raymond.

January we had our first New Caller Dance. Kris Kiser was the main caller and MC. Everyone wanting to try out their calling or curer skills was welcome to come on stage. We visited Cougar Squares, Prairie Steppers and two couples traveled down to Albany, Oregon for the Mid-Winter Festival. Our club also danced at Westhaven Villa Assisted Living Facility in Aberdeen.

This is wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and don't forget your sweetheart.

Ann Kilwien, sqcamper@comcast.net

R SQUARE D has had a fun filled December, starting with 24 members attending the Cougars Thankful Christmas Dance. What a great time we had although we missed have Jim Raupp doing the calling because of illness. Craig Abercrombie was the caller for the evening and Susan Healea was the cuer. They both did a good job of keeping the evening fun and lively. R Square D was presented with a travelling guitar for the club with the greatest number attending the dance.

On December 11th we had our Christmas Toy dance. We had visitors from Happy Hoppers, Cougars, Prairie Steppers and Fairway Village. Craig and Lonnie did the calling and cuing for the evening. Toys were collected and donated to the Salvation Army,

Our annual Christmas dinner, meeting and Christmas party was on December 14th. The food was excellent, the meeting short and the gift exchange was a lot of fun.

We were dark for our 4th Saturday dance, which would have been December 26th.

Toni Carroll

The **SQUARE ONE** Plus Club is anticipating a great year of dancing. With more dancers coming out to dance to the styling of Gunter Monroe and Joyce Sebree/Spike Reid, we are having a lot of fun.

We finished our Plus Workshops in December, but have ramped up our Plus Lessons, starting Sunday, January 24th, and will continue every Sunday, except 3rd, until lessons are finished in late spring. Gunter Monroe is the teacher/caller. Students will be accepted for the first few Sundays, so come on out and join us!!

The Square One 34th Anniversary Dinner/Dance will be held on Friday, March 4th. Steve Noseck, a square dance caller extraordinaire, will be calling for us and our own Joyce Sebree will be cueing. Tickets will be available from any of the Square One Board. We hope to see you there for some great food and a lot of Plus dancing,

Ken Moller, ckmoller@outlook.com

RUFF AND RUFFLES started December off by attending the Cougar Squares "Thankful Christmas" dinner/dance on the 5th. The dinner was very good as usual. As for the dance, we found out that their caller Jim Raupp was ill and so we danced to the calls of Craig Abercrombie who was filling in for him. It was an enjoyable dance along with Susan Healea cueing the rounds.

The 3rd Saturday (19th) we held our Christmas Dance at the Catlin Grange. Gifts were brought for children to be donated to the Salvation Army. Festive eats were served at break time. Visitors were from Cougar Squares and R Square D. Three squares enjoyed dancing to caller Jim Raupp and cuer Susan Healea. After the dance an after party was hosted by Dave & Marge Martin in their home. And yes, again we enjoyed a few more snacks, which I am sure we all really needed to survive! The room was buzzing with lots of socializing going on. But... with a little sadness, this was our last Christmas dance since deciding to become a traveling federated club.

When you read this article, we will be getting ready to hold our 63rd Anniversary- Sweetheart Ball on February 20, 2016. This dance will be our last Ruff & Ruffles club dance until next November 19, 2016 when we hold our Annual Pie Dance. But we will be dancing somewhere in between.

See you on the dance floor.

Betty Clifton, sqkats@q.com

The **PRAIRIE STEPPERS** had seven squares attend our December dance. Thanks so much to the Cougar Squares, Harbor Haylofters and everyone else who came to dance. The Prairie Steppers all brought their favorite Christmas

dishes for our guests' enjoyment.

The Prairie Steppers made a Christmas donation of \$100.00 to the Lewis County Food Bank.

We traveled to the Cougar Squares Thankful Christmas dance on the first Saturday of the month. Craig Abercrombie substituted as caller for Jim Raupp who was under the weather. We hope Jim recovered in time for Christmas. We planned to travel to the Harbor Haylofters dance in January.

The Prairie Steppers graduated ten Basic 51 dancers and eight Plus dancers in December. We planned to start Mainstream lessons and another set of Plus lessons on Wednesdays starting on January 6th.

We were sad to hear that Ray Filyaw of the Harbor Haylofters passed away December 8th. Lonnie Sycks is recovering from his knee surgery. Mary Niccoli's knee surgery on December 16th went well and she is recovering at home. Larry Kershner was scheduled for knee surgery on January 6th. And Bob Spain had cataract surgery in December.

We hope you enjoyed our 50s & 60s dance in January and that you plan to come to our dance on February 6th. Our theme is "Sending All Our Love to You" and is to be hosted by Larry and Andrea Kershner and Chris Smith. They will be serving pulled pork at the dinner break.

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

Marion Freels, M_librarion@yahoo.com

STARDUST DANCERS survived another year of dancing to all kinds of music and learning all kinds of different choreography. We look forward to another wonderful year of round dancing with all our friends in this great world of dancing. February brings Valentine's Day with all its hearts, flowers and, of course, chocolates. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Come dance with us, we love company!

Linda Sycks, iqlonnie@comcast.net

COUGAR SQUARES are happy to see the days getting longer, a sure sign of spring coming! This means we can think about traveling a little farther from home to dance or at least make plans for travels come spring. We are looking forward to our February 6th dance at St Francis Parish Hall. The hosts for that dance are Dick and Marti Piesch and Rocky and Karen Reed and our caller/cuer is Jim Raupp. Plus begins at 7:30 pm and Mainstream and Rounds at 8:00. We serve refreshments at 10:00 or the end of our dance. Bring your favorite partner

and join us for the fun and dancing.

Cougars' lessons at Napavine are coming to a close in a month or so, with graduation right around Easter. This will give the new and refreshed dancers floor time before the State Festival in June. We welcome new dancers to our regular dances as they have many tips that they can dance. Floor time, floor time, floor time!

Cougars' Round Dance lessons/ floor time on the second and fourth Sundays are also coming close to ending. Dancers are learning Phase III Waltz moves that are commonly used in Phase II Waltzes as well as reviewing Cha and Rumba Phase III, IV moves and finally having floor time beginning at 6:00 pm to practice Phase II Waltz and Two-step plus Phase III Waltz, Cha and Rumba. If you dance these rhythms please join us at 6:00 pm on the second and fourth Sunday at Baw Faw Grange in Curtis Washington. Susan Healea is our teacher/cuer.

Cougars wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and hope that you can spend at least part of it dancing!

Don and Judy Wilson, donjudywilson22@gmail.com

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The Flame of Friendship True.
The Joy We've Had in Knowing You
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Prairie Steppers

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

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

DON WOOD, CALLER • LONNIE SYCKS, CUER

Chicken Dance TBA watch for ad in Footnotes

Come Dance with Sou'Wester Clubs

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

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

1st **Square One Plus Club** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:30
Gunter Monroe, caller, Joyce Sebree, cuer PLUS
2nd **Rhythm Rounders Fun Dance** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:00
Randy Wulf, cuer ROUNDS phases 2-5
2nd **R Square D** Kelso Senior Center 7:30-10:00
Craig Abercrombie, caller, Lonnie Sycks, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS
3rd **Round-A-Bouts** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-9:30
Ron Woolcock, cuer ROUNDS phases 2-3
4th **Capitol Squares** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:30
Don Wood, caller, Randy Wulf, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS

Saturday

1st **Cougar Squares** St Francis Parish Hall, 139 Spencer Rd. Toledo
Jim Raupp, caller/cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS 7:30-10:30
1st **Flutterwheels** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:00-10:00
Don Wood, caller, Ron Woolcock cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS
2nd **Olympia Do-Si-Dos** Lac-A-Do Hall 7:30-10:30
Jim Hattrick, caller Joyce Sebree, cuer, SQUARES AND ROUNDS
2nd **Prairie Steppers** Oakview Grange, 2700 N. Pearl, Cent. 7:30-10:30
Don Wood, caller, Lonnie Sycks, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS
3rd **Harbor Haylofters** American Legion Hall 7:00-10:00
Randy & Chris Carlson SQUARES AND ROUNDS
3rd **Ruff and Ruffles** Catlin Grange 8:00-10:30
Jim Raupp, caller, Susan Healea, cuer SQUARES AND ROUNDS
3rd **Flutterwheels** Lac-A-Do Hall, Olympia, 7:00-9:30
Glenn Raiha, caller, Ron Woolcock, cuer, BASIC 51
4th **R Square D** Kelso Senior Center 7:30- 10:00
Craig Abercrombie, caller, Lonnie Sycks, cuer, SQUARES AND ROUNDS
4th **Rhythm Rounders** Lac-A-Do Hall, Olympia 6:00-9:00
Guest cuers ROUNDS phases 3-6

Sunday

Every **Double A's** Lac-A-Do Hall, Olympia 4:30-6:30
Jack Hardin, caller, Ron Woolcock, cuer ADVANCED
3rd **Square One Plus Club** Lac-A-Do Hall Olympia, 6:30-9:00
Gunter Monroe, caller, Spike Reid, cuer PLUS

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

Lac-A-Do Hall 1721-46th Avenue NE, Olympia,
Catlin Grange 205 Shawnee Street, Kelso
Kelso Senior Center 106 NW 8th Avenue, Kelso
American Legion Hall 112 W. 1st Street, Aberdeen

Rev. 9-9-15



The **DANCING SHADOWS** are really enjoying this dance season. Thank you to everyone who attended our January “Mexican” theme dance. Bob Amsbury and Carol Shopbell provided us with an exciting night of dancing. We ended the year with our annual New Year’s Eve progressive dinner and game night. As usual, we had a wonderful time of fellowship with our dance family. We invite you to join us for our “Black Light Dance” on February 19th. We begin the evening at 7:00 pm with Plus. Mainstream starts at 8:00 pm. Doug Davis will be our special guest caller and our own Carol Shopbell will be cueing. We hope to see you on the dance floor.

Tami Carson, queen.b.74@hotmail.com

The **DIAMOND SQUARES** had a fun and interesting Christmas party. It seemed that Larry Scalph and Tami Carson opened most of the gifts. Every time they picked a gift to open it was always stolen, so they had a chance to open some more. Our “Beach Party” dance turned out a blast. Plastic beach balls, big and small, were all over the floor for kids and adults to play with. Spurs and Skirts stole our banner.

We invite you to our February 13th dance. Our theme is “Mardi Gras” which is best known for parties, costumes and beads. We will be picking a sweetheart recipient which could be a single or couple from our club. We do this every year at our February dance. It’s always a surprise who they are. Our caller and cuer, Bob and Claudia Amsbury, begin the evening at the Western Dance Center at 7:00 pm with Mainstream. After the break time, we sometime do a hex square upon request. We warmly welcome our new club members, Christine Demke, Rebecca and Gabe Wendt.

Our Basic Square Dance lessons started on January 4, 2016 on Monday nights at 7:15 pm at the Western Dance Center. Bring your friends, neighbors and co-workers for lessons. Bob and Claudia Amsbury teach the class. Casual wear is always welcome. Hope to see you at lots of dances.

Nelly Christoffersen

HI-FLYERS had its annual Cake-Walk dance on November 20th with a robust visit of the Coeurley-Qs and other visitors. The cake-walk game was

enjoyed by all. We gave away ten cakes and still had scrumptious treats for refreshments.

We were dark in December, and so we took the opportunity to caravan to the Dancing Shadows on the 18th. They had a big crowd, and we were happy to add a square and be part of the fun.

We also had a big turnout for our Christmas party on December 5th, ate big, enjoyed a gift exchange game, took a group photo, and sang songs. We really enjoy one another’s company.

Adam Christman will start new lessons for beginning squares on Monday evenings in January at 6:30-8:00 in Cheney City Hall (609 Second St). New students will be welcomed on any Monday in January beginning on the 4th. Nina Leisi will continue teaching beginning Rounds 8:00-9:30, also on Mondays at the Cheney City Hall.

Our next dance will be January 15, 2016 with the theme of “Winter Carnival.” One of our members will be a princess.

We hope you can make it out to Cheney, and look forward to dancing at your place whenever possible.

Grant & Lelia Smith, leliadsmith@gmail.com

The **JACKS & JENNY S** had a wonderful December dance and Christmas party. This year instead of exchanging gifts we put the money we would have spent into a pot and adopted a needy family. Three of us went shopping, Bev Mustard, Lolita Sutton and Helen Knapp. Then we went to lunch to do a tally and make sure the three kids had equal gifts. When we went up to pay for our lunch the man and his wife ahead of us in line took our bill and paid for all our lunches. He said he was just paying it forward.

Winning the door prize was Sylvia Germek. Other door prizes were won by Vera Ottoson and Lolita Sutton. Floyd West went home with the 50/50 pot and also the bed pan that was in the White Elephant auction. He will bring it back next year and another lucky person will get it. It is signed and dated by each person as they “purchase” it. Ron Hoffman did an excellent job as our auctioneer and his wife Karol was a helper along with Gordon Mustard.

Hope to see you at our Sweetheart dance and eat pie with us.

Helen Knapp

The **KRAZY 8’S** are enjoying dancing through the holidays. We had a ball at the Dancing Shadows Christmas dance. Some of our newer dancers got to attend for the first time and they really enjoyed it. Thank you Dancing Shadows for all your hard work in putting on this great dance. Some of us attended the Model T’s Toys for Tots dance in December as well. We had a great time and appreciated the opportunity to support this worthy cause.

January is our anniversary dance. Crazy 8’s have been a club for 35 years. February’s dance will be a polka dot theme. Guests are encouraged to wear polka

dot attire if they have it. Adam Christman (Samantha) will be calling and Nina Leisi will be cueing. We welcome everyone to come join us for a good time.

We will have had our graduation ceremony for this last set of lessons in January, so there will be some new dancers gracing our activity. Gary Baker did a super job for us in teaching this class. We are starting a new class in January and are excited to have new students. See you on the dance floor.

Debbie Edmiston

Spokane dancers attended some of the many clubs Christmas dances. The Marines came to the **MODEL T'S** Christmas dance and with a big smile on their faces joined in for a tip. They were well rewarded with several boxes of toys for the tots. Join us on February 9th for our Buccaneer theme dance. Vern and Kathy Boggs begin the evening at the NSDA hall at 7:00 pm with Plus and Rounds and Mainstream at 8:00 pm. Stay safe this winter.

Charlene Weist

The holidays are behind us and lots of people are looking for something to do to fill in these long winter days and evenings. This is the time of year that my husband and I started dancing 10 years ago! I always say, we must have been the most boring people in Washington until we found our home away from home on that dance floor. It was a night away from TV, inexpensive, low impact exercise with a new group of people and close to home.

The **STAR SHOOTERS** had a very good class that ended in January and we are getting ready to begin our 2nd class on February 3rd. And there will be another intro dance at the Western Dance Center on February 6th. More opportunities to show people of all ages what a grand activity square dancing is! Make your lessons the best night of the week for everyone that walks through the door!

Our regular 4th Saturday dance for February is the 27th and our club caller, Dan Preedy, will be heating up the dance floor. Our guest cuer this month is Nina Leisi. We have a bunch of different things coming up this spring, so plan on dancing with the Star Shooters in 2016!

Diane Hartley

The **TWIN CITY TWIRLERS** have two mainstream dances scheduled in February. The Valentine's Dance on February 6th features callers Rick and Kathy Utter, and cuer Lorraine Kennedy. Gary Potratz will call squares and Lorraine Kennedy will cue rounds at the dance on February 20th. Pre-rounds begin at 7:30 pm and Squares at 8:00 pm for both dances.

Plus dances are scheduled for February 12th and February 26th. For both dances a Plus workshop starts at 7:30 pm and Squares begin at 8:00 pm.

Mainstream lessons are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Plus and A1 lessons are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Kathy Boulton

Chocolate Heaven was the theme for the **VALLEY CROSSTRAILERS** December dance and every member of our club was in attendance! A club picture was taken for the occasion. The chocolate fountain was set up early in the evening with tons of goodies for dipping. It was a huge success.

We traveled to the Model T's for their Toys for Tots dance in December. What fun it was to watch their Marine volunteer, Tony, square dance. It is his 5th year and he learns something new each time he comes. He took with him bunches of toys as the dancers were quite generous. The theme for February is "Lovers in February". Nathaniel Peake will be calling and Carol Shopbell will be cueing. Nathaniel is becoming quite accomplished at calling, and we are very proud of him. The club will be serving fresh pancakes with all kinds of toppings at 6:00. Bring your favorite topping and fill up on pancakes for dinner. As always, 3rd Saturday, 7-8 Intermediate Rounds and Plus, 8-10 Easy Rounds and Mainstream.

April 1st Deadlines Looming

Let's do our stuff and get nominations submitted

Parker Award

Jack Hardin

21843 SE 251st Pl., Maple Valley, WA 98030

Email: jackhardin@me.com

MacGregor Award

Bruce & Judy Ottoson

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Email: jdottoson1@msn.com or bruceottoson@msn.com

McNutt Award

Vonnie Spence

22 L St. SW, Quincy, WA 98848

Email: james.spence3@frontier.com

Scholarship Award (2 annual at \$750 each)

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Sunday

Muddy Frogs: Mainstream and Rounds
3rd Sunday Year Around
Bill & Neva Reed Teachers with Guest Callers/Cuers (see ad)
Milton-Freewater Community Center 109 NW 5th
Milton-Freewater, OR
Contact Merri Anne Huber 541-861-9055 or
merriannah@charter.net

Tuesday

Melody Mixers: Rounds Ph 2-4
Every Tuesday Year Around
Cuer Bill & Karen Holm
Shuffler's Shanty 717 N Irving, Kennewick, WA
Contact Karen Holm 509-542-1310 or bkholm@charter.net

Thursday

Tri-City Circulators: Plus and Rounds
Every Thursday Year Around
Caller Jim Swanson & Guest Cuers
Eagles Lodge #2485 115 Fruitland St, Kennewick, WA
Contact Thelma Swanson 509-539-2660 or
paintedswan@frontier.com

Friday or Saturday

Prairie Shufflers: Mainstream with Plus and Rounds
1st & 3rd Friday or Saturday September thru July (check ad for details)
Guest Callers (see ad) and Cuer Bill Holm
Shuffler's Shanty 717 N Irving, Kennewick, WA 509-783-4222
Contact Jeanne Cozad 509-302-7334 or
jeannecozad@charter.net

Columbia River Squares: Mainstream with Rounds
2nd & 4th Saturday September thru June
Guest Callers/Cuers
Richland Community Center 500 Amon Park Dr Richland, WA
Contact Vickie Weber 509-546-1435 or
vickiweber99@yahoo.com

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Lucky Shamrock Dance Johnny Preston



**Plus (Afternoon)
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