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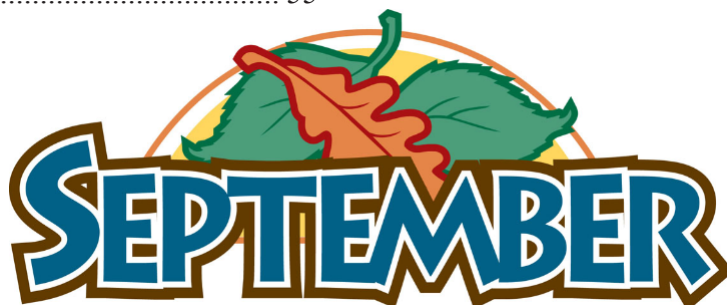


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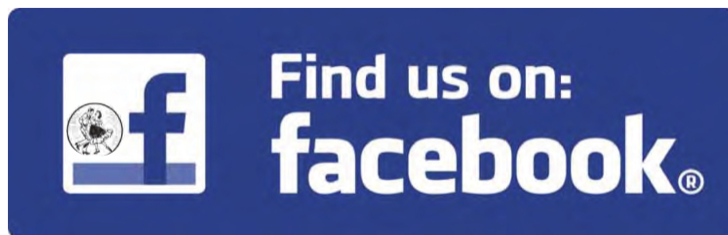
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The Gavel

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Welcome back "Dancers"!

The 2025/2026 dance year is in the rearview mirror now and 2026/2027 is upon us! For this "inaugural" address, I'll briefly touch on 4 topics (promising not to overwhelm you or bore you with superfluous details you'll forget the minute you read them).

1. The 2026 WA State Festival ("Get Your Dancing Kicks in 2026") - Ocean Shores WA

It was FABULOUS! It's safe to say that the 500+ attendees who showed up exceeded everyone's expectations...the largest turnout since Covid. The final reports from the Festival Committee are nearly completed and will definitely show that the event was financially "in the black". Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort to preparing for the festival. Thanks also to the callers and cuers who performed, and the dancers who graced the dance floor(s).

2. WheresTheDance.com is alive and well!

Thanks in part to the generosity of the Washington State square dance community (including our Federation), this informative and effective resource will continue to be an online tool worth every club's (and every dancer's) time to refer to on a regular basis. Several upgrades, enhancements, and new features have already been implemented...with more to come. If you had difficulty successfully using it in the past or if, for any reason, you were hesitant to try it, plan on re-visiting the site sometime soon. To see what it looks like now that it's been successfully and extensively used for several years, enter the URL on your phone or computer (you can bypass the

login process with "I'll do this later", then in the "Search For Events" section enter Ellensburg WA in the Search location and set the mileage range to, say, 175 miles. (Ellensburg is near the center of the state and 175 miles as the crow flies will cover the entire state of Washington). If you don't see your club's events listed it's because no one has posted them on WheresTheDance.com.

3. The new website for the WA State Federation is up and running!

The URL is wasdf.org. It's still (and will continue to be) a "Work In Progress". "Volunteer hours" are the limiting factor with regard to how often and how quickly new content is updated.

4. The "companion" website for WA State pictures and video content is being updated and simplified.

The URL is WA State Square and Round Dance Clubs Pictures...you can access it directly by the URL or from the Federation website's "History" tab. Work has begun to provide a single "Catch-All" upload link for every club and council in the state. That will make it easy for anyone who takes pictures and/or videos at a dance to upload copies of them to the "catch-all" gallery with a simple drag & drop process. Here's a link to pictures and videos taken the the 2026 Festival in Ocean Shores - [2026 - "Get Your Dancing Kicks In 2026" \(Ocean Shores WA\) - WA Square Dance Federation Pictures](http://2026 - \)

Gail and I hope each of you had a joyful and fulfilling summer! See you on a dance floor in 2026/2027!



Fall State Meeting

Hi Square Dance officers and delegates,

As Kay mentioned, the Olympia Area Square Dancers are hosting the next State meeting. Here are the details promised.

We will have a trail-in dance on Friday, Sept. 18th with Steve Dvorak as MC and Shawn Cavness cueing. We will have an open mike that night for any club callers who want to do a tip (including our president if he wishes). The dance begins with pre-rounds at 7 pm and square dancing with rounds from 7:30-9:30. The address of Lac-A-Do hall is 1721 46th Ave NE, Olympia, WA.

Saturday will be the fall meeting, and the local clubs will provide a continental breakfast at 8:00 am so the meeting can begin at 9:00. Lunch will also be provided. We hope you will stay for our regular dance on Saturday. The Flutterwheels are honoring you with their "Friends Across the State" Trail-Out Dance. Glenn Raiha and Steve D. will call, and Mary Parsons will cue rounds. The pre-rounds start at 6:30 and mainstream squares start at 7:00.

There are a number of new motels in the Lacey/Olympia area. I looked on Expedia for a few and their rates.

My wife and I have had good luck with Air BnB ([Airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com)) for the Maltby meeting. We got a quiet basement unit

of a house just 2 miles from the hall. At Ocean Shores, we got a 2-bedroom cottage just blocks from the convention center. I saw some interesting listings not far from the Olympia hall. You often get whole apartments with kitchens and other amenities for less money.

The hall also has limited RV spots (will need 100 ft, 20 amp. extension cord for power). Contact Scott Parsons, 360-890-6070 or mpsplp@hotmail.com for a space.

If you have questions, contact me at 360-451-1832 or by email at dansblues@msn.com. Thanks,

Dan Bode

Sou'wester Council delegate

Quality Inn & Suites	120 College St. SE, Lacey	Queen bed \$118/night, <u>brkfst</u> included
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Ramada by Wyndham	4520 Martin Way E., I-5 & Exit 109, Olympia	1 King Bed with Sofa bed, Non Smo. \$139/night, <u>brkfst</u> included
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Washington State Federation Meeting

Trail-in Dance

OPEN MIC MAINSTREAM DANCE

FRIDAY SEPT 18TH

PRE-ROUNDS AT 7 PM
Cued by Shawn Cavness

SQUARES W/ROUNDS 7:30-9:30p
Emcee'd by Steve Dvorak

Lac-A-Do Hall
1721 46th Ave NE
Olympia, WA 98516

AIR CONDITIONED!

ADMISSION \$8

Club callers are invited to call

Friends Across the State

Unwind after the State Meeting



Saturday, September 19th

Let's Dance Together!

6:30 Rounds w/Mary Parsons
7:00 Mainstream w/Glenn Raiha

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Sponsored by Flutterwheels
Lac-A-Do Hall, 1721 46th Ave NE, Olympia



From the Editor

Peggy DeLise

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It is hard to believe that I have now been editor of Footnotes for a full year. Thank you to everyone who submits articles and reports—and especially to those who graciously respond when I remind you that the deadline has passed!

A special thank-you goes to Marsha Sullivan for her work as Footnotes business manager. While that may sound like a fancy title for treasurer, Marsha has made my life much easier while serving as treasurer for everything from Footnotes to the state federation, Rainier Council, and Roamin' Tacomans. She is now taking on an even bigger job as chairperson of the 2028 State Festival, so Footnotes must make an adjustment.

Fortunately, a new business manager was found almost by accident. During a conversation with Andy Garboden, he mentioned that his wife, Tricia, might be interested. I am pleased to welcome Tricia Garboden as our new business manager.

We have a few other changes as the new dance season begins. Joe Scarletella will become our round dance writer in October, succeeding Rochelle Catt, who has contributed for the past two years. Lisa Jessen has taken over the "Did You Know..." articles previously written by Lane Johnston, while Jenny Lynch continues to share her sewing expertise. Andy Garboden has also agreed to continue as square dance writer for another year. I particularly enjoy the caller's perspective Andy brings to his articles—exactly what I hoped the column would provide.

Please take a look at the "business" of Footnotes on page 2. You'll find submission deadlines and formatting information as well as advertising rates. If you aren't sure about something, don't guess—ASK! Email me at footnotes_wa@yahoo.com.

And there is good news for advertisers: rates for all ad sizes have been reduced. I also encourage clubs to submit a small, approximately 2" x 2", graphic ad for placement in their council section at no charge, provided it remains unchanged for the dance season. See the Evergreen and Rainier Council sections for examples. Please submit ads as PDF or PNG files, named with the club name and council initials so I know where they belong.

Microsoft Publisher users should remember that Publisher reaches end-of-life in October 2026 and

will no longer be supported or included with Microsoft 365. There are many consumer-friendly alternatives for Windows, browsers, and Macs. See my January 2026 editor's column for more information. Past issues of Footnotes, dating back to September 2011, are available in the archive at <https://wasdf.org/footnotes/>.

Finally, please send me photos from your dances and other events! Don't make me "troll" Facebook and other websites looking for pictures to save. I always need "filler," and photos are a great way to show the rest of our square dance community what is happening around the state.

Words of wisdom; or NOT

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment!

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your bones and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example: I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"?

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL"????



Andy's Asides

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Hello Dancers,

Last year I wrote an article specifically for “Angels” and I am going to do another one this year as we are at the time of year when lessons are beginning. It matters little what level you are “Angel”ing at; this guidance will be helpful to new dancers (at that level) as well as the callers or instructors.

Two things to keep in mind as you read this article (and I truly hope you do): 1) There are new published lists from CallerLab that callers will be using this year. Please do not share any displeasure or negative feelings you have about the new lists with students. It is not helpful at all. 2) The caller teaching the lessons may teach moves differently than you were taught. Please do not correct or say anything verbally in the square while the caller is teaching; if you desire to, say something privately (outside of earshot of students).

🗣️ Communication and Conduct

- Let the Caller Teach: Do not attempt to explain a move or call while the caller or instructor is speaking. Remember: There is only ONE teacher in the room.
- Maintain absolute silence: Keep talking to a minimum inside the square when a tip is being taught. New dancers require deep concentration to hear the caller’s commands. Each student might need to learn at their own pace.
- Be a helper, not a pusher: Use gentle nods, pointing, or light verbal cues (like a quiet “over here”) to guide a student. Never pull, push, or forcefully yank a new dancer into position, as this is stressful and demeaning. And can easily injure a dancer who might be going the wrong direction.
- Be patient with breakdowns: Minimize talking during the tip to allow students to hear the caller’s instructions.

💃 Dancing & Styling Guidelines

- Dance “by the book”: Keep your basic movements pure and strictly standard. Avoid advanced flourishes, extra twirls, or club-specific “styling” (such as a “Highland Fling” do-si-do) unless the caller has explicitly taught it to the class. Extra movements confuse beginners and throw off their timing.

- Avoid the “grip of death”: Keep your handholds gentle and relaxed. If a student is moving in the wrong direction, do not trap or hold onto their hand forcefully.
- Let the student react: Do not anticipate the calls or move the student before the caller finishes the command. They must learn to hear the call and react on their own.

📐 Squaring Up & Floor Etiquette

- Be early and punctual: Arrive on time so you do not cause other couples to sit out during a teaching tip.
- Prioritize the student: Your primary job is to ensure every student gets floor time. Be proactive and ask class members to dance rather than waiting for them to ask you.
- Leave the prime spots: When filling a square, angels should fill the Sides positions first, leaving the Heads positions open for new dancers to better see and learn.
- Comply with the Class Coordinator: If you are asked to step out of a square or swap places so a paying student can dance, do so immediately and cheerfully.

💛 Social Etiquette

- Mingle with the class: During breaks, resist the urge to only huddle and chat with your experienced club friends. Instead, use the time to visit with the new students, making them feel included and welcome.
- Keep conversations away from the floor: If you are sitting out a tip, move your socializing far away from the dance floor so you do not distract those who are learning.

My final thoughts: Angels are there to assist the instructor and enhance the learning experience for new dancers, ensuring a positive and encouraging environment – not to be an “extra” instructor.

Happy dancing, everyone! See you on the dance floor!

Respectfully,

Andy (Tricia) Garboden, Mainstream and Plus Caller



Cuer's Corner

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Hi All,

Welcome back from a fun filled summer of dancing. With the new dance season upon us comes a fresh new start. Keeping that in mind I would like to let you all know I made the difficult decision to step away from being your Washington State Round Dance Coordinator. It has been a pleasure and an honor, and I have enjoyed my time in the role. But it is time to pass the torch.

So, without further ado let me step aside so your new Coordinator may introduce themselves and begin their own journey as your new coordinator. Leo and I hope we see you on the dance floor!

Take Care,

Rochelle and Leo Catt

Outgoing WA State Cuer Coordinator



Joy of Round Dance

Joe Scarlatella

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Meet Joe (and Monica)

Hello, Dancers! I am excited to be your new Washington State Round Dance Coordinator! Let's get to know each other a bit.

When I was a teenager in the 70s in southern California, my mom asked if I wanted to learn to drive. I said, "Sure!" The catch was that I had to practice by driving Mom to square dance class... and take the class. The caller was my brother-in-law, Ray Rose, and the cuer was my sister Donna. I ended up with a driver's license and a great love of dance. From helping Donna as her teaching demo partner to many years later becoming a cuer myself, the journey has been an important part of my life.

I joined RoundaLab in 2010, became a part of the Southern California Round Dance Teachers Association (serving on the Standards Committee for many years as well as being president in 2018-2019), and met my wonderful wife, Monica Shanks, on the dance floor. We married in 2012, and our honeymoon trip was to the RoundaLab convention and the National Square Dance Convention in Spokane. We have taught Rounds from Phase II through Phase IV

and cued for many clubs in California before moving to Washington in 2024. We cue often for Round-a-Bouts and Square One Plus and other clubs at Lac-a-Do, have shared workshops with Charles and Katie Morehead at Riverside Valley Grange in Fife, and now will be the club cuer for the Wagon Wheels in Rainier Council. I've been cuer representative for Sou'Wester Council, cued at Washington State Festivals in Yakima and Ocean Shores, and at USA West in Spokane. It's amazing to work with other cuers and bring dancing to so many people.

Since arriving here and settling in the Puyallup area, we have been warmly welcomed by the square and round dance community. To be able to walk into a dance hall and have new friends just waiting to be found has been such a gift, and we thank you all for that. Our philosophy of round dance is that it should bring people joy, so let's all learn together, laugh together, and share this amazing activity for years to come.

See you on the dance floor!

Joe Scarlatella and Monica Shanks

Round of the Month

You Raise Me Up (Corr)

CHOREO: Doug & Cheryel Byrd (423) 842-7626 dbyrdhouse@comcast.net
1443 Britt Lauren Way, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

MUSIC: You Raise Me Up **DOWNLOAD:** www.casa-musica.de

ARTIST: Susann Taylor **ALBUM:** Ballroom Perfection

FOOTWORK: Opposite except where indicated **TIME:** 3:04

RHYTHM: Waltz **RAL PHASE:** II+1 (Cross Hover)

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Avg **RELEASED:** February 2013 **CORRECTED:** June 2014

SEQUENCE: INTRO AB AB B(1-14) ENDING

MEAS INTRODUCTION

1-4 WAIT; ; APART POINT; TOGETHER TOUCH;

1-2 OP-FCG WALL wt 2 meas ; ;

3-4 Stp apt L, pt R twd ptr, - ; tog R to CP WALL, tch L next to R, - ;

PART A

1-4 DIP BACK & HOLD; RECOVER TOUCH; BOX; ;

1-2 Stp bk L taking full wgt w/knee relaxed & R leg remaining xtnded w/knee & ankle forming a straight line from the hip & the toe remaining on the floor, - , - ; rec R, tch L next to R, - ;

3-4 Fwd L, sd R, cl L ; bk R, sd L, cl R ;

5-8 TWIRL VINE 3; PICKUP; FORWARD WALTZ; DRIFT APART;

5-6 w/ ld hnds jnd sd L, XRib, sd L (W sd & fwd R trng ½ RF undr jnd hnds, sd & bk L trng ½ RF, sd R) ; sm fwd R ldg W ifo him to CP LOD, sip L, R (W fwd L stpg ifo M trng LF to CP, sip R, L) ;

7-8 Fwd L, fwd & slightly sd R, cl L ; sm stp awy from ptr R, L, R to end in LOP-FCG LOD ;

9-12 TWINKLE OUT; TWINKLE IN TO PU; LEFT TURN; BACK WALTZ;

9-10 X L between ptrs, sd R, cl L ; X R between ptrs, sd L, cl R to end in PU LOD ;

11-12 Fwd L comm ¼ LF trn, cont trn sd R diag acrs LOD trng ¼ LF, cl L to end in CP RLOD ;
bk R, bk & slightly sd L, cl R ;

13-16 2 RIGHT TURNS; ; BALANCE LEFT & RIGHT; ;

13-14 Bk L comm ¼ RF trn, cont trn sd R twd LOD trng ¼ RF to CP DLC, cl L ; fwd R comm ¼ RF trn, cont trn sd L diag acrs LOD trng ¼ RF to CP WALL, cl R ;

15-16 Sd L, XRib (W XLib), sip L ; sd R, XLib (W XRib), sip R ;

PART B

1-4 WALTZ AWAY & TOGETHER; ; BALANCE LEFT; REVERSE TWIRL 3;

1-2 w/ trl hnds jnd fwd L trng awy from ptr, sd & fwd R [to a slight BK-BK], cl L ; sd & fwd R trng to fc ptr, sd & fwd L, cl R ;

3-4 Sd L, XRib (W XLib), sip L ; w/ ld hnds jnd sd & fwd R to RLOD, fwd L, cl R (W sd & fwd L trng ½ LF undr jnd ld hnds, sd & bk R trng ½ LF, sd L) ;

5-8 THRU TWINKLE; THRU FACE CLOSE; TWIRL VINE 3; PICKUP SCAR;

5-6 X L between ptrs to RLOD, sd R, cl L ; stp thru R between ptrs to LOD, sd L to fc ptr, cl R ;

7-8 w/ ld hnds jnd sd L, XRib, sd L (W sd & fwd R trng ½ RF undr jnd hnds, sd & bk L trng ½ RF, sd R) ; sm fwd R ldg W ifo him to CP LOD, sip L, R blending to SCAR (W fwd L stpg ifo M trng LF to CP, sip R, L) ;

9-12 CROSS HOVER 3x SCP; ; ; PICKUP SIDE CLOSE;

9-10 Fwd L w/ slight Xing action comm to rise & beg a ¼ LF trn, sd & slightly fwd R cont to rise & comp the ¼ LF trn, diag fwd L to BJO lowering at end of stp ; fwd R w/ slight Xing action comm to rise & beg a ¼ RF trn, sd & slightly fwd L cont to rise & comp the ¼ RF trn, diag fwd R to SCAR lowering at end of stp ;

11-12 Fwd L w/ slight Xing action comm to rise, sd & slightly fwd R cont to rise w/ slight RF bdy trn (W strong RF trn), diag fwd L (W fwd R) to SCP lowering at end of stp ; sm fwd R ldg W ifo him to CP LOD, sd L, cl R (W fwd L stpg ifo M trng LF to CP, sd R, cl L) ;

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PART B (cont)

13-16 2 LEFT TURNS; ; CANTER 2x; ;

13-14 Fwd L comm LF trn, cont trn sd R diag acrs LOD comp 3/8 LF trn, cl L ; bk R comm LF trn,
cont trn sd L twd LOD comp 3/8 LF trn, cl R ;

15-16 Sd L, draw R twd L, cl R ; sd L, draw R twd L, cl R ;

[2nd time meas 15-16 are **BALANCE LEFT & RIGHT; ;**]

ENDING

1 DIP & TWIST w/ OPTIONAL LEG CRAWL;

- 1 Stp bk L taking full wgt w/ knee relaxed & R leg remaining xtnded w/ knee & ankle forming a straight line from the hip & the toe remaining on the floor, trn upper bdy twd LOD w/out chg wgt, - ;

SEQUENCE: INTRO AB AB B(1-14) ENDING

INTRO (4 Meas)

OP-FCG WALL Wt 2 Meas ; ; Apt Pt ; Tog Tch CP ;

PART A (16 Meas)

Dip Bk & Hold ; Rec Tch ; Box ; ;

Twrl Vin 3 ; Pu ; Fwd Wz ; Drift Apt ;

Thru Twkl Out ; Thru Twkl In to PU ; 1 L Trn [RLOD] ; Bk Wz ;

2 R Trns BFLY WALL ; ; Bal L & R ; ;

PART B (16 Meas)

Wz Awy & Tog ; ; Bal L ; Rev Twrl 3 ;

Thru Twkl ; Thru Fc Cl ; Twrl Vin 3 ; Pu SCAR ;

X Hvr 3x to SCP ; ; ; Pu Sd Cl ;

2 L Trns WALL ; ; Canter 2x ; ;

PART A (16 Meas)

Dip Bk & Hold ; Rec Tch ; Box ; ;

Twrl Vin 3 ; Pu ; Fwd Wz ; Drift Apt ;

Thru Twkl Out ; Thru Twkl In to PU ; 1 L Trn [RLOD] ; Bk Wz ;

2 R Trns BFLY WALL ; ; Bal L & R ; ;

PART B (16 Meas)

Wz Awy & Tog ; ; Bal L ; Rev Twrl 3 ;

Thru Twkl ; Thru Fc Cl ; Twrl Vin 3 ; Pu SCAR ;

X Hvr 3x to SCP ; ; ; Pu Sd Cl ;

2 L Trns BFLY WALL ; ; Bal L & R ; ;

PART B (1-14)

Wz Awy & Tog ; ; Bal L ; Rev Twrl 3 ;

Thru Twkl ; Thru Fc Cl ; Twrl Vin 3 ; Pu SCAR ;

X Hvr 3x to SCP ; ; ; Pu Sd Cl ;

2 L Trns WALL ; ;

ENDING (1 Meas)

Dip & Twst w/ Opt. Leg Crawl ;



Sewing with Jenny

Jenny Lynch

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Diamond Skirt Pattern Creation and Sewing Instructions

Welcome back sewers!! I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready for another great year of dancing and sewing. The 2027 State Festival is fast approaching and I hope you have your outfit for that well in hand and almost complete. For 2028, our 75th State Festival, the theme will be diamonds. To celebrate this milestone, I am sharing the skirt pattern I developed for the 60th State Festival which was the Diamond Jubilee. Completed this skirt looks amazing and to the non-sewer looks very difficult. But, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING!! I promise, if you can sew straight lines this skirt is not difficult, a little time consuming, but not difficult.

This pattern can be created in any size, and any length. You will need to start with an 8 gore skirt pattern that fits the size you are making. Trace the pattern onto another piece of paper so you are not drawing on your original.

1. Measure and remove seam allowances from pattern if they exist. Divide the side length of the pattern by 4, write this measurement down. (ie: skirt length is 20" divided by 4=5")
2. From waist of skirt, measure down $\frac{1}{4}$ the length and mark a horizontal line across the pattern. Mark the center of this line. (Illustration 1)
3. Measure down another $\frac{1}{4}$ the length and mark a second horizontal line across the pattern. Divide this line into thirds and mark. (Illustration 2)
4. Find the center of the bottom of the pattern and mark it. (Illustration 3)
5. Draw lines from the edges of the second horizontal line to the center mark of the bottom of the skirt. Draw lines from each of the points on the second horizontal line to the center mark at the bottom of the skirt. (Illustration 4)
6. From the edge of the first horizontal line, draw a line connecting the first point on the second line, from this point draw a line connecting the center point on the first horizontal line. From this point, draw a line down to the second point on the second horizontal line, then back up to the edge on the first horizontal line. This finishes drawing your diamond, you will have 7 distinctly different pattern pieces. (Illustration 5)
7. Mark key marks on all pieces so you can line them back up when you sew them together. (Illustration 6)

8. Number your pattern pieces as follows: (Illustration 7)
Top Yoke 1
Triangles sewn to yoke 3
Triangles sewn to bottom of skirt 2,4,2 can be cut of contrasting color for effect
Long triangles in bottom of skirt 5,6,5 piece 6 can be cut of contrasting color for effect.
Outside edges of bottom of skirt 7
9. Trace each piece and add seam allowances. BE SURE TO ADD YOUR KEY MARKS!!!!!! Keep drawing to refer back to as you sew. You can now cut out your pattern pieces.

Sewing instructions

Cut pieces as follows:

Piece 1	Cut 8	Piece 2	Cut 16
Piece 3	Cut 16	Piece 4	Cut 8
Piece 5	Cut 16	Piece 6	Cut 8
Piece 7	Cut 16		

Mark Key marks on all pieces. This is vitally important to sewing the diamond back together

Be sure to finish all seams and press them as you go. Taking the time to do this at each step will make your skirt look fantastic and make sewing it easier.

1. Sew one piece 3 to each side of piece 4. Press Seams toward piece 3. Sew one piece 2 to each side of this piece. Press seams toward piece 2. This creates the top of the diamond.
2. Sew piece 1 to the top of diamond top. This creates the gore top. Press seam up.
3. Sew one piece 5 to each side of piece 6, this creates the bottom of the diamond. Press Seams toward piece 5. Sew one piece 7 to each side of this piece, this creates the bottom of your gore, press seams toward piece 7.
4. Sew gore top to gore bottom. This completes your gore. Press seam up or down as desired.
5. Sew gores together. Add waist band, elastic and hem.

Enjoy your new skirt!! Come back next month for the instructions to create shirt yokes and other accessories to match this skirt

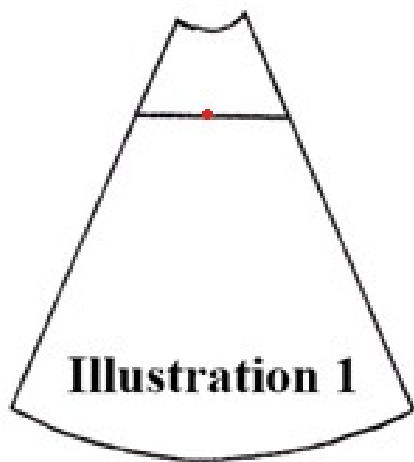


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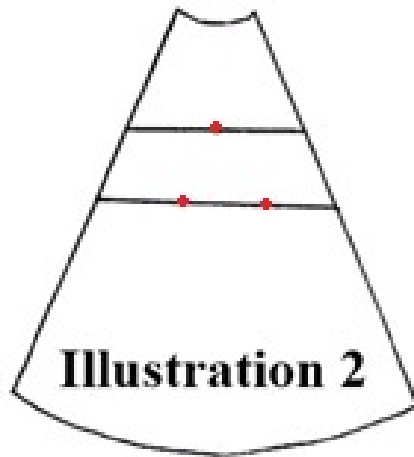


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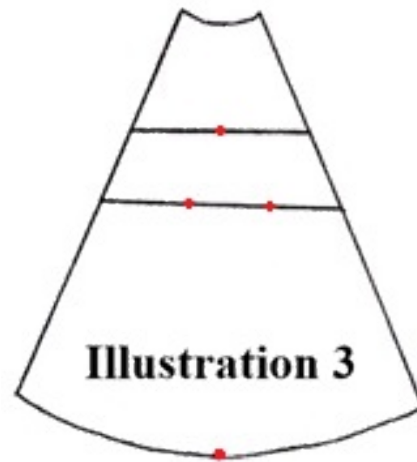


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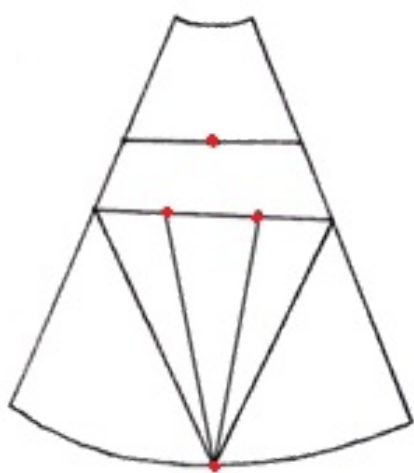


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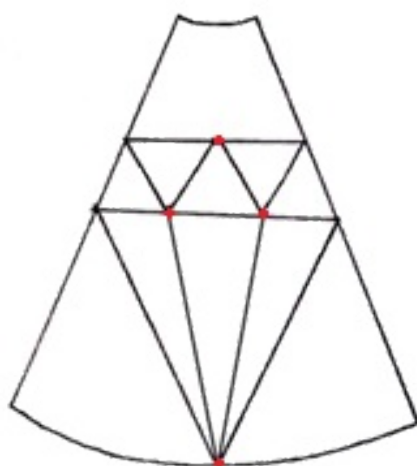


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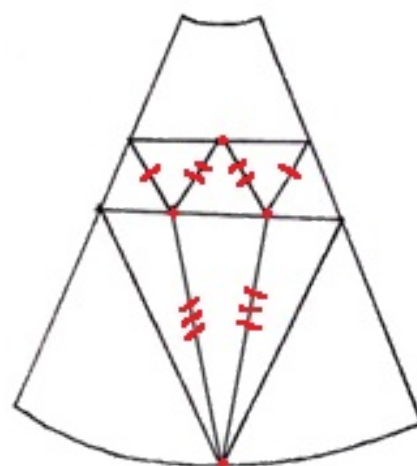


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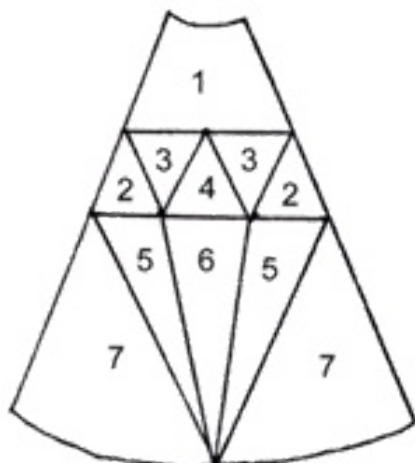


Illustration 7





Did You Know...?

Lisa Jessen

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Put What We Learned to Work This Fall!

If you weren't able to join us at this year's Washington State Square Dance Festival, you missed some great education seminars organized by Steve Sworen. We talked about something that is critical to the future of square dancing: how we attract new dancers and keep our clubs visible in today's world.

With fall new-dancer lessons right around the corner, NOW is the perfect time for a quick recap—and to put some of those ideas to work!

1. Check out Square Dance Revival.

Visit SquareDanceRevival.org and read "Clues to Club Success." It's a fabulous resource filled with ideas to help clubs modernize their publicity and recruitment strategies.

2. Get on Facebook!

Yes, I know I've said this before—but I can't stress it enough. Your club needs a Facebook PAGE—not just a Group. Keep your club visible by posting at least 1–2 times a week. Show people that your club is active and FUN! Experiment with Stories and Reels, too.

3. Create a Facebook EVENT for your lessons.

This is important! Share the EVENT, not just your flyer. Ask club members to click Interested or Going, then click Invite and personally invite their

Facebook friends. Your members' combined Facebook connections can extend your reach far beyond the people already following your club.

Then consider BOOSTING your Event. Even \$20 can help put your lessons in front of people outside the square dance community. When possible, I recommend running your promotion for about 30 days and budgeting \$50–\$100. Lessons starting next week—or even in a few days? It's NOT too late. Start now!

4. Give AI a try!

ChatGPT and other AI tools can help create or freshen up lesson flyers. Upload your existing flyer or type in your information and describe the style you want—modern, western, fun, festive, etc. See what it creates and experiment!

BUT ALWAYS PROOFREAD! AI occasionally gets a little creative with the details.

And remember, this is only the tip of the iceberg. There is so much more we can do to improve our visibility and reach potential dancers.

Need help getting started? Please reach out! I honestly would be more than happy to help.

Let's make sure our communities SEE square dancing this fall!

Fall Lessons BLAST!
Get Visible. Get Noticed.
Get New Dancers!

Now is the time to put what we've learned to work for our clubs and our future!

1. VISIT
Square Dance Revival
Great ideas and resources at SquareDanceRevival.org

2. GET ON FACEBOOK
Create a Page, post regularly and show people your club is active and FUN!

3. USE FACEBOOK EVENTS
Share the EVENT, click INTERESTED or GOING, use INVITE, and BOOST it to reach people outside our circle. Recommended: 30 days, \$50–\$100

4. TRY AI
Use tools like ChatGPT to create or refresh your flyers and promotions. BUT ALWAYS PROOFREAD!

People are looking for fun, friendship and connection. Let's help them find us!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE... START NOW!

I am available and honestly would be more than happy to help any club get started. Please reach out!



Membership & Insurance

Brooks Bennett & Jo Ann Pyle

21110 46th Ave. SE, Bothell, WA 98021-7930

206-914-4632

sfdfw.mi@gmail.com

Hope everyone had a good summer and is getting back to dancing!

For those clubs giving lessons, do not forget to send us a list of your students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers. Students are covered by our insurance while they are going through lessons. Upon graduation, the student is covered for 10 more days. At that time, the student must join a club to continue to be covered by insurance. If they do not join a club

within the 10-day period, they will no longer be covered after lessons. A new graduate joining your club would be handled the same as any person joining the club, send us their name, address, and telephone number. A club may add new members during the dance year by simply sending us the new person's name, address and their telephone number.

See you in a square,

Brooks & Jo Ann



Youth Coordinator

Noah Lancot

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Hi everyone! I hope you are doing well and had a great summer. I wanted to share our results on the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival. Both our Washington clubs did so great this year! Between our two clubs, we had 6 squares and 4 round dance couples competing down in Salem, Oregon. We won 2nd in cueing, 1st in preteen novice calling, the top 3 in novice calling, and 1st in junior calling. In rounds, we won 1st place in novice and intermediate rounds and 1st and 2nd in junior rounds. Lastly, we won 1st in the new unlimited squares category, and in junior squares, we got 3rd and 4th with some really tough competition. It was amazing to see so many young callers this year, and if you get the chance to dance to them, I highly recommend it!

I also wanted to share that we had incredible success with our youth at the State Festival in Ocean Shores with over 16 youth dancers in attendance of the almost 500 in total. I also presented the 2026 Youth Scholarship Award to this year's winner, Makhya Walls. If you're a teen dancer in good standing with a Washington State Federation recognized club and are going into or taking college courses in the upcoming year, then you too can apply for this scholarship right here in Footnotes on the next page. This festival was

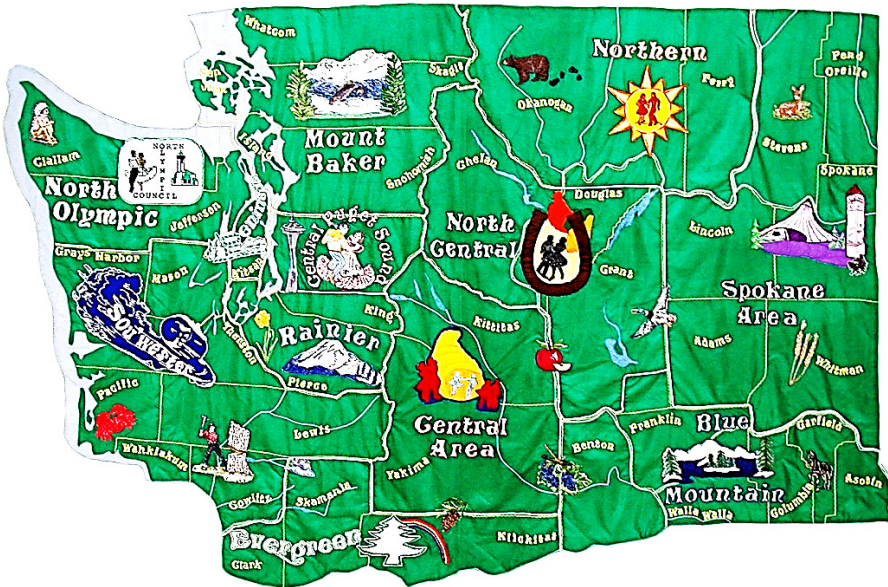
so much fun and such a great event. A huge thank you to all the amazing people that put it together; looking forward to 2027 in Everett!

As far as the future goes, the Shooting Stars begin their lessons on September 13th at the Triway Grange Hall in Mill Creek, and Jacks & Jills are starting their lessons on Sunday, September 20th at the Meridian Grange in Kent. Please spread the word and help get youth and families to our clubs so we can grow and build up the next generation of dancers!

In a more personal note, this year I became the president of Jacks & Jills, and we have a new caller, Marc Denniston! While I and everyone else in Jacks & Jills love Brett Kappenman, he made the hard decision this year to step down from our club and focus on his work and his family now that his youngest daughter has aged out of competing. We all miss him, but don't worry, he's still calling for the adult club Tahoma Twirlers in Sumner, and we won't let him get away that easily. Jacks & Jills has a "passing the torch" dance on September 13th, and we'd love for everyone to come and support us. Thank you all for reading, and I'll see you on the dance floor!

On January 15, 2000, the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc. voted to award an annual Youth Scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded at the Washington State Square and Folk Dance Festival in June of each year. Monies are paid directly to the winner's college or trade school.



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

Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc.

Youth Scholarship Fund



**Supporting our Leaders
Of Tomorrow!**

Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc.

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

Eligibility Requirements

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

Application Procedures

The following items are required:

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

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30th

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

Mail to: **Noah Lanctot**
6530 21st ST NE
Tacoma, WA 98422
253-686-2133
Email: noah.lanctot@gmail.com

Youth Scholarship Application

Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

High School: _____ City: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Email: _____

College or Trade School you will be attending:

Name: _____

City & State: _____

Area of study or major: _____

Club Affiliation(s): _____

Council: _____ Number of years danced: _____

➤ Only completed applications forms, including a letter of nomination, essay and personal description will be considered.

➤ All material must be received by April 30th.



Blue Mountain Council



BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL DANCE SCHEDULE



SUNDAY

MUDDY FROGS: Mainstream & Rounds

3rd Sunday Year Around

Guest Callers & Cuers

Milton-Freewater Community Center,

109 NW 5th Milton-Freewater, OR

Contract: Kim Munk 509-520-0576 or

luckymunk50@yahoo.com

TUESDAY

MELODY MIXERS: Rounds Ph 2-4

September thru May 6:00-8:30 Limited summer schedule

Cuer: Georgia Ruebsamen

Shuffler Shanty 717 N Irving Kennewick, WA

Please contact Georgia 509-586-9081 or leave msg

ruebsamen@charter.net

THURSDAY

TRI-CITY CIRCULATORS Plus and Rounds

Every week, year around

Eagles Lodge #2485 115 Fruitland St, Kennewick, WA

Caller: Dave Boggs, Cuer Sharon Boggs 509-398-5444 or

grizzlyboggs@AOL.com

FRIDAY

PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

1st & 3rd Fridays

Guest Callers and Cuers

Shuffler Shanty 717 N Irving Kennewick, WA

Contact Debbie Greene 509-753-1149 (land line)

Debbie487@gmail.com



Central Area Council

Area Reporter

Kay Mahan

mahanrk@aol.com

Moxee Dance & Event Center manned a booth at the Moxee Hop Festival weekend event August 6/7/8, distributing information about upcoming events & lessons in our facility. Follow our FB page at Moxee Dance & Event Center.

Gateswingers will be hosting a Community Dance (no experience necessary) on September 19th. And will begin our dance season on October 3rd. Guest callers & cuers are scheduled throughout the year. Watch for more schedule info in the near future. Follow us on Facebook at Yakima Gateswingers

mainstream lessons begin on Monday, October 5th with Paul Gonseth teacher/caller.

Silhouette Dancers begin Two-Step lessons on Thursday October 8th from 6 to 7 pm. Georgia Ruebsamen is the teacher/cuer for lessons & dances.

Happy Dancing,

Kay Mahan, President.CAC



Central Area Council



Gateswingers of Yakima
207 E Charron Rd Moxee WA
1st & 3rd Sat. Sept & Oct
2nd & 4th Sat. Nov-May
More info 509-949-6712

Silhouette Dancers
Thursdays 6-8 pm
Call to verify 509-949-6712

Blue Agates
Traveling Club



Evergreen Council

Area Reporter

Chris Poole 562-712-7415

cpoole@ellisontechnologies.com

September means school and classes will be starting up. So it is with the **Columbia River Dancers**. We will be starting new classes of students on Sunday, September 13th. Our mainstream to plus class will be from 5 to 6 pm and our new students will start their basic training from 6 to 7:30 pm. With many calls being changed around it seems that it is important to get acquainted with the new moves. Our summer program has given some of us a little head start, as Daryl Clendenin has been teaching them to us. It is still a little confusing to me when he calls a three quarter-thru, quarter-thru, swing-thru sequence. But the challenge is there so get ready for a great fall start. We have been averaging four to five squares on any given Sunday.

The club had an outing to the Old Grist Mill in Woodland on August 22nd where we danced on the covered bridge roadway with Daryl calling. Some of us brought food and had our lunch there. This is a shout-out for the Mill. If you have a free weekend it is a great place to come and watch the volunteers work

the grind wheel and explain the history of the mill.

We will be having our only September dance on the 18th, as the first Friday is the start of the Labor Day weekend. Daryl Clendenin will be calling and Renee Rudd will be cueing and harmonizing, as much

she is able (she fell and broke her femur a while back).

Just a reminder, September can be hot. As our Grange does not have air conditioning, our guide is if the temperature is predicted to be above 85 degrees at 5 pm we will not be dancing. You can get on our email list and see when and where dances are happening, not just with us but with the local clubs in our area. Come to our dance and give Mary your email address. See you in a square.

Nick Johnson

The **Happy Hoppers** of Vancouver, WA, have been dark June through August. Washington Grange #82

will be ready for us to get back to dancing. The club will host its first September dance on Saturday, September 5th. Craig Abercrombie will be the caller and cuer for our plus dance with rounds. Please plan on joining us, 7:00-9:30 pm. Air conditioning will be on... a great time is sure to take place!

Although our club was dark, many members were able to visit other clubs and attend some fun festivals. They have been eager to share their experiences with all of us. We thank everyone who kept dancing and appreciate their commitment of sharing the Happy Hoppers dancing spirit.

The club's annual picnic was Sunday, August 2nd, 2026. The club provided hamburgers and hot dogs while members provided salad, dessert or side dish. The food was fabulous, weather was perfect, venue was spot-on and being together as a club (family) was wonderful. A big thank you to all for making this such a special event.

Happy Hoppers will begin square dance lessons on Monday, September 14th. Plus lessons are 6:30-7:30 pm. New dancers will dance from 7:30-9:00 pm. Lessons are also held at WA Grange #82 in Vancouver, WA.

September 19th will be our Happy Hoppers Mainstream with some Plus dance and Rounds. Craig Abercrombie will help us kick up our heels while calling and cueing. We invite you to join us on first and third Saturdays and look forward to seeing many of you ... we love visitors! Our website: happy-hoppers.com. See you dancing...

Denise and Roz Buddenberg

R Square D had a great summer! We had good attendance at the "Hot

Wednesday Nite!" dances, which were casual and filled with lots of great music. Club members enjoyed



HAPPY HOPPERS

1st & 3rd Saturday (September - May)
7:00 - 9:30 PM

1st Saturday - Plus Dance w/Rounds
3rd Saturday - Mainstream Dance
with Plus & Rounds

CRAIG ABERCROMBIE, CALLER & CUER

Washington Grange #82
7701 NE Ward Rd, Vancouver, WA

Info: 360.573.1488 or 308.340.3972

www.happy-hoppers.com

COLUMBIA RIVER DANCERS

1st & 3rd Friday (September - June)

Manor Grange
Battle Ground, WA

7:00-7:30 Plus; 7:30-9:30 Mainstream

Lessons Every Sunday 5-7:30 PM

DARYL CLENDENIN, CALLER
RENEE RUDD, CUER

Info: 360.606.8849 (Dale)

R SQUARE D

Craig Abercrombie, Caller

2nd Friday & 4th Sat (Sept-May)
2nd & 4th Wed (June-Aug)

Plus & Intermediate Rounds 7:00-8:00
Mainstream & Rounds 8:00-9:30

Catlin Center (AKA Kelso Sr Center)
106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA

360.261.9427 (Lisa Jessen)

www.r-square-d.info

FB: R Square D Square and Round Dance Club

a July picnic that was held at the Mayfield Lake home of one of our members. Many of our members also attended the Washington State Festival in Ocean Shores.

Lessons will begin on September 2nd at Catlin Center. Plus lessons at 6:30 pm and Beginning lessons at 7:30 pm. These classes will use the new format adopted by CALLERLAB for the plus and mainstream programs.

September 11th is “Red, White & Blue Dance” with Craig Abercrombie calling and cueing. Our annual “Neil Diamond Tribute” dance is September 26th. Craig will also call and cue that night. It promises to be a fun dance!

Chris Poole



EVERGREEN COUNCIL CLUBS



Columbia River Dancers

1st & 3rd Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm (dark in July & Aug)
Plus 7:00 – 7:30; Mainstream & Rounds 7:30 – 9:30
Manor Grange
17901 NE 72nd Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604
Caller: Daryl Clendenin
Cuer: Renee Ruud
Contact: Dale Smith 360.606.8849
Web Site: <http://columbiariverdancers.weebly.com/>

Happy Hoppers

1st & 3rd Saturday 7:00 – 9:30 pm (dark in June, July & Aug)
1st Saturday: Plus Dance with Rounds
3rd Saturday: Mainstream w/Plus & Rounds
Washington Grange #82
7701 NE Ward Road, Vancouver, WA
Caller & Cuer: Craig Abercrombie
Contact: 308.340.3972 or 360.573.1488
Web Site: <https://happy-hoppers.com/>

R Square D

2nd Friday & 4th Saturday (September – May)
2nd & 4th Wednesday (June – August)
Mainstream & Rounds with Plus every 3rd tip 7:00 – 9:30 pm
Catlin Center (AKA Kelso Senior Center)
106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA 98626
Caller: Craig Abercrombie
Cuer: Susan Healea & Guests
Contact: Lisa Jessen 360.261.9427
Web Site: <https://r-square-d.info/>

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Mount Baker Council

Area Reporter

Sammi Fredenburg

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Coming Soon: Broadway Promenade!

The 74th Washington State Festival, July 30-31, 2027 in Everett.

We are so excited to have Mike Hogan and Mike Seastrom as the featured callers, Michelle Hill as featured clogging instructor, and Randy and Marie Preskitt as featured cuers. Colors are aqua and silver with black and white accents. Check out the fabulous shirts, skirts, tote bags, cups, ties, and tie slides on the merchandise page on the website: <https://www.2027sdfestival.org/>. You could go there now,

sign up for email updates, and register! Did you know there is a Facebook page for the WA state festival? <https://www.facebook.com/WASdfestival>. It has 1.3K followers...are you one of them? We will be posting news and updates. We will let you know about floors, educational opportunities, what's for dinner, where badge dances are. If you have any questions or concerns, you could use the Contact Us button on the website. See you on Broadway!

Co-Chairs: Dave and Bonnie Harris, Penny Curtis





Council Information Council President

JoAnn Pyle

206 914-2253

Council Meeting

1st Wednesday September thru June

Marysville School Service Center - Board Room

220 80th St. NE. Marysville, WA 98270

Council Website <https://www.sqdance.org>

See Council Website for hall addresses

A BLAST / Plus/A1-A2 / 31st Saturdays (Check Council Website)- 1:00 PM-3:30 PM Tri-Way Grange, Mill Creek	Guest Callers	206 369-7131
CASCADE CROSSFIRES / Plus / Mondays - 7:00-9:00 PM Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood	Stephen Cole	425 435-8253
DANCING SHADOWS / Rounds / Phases 3, 4, 5 / 1st & 3rd Sundays - 7:00-9:30 PM Juanita Community Club, Kirkland	Randy Preskitt/Rochelle Catt	206 339-8065
DUDES AND DOLLS / Mainstream / 2nd, 4 th , 5th Fridays - 7:00-10:00 PM Cedar Valley Grange #306, Lynnwood	Scott Coon/Shawn Cavness/Lisa Weiser Lines	425 359-3234
FERN BLUFF SQUARES / Mainstream / Family, 2nd Saturday - 7:00-10:30 PM South Lake Stevens Grange, Lake Stevens	Robert Sax/Bob Berka	425 876-6854
FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS / Plus / 2nd Saturday – 1:30-4:00 PM Skagit Valley Grange, Sedro-Woolley	Steve Noseck/Bob Berka	360 682-5348
FREEWHEELERS / Mainstream 1st Sundays /Plus 3rd Sundays 6:30-9:00 PM Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood	Spyder Webb & Guests/ Randy Preskitt	206 367-9219
HAPPY HOPPERS / Mainstream / 2nd & 4th Sundays 6:00– 8:30 PM Carl Gibson Center, Everett	Guest Callers/Guest Cuers	425 308-3950
HAPPY ROUNDERS / Rounds / Phase 3 & 4, Tuesday - 7:30-9:30 PM The Hayloft, Lynnwood	Randy Preskitt	206 883-6965
MT BAKER TEACHERS, CALLERS & CUERS ASSOCIATION stephen@isquaredance.com	Information: Steven Cole	206 769-4959
RAINBOW SQUARES / Mainstream / 2nd or 4th Saturday - 7:00-9:30 PM Ten Mile Grange, Lynden	Brent Mawdsley/Brent & Therese Mawdsley	425 501-3185
SAMENA SQUARES / Mainstream / 2nd & 4th Friday - 7:30-10:00 PM Juanita Community Club, Kirkland	Guest Callers/Karen Neverdowski Lisa Weiser Lines	425 205-8709
SHOOTING STARS YOUTH / Youth/Sundays 3:30-6:00 PM Tri-way Grange, Mill Creek	Rob Sax	206 790-4420
SKAGIT SQUARES / Mainstream / 3rd Saturday - 7:30-10:00 PM Mount Vernon Senior Center, Mount Vernon	Gunter Monroe/Bob Berka	240 344-6329
SKY VALLEY WHIRLWINDS / Mainstream/ 4th Saturday – 7:30-10:00 PM Tri-way Grange, Mill Creek	Guest Callers/Shawn Cavness/ Lisa Weiser Lines	206 310-5627
SQUARE CROWS / Mainstream / 3rd Friday - 7:30-10:00 PM Maltby Community Center, Maltby	Guest Callers/Karen Neverdowski	206 914-2253
WHIRLYBIRDS / Mainstream / 1st Friday (Floor Level) & 3rd Saturday - 7:30-10:30 PM The Hayloft, Lynnwood	Dave Harry/Alyshia Main	206 799-5424

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NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL

North Central Council

Area Reporter

Jackie Chase

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Appleland Promenaders: Happy Fall Y'all! This summer has flown by! Our first dance of the season is on Saturday, October 10th with Daron Tandberg. He will be calling Plus at 7pm and Mainstream from 7:30 - 9:30. We will be dancing at the East Wenatchee Grange Hall. Please join us as we kick off our FALL Schedule! Our Caller and Teacher is recovering from a medical procedure and may not be available until after our Anniversary dance in October. Speaking of our Anniversary Dance, this year marks our 78th year as a club! We are honored to have Ray Brenzy calling for us and Nicholas and Caitlyn cueing for us! Please join us on Saturday, October 24th at 7:00 for plus and 7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Lori Dewitz

4X8s hope you all had a fun time this summer. We have been dancing. We had a dance each month which kept our new dancers dancing. We did a demo at a retirement center and danced at the Mose Lake Park on a stage. There was a good crowd watching. Our first dance of the season will be September 19th with Scott Coon calling. form 7 pm to 9:30 pm.

Starting lessons September 21 from 6 pm to 8 pm, Rounds from 8pm to 9pm. Hope to see you for our dance season.

Jackie Chase

Cascade Twirlers will not be dancing in September. Hopefully we will have something for October.

Sandy Briggs



The Clubs of North Central Council



Appleland Promenaders – Mainstream
<https://applelandpromenaders.weebly.com/>

1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday
East Wenatchee Grange •
3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee
Info: Bob & Connie Mulholland - 509-881-4961
or sgdnrc@nwi.net

Cascade Twirlers – Mainstream
3rd Saturday only
East Wenatchee Grange • 3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee
Info: Randy & Sheila Ogle - 509-663-2395

Moses Lake 4X8s – Mainstream

1st & 3rd Saturday
Moses Lake Senior Center
608 E. 3rd Ave., Moses Lake
Info: Jackie Chase - 509-764-4254
or deljackiechase@nctv.com

Plus Bunch – Plus Level

Every Wednesday
East Wenatchee Grange • 3400 Sunset Hwy., East Wenatchee
Info: Tom & Chris Clymer - 509-293-3516
or Tom.Clymer@charter.net

**ALL CLUBS DANCE SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY
WITH SOME SUMMER DANCES.**



North Olympic Council

The **Rhody O's** are switching their weekly meeting to Thursdays starting August 27th. We are holding a community dance, no experience necessary, on August 27th, and our Mainstream lessons start on September 10th with an ice cream social.

The **4Plus4s** continue to meet in Gardiner the second and third Tuesdays, dancing Advanced and Plus with Gunter Monroe.

Liz Moller

North Olympic Council Clubs



4 Plus 4's

Family/Plus/Rounds
2nd & 3rd Tuesday / All year
Gardiner Community Center, Gardiner

Rhody O's

Family/Mainstream/Rounds
Gardiner Community Center, Gardiner

Strait Wheelers

Mainstream/Rounds/Adult
Sunday / All year
Shipley Center Shipley, Sequim





Peninsula Council

Area Reporter

Sheila Blackburn

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As we begin the 2026–2027 dance year, the **Peninsula Council** has adopted two areas of focus: Hospitality and Unity. These themes reflect our commitment to making square and round dancing a welcoming, connected, and thriving community for everyone.

Hospitality – Making Everyone Feel Welcome

Our goal is to create a warm and inclusive environment where every dancer, guest, and visitor feels valued, respected, and encouraged to participate. We will focus on:

Greeting and supporting new dancers and visitors at our events.

Creating a friendly atmosphere that encourages participation, friendship, and returning members.

Unity – Stronger Clubs, Stronger Together

Our goal is to strengthen relationships among our member clubs through collaboration, open communication, and shared support for the growth of square and round dancing. We will focus on:

Encouraging clubs to work together on events, programs, and community outreach.

Building a culture of mutual respect, cooperation, and shared success throughout the Council.

Together, Hospitality and Unity remind us that every dancer has a place and every club has a valuable role in our dance community. By welcoming others and

working together, we can make the 2026–2027 dance year one of friendship, connection, and growth.

Kirsten Yunuba

Peninsula Council President

The **Gig Harbor Twirlers** hosted their annual “Greg & Andy Show featuring Sue Weber” August 6–9, 2026, and what a weekend it was! The fun kicked off Thursday night with a lively Plus dance and kept twirling through Sunday morning with dancing, workshops, laughter, and plenty of time to catch up with friends.

Of course, callers Greg Weber and Andy Garboden brought their signature blend of great dancing and good-natured fun. The weekend featured their infamous “Flickin’ Chicken” and Bingo games, keeping everyone laughing and on their toes!

One of the weekend’s highlights was the Rumba and Line Dance Combo. While round dancers, cued by Sue Weber gracefully made their way around the circle, the line dancers filled the center of the floor with their own moves. Two styles, one dance floor, and a whole lot of fun.

Our dancers were warmly welcomed by the Gig Harbor Twirlers, who went above and beyond to make the weekend special. There were delicious homemade treats, including strawberry shortcake and root beer floats, plus plenty of hospitality to keep



everyone fueled for more dancing.

And the best news of all? Greg & Andy will be back for Memorial Day Weekend 2027! Mark your calendars now—you won't want to miss the next round of fun!

Our hall property offers 55 campsites with water and electricity, ready for campers and motorhomes of just about any size. There's also plenty of room for tents and dry camping.

Several times a year, we host special dancing and camping weekends.

Upcoming events:

September 4-6, 2026 Labor Day Weekend with caller Scott Coon and cuer Marie Wood and September 25-26, 2026 "The Good, Bad and Ugly III" weekend featuring callers Brett Kappenman, Gunter Monroe and cuer Rikki Lobado.

Connect with us at kitsapsquaredance.com or kitsapsquaredance@gmail.com.

*Stacia Pew
Gig Harbor Twirlers Member*

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

DUDES AND DOLLS

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

Plus Dancing – 1-3PM

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

Caller: Roger Spiese

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

GIG HARBOR TWIRLERS

1st Saturday each month except

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

7:30-8PM Plus – 8-10PM Mainstream

Lessons, Student Level Dance, Mainstream & Rounds

Caller: Steve Mazel, Cuer Dan Saikkonen

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

More info call: 360-692-3723

ROUND SQUARES

4th Saturday, 3rd Saturday December only

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

Caller: Gunter Monroe

Guest Cuers

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

Caravans-Mystery Trips-Camping \$15.00 per Night

More info call: 360-307-8460

SWEETHEART ROUNDS

Lessons Thursdays 7:00-9:00 PM

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

Cuer- Shawn Cavness

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

SQUARE STEPPERS

2nd Saturday each month

Plus Dancing – 7:30 - 10PM

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

CALLER: Spike Reed - No Rounds

Caravans/Mystery Trips/Camping

More info call: 360-377-9494

KITSAP SQUARE DANCE CENTER

Gorst (Bremerton)

RV Camping: \$15.00 per Night

For Square Dancers

Water & Electric Available

Come Dance the Gig Harbor Twirlers, ,

Paws & Taws, Dudes & Dolls Plus,

Rounds Squares & Square Steppers Plus

PAW AND TAWS

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

3rd Saturday only in July & August

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

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

Kitsap Square Dance Center, Gorst

Caravans-Mystery Trips-All Dancers Welcome

More info call: 360-930-5277





Rainier Council

Area Reporter

Clare Murphy

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Rainier Council serves the Pierce County and South King County areas of Puget Sound.

Welcome to the 2026-2027 season for Square Dancing!

I hope everyone had a great summer, I got to dance with many folks in the sand at the Ocean Shores State Festival. Sun broke through the clouds, lots of huge kites sailing in the sky, and the view was great. (It was great fun, but I don't recommend sand as a regular dance floor, however. Wood floors are much better.

Calendar reminder: State Fair demo dance on September 19, 2026 at 12:30pm at the Showcase stage of the Puyallup Fairgrounds. See you there!

Be sure to read the clubs' articles here. There a number of changes including venues, and Callers/Cuers for this season. And thanks to clubs for writing these monthly articles to help keep us all up-to-date.

This season brings the (new) mainstream and plus call lists into regular use. I know that many dancers have spent spring and summer working with callers to get ready for those new moves that shifted into our regular levels. This Fall might be a good time to be "Angels" and continue to go over the new moves in lessons to ingrain them even better. Callers have done a good job of introducing the calls. But if you are someone who wishes to read a list, areadable (or printable) list of calls can be found under "Dance Programs" in Callerlab: <https://callerlab.org/dance-programs/> For more information about this shift of moves, I suggest re-reading Andy Garboden's monthly reports "Andy's Asides" in Footnotes last Fall and this spring, usually on page 6. Past edition Footnotes can now be found on the State website: <https://wasdf.org/footnotes/>.

Speaking of Andy Garboden, he was the recipient of the Parker Award this year, as announced at the state festival! <https://wasdf.org/awards/> This award goes to a caller who has been inspirational in teaching and promoting square dance. That does sound like Andy, one of my favorite teachers. Congratulations, Andy!

MacGregor Award is a state-wide award given annually to recognize a person or couple who has done an outstanding job of helping promote square dancing and has done this work in many phases of our hobby. It is to honor the time and effort they have devoted to keeping our hobby vital. I was pleased to

hear that this year the award was given to someone whom we know has definitely qualified for recognition – our own Marsha Sullivan! While I don't know all the jobs she has filled over the years, I do know she has been treasurer at club, council and state levels, and has been involved with Footnotes for years. She worked with many club leaders to understand & process various financial legal requirement tasks. And she has personally recruited many people to join our square dance community. She has also worked with state festivals planning committees for many years, including now heading up the planning committee for 2028 festival. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us all, Marsha!

See you all at a dance soon!

Clare Murphy, Rainier area reporter
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A & C Regroup is focused on the Advanced and Challenge programs and we dance one Saturday a month in Tacoma, WA.

The **Bonney Lads-'n' Lassies** host mainstream dances on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. The second Saturday is at the Pacific Community Center (305 Milwaukee Blvd S, Pacific) and the 4th Saturday of the month at Collins Grange, 3404 120th Street East, Tacoma, WA. Greg Weber is our caller, and Sue Weber is our cuer.

Fall is approaching which means cooler temperatures and foliage color change. The Bonney Lads-'n' Lassies will return to the upcoming Square Dance season with plus lessons at Collins Grange (3404 120th St E, Tacoma) starting on September 13th. Lessons will be from 4:00 - 6:00 pm every Sunday. The cost will be \$6 for all attendees. Due to floor refinishing project at PCC there will not be a hosted dance on the second Saturday in September or October.

Mike Simon, club reporter
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Fun Day Dancers is a caller run club with two dance locations dancing from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The first hour is plus level and the second hour is mainstream level. All are welcome to attend one or both sessions. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Riverside Valley Grange, 4629 70th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424. and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Lac-A-Do Hall, 1721 46th Avenue NE, in Olympia.

Welcome to another great year of daytime dancing!

The Fun Day Dancers are happy to announce a “new” dance location. We will be meeting on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month, beginning in September, at the Riverside Valley Grange in Fife. We dance the “new” plus program from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Then we dance the “old” mainstream from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm until such time that newer mainstream dancers begin attending our dances.



1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 Sumner VFW Hall, 1705 Willow St, Sumner, WA
 11:00 am - 12:00 noon = Plus
 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm = Mainstream
 \$6.00 per dancer
 253-973-7668 • dosadogreg@comcast.net
 Greg Weber, Caller



The FDD group that dances on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at Lac-A-Do Hall in Olympia will follow the same time and dance level schedule. Come join us for refreshingly odd dancing that is oddly refreshing. Thanks for your support of daytime square dancing at either or both of our dance venues.

Greg Weber, club reporter
dosadogreg@comcast.net

Jacks and Jills is a youth-oriented club that dances most Sundays at the Meridian Grange 15422 SE 272nd St Kent, WA 98042.

The Jacks & Jills are back this September starting the season off with a mainstream dance for all ages, young and old, on the 13th starting at 7:00 pm with pre-rounds at 6:30 pm at Meridian Grange. Please check Wheresthedance.com or our Facebook page for more info, we hope to see many of you there!

In other news, we officially have our new caller, Marc Denniston. And we are excited to start mainstream lessons for youth and their families on September 20th from 6:00-7:30 pm as well as plus lessons for Jacks & Jills members from 7:30-9:00 pm. September 20th is our freebie night to come try out square dance and then it will be \$6 a lesson for both mainstream and plus.

Noah Lanctot, club reporter
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Jet Steppers is a mainstream club, that dances Meridian Grange 15422 SE 272nd St Kent, WA 98042. The club regularly dances on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Like many clubs in the Rainier Council, the Jet Steppers are thankful to many in our recent past. Last spring, we said so long but not good-bye to our caller, Leo Catt and our cuer Rochelle Catt. We wish them the best with their other clubs that are closer to home and in all of their new endeavors. We also welcomed DC Cronyn as our new caller and Katie Marteny as our new cuer! How blessed we are to have both DC's vibrance and experience along with Katie's youth and energy! Our last dance, in June, included all four of these fabulous folks who have supported us and each other for some time now!

Now, looking to the future! We look forward to starting lessons on Monday, August 31 at 7:00 pm. We graduated some dancers and gained some new members last year, and we are looking to continue that success. Our first dance will be on September 18 with workshop at 7:00 p.m. and mainstream and rounds starting at 7:30 pm. We're celebrating summer turning to fall with a theme of “Around the Campfire.” Hope to see you there.

The Jet Steppers wish all of our Rainier Council clubs and friends a great new season of rounds and squares!

Colleen Herzog, club reporter
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Maple Valley Plus is a caller run plus level club that dances at Meridian Grange 15422 SE 272nd St Kent, WA 98042. The club regularly dances on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

Maple Valley Plus is back after a summer break while the Meridian Grange was being renovated—and we can't wait to see the new space! Join us for our first dance of the season on Friday, September 11th. Andy kicks things off with a plus workshop from 7:00 to 7:30 pm, followed by plus dancing until 9:00 pm. Casual attire, \$10 at the door, and bottled water provided. See you on the dance floor!

If you have ever danced at the plus level and want to get back to it, this is the club for you! If you want to learn plus, we encourage you to take lessons with Roamin Tacomans with Andy Garboden and Greg Weber teaching.

Hope to see you on the dance floor soon!

Tricia Garboden, club reporter
sdcallerandy@gmail.com

Pi-R Squares is a Mainstream club, that dances at the Meridian Grange 15422 SE 272nd St, Kent, WA 98042. The club regularly dances on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. September thru May.

It's hard to believe the summer break is over already. There have been many opportunities to dance throughout the Summer. While this reporter did not have a chance to attend any of the Thursday Night Lights due to a full summer of camping and other trips. I hope many of you were able to have fun at these dances to an array of many different callers over the summer.

The Washington State Square Dance Festival was enjoyed in Ocean Shores by several members of our club. The festival was well done, thanks to all those who worked so hard to plan and organize it. During the Awards dinner and Presentations our own caller and wife team of Andy and Tricia Garboden were presented with the Parker Award. The award gives them recognition for their inspiring work in square dancing and to promote our hobby. Congratulations Andy and Tricia!! The award is well deserved!!

The PI-R's annual campout this year was at the Greg and Andy Show August 7th thru the 9th at the KSDC facility in Gorst. This weekend of dancing was sponsored by the Gig Harbor Twirlers. Thanks Twirlers for a great weekend of mainstream, line and hex dancing! Friday nights bingo game hosted by Andy and Tricia Garboden was a blast. Saturday afternoon the PI-R's held their annual Corn Hole and Ladder Ball games. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to our game champions. Ric Leir and Craig Brown won the Ladder Ball trophies and Andy Garboden and Ric Leir won the Corn Hole trophies. The Sunday morning Gospel Hour dance was a favorite. As with any campout we had some wonderful potlucks. You never go away hungry at a square dance weekend.

We look forward to the new season. Our lessons start on September 1st in conjunction with the Wagon Wheels. Lessons are 7 to 9 pm on Tuesday evenings. Hope to see many of you there and on the dance floor this coming year.

Dave Graves, club president and reporter
Dgraves75@msn.com

The **Roamin' Tacomans**, a Plus club, dances on the first Saturday of the month at the Riverside Valley Grange, 4629 70th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424. Club callers are Greg Weber & Andy Garboden. Club cuers are Sue Weber & Carolyn Tagles. Lessons are also held at the Riverside Valley Grange on Wednesdays from 7-9 pm, dark on the third Wednesday of each month.

Roamin' Tacomans celebrated the end of the 2025-26
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dance season with a big, end-of-summer picnic and dance on August 1 at Orting Station. This has been a popular event in the past and it was again this year.

We will be moving our regular first Saturday dances and lessons to the Riverside Valley Grange, 4629 70th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424. Note that the entrance to the parking lot is on 48th St E.

Roamin' Tacomans will be holding plus lessons on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning on September 23 at the Riverside Valley Grange. Lessons will be dark on the third Wednesday of each month for grange meetings. This is a great time for all of you experienced

mainstream dancers to take plus lessons. With the changes to the mainstream and plus lists by CallerLab, and a number of calls previously in mainstream moving to the plus list, you have a head start on the program! There are, of course, a few calls from the old plus list that have moved to mainstream, but Greg & Andy will be teaching those as well. Roamin' Tacomans will be dark on September 5 for the Labor Day weekend. Our next regular first Saturday dance will be October 3 at the Riverside Valley Grange in Fife.

As always, check Where's the Dance before heading to any dance. As soon as I am aware of any changes, I will update Where's the Dance & will post updated info on both Roamin' Tacomans & Rainier Council Facebook pages.

Peggy DeLise, club reporter
pldelise@mac.com

Rondé Vu Rounds, a round dance club, with teachers Carolyn Tagles and Everett Colglazier, will be dancing at Riverside Valley Grange on Monday nights again this year. It is located at 4629 70th Avenue East in Fife WA. We will meet on Monday, September 14th and set up our plan. We will not be able to dance the 3rd Monday in September, the 21st. The hall is already rented for that slot. I'm a retired teacher and studied curriculum development. I will be setting up lessons in units. We will discuss our first unit on the 14th. At 6:30 pm beginners will dance Boogie Shoes. That covers all of Two Step Phase 1. At about 8:00 pm we will change to accommodate experienced dancers. We will dance to a mixture of rhythms and levels to see what dancers want to do. Some may want to review what they already know. Some may want to continue Phase 2 and 3 Two Step. Some may want to learn other rhythms. Some may just want to learn it all. Our first unit will culminate with a

Roamin' Tacomans



callers: Greg Weber & Andy Garboden
cuers: Sue Weber & Carolyn Tagles

We dance the first Saturday at the
Riverside Valley Grange,
4629 70th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424

All Plus with rounds between tips
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Adults \$10, 17 & under \$7

Harvest Dance on October 30th. Costumes are optional. Songs will include figures in a sequential pattern. You will always review what you have learned, then take the next step. Join the fun and make it your dance. Contact Carolyn Tagles at tagles3@comcast.net or (253)278-8272 for more information.

Carolyn Tagles, club reporter
tagles3@comcast.net

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

Tahoma Twirlers have had a great summer!! We welcomed 15+ members from Spinners into our fold. We all got together for a club picnic and had a great time!

Thursday Nite Lites season 12 was a great success. We had 13 different callers and almost as many different cuers. We appreciate all the dancers who came out to dance and support our summer program. We are already planning season 13. We have contracted with some great callers for next year.

This coming dance year we will be dancing on both the first Friday of the month and the third Saturday of the month. Our format will be mainstream with rounds from 7:00-9:00 pm with plus from 9:00-9:30 pm. Friday's caller and cuer will be Greg and Sue Weber and Saturdays will be Brett Kappenman and Marie Wood. Due to hall availability there will NOT be a Friday dance on September 4th or November 6th.

We are having mainstream lessons on Thursdays starting September 10. They will be held at Sumner VFW from 7:00 - 900 pm. Our students will be mainstream dancers by Christmas.

First dance of the fall season is September 19. Brett and Marie are caller and cuer. We hope to see all of you then. As always for the most updated information check Where's The Dance.

We hope everyone had a good summer and looking forward to an exciting new dance year!!

Chyrrl Coscorrosa, club reporter
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Wagon Wheels is a Mainstream club, that dances at Meridian Grange, 15422 SE 272nd St, Kent, WA, Kent, WA. The club regularly dances on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

Wagon Wheels members are looking forward to starting the new 2026 – 2027 dance year with a new caller and new cuer. Regrettably, we had to say goodbye to our previous caller Mike Olson and cuer Charles & Katie Morehead. A big thank you to both Mike and Charles for several years of dancing to their wonderful calling and cueing.

Our new caller is DC Cronyn and new cuer is Joe Scarletella. Our members will be looking forward to dancing and getting to know them over the course of the new dance year.

Lessons co-sponsored by Wagon Wheels and Pi-R Squares start on September 1st and will continue until December 8th at the Meridian Grange with Andy Garboden calling.

Wagon Wheels will be the first Rainier Club to hold a "Big Dance" in our new dance season at Meridian Grange. It will be held on September 19th with our annual "Back to School" theme.

It was a fun summer of dancing with various callers at Thursday Nite Lites in Sumner over the 14-week period. There were also fun weekend dances and campouts throughout the state over the summer to enjoy!

Dancers had a wonderful time enjoying the state festival at Ocean Shores with over 500 dancers! Congratulations to the recipients of the various awards held at the elegant banquet on July 18th: Andy & Tricia Garboden - Parker Award; Dan & Linda Bailey - McNutt Award; Marsha Sullivan - MacGregor Award; Marlene Fowler - President's Award; and Makhya Walls - Teen Scholarship.

Our Meridian Grange hall went through a total renovation during the summer months. Come and dance with Wagon Wheels, Pi-R Squares, Jet Steppers, and Jacks & Jills and see our "new" hall!

Donna Rohde, club reporter
donnaloul3@comcast.net

Art Smart was born at home on February 18, 1921, in the town of Foster, Washington (now known as Tukwila). He was one of 9 children.

He attended schools in the Foster area and later moved to North Seattle, where he graduated from Lincoln High School.

After graduation, he joined the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps), established in 1933 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression.

He was a truck driver for many years with Consolidated Freightways in Seattle, where he met his wife, Viette, who worked in the office for Consolidated.

Art and Viette were married for 61 years until she passed in 2009. They had one son and two daughters, along with many grandchildren.

Art has square danced for over 60 years, including most of those years with Viette, and another 16 years when he joined Wagon Wheels in 2010 when he was 89 years old.

Art and Viette were also snowbirds, enjoying square and round dancing in Arizona for 10 years.

Art was blessed to have Patricia Root in his life for the past 5 years and was very fortunate to be able to live in his own home until he passed away on July 3, 2026, at the age of 105.

Art will be forever missed by his square dance family!

*Donna Rohde with Patricia Root
Wagon Wheel Squares*





Rainier Council Clubs

website: <https://www.squaredance-rainier.org>
(check Calendar link for latest info)

Monday Every	Rondé Vu Rounds (Rounds) Cuers: Carolyn Tagles & Everett Colglazier	Riverside Valley Grange, (Fife, WA) 6:30 - 9:30 pm Phase 2 thru 4 club contact: (253) 278-8272
Tuesday 1st & 3rd	Fun Day Dancers (Plus/MS) Caller: Greg Weber	Riverside Valley Grange, (Fife, WA) 11:00 am -12:00 pm Plus 12:00 -1:00 pm MS club contact: 253-973-7668
Friday 1st	Tahoma Twirlers (MS) Caller: Greg Weber Cuer: Sue Weber	Sumner Valley VFW Hall (Sumner, WA) 7:00 - 9:00 pm MS/Rounds 9:00 - 9:30 pm Plus club contact: (209) 305-5763
2nd & 4th	Maple Valley Plus (Plus) Caller: Andy Garboden	Meridian Grange (Kent, WA) 7:00 - 9:00 pm Plus club contact: (206) 349-3426
3rd	Jet Steppers (MS) Caller: DC Cronyn Cuer: Katie Marteny	Meridian Grange (Kent, WA) 3rd Fri - 7:00 pm Square Dance W/S 7:30 - 9:30 pm MS, Rounds club contact: (425) 392-3863
Saturday 1st	Roamin' Tacomans (Plus) Callers: Greg Weber & Andy Garboden Cuers: Sue Weber & Carolyn Tagles	Riverside Valley Grange, (Fife, WA) 7:00 - 9:00 pm Plus, Rounds club contact: (206) 321-9684
1st & 3rd	Wagon Wheels (MS) Caller: DC Cronyn Cuer: Joe Scarlatella	Meridian Grange (Kent, WA) 1st Sat - 7:00 pm R/D W/S, 7:30 -9:30 pm M/S 3rd Sat - 7:00 pm Plus, 7:30 -9:30 pm M/S club contact: (206) 550-1324
3rd	Tahoma Twirlers (MS) Caller: Brett Kappenman Cuer: Marie Wood	Sumner Valley VFW Hall (Sumner, WA) 7:00 - 9:00 pm MS/Rounds 9:00 - 9:30 pm Plus club contact: (209) 305-5763
2nd & 4th	Bonney Lads 'N' Lassies (MS) Caller: Greg Weber Cuer: Sue Weber	Pacific Community Center (Pacific, WA) 2nd Saturday Collins Grange (Parkland, WA) 4th Saturday 7:00 - 9:30 MS, Rounds club contact: (253) 848-5218
2nd & 4th	Pi-R Squares (MS) Caller: Andy Garboden Cuer: Kyle Quande	Meridian Grange (Kent, WA) 2nd Sat 7:00 pm Round dance W/S or teach 4th Sat 7:00 pm M/S W/S, 7:30-9:30 MS, rounds club contact: (253) 205-7292
3rd Saturday - August to January 4th Saturdays - February to July	A & C Regroup (Adv & C1) Featured Caller: Steve Noseck	Riverside Valley Grange, (Fife, WA) 2:30 - 4:30 pm Challenge (C1) 4:30 - 5:45 pm Open Potluck 6:00 - 8:00 pm Advanced club contact: (253) 797-6888
Sunday Every	Jacks 'N' Jills Caller: Marc Denniston	Meridian Grange (Kent, WA) 6:00 - 9:00 pm club contact: (206) 612-5600

Search for events on www.wheresthedance.com

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



Sou'Wester Council

Area Reporter

Don & Judy Wilson

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Sou' Wester Council clubs wish everyone a happy new dance year! September is a new beginning for clubs and dancers! Think about taking lessons to update the new moves in beginning and plus categories.

In June **Harbor Haylofters** danced with the Flutterwheels and helped the Prairie Steppers do their Demo dance at Swede Hall in Rochester. Some attended the Raiha's 50 Anniversary dance. We also visited the Clam Diggers.

Our Strawberry Dance in June on the 4th Sunday was a great dance. We had 12 squares with callers, Randy Carlson, Lane Johnston, Chuck Blair and Leo Catt. Our guest caller was Rochelle Catt. They did a fantastic job, we all had fun and everyone walked away full strawberries. We had visitors from Prairie Steppers, Cougar Squares, Flutterwheels, Crazy 8's, Do Si Dos and Clam Diggers. Of course, in July we attended the Washington state festival at Ocean Shores. We met old friends and make new ones.

In August we went to the Do-Si-Do's Rock and Roll Dance with Scott Coon calling, caravanned to the Hamburger feed and Barn Dance at Larry's Barn. We attended this every year and so enjoy, and we hoped the weather stayed good for us. Last year it did rain on us.

Here It is September already and the kids are back in school and all the clubs and starting up again.. I really enjoy the fall but not looking forward to winter. We will be starting lessons again in September. Several of our members are traveling to the Crazy 8's for plus lessons, some of us are going to brush up on our plus. We hope to visit several out-of-town dances.

Our September dance is on the 20th. Hope to see all of you at our club and at yours.

*Ann Kilwien
sqcamper@comcast.net*

pms are trying to set up dances in the afternoon on the 4th Saturday of the month. We will update

*Gail Johnston, club reporter
gsjohnston49@gmail.com*

The **Olympia Do-Si-Dos** had a very busy and fun summer. We had several outstanding dances throughout the summer. We begin on June 13th dancing to the calling of Mike Sikorsky and the cueing of Rochelle Catt. There was a plus dance in the afternoon followed by a mainstream dance in the evening. This is the last dance that Mike called before his untimely passing the following week. For the 80+ dancers who attended this dance they were fortunate to dance to Mike for one last time and he did not disappoint. He called a great dance as always.

Leo Catt called and Rochelle Catt cued our "God Bless the USA" dance on July 11th. It was a fun and lively dance with 8 squares on the dance floor most of the night. Scott Coon called and Joe Scarlatella cued our "Let's Rock and Roll" dance on August 8th. Many of the dancers in the Olympia area had never had the privilege of dancing to Scott and they were treated to a fantastic dance. He called rock 'n roll dances throughout the decade.

In addition to all our fun dances we also held several social events. We continued with our monthly dine and dance events, met and listened to music in the park, enjoyed lunch at the Farmers Market, put on an exhibition dance at the Montesano Health and Rehabilitation facility, and had our annual club picnic at one of our members lakefront homes. What a fantastic summer. We have several important events coming up over the next few months.

Craig Abercrombie will be calling and cueing our "Back to School" dance on September 12th. We will be accepting school supplies and school clothing which we will donate to a local school district. This is our annual give back to the community dance that we have done for over 25 years. It is our way of helping those individuals who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will be dancing plus from 6:30 – 7:30 and mainstream from 7:30 – 9:30. We will also be hosting a mainstream dance on Sunday, September 27th with Gunter Monroe calling. The dance will be held from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Come and join us in celebrating our 77th anniversary on October 10th. Brent Mawdsley and Leo Catt will be calling, and Rochelle Catt will be cueing. There will be a plus dance from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and a mainstream dance from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Dinner will be served between the two dances. Mark your calendars and join us at these fantastic dances.

If you have any questions about a Do-Si-Do dance, feel free to call our club president, Curtis Leigh at (360) 491-4689.

Hope to see you in a square soon!

Diane Leigh

The **Crazy 8's** have certainly had a busy and fun-filled summer! June, July, and August kept us dancing, traveling, visiting with friends, and making lots of great memories along the way.

Our summer included our regular club dances as well as a trip out to Ocean Shores for the Washington State Square Dance Festival. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, enjoy some fantastic calling and cueing, and spend time with our square dance family from around the state.

In August, some of us headed south to Sisters, Oregon, for the Sisters Round Up, where our own Rochelle Catt had the pleasure of working with caller Eric Henerlau. It was another great weekend filled with dancing, friendship, and plenty of fun!

We finished August in a BIG way by hosting our Oakview Summer Round Up, August 28–30, 2026. We were thrilled to welcome Andy Allemao and Steve Mazel, who joined our club caller Leo Catt and cuer Rochelle Catt for a fun weekend of Plus, Hex, Mainstream, and Rounds. There was something for everyone, and we want to thank all the dancers who joined us and helped make the weekend such a success.

Did you miss the Oakview Summer Round Up this year? No worries—we're doing it again in 2027! Watch for advertising and details as we begin planning another great weekend.

September is shaping up to be another very full month for the Crazy 8's. Since this report is being written in August, these events haven't happened yet—but by the time you read this, we will have kicked off the month with our Intro to Plus Dance on September 6, 2026, followed by our 2nd Annual Poker Run & School Supplies Dance on September 11, 2026. The school supplies collected at the dance will benefit the Centralia School District. Then, on September 13, 2026, our new session of Plus Lessons gets underway. We'll have lots more to report about all our September adventures in October!

Come Dance With the Crazy 8's!

The Crazy 8's Monthly Dance is held on the second Friday of each month at the Oakview Grange in Centralia, Washington.

Phase 2, 3 & 4 pre-rounds: 7:00 - 7:30 pm.
Plus Squares: 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

We also dance every Sunday with lessons for both

round and square dancers:

Round Dance Lessons: 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Plus Lessons: 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Our club caller is Leo Catt, and our club cuer is Rochelle Catt.

Whether you are one of our regular dancers or haven't visited us in a while, we would love to have you join us at Oakview Grange. There is always room on the dance floor for another friend!

Keep dancing, keep smiling, and we'll see you in a square!

Rochelle Catt

Cougar Squares enjoyed the summer ending it with a barn dance at Larry Hanna's farm. We had a great time eating, chatting and dancing on a beautiful summer evening. One person was missing from that event, Jim Raupp, our caller. He was ill and didn't want to share his illness. Craig Abercrombie graciously volunteered to call. He and Judy were planning on coming. He did a great job! Susan Healea our cuer, kept everyone tapping their toes for the rounds. Thank you for a great dance. Thank you, Carol Thompson, for hosting the great summer ending dance.

Cougars danced at the Southwest Washington fair on Wednesday, August 12th at 5:00 pm on the Community Stage. Jim Raupp, our caller could not attend this event due to illness. Leo Catt filled in for Jim and did a great job calling. We had a good turnout for this demo dance and handed out information on upcoming lessons to people interested.

Our first dance for this dance year will be September 5th hosted by Denise and Terry Menges. The dance will be at St Francis Parish Hall. Turn at the blinking yellow light, the Spencer Road, just north of Toledo. Hope you can start the new dance year with us on Saturday.

Cougar square dance lessons begin on Mondays at Napavine Elementary School on September 14th. Lesson start at 7:00 pm. Leo Catt will be our instructor for this series of lessons. Jim and Paula will be travelling during the first set of lessons. We will miss Jim but wish them happy travels.

Welcome to square dancing new year!

Don and Judy Wilson,
donjudywilson22@gmail.com

Stardust Dancers had a good summer of dancing with a couple of days going dark because of hot weather. The grange does not have air conditioning so temperatures in the 90s is too hot! Stardust dances the first and third Thursdays of each month, weather

permitting. Susan Healea is our cuer. Dances begin at 7:00 pm. with phase III and IV mixed rhythms rounds followed at 7:30 pm by phase II and III mixed rhythms. The dress is casual, but dance attire is always welcome.

Stardust cuer, Susan Healea, will offer classes in October, Jive and Two-Step. Jive requires some previous dance experience. Two-Step does not require any previous dance experience. Look for more information about these opportunities in Footnotes and other reliable communications recourses.

Come and join us on the first and third Thursday beginning at 7:00 pm. Happy new dance year!

Don and Judy Wilson,
donjudywilson22@gmail.com

The **Flutterwheels** look forward to fall dancing. On Saturday, September 19th, we will host the State Federation Meeting Dance after the State Federation Meeting that day at Lac-A-Do Hall. Glenn Raiha and Steve Denniston are calling. Pre-round with Mary Parsons at 6:30 pm. Mainstream Dance at 7:00 pm.

Of course, we will be helping with the Olympia Square Dance Lessons starting with a Free Introduction to Square Dancing on Thursday, September 10th. Lesson #1 will be September 17th. We're also getting ready for Monday Lessons - starting with the Free Introduction on October 5th.

Nancy Raiha

Prairie Steppers have been busy dancing over the summer with travels to the Paws & Taws on May 16 and to the Do Si Dos on June 13. Several Prairie Stepper attended the 73rd Washington State Festival in Ocean Shores on July 16 through 18 and two Prairie Steppers attended the Canadian National Festival in Penticton, B.C. on July 15 through 18.

Prairie Steppers Mainstream lessons are scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 8 at the Oakview Grange with callers Leo Catt and Steve Mazel instructing. We performed demonstration dances at Swede Days on June 20 with Leo Catt and at the Yelm Moose Lodge on July 25 with Steve Mazel. Thanks to our callers donating their time to help us promote square dance lessons.

Thanks to honorary member Shirley Spain for hosting a Prairie Steppers a summer get together at her home in Chehalis pm July 11. And we met on August 5 to discuss possible venues for our next Chicken Dance in May 2027. Attendance at Chicken Dances in 2025 and 2026 was so good that we nearly exceeded capacity at the Oakview Grange. We decided to move the 2027 Chicken Dance to the Skookumchuck Grange in Tenino. It has a large kitchen and spacious hall to accommodate all the dancers who will surely want to attend with the Brendzy family scheduled to call and cue. Look for flyers to come out soon.

Marion Freels,
M_librarion@yahoo.com



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Lac-A-Do Hall
1721-46th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506

GraysHarbor Haylofters (May '60)
Aberdeen/Hoquiam MS/R/F, 3rd Sunday
Washington Elem., 3003 Cherry St.,
Hoquiam, WA 98550

Flutterwheels(Apr '61) Olympia
MS/R/F, 1st & 3rd Sat. All year
Lac-A-Do Hall
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CougarSquares(Jan.'62) Toledo
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Ocean Shores, WA 98569

CrazyEights(Sept. '25) Centralia
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2715 No. Pearl St, Centralia, WA 98531





Spokane Area Council

Area Reporter

Priscilla Davis

ddavisp@aol.com

Summer for square dancing can be as full of activities as fall and winter and certainly more travel opportunities to festivals and distant events. This summer was busy for Spokane clubs but it also had an unexpected surprise for us; 50 mile an hour winds blowing 3 wildfires through the city's western neighborhoods.

The fires came intense and quickly but thankfully there were no major injuries. The Spokane area is very generous with support of every kind, we will move through this as best we can. As fires reach containment and smoke, less, the Salmon BBQ will proceed on August 20th to 23....with dinner planned from 12:00 to 4:00pm. at the Western Dance Center on N. Sullivan Rd. We're not letting the recent fires take away our tradition of 70years.

Canadian Nationals were held in Penticton Canada. July 15 - 18. Both Gary Baker and Sheila Overman were given the opportunity to call. Gary called Plus, Mainstream and SSD (Social Square Dance). Sheila called Mainstream and SSD. They were both given the opportunity to call in the morning, afternoon and evenings. Both had the opportunity to MC.

Depending on the time there were anywhere from 2 squares at 10 am to 30 squares in the evening. There were around 600 dancers' registered.

A dangle dance was held in Okanagan Lake. The dancers wore swimsuits and were actually in the water. The callers replaced Bow to your Partner and corner to splash your partner and corner along with many other creative water inspired calls; a well-earned dangle!.

Here is a special note from Doug and Priscilla Davis as they start their new adventure in retirement: Spokane Callers & Cuers - Spokane is minus one caller in the lineup as of July 4, 2026. It was a fantastic A.C.D. weekend and Doug Davis' last act as a square dance caller!! This is a note from Doug (& Priscilla too).

To the Square Dance Community:

It's hard to put into words what I'm feeling right now, however I'll give it a try. Thank you for all the great times throughout the last 53 years. Priscilla and I have a boat (submarine) load of memories. To those who attended my last dance or sent a message—a very special thank you. You

made the weekend. To those who could not be there, you were missed. The thing I will miss the most is YOU. Priscilla and I intend to keep on dancing, so you might see us now and then across the square.

May the good Lord take a liking to you. God Bless you all.

Doug Davis

PS: Remember—Fun is a three-letter word with YOU in the middle.

From Donna Seil, Council Reporter

Coeurly Q's had their annual club meeting with a potluck in August. It's always an enjoyable time to visit and encourage everyone to come to lessons and dances. We're looking forward to beginning Mainstream lessons on Thursday, September 17th. We will introduce the new 50 moves format, so our members should benefit from these lessons also. Our first club dance will be on October 3rd and we're staying with the Halloween theme; it's a tradition now, costumes and all!

Donna Seil, reporting

Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners. Look for event updates with our club on our Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8272498197455771/>

Model T's have been very active all summer, they've had regular Mainstream workshops, the club's annual August camp-out and enjoyed attending dances at Wild Rose Ramblers with callers Ray Brendzy and Tony Oxendine. Unfortunately the Saturday dance with Tony had to be cancelled due to the fires starting.

Fall Lessons are planned: Wednesdays starting September 16th – New Plus 6:00 to 7:00PM - New Mainstream 7:00 to 8:30PM. Lessons at the North Spokane Dance Center.

Our longtime friend of the Spokane Clubs and Model T member, Marilyn Haugen, passed away as a result of injuries from the May Spokane Upriver neighborhood fire. Marilyn and her husband, Dennis

joined Model T's in 1997. Always supportive and active, Marilyn was known to the club for her hospitality as the Haugen's would host the club meetings and potlucks or have events at their house. Marilyn loved square dancing and especially the square dance family; it has been a privilege to know her and share so many good times.

Wag Arounds: We're gearing up for another wonderful dance season! Classes for beginning round dancers Phase II, 2 Step, will start September the 13th from 2:15-4:00pm. Also starting September 13th from 4:15-6:00pm, round dances for Phase III Waltz and reviewing other intermediate rhythms (rumba, cha, jive). Both classes held at the Western Dance Center

with Dan & Linda Bailly as your cuer/dance instructors. Our dances will be starting in October. We have guest cuers for our 1st Sunday of each month dances starting in October. The first dance is October the 4th, from 7:00-9:00pm, Daniel Bailly will cue dances from phases II and III at the Western Dance Center, Spokane Valley. Then on the 2nd Friday dances each month, starting October the 9th, Jack DeChenne will cue dances from phase III, IV, and V at the East Spokane Grange, Spokane Valley. The Wag Arounds congratulates Daniel & Linda Bailly as the 2026 McNutt award recipients for WA State.

Be watching for an invite soon for a celebration dance. We hope you will join us as we dance your favorite round dances this season!



Spokane Council Clubs Dance Schedules

Come and Dance with our Clubs

<https://www.squaredancespokane.org>



Coeurly Q's — 1 st Saturdays 7:00 Mainstream & Rounds; 9:00 Plus Harding Family Center 411 N 15 th St., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	Spokane Area Council — 5 th Saturdays Check Internet Web Site for Special Dances
Diamond Squares — 2 nd Saturdays 7:00 Rounds; 7:30 MS & Rounds; 9:30 Plus tip Western Dance Center 1901 N. Sullivan Rd, Spokane, WA 99216	Spokane Callers & Cuers — Check Internet Web Site for Locations 2 nd Fridays 7:30 Square Dancing & Rounds WDC, 1901 N. Sullivan Rd, Spokane, WA 99216 NSDC, 7424 N Freya St, Spokane, WA 99217
Heartbeats — Wednesdays 9:00am Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced Clogging Bobbie's Dance Studio 4575 Wanakiwin Dr, Loon Lake, WA 99148	Spokane Carousels — 1 st & 3 rd Saturdays 7:30 R III-VI East Spokane Grange 1621 N Park Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99212
Hoodoo Valley Hoedowners — 3 rd Sat October 7:00 Plus; 7:30 Mainstream & Rounds 3 rd Sun Feb & March 2:00 Plus; 3 MS & Rounds Sandpoint Comm Hall, 2204 S 1 st Ave, Sandpoint Call for information: 208-946-0741 <i>Special dances during year</i>	Star Shooters — 4 th Saturdays 7:00 Rounds; 7:30 Mainstream & Rounds Western Dance Center 1901 N. Sullivan Rd, Spokane, WA 99216
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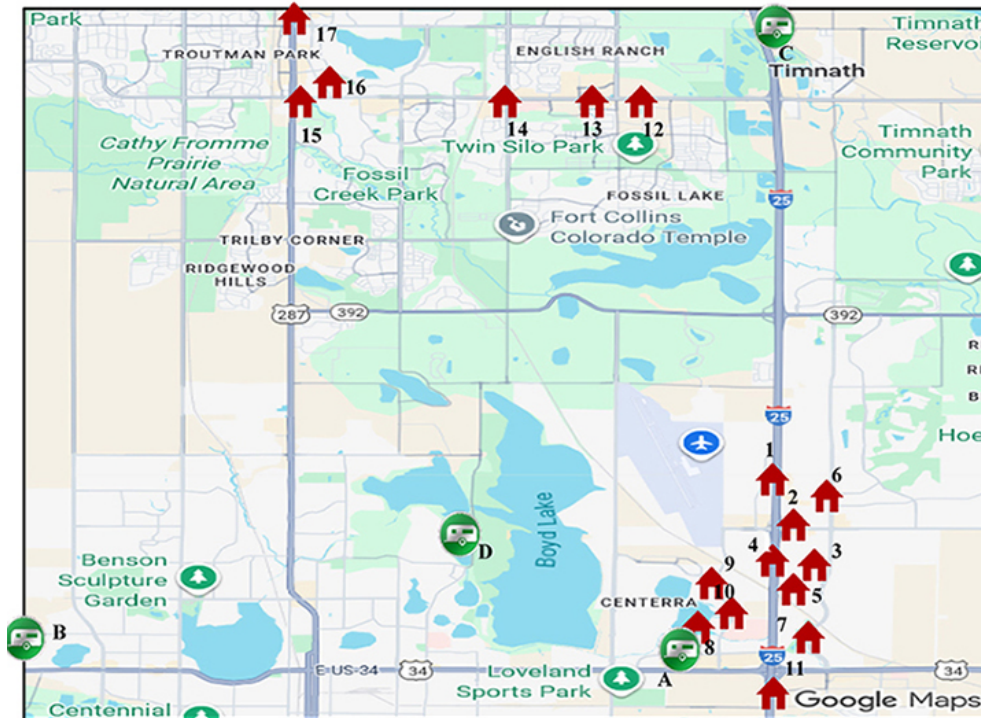
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PLEASE HELP US PLAN!

Please CIRCLE all that apply

Dancers: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Handicapable, SOLO

Rounds: Phase II, Phase III/IV, Phase V/VI

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

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

Group Name: _____ Do you need Block Rooms, Meeting Room, or Storage Space: _____

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Callers: Hunter Keller & Steve Noseck

Cuer: Tami Helms

Friday Night

Dancing at the Center

7:00 - 7:30 pm Intermediate Rounds
7:30 - 8:00 pm Pre-Rounds
8:00 - 10:30 pm Mainstream with Plus

Saturday

Dancing at the Turnaround (weather permitting)

10:00 am - 11:00 am Mainstream -w/Hunter
11:00 am - 12:00 noon Plus -w/Hunter

Dancing at the Center

10:00 am - 12:00 noon Plus/Mainstream- w/Steve
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Mainstream w/Rounds w/Steve
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Intermediate Rounds - w/Tami
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Plus w/Rounds - w/Hunter

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Saturday Night

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7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Pre-Rounds -w/Tami
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm Mainstream & Plus w/Hunter & Steve
8:30 pm - 8:45 pm River City Riders Demonstration
8:45 pm - 10:30 pm Mainstream & Plus w/Hunter & Steve

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3:00-3:30 A2 Tip



Saturday Nite:

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8:00-10:00 Plus

Sunday Morning:

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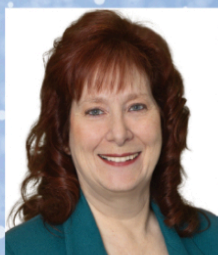


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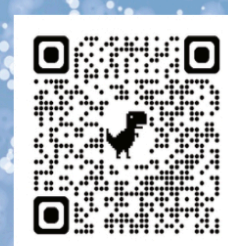


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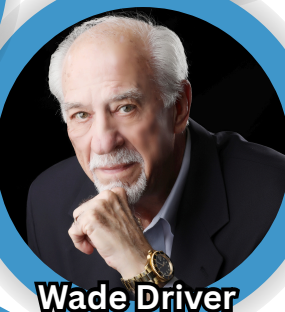
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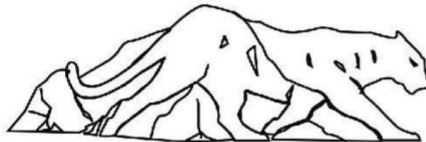
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