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The Gavel

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I hope you, your club, and your council are finding both success and enjoyment in these early weeks and months of the 2026–2027 dance season. New beginnings don't just start on New Year's Day, and square dancing's new beginnings can happen at any time of the year, usually because someone stepped up to make them happen. You probably wouldn't have to look far into your club or council's history to find examples. Perhaps you were the someone who made something happen!

Speaking of new beginnings, by now I'm sure you know that the new Mainstream and Plus programs went into effect on September 1, 2026. The dust hasn't settled yet (and won't for some time), as callers, clubs, and dancers gradually transition to full implementation. The ingredients are all in the cake—all that's left to do is bake it and put the icing on it! I encourage each of you to help your club, council, and caller fully transition to the new programs as soon as possible.

There are three other topics I'd like to touch upon in this message.

1. WheresTheDance.com Upgrades

   Donations from the square dance community have had a huge impact! The website developers at WherestheDance (WtD) have been making significant improvements and adding features in recent months. If you're a longtime user, you've undoubtedly seen some of the changes already.

   One new feature I find particularly exciting is the ability to see a complete* list of dances (including classes, workshops, and weekend events) scheduled across Washington State with a single click!

   Try it on your cellphone. Go to wheresthedance.com and select Events at the bottom of the display. Under the search criteria, find Select by Association, scroll to and select "WA State Federated Clubs," then select Save. That's it! Every posted event across the state will be displayed.

   *The list is never truly complete until someone at the local level takes the relatively small amount of time and effort required to post the event on WtD in the first place!

   There are other new features (and more to come) worth exploring. If your club or council isn't posting events on WTD, publicity for your events is limited to a smaller audience of potential visitors and dancers. It's that simple.

2. New Logo for the WA State Federation

   The WASDF.org website includes a secure Logo Contest link where you are encouraged to privately submit up to three designs for consideration. The submission criteria are detailed on the webpage. You don't have to be a professional artist to submit a design (you can even use AI-generated imagery!).

   The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2026, and the winner will earn a 50% registration discount for the 2027 Washington State Square Dance Festival!

3. 2027 State Festival

   The festival committee for the next Washington State Festival is off to a running start! Let's support their efforts by registering early. Waiting until the last minute is certainly more expensive than taking advantage of early-bird discounts, and it places additional burdens on committee members' planning efforts. Let's help make 2027 another one to remember!

In the meantime, just get out and ***dance***!





From the Editor

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National Square Dance Day — November 29

Since November 29 is National Square Dance Day, I thought it might be fun to look at a little of the history of square dancing as we know it today.

Square dancing has a much longer and more varied history than many people realize. American square dancing developed from several European folk dance traditions, including the English Morris dance, French quadrille, and Scottish reel. Immigrants brought these dances to America during the 17th and 18th centuries, where they gradually evolved into the square dancing we recognize today.

One part of that history that may be less familiar is the important role of Black Americans, including enslaved people, who served as early dance instructors, callers, and musicians. Their contributions helped shape American square dancing.

Traditional square dancing eventually developed into modern western square dancing, with standardized calls and movements established through CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers. Today, modern western square dancing is enjoyed not only throughout the United States but around the world.

Square dancing has also received official recognition in many states. In 1994, Utah designated square dancing as its state folk dance. Interestingly, Utah's definition includes not only square dancing but also rounds, clogging, contra, line, and heritage dances.

There have also been attempts to have square dancing designated as the national folk dance of the United States. Although those efforts were unsuccessful, numerous states have adopted square dancing as an official state dance or folk dance. You can see which states have done so in Wikipedia's List of U.S. state dances.

What began as a combination of different dance traditions has become an activity that brings people together across generations, communities, and even national borders.

So, whether you're a longtime dancer, a new student, a caller, or a cuer, November 29 is a good day to celebrate the history, friendships, and enjoyment that square dancing brings into our lives.

Historical information adapted from the Utah State Library Division's Online Public Library, "Square Dance — Official State Symbol."





Andy's Asides

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Hello Dancers,

This month's article is about keeping square dancing alive, thriving, and growing.

To support square dancing, callers and dancers can work together to keep the floor running smoothly and make dancing welcoming and fun.

Suggestions for Dancers

- Square up quickly: Please join a square as soon as the music starts to make sure you get to dance the tip. Creating new squares after the caller begins delays the dance for everyone, so let's get ready early!
- Dance near the front: Position your square closer to the caller so you are more visible if a square breaks down and the caller needs to adjust.
- Touch hands and elbows often: Keep physical contact with neighbors to maintain awareness of your formation, and keep the promenade tight so dancers move smoothly without rushing.
- Act as Angels for newer dancers: Experienced dancers, your mentorship matters. Please dance in squares with newer dancers, offer gentle guidance, and get to know them. When newcomers feel supported and included, they gain the confidence to keep coming back.
- Focus on fun over perfection: Remember that the goal is enjoying the music and movement rather than solving a puzzle (that's the caller's job!).

Suggestions for Callers

- Prioritize dancer enjoyment: Focus on flow, musicality, and having fun rather than throwing in overly complex, puzzle-like choreographic traps.
- Keep tips short and build stamina: Keep early-session tips brief for beginners who are still building physical endurance.
- Maintain clear communication: Share newsletters, schedules, and club updates so new and experienced dancers stay informed.
- Keep a choreography file: Organize a digital or physical file of Basic, Mainstream, and Plus ideas to keep patter and singing calls fresh.

One of the best ways to support square dancing is to get involved with your local club and regional associations. Callers cannot sustain this vibrant activity alone; we truly need our dancers to be active participants. It takes more than just showing up, paying admission, and leaving at the end of the night. Helping make coffee, vacuuming rugs, sweeping floors, or occasionally hosting a dance makes a tremendous difference.

As a caller, I often see the same people doing all the heavy lifting. You don't necessarily need to step into an officer role—though we certainly wouldn't stop you!—but simply lending a hand goes a long way.

Another great way to support the community is to seek out local dances when you travel. Before you take off, visit Wheresthedance.com to see what's happening near your destination. Tricia and I have danced in Hawaii, Texas, Tennessee, Nevada, Florida, Alaska, and Oregon, just to name a few. Local clubs love welcoming out-of-town visitors, and it is always a wonderful experience.

My final thoughts: If we rely solely on our area's callers to drive this wonderful activity forward, I can guarantee it won't succeed. Callers can only do so much on our own—the real future of this activity belongs to you, the dancers.

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





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Looking for a Cue Sheet?

Have you ever been at a dance where the cuer played a song you liked and you wanted your club cuer to get that dance? Or maybe you danced something and were confused about a cue and wanted to see what the cue sheet said? This happens to us all the time, and the usual answer is to visit the Index of Rounds on the Roundalab website to find the cue sheet. Most dances you hear are available on Roundalab this way, and with a bit of practice (and maybe some help from your local cuer or more experienced dancers), you can learn to read cue sheets well enough to solve your mystery questions.

Sometimes, though, the cue sheet isn't on the Index of Rounds. There are a few different reasons for this. A dance may be new, and the choreographer may not have published it yet. Other times, a dance may be so old that the original cue sheet is difficult to find. Or the choreographer may never have gotten around to publishing a full cue sheet with all the footprints described in detail. We would still love to find these dances and share the joy we experienced dancing them.

I would like to encourage cuers and choreographers to share their cue sheets or even just head cues (the term for what the cuer actually says, rather than the detailed descriptions) for these obscure gems. If you are the choreographer, you can add dances to the Index yourself. If you are not the choreographer, you should ask that person to post the dance. If the choreographer cannot be reached (sadly, this is true for many older dances), you can contact the Index of Rounds Chairman or the RAL Operations Coordinator. Their email addresses are listed when you click "Add New Dance" at the top of the Roundalab Index of Rounds webpage.

We love dancing to as many cuers as we can and enjoy the great variety of dances we encounter. Keep up the good work, cuers and dancers, and see you on the floor!

Round of the Month

Lighthouse Waltz

Choreographers:	Bill and Beth Davenport, 3852 Alameda Place, San Diego, CA 92103 Email: bdavnpt2005@gmail.com, Phone: 619-269-9724		
Music:	Theme from "Lighthouse on the Hill" by Hollywood Movie Strings MP3 download available from https://www.casa-musica-shop.de		
Video:			
Rhythm & Phase:	Waltz, Phase II + 2 (Whisk, Wing)	**Tempo:**	49.5 RPM
Footwork:	Opposite (except where noted)		
Sequence:	Introduction, A, B, A, B, Ending		
Released:	October 6, 2018	**Revised:**	March 13, 2020

Introduction

1 – 4 Wait ; ; ; ;

-	1 – 4	{Wait} Wait in OP FC Wall w/trail hands joined, ld feet free while first 4 intro notes play ; ; ; ;

5 – 6 Apart Point ; Together Touch ;

1-- 1--	5 – 6	{**Apart Point, Together Touch**} Apt L, pt R twd ptr, - ; tog R, tch L to BFLY wall ;

Part A

1 – 4 Waltz Away ; Wrap ; Forward Waltz ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ;

123	1	{**Waltz Away**} Trng LF *(W RF)* twd LOD fwd L to OP, fwd R trng slightly bk to bk, cl L ;
123	2	{**Wrap**} Fwd R, fwd L, cl R *(W roll twd M LF L, R, L to wrap pos LOD)* ;
123	3	{**Forward Waltz**} Staying in wrap pos fwd L, fwd R, cl L ;
123	4	{**Thru Face Close**} Thru R, sd L to fc ptr, cl R to BFLY wall ;

5 – 8 Twisty Vine ; Maneuver ; Two Right Turns ; ;

123	5	{**Twisty Vine**} Sd L, xrib *(W xlif)*, sd L blending to BJO ;
123	6	{**Maneuver**} Fwd R comm RF trn, sd & slightly bk L cont RF trn, cl R to L in CP RLOD ;
123 123	7 – 8	{**Two Right Turns**} Bk L comm RF trn, sd & slightly bk R cont RF trn, cl L to R ; Fwd R comm RF trn, sd & slightly fwd L cont RF trn to fc wall, cl R to L ;

9 – 12 Whisk ; Wing ; Two Left Turns to Face Wall ;

123	9	{**Whisk**} Fwd L, sd & slightly fwd R, XLIB w/RF upper body trn to SCP LOD ;
1-- (123)	10	{**Wing**} Fwd R, draw L foot to R [no weight chg] w/slight LF upper body trn, - (*W fwd L comm LF trn, fwd R cont LF trn, fwd L cont LF trn*) to SCAR DC ;
123 123	11 – 12	{**Two Left Turns**} Fwd L comm LF trn, sd & slightly bk R blending to CP cont LF trn, cl L to R ; Bk R comm LF trn, sd & slightly fwd L cont LF turn to fc wall, cl R to L ;

13 – 16 Twirl Vine ; Thru Twinkle to Line ; Thru Twinkle to Reverse ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ;

123	13	{**Twirl Vine**} Sd L, xrib, sd L blending to BFLY *(W fwd R LOD comm RF trn under joined ld hands, fwd L cont RF trn, sd R LOD)* ;
123	14	{**Thru Twinkle to Line**} Thru R, sd L trng RF *(W LF)* to LOP fc rev, cl R ;
123	15	{**Thru Twinkle to Reverse**} Fwd L trng LF *(W RF)* to fc ptr, sd R trng LF *(W RF)* to OP fc LOD, cl L ;
123	16	{**Thru Face Close**} Thru R LOD, sd L to fc ptr, cl R to BFLY wall ;

Part B

1 – 4 Solo Turn Six to BFLY Wall ; ; Twisty Balance Left & Right ; ;

123 123	1	{**Roll Six to BFLY Wall**} Fwd L trng ½ LF *(W RF)* to fc RLOD, bk R, cl L ; Bk R trng ¼ LF (W RF) to fc wall, sd L, cl R ;
123	3	{**Twisty Balance Left**} Sd L, xrib *(W xlif)*, rcvr L ;
123	4	{**Twisty Balance Right**} Sd R, xlib *(W xrif)*, rcvr R ;

5 – 8 Twirl Vine ; Thru Face Close ; Sway Left & Right ; ;

123	5	{**Twirl Vine**} Sd L, xrib, sd L blending to BFLY *(W fwd R LOD comm RF trn under joined ld hands, fwd L cont RF trn, sd R LOD)* ;
123	6	{**Thru Face Close**} Thru R LOD, sd L to fc ptr, cl R to CP wall ;
1--	7	{**Sway Left**} Sd L w/ L sd stretch, -, - ;
1--	8	{**Sway Right**} Sd R w/ R sd stretch, -, - ;

9 – 12 Left Turning Box ; ; ; ;

123 123	9	{**Left Turning Box**} Fwd L trng ¼ LF, sd R, cl L ; bk R trng ¼ LF, sd L, cl R ; fwd L trng ¼ LF, sd R,
123 123		cl L ; bk R trng ¼ LF, sd L, cl R ;

13 – 16 Whisk ; Thru Face Close ; Dip Back & Hold ; Recover to BFLY ;

123	13	{**Whisk**} Fwd L, sd & slightly fwd R, XLIB w/RF upper body trn to SCP LOD ;
123	14	{**Thru Face Close**} Thru R LOD, sd L to fc ptr, cl R to CP wall ;
1-	15	{**Dip Back & Hold**} Bk L, -, - ;
1--	16	{**Recover to BFLY**} Rcvr R blending to BFLY, -, - ;

Part A – Repeat

1 – 16 Waltz Away ; Wrap ; Forward Waltz ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ; Twisty Vine ; Maneuver ; Two Right Turns ; ; Whisk ; Wing ; Two Left Turns ; ; Twirl Vine ; Thru Twinkle to Line ; Thru Twinkle to Reverse ; Thru Face Close ;

Part B – Repeat

1 – 16 Solo Turn Six to BFLY Wall ; ; Twisty Balance Left & Right ; ; Twirl Vine ; Thru Face Close ; Sway Left & Right ; ; Left Turning Box ; ; ; ; Whisk ; Thru Face Close ; Dip Back & Hold ; Recover to BFLY ;

Ending

1 – 2 Canter ; Apart Point ;

1-3	1	{**Canter**} Sd L, -, cl R ;
1--	2	{**Apart Point**} Apt L, pt R twd ptr, - ;

Head Cues

Intro

1 – 6 Wait ; ; ; ; Apart Point ; Together Touch to BFLY ;

Part A

1 – 4 Waltz Away ; Wrap ; Forward Waltz ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ;
5 – 8 Twisty Vine ; Maneuver ; Two Right Turns ; ;
9 – 12 Whisk ; Wing ; Two Left Turns, to Face Wall ; ;
13 – 16 Twirl Vine ; Thru Twinkle to Line ; Thru Twinkle to Reverse ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ;

Part B

1 – 4 Solo Turn Six to BFLY Wall ; ; Twisty Balance Left & Right ; ;
5 – 8 Twirl Vine ; Thru Face Close ; Sway Left & Right ; ;
9 – 12 Left Turning Box ; ; ; ;
13 – 16 Whisk ; Thru Face Close ; Dip Back & Hold ; Recover to BFLY ;

Part A

1 – 4 Waltz Away ; Wrap ; Forward Waltz ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ;
5 – 8 Twisty Vine ; Maneuver ; Two Right Turns ; ;
9 – 12 Whisk ; Wing ; Two Left Turns, to Face Wall ; ;
13 – 16 Twirl Vine ; Thru Twinkle to Line ; Thru Twinkle to Reverse ; Thru Face Close to BFLY ;

Part B

1 – 4 Solo Turn Six to BFLY Wall ; ; Twisty Balance Left & Right ; ;
5 – 8 Twirl Vine ; Thru Face Close ; Sway Left & Right ; ;
9 – 12 Left Turning Box ; ; ; ;
13 – 16 Whisk ; Thru Face Close ; Dip Back & Hold ; Recover to BFLY ;

Ending

1 – 2 Canter ; Apart Point ;



Did You Know…?

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The words “fun” and “square dance meeting” aren’t words you often see together! But I recently tried something different for our club’s September meeting, and I was pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

When I think back to the first time I was brave enough to attend a club meeting, I remember how formal—and intimidating—it felt. Tables filled the floor where I was used to seeing happy dancers. A handful of those same jolly folks sat scattered around the room at separate tables, arms crossed. Faces that usually wore smiles looked serious.

Our president sat on the stage with the club secretary beside her, a microphone on the desk and a gavel within reach. This was quite different from the friendly atmosphere I knew on dance nights. Stern voices and emphatic gestures had replaced swings and do-si-dos.

Still, curiosity kept me coming back. Before long, I found myself serving as president and responsible for leading those meetings!

We held only one meeting with me on the stage before moving into a smaller room at the senior center where we dance. We put away the microphone and gathered around tables, all on the same level. It felt much less formal, but attendance remained about the same: six to ten members out of a club of more than fifty.

We tried different days of the week and different times of day, hoping to make it easier for more members to attend. Nothing seemed to make much difference.

This fall, I decided to go out on a limb. For our September meeting, we had a pizza party! I reserved space at a local pizza parlor for dinner on a Monday evening.

And what do you know? Twenty-three people came!

We had a wonderful mix of new members, some attending their very first club meeting; longtime members I had never seen at a meeting before; and the familiar, dedicated veterans who regularly attend and keep our club moving forward. It was a beautiful evening. We enjoyed dinner and discussed club business on the patio in the warm September breeze. There were smiles all around.

We still had club business to cover, but sharing a meal made room for conversation, laughter and connection, too.

I was thrilled with the turnout and hope to keep that momentum going. My goal is to help more members feel welcome, involved and excited about having a voice in our club’s future.

Could a change of scenery and a shared meal bring a few more faces to your next meeting? It might be worth a try.

After all, we know how to make dancing fun. Maybe our meetings can share a little of that same spirit!

Lisa Jessen
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Washington State Federation Social Media Chair





Youth Coordinator

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Hello, hello, all you beautiful people!

I hope everyone had a great month and got to attend many fun dances! Personally, I had a great time joining the Shooting Stars youth club at their Black Light Dance!

This season is going by so fast. I can hardly believe we're already halfway through fall lessons. Not too much to report this time around, but I am excited to see all the new faces and youth taking lessons and hopefully competing in May.

In other news, I made a square dance website! It's still in beta, so right now it's a sequencer with the new Mainstream list. I'm hoping to have 3D animations, the rest of the Plus list, and the definitions up and running by the end of November. If you'd like to check it out now, I'd really appreciate any feedback and support! You can find the public beta at *www.matrixsquares.com*. Let me know what you think!

Don't forget, it's never too early to apply for the youth scholarship award. All you need to do is fill out the application form on the next page and send it to me. You are eligible for the scholarship if you will be attending college in the upcoming year and are a youth registered with a licensed club and in good standing with that club.

Thank you all, and have a great Thanksgiving!





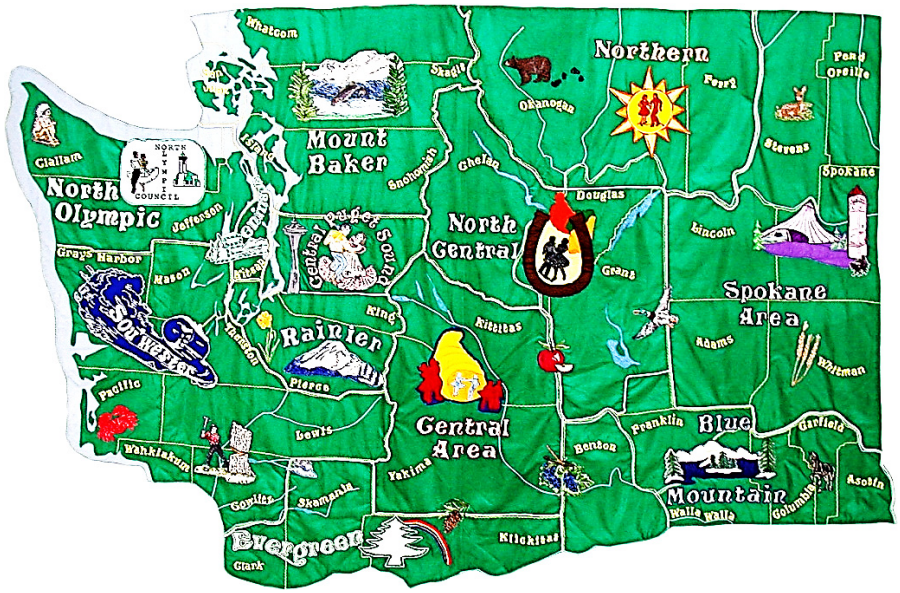
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On January 15, 2000, the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc. voted to award an annual Youth Scholarship.

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Eligibility Requirements

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

Application Procedures

The following items are required:

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

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30th

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

Mail to: **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:_____

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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

Area Reporter

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Fall Dancing Is in Full Swing at **Prairie Shufflers**!

Things have been busy at Prairie Shufflers as we settle into our fall dance season! Between our regular dances and lessons, there's lots happening at the club, and we're looking forward to more fun on the dance floor.

On the first weekend of October, we welcomed Andy Garboden, the 2026 Parker Award recipient. We always enjoy having Andy with us, and this weekend was another great opportunity to share laughs, friendship, and dancing!

On October 16, Craig Abercrombie joined us for an evening of calling and cueing. It was a wonderful night, with four squares on the floor and plenty of fun for everyone!

Kevin and Robin Strike Gold!

The Senior Olympic Games in Utah brought together 12,200 athletes over the age of 50 to compete in a wide variety of sports. Among them were Kevin and Robin, who struck gold in Mainstream square dancing!

Their square competed in three five-minute rounds, with the winning square determined by the least amount of breakdown time. With just 18 seconds of breakdown time across all three rounds, their square earned the gold medal!

Along with the competition, Kevin and Robin enjoyed dancing to outstanding choreography and calls from talented callers Ray Brendzy, Tony Oxendine, Buddy Weaver, and Mike Seastrom. The square dance events offered plenty of great dancing, while a special show added to the entertainment throughout the Games.

Congratulations to Kevin and Robin on their well-deserved gold medal! What a wonderful accomplishment and a great memory to bring home from the Games!

Lessons Are Underway!

Our Mainstream and Plus lessons are in full swing!

We have a little over a dozen students registered for Mainstream lessons and six students in Plus lessons. It's great to see people learning, building their skills, and discovering the fun of square dancing!

Waltzing into Fall with the **Melody Mixers**

The Melody Mixers are keeping the dance floor busy with their regular Tuesday dancing and Phase II waltz lessons! Dancing runs from 5–8 pm, with waltz lessons from 6:30–7:30 pm. Eight students have been working on their waltz figures and recently danced their first waltz together. It's exciting to see their progress as they continue learning and building their skills!

Tri-City Circulators – Wednesday Nights on the Dance Floor!

Looking for more opportunities to dance? The Tri-City Circulators meet every Wednesday at the Kennewick Eagles for Plus-level dancing! Plus-level dancers are invited to come out, enjoy an evening of great dancing, and spend time with fellow dancers. Grab your dancing shoes and join them on the floor!

Coming Up at **Prairie Shufflers**!

Get ready for some Halloween fun! On October 30, Daron Tandberg will join us for our Halloween dance. Come enjoy an evening of dancing and seasonal fun at the Prairie Shufflers Event Center!

Then, on November 6, Gary Baker will be calling to kick off another month of dancing. We look forward to another great evening filled with music, friendship, and fun!

Looking ahead to December 18, 2026, we're preparing for our Holiday Dance at the Prairie Shufflers Event Center!

The potluck dinner begins at 6 pm, followed by Mainstream dancing at 7 pm. Our callers will be Dave Boggs and Jim Swanson, with Sharon Boggs cueing. We'll also have our "Load the Pot" fundraiser as part of the festivities.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of holiday cheer, delicious food, and great square dancing.

Prairie Shufflers welcomes you to come dance with us!


WORLD
GAMES













Blue Mountain Council Dance Schedule

PRAIRIE SHUFFLERS

Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

1st & 3rd Fridays

Guest Callers & Cuers

Prairie Shufflers Event Center

717 N. Irving St, Kennewick, WA
Phone: 509-783-4222
Email:
prairieshufflersclub@gmail.com

TRI-CITY CIRCULATORS

Every Wednesday
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Caller: Jim Swanson

Cuer: Georgia Ruebsamen

Eagles Lodge #2485
115 Fruitland St, Kennewick, WA
Phone: 509-832-4511
Email:
dianagregory56@gmail.com

MELODY MIXERS

Rounds Phase 2-4

Cuer - Georgia Ruebsamen

Every Tuesday
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Prairie Shufflers Event Center

717 N. Irving St, Kennewick, WA
Phone 509-586-9081
Email:
gruebsamen@charter.net

MUDDY FROGS

No scheduled dances

Central Area Council

Kay Mahan *mahanrk@aol.com*

Central Area Council

Gateswingers lessons are off to a good start under the leadership of Paul Gonseth, moving along quickly with attentive students and Angels!

Get out your wallets and checkbooks for the silent auction fundraiser for the Moxee Dance & Event Center. The auction will be held at our 72nd Anniversary Celebration, with Johnny Preston calling and Dan (Linda) Bailly cueing. See the flyer published in this month's Footnotes.

If you're in the area, you're invited to join **Silhouette Dancers** on Thursday evenings for two-step lessons beginning at 6 p.m., followed by dancing until 8 p.m., with Georgia Ruebsamen cueing.

Moxee Dance & Event Center was recently the location of a successful line dance event, bringing in 60 dancers and instructors—a great opportunity for the dancers and great exposure for our hall.

Happy Dancing,

Kay Mahan, 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

Evergreen Council

Area Reporter

Chris Poole 562-712-7415
cpoole@ellisontechnologies.com

The **Columbia River Dancers** have had some changes. Our club caller, Daryl Clendenin, has decided to retire. He will remain active in the square dance community, teaching new callers and even writing a few tunes here and there. We wish him all the best as he pursues this next chapter of life. Daryl was a true blessing in our time of need when Jim Hattrick was ill and then died. Daryl stepped in and took the reins, and we thank him so much.

Stepping into the spotlight, so to speak, will be Renee' Ruud. She will take over our Sunday lessons and call and cue on the first Friday of each month, occasionally doing both dances for the month. Scott Zinser has graciously agreed to be our caller for most of the third-Friday dances (with Renee' cueing) during our 2026–2027 dance season.

In November, Renee' will do the calling and cueing for both of our dances, which are on the 6th and the 20th.

Speaking of lessons, we had 10 new dancers on our first Sunday night and 13 more the second week. It was a full house with seven squares. There was lots of laughter and fun!

Come on out, support our club, and have a great time dancing. See you in a square!

Nick Johnson

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
RENEE RUUD, CALLER & CUER
Info: 360.606.8849 (Dale)

The **Happy Hoppers** have been dancing their way through fall at Washington Grange #82 in Vancouver, WA. Our club has enjoyed good attendance at our first- and third-Saturday dances. We enjoy visitors and always give them a warm welcome!

Our first session of lessons is underway. We're excited about our new group of Mainstream dancers and are equally excited for those who have chosen to take Plus lessons. Craig Abercrombie has been diligently working to keep us on track. Mainstream lessons were completed on October 26. Students were treated to refreshments and social time. The club encourages them to continue dancing and join us for the second session of Mainstream lessons, November 2–December 21. Lessons are Mondays from 7:30–9 pm, with Craig Abercrombie as instructor.

Our Plus lessons are also on Mondays, from 6:30–7:30 pm, with Craig keeping the Happy Hoppers hopping. Our 16-week session will also conclude on December 21, and our club will celebrate with a "New Dancer" dance!

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

Our first-Saturday dance, November 7, will be Plus with rounds, followed by our third-Saturday dance, November 21, featuring Mainstream with some Plus and rounds. Both dances feature Craig Abercrombie calling and cueing from 7–9:30 pm. Come see us!

Keep smiling, keep laughing, keep dancing!

Denise and Roz Buddenberg

R Square D fall lessons are going well, with approximately 10 new dancers returning after the first two free lessons in September. We also have nine dancers taking Plus lessons for the first time, along with many others attending to learn the new steps added to the Plus program and to serve as Angels for the beginning class. We usually have at least five squares on the floor, and we appreciate everyone who comes on Wednesday evenings to support our lessons!

Craig Abercrombie called and cued both September dances. We had 73 dancers attend the "Neil Diamond Tribute" dance on September 26, and Craig did a wonderful job that night. It was fun to dance to Neil Diamond songs all evening!

R SQUARE D
Craig Abercrombie, Caller
2nd Friday & 4th Sat (Sept-May)
2nd & 4th Wed (June-Aug)
Mainstream & Rounds w/Plus every 3rd tip 7:00-9:30 PM
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

November 13 is our annual "Honor Our Veterans" dance, and all veterans get in free that night. "Count Your Blessings" is the theme of our November 28 dance, and it's a good way to exercise if you overindulged on Thanksgiving Day! Both November dances will feature Craig Abercrombie calling and Susan Healea cueing mixed-level rounds. Hope to see you in a square!

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
Callers: Renee Ruud & Scott Zinser
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: *www.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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HAPPY HOPPERS
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Mount Baker Council

Area Reporter

Sammi Fredenburg
sammi.98270@gmail.com

Over Labor Day weekend, the **Fidalgo Fogcutters** hosted the 2nd Annual Skagit River Rendezvous Plus Weekend. Ray Brendzy, Dan Preedy, and Randy and Marie Preskitt provided a great variety of entertainment, and dancers from all over the area attended.

A big thank-you to Steve Noseck for volunteering to have Dan Preedy take his place in this year's lineup to help Dan's family with expenses following the devastating Spokane wildfires, in which Dan's daughter lost her home. Thanks also to all the dancers who made additional donations throughout the weekend to aid Dan's daughter and the Spokane Fire Relief Fund.

On Saturday, September 12, we honored our round dance cuer couple, Bob and Linda Berka, as the 2026 recipients of the Mount Baker Council Ila Williams Award. Following the dance, we celebrated with pizza and cake. Mount Baker Council established the Ila Williams Memorial Award in 2007 in memory of Ila Williams, an avid square dancer and Mount Baker Council officer, in recognition of her outstanding efforts and many contributions to the promotion of square dancing in Snohomish County and Washington State.

We recently held a Mastering Mainstream class and will transition to full Plus lessons on October 14, with Steve Noseck teaching all the moves. Lessons are held every Wednesday from 7–9 pm.

We welcome you to join us on the second Saturday of each month, September through May, at the Skagit Valley Grange from 1:30–4 pm, unless otherwise noted. Be sure to check our Facebook page for the most current club information.

Leslie Keyes

The **Freewheelers** enjoyed pretzels and root beer at our Oktoberfest dance last month, and so did our guests. Our Mainstream lessons are moving along nicely with the support of angels from our club and many others in the area. Spyder Webb is an excellent instructor.

We caravanned to the Chuckanut Squares for their Monster Mash Costume Party and ended the month with Andy Garboden and Randy Preskitt for our Plus dance. I can't believe how fast time is flying, and we have so many opportunities to celebrate.

We hope you will join us in November on the first and third Sundays. On November 1, we will host a Harvest Mainstream Dance with a food collection. Andy Garboden is calling, and Randy Preskitt is cueing. Then, on November 15, Randy Preskitt will be calling and cueing our Thanksgiving Plus dance.

We will be caravanning to the Skagit Squares' Fly Away Bird Dance in November. Our club is thankful to have so many opportunities to dance in our area, and we hope to see you soon.

For more information about our club, contact Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com or visit our website at www.squaredanceseattle.com.

Ruth Jester

With Halloween behind us, the **Samena Squares** are happy to resume our regular dancing schedule and are looking ahead to more dances and holidays. We meet at the Juanita Community Club (JCC), 13027 100th NE in Kirkland, where we hold our regular dances on the second and fourth Friday evenings, September through June. Our dances typically begin at 7:30 pm with Plus tips, switching to Mainstream with rounds (or lines) from 8–10 pm. Details can be found on our website, www.samenasquares.org.

Last month, we danced at the Harvest Promenade on October 9, with Dan Preedy calling and Alyshia Main cueing. We had a club caravan to the Whirlybirds on October 18, and on October 23, we celebrated Halloween with an Orange, Black & BOO! level dance called by Stephen Cole, with Lisa Weiser leading line dancing. For upcoming level dances, we'd love to have your students along with experienced dancers from any club.

Our square dance lessons have begun! We welcomed 15 new dance students in September and held our first level dance in October. Classes are held Thursdays from 7–9 pm at the Juanita Community Center in Kirkland, with Stephen Cole as instructor. The new students are enthusiastic, and grins are prevalent at classes. Angels from all clubs are welcome to participate. The support, experience, encouragement, and cheerfulness that angels bring are always helpful and essential to the students' success!

Coming up, we will have one club dance on

November 13: Turkey Trot, with Andy Garboden calling and Alison Hampton cueing. On November 21, our club will caravan to Triway Grange to dance with the Shooting Stars. We will be dark on November 27 for Thanksgiving weekend, so trot on over November 13 and shake your feathers!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Dave Kalman
Dave.kalman13@gmail.com

The **Skagit Squares** held their first level dance of the new season on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Dave Harry called to four squares, including 11 students from the home club, Happy Hoppers, and Chuckanut Squares. We will have another level dance on November 7, with Dave Harry calling from 7–9 pm at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Dave continues Mainstream lessons for 7–10 students every Tuesday evening, also at the Senior Center.

Gunter Monroe will be calling our Fly Away Bird Dance, with Bob and Linda Berka cueing, on November 21. Pre-rounds will be from 6:30–7 pm, followed by Mainstream from 7–9 pm, again at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. We will also begin collecting toys for Toys for Tots that evening, with our final collection on December 5, which will be our last first-Saturday level dance held at the Senior Center.

Unfortunately, we received notice that, effective January 2027, the Senior Center will be closed on weekends. Not only will we be unable to hold our first-Saturday level dances there, but our third-Saturday club dances will also need to be held elsewhere in 2027. We will let you know the new location in the very near future.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of one of our members on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Larry Gadbois was almost a fixture of our club. He served as president and/or vice president numerous times and was instrumental in our sponsoring the Pig Roast Dances and Barn Dances each summer for our enjoyment. Larry had a knack for cooking the pig in the ground to perfection. He was such a hard worker who loved to dance.

We have missed Larry and his wife, Jerry, on the dance floor during these months of his illness, hoping he would get better. Alas, that was not to be. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Larry's family. He will be missed.

May you have danced off all the calories from your Halloween treats so you'll have no guilt enjoying a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with friends and family, being grateful for all your blessings—which, of course, include dancing and our dancing community.

Gini Johnson

October was a boo-tiful month for the **Whirlybirds**, with Dave Harry calling our monthly First Friday Fun Fest and then our regular monthly dance on the third Saturday, with Dave calling again and Alyshia Main cueing.

Coming in November, in addition to our Fun Fest, Alive Sound with Dave and Bonnie Harry will take place at our regular dance on November 21. Come and dance to live music! It's a highlight of the year for our club. We'd love to see you there!

The holidays are right around the corner.

Sammi Fredenburg




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Council Information Council President JoAnn Pyle 206 914-2253

Council Meeting 1st Wednesday September thru June

Marysville School Service Center - Board Room

1049 State Ave, 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 — 206 779-5511

CASCADE CROSSFIRES / Plus / Mondays - 7:00-9:00 PM
Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood — Stephen Cole — 425 435-8253

CHUCKANUT SQUARES / Mainstream / 4th Saturday - 6:30-9:00 PM
Ten Mile Grange, Lynden — Brent Mawdsley — 360 318-8239

DANCING SHADOWS / Rounds / Phases 3, 4, 5 / 1st & 3rd Sundays - 7:00-9:30 PM
Juanita Community Club, Kirkland — Randy Preskitt/Rochelle Catt — 425 339-8065

DUDES AND DOLLS / Mainstream / 2nd, 4th, 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 — 425 773-2244

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
South Lake Stevens Grange, Lake Stevens — 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 Information: Steven Cole
stephen@isquaredance.com — 206 769-4959

SAMENA SQUARES / Mainstream / 2nd & 4th Friday - 7:30-10:00 PM
Juanita Community Club, Kirkland — Guest Callers/ Guest Cuers Lisa Weiser Lines — 206 778-1518

SHOOTING STARS YOUTH / Youth/Sundays 3:30-6:00 PM
Tri-way Grange, Mill Creek — Rob Sax — 206 228-5157

SKAGIT SQUARES / Mainstream / 3rd Saturday - 6:30-9:00 PM
Mount Vernon Senior Center, Mount Vernon — Gunter Monroe/Bob Berka — 240 344-6329

SQUARE CROWS / Mainstream / 3rd Friday - 7:30-10:00 PM
Maltby Community Center, Maltby — Guest Callers/Kyle Quande — 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

Area Reporter
Jackie Chase
509-764-4254 *deljackichase@nctv.com*

4X8s lessons have started. We are offering Plus at this time, along with round dance lessons. We tried having a free community dance, but only four people showed up.

We had Scott Coon call for us, and two clubs came down from Spokane to dance with us: Star Shooters and Prairie Shufflers. It was nice to have them!

We are also doing a demo dance at a community retirement center this month.

Everyone have a great Thanksgiving!

Jackie Chase

The **Appleland Promenaders** have good news and bad news. The good news is that the East Wenatchee Grange is getting a new roof. The bad news is that we had to cancel our October 10 dance with Daron Tandberg due to the roof replacement, and we aren't dancing.

Tom Clymer's voice is still recovering from his surgery. We will have celebrated our anniversary with Ray Brendzy calling by the time you read this. We also have our Council dance on October 31 with Andy Garboden.

Connie Mulholand

The Clubs of North Central Council

Appleland Promenaders – *Mainstream*
www.applelandpromenaders.com
1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday
East Wenatchee Grange •
3400 Sunset Hwy.,East Wenatchee
Info: Bob & Connie Mulholland - 509-881-4961
or *sqdncr@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 *deljackichase@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

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

Stacia Pew,
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Dancing for a Worthy Cause

Three squares of dancers came together for a special benefit dance supporting Alzheimer's disease research. Joe Bahr shared valuable facts and information about Alzheimer's disease, helping attendees learn more about this important cause.

All funds raised will go to Washington University to support research. Students were also in attendance and enjoyed an evening of dancing, learning, and community. Attendees had an opportunity to share personal experiences with loved ones who had dementia.

A special thank-you to our callers, Roger Spiece and Steve Mazel, and our cuer, Susanna Mason, for helping make the evening a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy square dancing while supporting research that could make a difference in so many lives!

Our generous community donated a total of $881 for Alzheimer's research. Let's challenge other clubs to exceed our total!

Kirsten Yunuba, Peninsula Council President

From Fun Night to Five Squares

Our Free Fun Night was a great success, with most visitors signing up for lessons! We now have 22 enthusiastic dancers who are off to a wonderful start. With lessons offered on both Wednesdays and Sundays, our dance floor is filling up. In fact, our most recent lesson featured five squares dancing! It's exciting to watch our new dancers gain confidence, learn new calls, and discover the fun and fellowship that make square dancing so special.

A big thank-you to callers Steve Mazel and Gunter Monroe for keeping the lessons lively, encouraging, and fun. Their enthusiasm helps create a positive learning experience for everyone. We're thrilled with the progress our students are making and look forward to celebrating a large graduating class this year. What a wonderful way to grow our club and share the joy of square dancing with a whole new group of dancers!

Stacia Pew, Area Reporter

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Rainier Council

Area Reporter

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

The month of Thanksgiving is upon us. I know I am grateful for all my dancing friends, and I wish you all a happy fall and Thanksgiving!

I want to make a special note that our Rainier Council "Sunshine" person is now Donna Rohde (donnalou13@comcast.net). If you know any Rainier dancers who are ill or could use a bit of cheer, please let her know. She will send a card and let the rest of us know. Thank you, Donna, for stepping up!

Big Dance for November will be at Meridian Grange, co-hosted by MVPS and Fun Day Dancers, on Friday, November 13. Greg is the caller, and Carolyn is the cuer. The flyer lists a Mainstream dance with rounds and one Plus tip from 7–9 p.m., followed by more Plus dancing from 9–9:30 p.m. If you haven't seen Meridian Grange since its upgrade, this is a great opportunity to get a carpool together and go see it! Check Where's the Dance for more information.

Another date to put on your calendar: Our winter Council Dance is scheduled for the afternoon of the fifth Saturday in January: January 30, 2027, from 2–5 p.m. at the Pacific Community Center. This is a fundraiser for Rainier Council and will be held in lieu of a spring Lollapalooza this year. The theme will be "Wish It Were Spring!" Each club is asked to bring a raffle basket of its choice.

See you all at the Big Dance, or maybe on another dance floor before then!

Clare Murphy, Rainier Council Area Reporter
readingclare@gmail.com

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**, a Mainstream club, dances on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Pacific Community Center, 305 Milwaukee Blvd S, Pacific, WA, 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. We start at 7:00 pm and dance until 9:30 pm, with rounds between tips and throw in a plus tip now and then.

Hexagon Dance Update: The Hexagon Dance has been moved to November 14, 2026. Collins Grange repairs will not be completed in time for the originally scheduled date of October 24, 2026. If you have not danced Hexagon before or if it has been awhile and want to refresh the moves now is your chance!! Greg Weber will teach the moves needed for the Hexagon Dance from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Hexagon Dance with Rounds will be from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Come join us for this unique opportunity at Pacific Community Center !!! I look forward to dancing Hex with you all.

Mike Simon, club reporter
mikesimonbll@gmail.com

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.

I am so lucky to see so many wonderful dancers who come to have fun at our dances! Thank you very much. Let's get the word out. Feel free to invite other dancing friends to join us at our daytime dances. If you are Facebook user, we now have a group that you can join and follow as well. Go to *https://www.facebook.com/groups/614770791687159* and see the group page. If you "follow" it, then you will get updates on Facebook as well.



As always, check the schedule on wheresthedance.com for details. You will find all the dance dates and information there. You can also see the full schedule for daytime dancing below.

Thanks for choosing daytime square dancing with the Fun Day Dancers!

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.

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 off to a good start with our new season of lessons and workshops. We appreciate the Angels who come from other clubs to support us. Special thanks to Cathy and Frances, who are frequent Angels for us. We also want to welcome our newest students and look forward to the continued growth of our club.

We enjoyed several visitors, along with our guest caller and cuer, at our September dance. This Friday, October 16, we'll enjoy the evening with our regular caller and cuer, DC Cronyn and Katie Marteny, at our Storybook Stomp dance. Come as a character or come as you are. We can't wait to see you!

Also, just a thought … Let's all try to hold our fellow club members in our hearts, even between dances and lessons, especially those who are dealing with challenges in their lives. As the holidays approach, may we share a warm bond of support and friendship throughout the Rainier Council.

Colleen Herzog, club reporter
cdherzog@hotmail.com

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.

We are a very casual group - the caller provides bottles of water and dancers bring whatever snacks they want to share, if they wish to, but limited to finger foods only.

If you have ever danced at the plus level and want to get back to it, this is the club for you!

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 Meridian Grange, 15422 SE 272nd St, Kent, WA. The club regularly dances on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

On September 26, the PI-Rs had the pleasure of celebrating Andy Garboden, our caller, and his wife, Tricia, for winning the Parker Award at the State Festival in July. They are very deserving of this award and trophy for promoting and working to advance our great hobby of square dancing. The hall was decorated in red, white, and blue because, as we all know, Andy is as patriotic as they come. They will keep the trophy for a year and have the task of passing it on at next year's State Festival. I can't say it enough: Congratulations, Andy and Tricia!

We had a great dance on October 10, with many guests attending. Foremost was a caravan from the Bonney Lads 'n' Lassies. Their usual dance hall was undergoing some work and was unavailable, so a large group came to our dance. We had six squares on the floor, with some visitors on the sidelines. Thank you, Bonney Lads 'n' Lassies, for coming and making it a super-fun dance!

November 14 will be our Veterans Day Dance. Come on out and honor all our veterans. Remember, we are the "Home of the Free Because of the Brave."

December 12 will be our Christmas Dance. We will accept donations of nonperishable canned food for the food bank to help those in need. Bring your donations, and if he has time, Santa usually shows up to call a tip or two. He's a very talented Santa and likes to have his picture taken with those on his Nice List.

We hope you will put these upcoming PI-R dances on your calendar:

January 9, 2027: Black Light Dance / Big Dance

February 13, 2027: Valentine's Dance / Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

March 27, 2027: Our 77th Anniversary Dance

April 10, 2027: Silent Auction Dance

The PI-Rs look forward to seeing many of you on the dance floor.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dave Graves, Club President and Reporter
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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 have decided to switch to Wednesday Plus workshops, as we have had no new-to-Plus students this fall. A suggested donation of $4 per person will help cover hall and caller expenses.

We are looking forward to our next Plus dance on Saturday, November 7. We will be collecting donations of people and pet food for local food banks.



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

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Rondé Vu Rounds is a round dance club. Cuers are Carolyn Tagles and Everett Colglazier. The club dances on Monday evenings at the Riverside Valley Grange, 4629 70th Ave E, Fife, WA 98424.

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 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of the month (October through May). Thursday evenings, October through May, are reserved for lessons and workshops.

Happy fall, y'all!

Tahoma Twirlers is busy with all our fall activities. Mainstream lessons are going very well. We have 14 students and regularly have four or five squares on the floor for lessons. With all the help from our Angels, the students are doing great.

We are dancing on the first Fridays (except in November) and the third Saturdays. We are excited to be dancing twice each month.

Our November dance is on the 21st. We are collecting food, turkeys, and cash for the local food bank. The need is great this year, so please consider donating if you can.

Looking ahead, Tahoma Twirlers is hosting the Big Dance in December. Save the date: December 19! We are continuing the Spinners tradition of having a Christmas ornament exchange.

Our Friday dances feature Greg Weber calling and Sue Weber cueing. Saturday dances feature Brett Kappenman calling and Marie Wood cueing.

We would love to see you at our dances!

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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.

Congratulations to Tricia Garboden of PI-R Squares, the first recipient of the "Granger of the Year" award at Meridian Grange on October 1 for "Service Above and Beyond."

Dancers enjoyed Wagon Wheels' Oktoberfest Dance on October 17, with festive decorations featuring fall leaves, interesting and unusual gourds, and German steins. Some dancers even wore lederhosen and dirndls.

We had a wonderful evening of dancing with Andy Garboden and Kyle Quande at the PI-R Squares Halloween dance on October 24, with some people wearing fun costumes!

Some Wagon Wheel members had a great time attending KSDA in Gorst for Greg Weber's "Hexoween" dance on October 31. He taught many dancers how much fun it is to square dance in a hexagon! What a memorable evening! It was also fun to celebrate Tom's Halloween birthday at the dance.

November 7 will be Wagon Wheels' annual Toys for Joy dance. Unwrapped toys brought to the dance will be donated to the Fire Department for distribution to children in our community.

The Big Dance for November will be hosted by Maple Valley Plus and the Fun Day Dancers at Meridian Grange on November 13. This will be a Mainstream dance with rounds and one Plus tip from 7–9 p.m. Plus dancing will follow from 9–9:30 p.m.

There will be a Celebration of Life Dance on November 21 at Meridian Grange to honor our square dance legend, Art Smart, who passed away on July 3 at the age of 105! Andy Garboden will be our guest caller for this tribute dance, and Joe Scarlatella will be the cuer.

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Andy ~ Tricia




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Tricia Garboden
2026







Rainier Council Clubs

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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

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Sou'Wester Council

Area Reporter
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Sou'Wester Council clubs wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and happy dancing this fall. There will be lots of special dances between November and the beginning of 2027. Enjoy the whole season.

Harbor Haylofters started out in September with 18 new students. Our club danced at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. The weather was great, and everyone enjoyed the exhibits and walking through the fair after the dance.

Our September 20 dance had visitors from Crazy 8's, Prairie Steppers, Happy Hoppers, and Clam Diggers. We now dance on Sunday afternoons from 2–4:30 pm.

At the end of September, we traveled to R Square D for their Neil Diamond Dance. What a great dance with a great caller! Nine of us walked in, and nine of us walked out with their banner. To get their banner back, they will visit us with a square of dancers.

In October, we hoped to visit Flutterwheels and Do-Si-Do's for their anniversary dances.

At our main dance on October 18, we had a combination of Mainstream and student-level tips. The students are doing great, and we are very proud of them. On the fourth weekend, some members traveled to Seaside for the big Seaside Sashay. We hoped for good weather, but everyone had fun with two great callers.

The last Saturday of the month was the Council dance, held in our dance hall. Leo Catt called, and Rochelle Catt cued.

Here it is November already! Where has the month gone? We hope to visit out-of-town dances, depending on the weather. Our November dance is on the 15th, with Randy Carlson (Kris) calling and cueing, Lane Johnston (Gail) calling, and Chuck Blair (Judy), who is new to calling and is doing a wonderful job.

Our wreath-making party is being held on the 22nd. There is always a good turnout.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Ann Kilwien
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The **Olympia Do-Si-Dos** celebrated our 77th anniversary on October 10. Brent Mawdsley and Leo Catt called two fantastic dances: a Plus dance in the afternoon and a Mainstream dance in the evening, with Rochelle Catt cueing at both dances. These three did a fantastic job of making this dance very memorable.

Between the Plus and Mainstream dances, we served a delicious pulled-pork sandwich dinner with all the fixings. This was a monumental occasion for our club, and we thank all our current and former members for helping us reach this milestone. Plans are in the works for next October, when we will celebrate our 78th anniversary.

We also hosted a Mainstream dance on Sunday, October 25, with Gunter Monroe calling. We invited all the students currently taking Mainstream lessons to join us. Those who came really enjoyed the dance and were able to experience attending an actual dance.

We will host a Sunday afternoon dance on November 22, from 2–4 pm. This is a great time to come out and dance if you don't like driving in the dark or just want a little more time on the dance floor.

Our next Saturday dance will be November 14, our "Let Freedom Ring" dance. We will recognize the veterans attending the dance for their service to our country. Leo Catt will call, and Rochelle Catt will cue. We will dance Plus from 6:30–7:30 pm and Mainstream from 7:30–9:30 pm. Hope to see you on the dance floor!

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 **Clam Diggers** have scheduled several upcoming dances in Ocean Shores at the Lions Club, 832 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, Ocean Shores. These dances will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 1–3 pm, with Lane Johnston calling and Marie Wood cueing. We couldn't get a hall for every month, so please mark these dates:

- November 28

- January 23
- March 27
- June 26

We will continue dancing every Monday at the Ocean Shores Library, 573 Point Brown Ave. NW, Ocean Shores.

Please come and join us!

Happy Dancing,

Gail Johnston
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The **Prairie Steppers** hope you enjoyed our "A Time for Giving" dance on October 10 and that you will dance with us on Saturday, November 14, at our "Hippies in the '60s" dance. Steve Dvorak will substitute for Steve Mazel, and Marie Wood will cue. This will be a student-level dance for new Mainstream dancers. Our hosts will be Steve and JoAnn George. We may unearth our '60s-era hip-huggers and bell-bottoms, but there's no guarantee those old favorites will fit!

The Prairie Steppers planned to travel to the Sou'Wester Council Halloween dance on October 31, with Leo and Rochelle Catt calling and cueing. Since it was a Halloween dance, costumes were encouraged. The Prairie Steppers planned to meet for dinner at The Fishing Hole Family Restaurant in Montesano before the dance.

Leo Catt is substituting as instructor for our current set of Mainstream lessons while Steve Mazel recovers from planned knee-replacement surgery. The current session is scheduled for 12 weeks, with optional Mainstream workshops after all the Mainstream moves have been taught.

The Prairie Steppers have secured a contract with Skookumchuck Grange in Tenino as the venue for our May 8, 2027, Chicken Dance. We plan to create directional signs to make sure everyone can find us at this new location. The Brendzy family is scheduled to call and cue. Look for flyers to come out soon.

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The **Square One Plus** club has been holding Plus lessons since September. Caller Gunter Monroe is keeping us hopping by introducing the new Advanced moves that are now part of the Plus program. We have had four squares, including novices and old hands. Everyone is having a good time, and since the new moves are being introduced, the lessons will continue into January 2027.

At our fourth-Saturday dance in October, Marc Denniston replaced Tom Clymer, who is having throat problems. Marc did a good job and was joined by one of our favorite cuers, Marie Wood.

Our fourth-Saturday dance in November should be memorable, with Ray Brendzy and his family calling and cueing for us.

Good Dancin' Everyone!

Ken Moller
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Happy November from the **Flutterwheels**! We have a busy month planned.

On Saturday, November 7, we will have our Falling Leaves Dance. Marc Denniston and Angelica Bayless will call Mainstream with a Plus tip. Rochelle Catt will cue.

On Saturday, November 21, we will hold our famous Pie Contest Dance. Come and enter a pie, or just enjoy eating and voting for your favorite! The first half of the dance will be at the student level—it's the first dance for our Monday class. Then we will dance full Mainstream for the second half. Glenn Raiha and Steve Dvorak will call, and Mary Parsons will cue.

We also continue to support the great Olympia-area square dance classes on Mondays and Thursdays.

Nancy Raiha

Lights, Camera, Action … and DANCE!

The **Crazy 8's** are in full swing, and October was filled with fun, laughter, dancing, and excitement!

On October 9, we rolled out the red carpet for our Movie Night Costume Dance! We had a fantastic evening dancing to spooky Halloween tunes, enjoying everyone's creative costumes, and celebrating a couple of exciting milestones. This was our first student-level dance plus, and we couldn't be prouder of our students! We also celebrated a special accomplishment as Rochelle's Cha Class officially graduated. Congratulations to all our dancers for their hard work and dedication! Of course, no Crazy 8's dance would be complete without something yummy, and we topped off the evening with delicious pie and ice cream!

The fun doesn't stop when the music ends! Our Sunday lessons are going strong. Leo's Plus students are making great progress, and Rochelle has kicked off a brand-new Phase 3 Rumba class. There is always something new to learn, plenty of laughter, and lots of happy feet on the dance floor!

To wrap up October, the Crazy 8's joined forces with the Prairie Steppers for a joint caravan to Hoquiam for the Sou'Wester Council dance. What a wonderful time we had dancing, visiting with friends, and enjoying the fellowship that makes square dancing so

special! After all, dancing is always more fun when shared with friends!

Coming Up Next — Let's Glow Crazy!

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 13, 2026, when the Crazy 8's will light up the dance floor with our Harvest Moon Black Light Dance!

Dig out those white shirts, fluorescent colors, and anything that glows under black lights! We are turning down the lights and turning up the fun! This will be another student-level Plus dance, so be sure to invite your students to join us. Let's fill the floor with glowing dancers, great music, and plenty of smiles!

Come Learn, Laugh & Dance with the Crazy 8's!

We would love to have you join our Crazy 8's family! Whether you're learning something new, brushing up on your moves, or just looking for a fun evening with great people, there's always a place for you on our dance floor!

Our weekly Sunday lessons:

- 1–3 pm: Round dance lessons — Phase 3 Rumba
- 3–5 pm: Plus square dance lessons

Our monthly club dance:

- When: Second Friday of every month
- Pre-rounds: 7–7:30 pm
- Plus squares: 7:30–9:30 pm
- Where: Oakview Grange, Centralia, Washington

Club caller: Leo Catt, club cuer: Rochelle Catt

From spooky costumes to glowing dance floors, the Crazy 8's know how to have a good time! We are so thankful for our wonderful dancers, students, and friends who continue to make our club such a fun and welcoming place.

Until next time … keep those feet moving, those smiles shining, and remember—life is better when you're dancing!

Rochelle Catt

The **Stardust Dancers** hope you were able to attend our Anniversary Dance in October. It was very festive, with people wearing white and blue and enjoying cake and ice cream. More than 30 people danced the night away.

Our November dances are on the first and third Thursdays, the 5th and 19th. Dancing begins at 7 pm with intermediate rounds and at 7:30 pm with Phase II and III rounds featuring mixed rhythms. November attire is casual, but dance attire is admired. Susan is teaching Jive on Tuesdays, so there may be some Jive!

Thursday, December 3, is another festive dance and silent auction. This is our Christmas dance, so holiday attire is encouraged. Dancers are invited to bring an item or two to add to the auction, along with some extra cash in case they find a treasure to take home. Be sure to mark December 3 on your calendar!

We wish you a happy Thanksgiving and happy dancing!

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Cougar Squares wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and hope fall is filled with lots of dancing.

Our November dance is on the first Saturday, November 7. The hosts are Marti and Dick Piesch and Janice Sisley. The dance begins at 7 pm with Plus and 7:30 pm with basic calls. Jim Raupp is our caller, and Susan Healea is our cuer. We dance at St. Francis Parish Hall. Turn at the blinking yellow light on Spencer Road, and you are there! Square dance attire is suggested.

Cougar Squares are planning the 2026 Thankful Christmas Dance on December 5. The hosts are Bobbi Herriford, Gordon Misch, and Karen Reed. Thankful Christmas is a perfect way to start the holiday season. This year, there will be a backdrop for taking pictures, so pick out your favorite holiday outfit. The cost for dinner and the dance is $10 per person. Jim Raupp will call, and Susan Healea will cue.

Our fall square dance lessons are going well. We have four squares dancing most Mondays. Leo Catt is our square dance instructor for the fall lessons. Leo reviews Plus from 6:30–7 pm and teaches basic moves from 7–9 pm.

Cougar Squares wish you a happy Thanksgiving!

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Sou'Wester Council
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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
1721-46th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506

CougarSquares(Jan. '62) Toledo
MS/R/F/S, 1st Sat., Sept.-June
St. Francis Social Hall
139 Spencer Rd., Toledo, WA 98591

PrairieSteppers(May '67) Centralia
MS/P/R/F, 2nd Sat. Sept.-May
Oakview Grange
2715 No. Pearl St, Centralia, WA 98531

Round-A-Bouts(Jan'81) Olympia
R/F, 1st Tuesday All year
Lac-A-Do Hall
1721-46th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506

SquareOne(May '82) Olympia
P/R/A, 1st Fri,3rd Sun,4th Sat. All year
Lac-A-Do Hall
1721-46th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506

TanglefootCloggers(Sept '90) Tumwater
CL, Mondays All year
Brighton Park Grange
525-73rd Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

StardustDancers(May '97) Kelso
R/F, 1st & 3rd Thurs. All year
Catlin Grange
205 Shawnee St., Kelso, WA 98626

DoubleA's(May'03) Olympia
A2/R/A/S, Sundays, All year
Lac-A-Do Hall
1721-46th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506

ClamDiggers(May '24) Ocean Shores
MS/F, Mondays, All year
Ocean Shores Library
573 Point Brown Ave NW,
Ocean Shores, WA 98569

CrazyEights(Sept. '25) Centralia
P/R/F, 2nd Fri, Sundays, All year
Oakview Grange
2715 No. Pearl St, Centralia, WA 98531

Spokane Area Council

Area Reporter

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Spokane Area Council — November 2026

We are definitely into the square dancing season! There's a good turnout at the clubs for Mainstream lessons, monthly dances are well attended, and some great callers are coming to Spokane for special dances.

This year, clubs are having Halloween-themed dances, and many adults have been seen being kids again in costumes. Ken Burke from Tennessee called for a busy weekend on October 31, with Friday and Saturday dances and a Plus dance Saturday afternoon.

November begins with a fun Plustacular Dance on the 6th, featuring rounds and Plus squares. The council is beginning its New Dancer Jamborees on November 13. Everyone enjoys sharing the floor with students as they try out what they've been learning.

November is also the month we thank our veterans, and several clubs will be getting out the red, white, and blue. Wild Rose Ramblers will have a dance on November 7, followed by Diamond Squares' "Honor All Who Served" dance on Saturday, November 14.

Donna Seil, Council Reporter

Coeurly Q's are hosting the November 7 dance at the Harding Family Center, with Dan Preedy calling for "Cooking Up Some Fun." The highlight of the dance is collecting food donations for the Coeur d'Alene Food Bank. We always appreciate the generosity of our square dance community.

Donna Seil, reporting

Model T's had a luau dance on October 17. The evening started with a meal provided by club member Sue King's daughter, granddaughter, and great-grandchildren. After dinner, they performed dances, and Sue got the audience to join in for the final hula.

The square dance followed, with seven squares starting the evening. Our format of two Mainstream tips followed by a Plus tip is working well. We had three squares for the Plus tips.

It's time to collect donations for our Toys for Tots Dance. The Toys for Tots box is at the hall, and donations can be dropped off anytime through November 21.

It's never too early to find that prize sweater for our December 19 Christmas Sweater or Ugly Sweater Dance, hosted by Donna and Tina.

Our member Dennis Haugen flew on the Honor Flight from Spokane to Washington, DC, on October 13 and returned on October 14. His son Scott accompanied him as a guardian, helping care for the veterans. Dennis was interviewed for a KREM 2 Veterans Day special, so mark November 11 on your calendar to watch the interview.

Don Grant

Square dancers love traditions, and **Valley Cross Trailers** have one we always like to plan for: the annual Turkey Shoot! You have to come to this fun evening, and no, no turkeys are harmed!










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Proper dance attire is requested after 6:00 p.m. for all dancers.
76th NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.
Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

1. You may complete this form online at 76nsdc.com
2. Please **PRINT** legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
3. **If you have already PRE-REGISTERED**, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter $0 in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
4. **Registration Fees**: Youth (born after 6/26/2010) $30, under 5, free. List Date of Birth (DOB) for youth only. Adult $100 until 5/1/27, $115 thereafter.
5. **Registrations** are **non-transferable**.
6. No partial (one, two or three day) registrations.
7. A $10.00 fee per person will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2027. **No refunds after April 30, 2027.**
8. Registrations received after April 30, 2027, will receive email confirmation only.
9. If sending by postal service, enclose check/money order for payment in full; you will **NOT** be invoiced! Check or Money Order must be payable in U.S. funds to 76th NSDC. **Do Not Send Cash.**

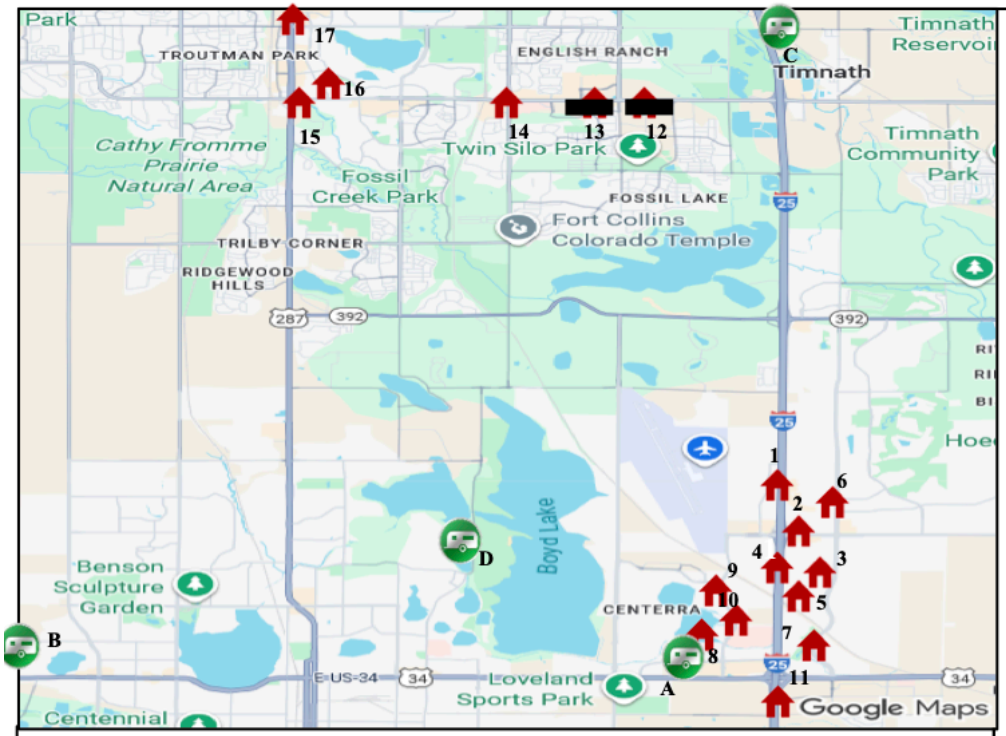
TOURS can be purchased online at 76nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS: Please help us plan! Check all that apply…
Square Dance Program – check all levels you wish to dance:
Mainstream ☐ Plus ☐ Advanced ☐ Challenge ☐
Contra ☐ Lines ☐ Rounds Phase II ☐ III ☐ IV ☐ V ☐ VI ☐
Handicapable ☐ Solo ☐
Education Leadership Certification Program: ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Visit 76nsdc.com for more information

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS
You must update your profile yearly & online by 12/31/26 @ **sdconvention.com**
Name_____ Type:_____
Name_____ Type:_____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE

Name:_____



For transportation options from Denver International Airport Visit: 76nsdc.com. Transportation will not be furnished by the convention.

Housing Guidelines

Register early to have your hotel room choice available, but no later than May 1, 2027. A web link to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees in the order that this registration form is received.

You must be registered for the convention with a registration number to receive the convention rate.

Shared Rooms – Only one person per room should make a reservation.

Housing Block requests are due by July 15, 2026, contact Dennis Miller rhchair76nsdc@gmail.com. Block reservations must be complete by September 15, 2026.

Hotel cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance to avoid a fee.

Additional Hotels and a shuttle service may be added. See 76nsdc.com for latest information.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be emailed a direct secure link to our hotel booking service

Code	Hotel	Rate
~~1~~	~~Embassy Suites – Headquarters c~~ sold out ~~Site~~	~~$229~~
2	Microtel Inn (.6 mi/3 min)	$179
~~3~~	~~Holiday Inn Express (.7 mi/3 min)~~	~~TBD~~
4	~~Candlewood Suites (.8 mi/4 min)~~	~~TBD~~
5	My Place Hotel (.8 mi/3 min)	$229
6	SpringHill Suites (1.3 mi/5 min)	$199
7	Courtyard Loveland (2.8 mi./8.0 min.)	$209
8	Residence Inn (3.2 mi/8 min)	$209
9	Fairfield Inn Loveland (3.3 mi/9 min)	$189
10	Hampton Inn Loveland (3.6 mi/8 min)	$195
11	Wingate (4.1 mi/10 min) Rooms @$109 sold out	$154
12	Best Western Plus (3.7 mi/8 min)	$198
13	Comfort Suites Loveland (3.8 mi/9 min)	$189
~~14~~	~~Hampton Inn, Ft. Collins (9.9 mi/17 min)~~	~~$224~~
~~15~~	~~Courtyard Ft. Collins (10.3 mi/18 min)~~	~~$169~~
~~16~~	~~Candlewood Suites Ft. Collins (11.2 mi/19 min)~~	~~$169~~
17	Marriott Ft. Collins (12.1 mi/21 min)	$219

Help us plan. This does not reserve a hotel room. Enter preferences Code #.
First preference____ Second preference ____ Third preference____

Room nights needed (4 night minimum) ☐ Su 6/20 ☐ M 6/21 ☐ T 6/22 ☐ W 6/23 ☐ Th 6/24 ☐ F 6/25 ☐ Sa 6/26 ☐ Su 6/27

Number of additional nights prior to 6/20 _____ Number of additional nights after 6/27. _____ Total number of nights requested _____

Arrange your own RV & Camping Accommodations

A. **Loveland RV Resort** (4 mi/8 min) 4421US Hwy 34 (Loveland) (970) 667-1204 www.lovelandrvresort.com

B. **Riverview RV Park** (14 mi/23 min) 3444 River Rim Rd. (Loveland) (970) 667-9910 www.riverviewrv.com

C. **Wellington KOA** (22 mi/23 min) 4821 E. County Rd. 70 (Wellington) (720) 650-5777 https://koa.com/campgrounds/fort-collins-north/

D. **Boyd Lake State Park** (8 mi/16 min) 3720 N. County Rd. 11c (Loveland) (970) 669-1739 https://cpw.state.co.us/state-parks/boyd-lake-state-park

IMPORTANT. Visit 76nsdc.com for **discount** information and other important details. (Boyd Lake can only be booked 6 months ahead, others start 2 Jan 2026.)

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Daytona Beach, Florida

June 28-July 1, 2028



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Zelle® your registration fee to 77nsdcfl@gmail.com

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Primary Last Name: _____First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Partner's Last Name (if different): _____First Name: _____

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Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip: _____ Country: _____

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☐ Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) $80.00 each x _____**until 1/23/2027 = $**_____

Youth born after July 1, 2011 $30.00 each x _____**until 1/23/2027 = $**_____

Sub Total: $_____

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Total Due: $_____

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Expiration Date: _____/_____ Security Code: _____Name of Cardholder: _____

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If Registering by Mail: 77NSDC 1221 Alder Circle Friendswood, TX 77546
Or Email to: registrations@77nsdcfl.com

PLEASE HELP US PLAN! **Please CIRCLE all that apply**

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

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

Arrive Early or Stay Late # Days_____? Stay at Convention Hotels, RV Camping

$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2028. **This form and registration rate is void after January 23, 2027.** Registration Long Forms will be available in November 2026 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on January 23, 2027.

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: _____Date: _____

Registration Location: _____ Receipt Sent: _____Date Sent: _____

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Wish It Were Spring

Saturday, January 30, 2027

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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2 Mainstream tips, 1 Plus tip

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Use the link to fill out the electronic version of this registration form
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NAME AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT:		
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