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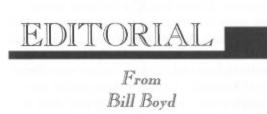


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Dear Dancers,

When I read Ed Foote's article on "A Hypothetical Situation - Or Is It?" (American Square Dance, February 2004) I knew I that I had to place it in the magazine. Why? I wanted ROUNDALAB to respond. I enjoy round dancing as much as square dancing. It is a rare occasion when the cuer does not identify the Plus in a Plus level (i.e. 3+2) giving the dancer the option of choosing to dance or sit. In most occasions the cuer may demonstrate the dance figure prior to cuing to the floor.

I have been to a Plus level square dance where the caller, in a workshop tip, introduced the dancer to a new figure. Most of the time this is a figure from a higher level and it is not always given a name. At a recent dance we had a caller change an hour glass formation to a galaxy formation. He told the dancers never mind what it is called, just do it! Everyone still had fun. No one cared that this wasn't on the prescribed call list. Callers and cuers alike work from a prescribed call list, not a proscribed call list. Callers and cuers have the responsibility to keep track of the floor and call to the floor. They must call at a high enough level to keep everyone interested and an easy enough level to keep everyone dancing.

In response to Howard and Anna Hoffman (LettersTo the Editor, this issue) in regard to your line "It's good know that (as square dance callers) we're this perfect." I hope not! Callers and cuers of all levels should try to improve. I am happy that you responded and I hope you and any other reader will continue to send your comments.

P.S. Would Pete Wex like to take over my editorial column? Jut kidding. I think improved dancing begins at the club level. It is up to the caller to make the more intricate patterns fun to dance. Remember we square dance for fun and recreation.

When I go to a convention I like to visit and dance in as many hall as possible. If there is a DBD Plus hall it is particularly enjoyable, however the mainstream, plus and advanced halls are just as much fun! Make sure that you leave your problems at the door and if you so desire, pick them up when you leave.

If you don't see your festival or convention information listed in the What's Ahead section ask, "Did someone remember to send the information?" We can only print what we receive - and it must meet the listed qualifications on page 57.

Remember you can always email articles to us! AmericanSquareDance@earthlink.net



Who is Reggie Kniphfer?

Tar Heel caller Reggie Kniphfer has been closely involved with music of various kinds most of his life. As a student at Savannah GA High School in the 1940s he was first trumpet in the school band and helped form a dance band - The Starlighters - which played at many teen dances in and around Savannah. Another extra-curricular activity during his high school days was playing third base and, when needed, other positions on the school baseball team. The Korean War curtailed his athletic endeavors for several years when he served in the U.S. Air Force.

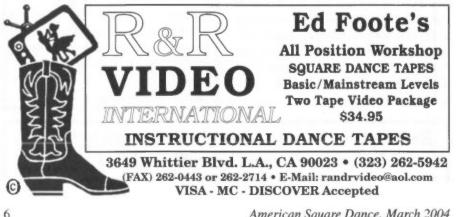
Reggie and his wife Marguerite were students in a square dancing class during the early months of 1959. In December of that year he began calling and teaching square dancing in the Savannah area. His proficiency as a caller made him sufficiently recognized that he was invited to guest call for the 22 clubs in that area.

In 1998, as a resident of Fayetteville, NC, Reggie launched Tar Heel Record Company. As owner-producer he has produced 34 singing calls and music for 11 round dances. Among callers who have recorded on this label are Monk Moore, Tom Wallace, Vaughn Parrish, Ed Shepley, and Reggie. The amiable caller has organized two Tar Heel clubs - the Fayetteville Swingers and the Lumberjacks and Jills in Lumberton. The latter is still active after three decades. The former folded in 1999 after being active for 32 years.

Reggie has attended each of the 14 North Carolina state conventions. For the past six years he ha accepted the invitation to call at the Georgia state convention in Macon. He has attended two national conventions - Charlotte (1998) and New Orleans.

Reggie and Marguerite took nuptial vows in 1951 and remained married for almost 35 years. Marguerite was a leading round dance cuer and teacher. The couple has two children - son David and daughter Cindy. Cindy and her son Adam live in Fayetteville. Both of the children square danced as teenagers.

In 1995 Reggie retired from his long service as manager of several automobile dealerships in Georgia and North Carolina. In retirement he devotes his time to calling for the Indiantown Swingers in Hemingway, SC and leading a plus workshop



group in Fayetteville. A long-standing member of the American Callers Association, he is licensed through that organization for ASCAP/BMI. Reggie's favorite aphorism is "Life is like a dogsled team; if you are not the lead dog, the scenery never changes." Fortunately for Reggie, the scenery changes often. *Al Stewart, Greensboro*

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There was an excellent turnout for the Caller vs. Cuer Boxing Tournament.

FROM THE MAIL ROOM

Dear, Mike Burke

Please allow me to express what admittedly are purely my own opinions on the issues you raised. Unlike you, I don't presume to represent



a large portion of the square dancing community. Forgive me if at any time I lapse into a tone similar to yours...I was taught that, if an argument is reasonable and articulate, there is no need to shout.

Our beliefs diverge at your very first paragraph. The truth is, rather than becoming more complicated, the general and unfortunate trend has been toward "dumbing it down" at the mainstream and plus levels. Calls formerly on those lists have been moved up or dropped entirely. We no longer have the quarterly introduction of new calls. All the wonderful "grand" calls ("Grand Parade", "Grand Sweep", etc.) that danced so beautifully to the music are gone. I've reluctantly accepted the paring down already done, but I'm adamantly opposed to any further weakening of those levels.

Your second paragraph is a real hoot! The premise that we dancers are somehow entertaining the callers is truly bizarre! Actually, they have a monstrous challenge in simultaneously entertaining and pleasing dancers at your level and dancers who do know and understand some of the definitions and thrive on variety and imagination. Thank God for the callers who stretch us a little and make us think once in a while.

In paragraph three, you take one of the simplest of the plus calls (Acey Duecy) that has a four word definition ("centers trade; ends circulate") and you claim "the normal, everyday dancer has no clue" as to what they should do from various formations. How can that be? What are these "normal, everyday dancers" doing at plus level dances if they haven't yet learned the simplest calls? Shame on the callers





who led you and those dancers to believe you/they were ready to dance plus.

I have to conclude from your fourth paragraph that you missed the company memo. Modern Western Square Dancing proudly touts (and rightfully so) its healthful attributes of aerobic and mental exercise. That's one of the ways we sell MWSD to the uninitiated. A brain that is exercised regularly doesn't suffer strains, Mike.

From your fifth paragraph, I have to ask, if you wanted to merely execute repetitive movements to music, why did you choose this form of dancing? You're apparently oblivious to what MWSD is all about. Haven't you figured out what makes it such a marvelous and fulfilling experience? It's a unique form of dance where, at every level, eight people (sometimes total strangers) briefly become a team and work together closely (in time to the music) to follow the directions and execute the movements the caller lays before them. Hopefully the caller has enough respect and consideration for and confidence in the dancers to challenge them with more than just the simplest material. The feelings of satisfaction and camaraderie in a square at the end of a challenging tip completed successfully are absolutely exhilarating. I feel badly for you if you haven't experienced that. It's astounding that you would declare that this is not dancing. Mike, how could you have spent any time at all in this activity and so completely missed its whole point?

In your sixth paragraph, you specifically name callers and chastise them for sharing their "wondrous material" at dances or weekend festivals. The two Tims (Marriner and Crawford) rank at the top of my list of favorite callers. I'm grateful to them (and Tom Miller, Bill Harrison, Ed Foote, Butch Adams, et al) and every club and local caller and teacher who interjects creativity, variety, imagination and, yes, challenge into their programs. May I suggest some workshopping? That's what all the more competent dancers have done and continue to do. You'd be amazed how much more you will enjoy it if you learn to do some of the things that now leave you standing.

In the seventh paragraph, you start off with a reasonably true statement. Some of those movements are not danced at "normal" dances. Those movements are danced by better dancers at better dances or workshops and at DBD or Extended Applications events, and I believe that was the intended audience. I doubt that the choreographers or callers meant to aim those articles at you. Also in our area we experience the opposite of what you do. We find the more creative and stimulating the caller, the greater the attendance.

Your eighth paragraph amused me. When you used "syndrome" where you did, you inadvertently said exactly the opposite of what you intended: You made the KISS principle part of the disease plaguing MWSD. And you're right (even though

purely by accident). Making MWSD as simple as you advocate would make it appeal only to simple people. It would quickly lose its brighter, more active and more dedicated and committed dancers, the very ones who support the activity the most and make it go. Those dancers would find the repetitive monotony you espouse intolerable and unacceptable.

The rest of your letter simply repeats the same complaints, so no further specific response seems necessary. Your recurring theme throughout is that, unless it's totally simple and straightforward, it can't be danced to the music. Again, I disagree with you strongly. Most dancers can and do dance most of it to the music just fine. When your square is broken down, take the opportunity to look around. If most of the squares are still dancing, that suggests that most of the dancers know what they are doing. Remember that it takes only one incompetent dancer or couple to break down an entire square.

I have three possible solutions for your concerns. I've already suggested one: Rather than the radical, egocentric, counterproductive one of trying to pull MWSD down to your level, how about working at bringing your level up? As I said, you'll be surprised at how much more fun it would become for you.

If for some reason that can't be done, what about adding ice cream flavor names to the level of dances, to clearly signify for whom they are intended and what limitations the callers should observe? For instance, you could confine yourself to dances designated "pure vanilla" mainstream or plus. More imaginative dancers could look for "fudge ripple" plus programs. Dancers looking to be challenged by callers who have been given free rein can seek out "neapolitan' or "rainbow sherbet" plus. Each of us can dance the level he enjoys.

Whoops, you know what? At this moment in time that won't work. The numbers in MWSD are down too much to survive fractionalizing the dancers. Splintering them into such distinct subdivisions will kill the dances we now hold and the festivals we now have. Recognizing that brings me to my third solution, one that might actually work.

Mike, we have to learn to play nice together, for the good of square dancing as a whole. We have to stop yelling and believing our perceptions are the only correct ones. We have to get over thinking square dancing needs to change to accommodate us; instead we need to dedicate ourselves to make square dancing work for all its diverse interests. If we're at the same festival, I promise I won't whine or complain



They kept trying to get the cuer to call, but couldn't manage it.



while they call to your level. I'll amuse myself by dancing arky or no hands tips with my friends. When DBD, Arky or Take No Prisoners tips are scheduled or announced, please step back graciously and let us have our enjoyment. Being tolerant of each other's interests and working together to keep MWSD going should be our common goal.

I can think of a lot of issues Modern Western Square Dancing must work its way through just to survive, let alone flourish. I honestly believe the complexity of the mainstream and/or plus levels isn't even in the top ten of those issues.

Sincerely,

Pete Wex

Gentlemen

As a square dance caller and round dance leader, I was disgusted when I read Ed Foote's article (A Hypothetical Situation - Or Is It?) in the February 2004 issue of American Square Dance magazine.

There were two problems here - the first problem was Ed Foote writing an article that took a cheap shot at the round dance world, and secondly, I think American Square Dance was wrong to have published an article which obviously is going to bring much controversy.

It would seem to me that we (as square dance callers) have enough problems keeping our own activity alive. We don't need to alienate ourselves with other fellow dancers and dance organizations. I think Ed Foote owes Roundalab (and the round dance world) an apology.

I must say that I roared with laughter when I read these words from his article -"Why do callers in CALLERLAB stick precisely to the advertised program, but members of ROUNDALAB have no problem with violating its advertised programs?" It's good to know that (as square dance callers) we're this perfect.

Hey Ed, "Get out and smell the roses!"

Sincerely,

Howard and Anna Hoffman

SQUARE-UP

From John & Linda Saunders



Square Dancing is many things to many people. Square Dancing has one common effect. It brings out strengths and weaknesses. Those who object to close associations with people; who live by a philosophy of "if at first you don't succeed, skip it"; or who insist on excelling always and at all cost, will not stay around to become square dancers. Because to learn to square dance and, by learning, to become a square dancer, one must like to be with other people, to "have another go at it," and to cooperate even if it means placing the old light under the bushel from time to time.

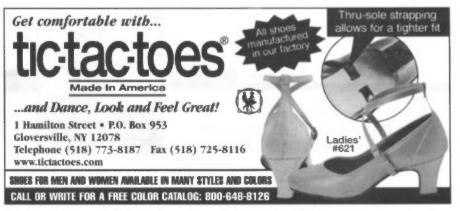
Mistakes and Square Dancing are inseparable. Mistakes are part of the fun. Some have more fun than others. Which is just another way of saying that some people, and you may well be among them, will find it harder to respond quickly and correctly to calls than do others. The important thing to remember is that it always comes out even in the end. Time and patience will take care of it. The man with two left feet will find the other foot. And when he does, watch out. He will dance as well, perhaps better, than the lucky ones who had it easy during classes. If you must laugh at another's mistakes follow one simple rule. Let them laugh first.

Square Dancing requires rhythm, balance, listening and responding to recognizable instructions. If you don't hear the music or what the callers said, you're bound to spend most of the dancing time in left field with seven other dancers in the square out looking for you. A cardinal rule of Square Dancing for veteran or beginner is contained in the simple word, "Listen."

The Square Dancers who have stopped learning have stopped dancing. New wrinkles pop up in today's square dancing faster than in the electronics industry if your caller is a progressive caller who enjoys mixing up the choreography.

Consideration for others is all-important in square dancing and requires a conscious effort. Avoid any word, act or condition, which might offend your fellow





dancers and you will be happier and more popular for it.

The rewards of staying with it, of listening, of being tolerant are greater than you realize now. Having made dozens of new and wonderful friends attending festivals and jamborees, after-parties, square dance demonstrations; becoming an active member of several square dance clubs; physically, mentally, socially, one has profited by sticking with the square dance activity. We have accomplished and developed a deep personal satisfaction. So when you square up the next time remember mistakes are part of the fun.

Parts of this month's article were taken from an article written by the late Chuck Leamon. Chuck was a fellow Florida caller and friend, who enjoyed the square dance activity to the fullest and wanted the dancers to enjoy squaring-up.

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For further information, please contact: Charles and Kitty Holley at 334-271-0646, E-mail: Kittyncharlie@charter.net OR Patrick Demerath, E-mail: Pdemerath@troyst.edu, CALLERLAB, 467 Forrest Ave, Suite 118, Florida 32922; (321) 639-0039; email: CALLERLAB@aol.com; On the web: www.callerlab.org.

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CD's

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A popular release this month. Banjo, Harmonica, fiddle and guitar with a rhythm track. Key change in closer. Recorded in 3 keys. Hds (Sds) Promenade Half, R & L Thru, Flutterwheel, Sweep, Pass Thru, R & L Thru, Veer Left, Ferris Wheel, Pass Thru, Swing Corner, Promenade.

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A cover of an old Willie Nelson hit. Guitar and harmonica. No strong melody line. Track two has some storm effects. Hds (Sds) Promenade Half, Pass the Ocean, Extend, Swing Thru, Boys Run, Bend the Line, R & L Thru, Flutterwheel, Slide

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In many cases, it is the physical education teacher who is responsible for bringing social dance forms into the school curriculum. Many times, we don't have people in those positions who are well versed in the area of dance, and if that is so sometimes it won't be included in the Physical Education curriculum. Many physical educators are willing to receive any help that they might be able to get in this area, whether it be in the form of demonstrations or in assistance in teaching or having someone in an advising capacity. Have you thought about donating an old sound system or records and tapes to the physical education program at the local school to assist in the dance promotion effort?

Many elementary school programs in their study of history, do a unit on the "Old West. This is a perfect opportunity to go into a school and demonstrate our traditional dance, and maybe even dance with the students. While I was working with 4-H and FFA square dance groups in Central Pennsylvania we used to go out to 4 or 5 elementary schools per year, do some demonstrations and then do some easy figures with the students using our female dancers with the boys and the male dancers with the females. It was a great success.

Don't forget about the colleges and universities. Many times they may have a program such as a fine arts or cultural series running at their institutions where a dance demonstration might be in order. Collegiate squares may even pop up on campus or maybe at your club inviting the college crowd into a dance. Does your club have a youth night and allow them in not worrying if they are in appropriate attire for a dancing evening? Competition is sometimes a good thing for younger dancers. It is sometimes not enough to dance for the sake of lawful and useful recreation...but learning to do it as the best group is sometimes an attractive element.

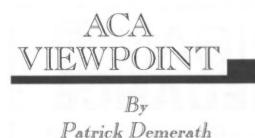
One thing that has stuck with square dancing for many years is that great cartoon character Bugs Bunny's version of the square dance. Remember this, "Swing yer pardner round and round, pull her ear and throw her on the ground" or something like that. Even though we are traditional we have to realize music has changed over the years. Lets remember our youth and the music that we thought was out of date that our parents and grandparents listened to, and the music we listened to that they thought was blaring, too loud. Physical Educators are now innovating and utilizing techno-music to do square dance figures in certain settings. Let's get them interested in our great form of dance and then we can move on from there. As they appreciate the form of dance they then can begin to appreciate the past history, and traditional forms and music as well.

We are aware that children and young people are growing and learning at all times. But like all phases of education, we want to equip the youth of today with the social elements to function well in society, and the school educators can certainly always use a hand in helping our students reach that goal, as well as promoting and preserving our traditional form of dancing.

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Make Square Dancing Your Fire

The February ACA Viewpoint discussed an outstanding square dancing program at of multi-generational square dancing in Jacksonville, Florida where grandparents and grandkids dance together. It is a program that demonstrates that square dancing can be successful with different generations of people "breaking down the barriers" which separate them with dancers of three or four generations dancing together. The Silver Fox Squares are demonstrating that it is possible to recruit youth dancers.

This months ACA Viewpoints addresses a unique aspect of the sociability and blessings of square dancing.

If we ask a person what is the purpose of a fireplace, a practical person will reply that it is to warm people. Others may see it is much more. In our current daily society, there are many people who live alone for a myriad of reasons. A person who tends a fire need never be lonely. A fire in a fireplace that is correctly managed requires thought and attention. As a reward a warm fire in a fireplace offers much more, such as beauty, comfort, and can eliminate loneliness and boredom. Also the dancing and glow of a fire in a fireplace can develop a glow in the heart.

A person who loves a fire in a fireplace wants a variety of woods to heat and to offer various delicate fragrances in the room. Aficionados of fires in fireplaces tell us not to poke the fire too much and use judgment as we put on the logs. Gently and delicately tending the fire is for a patient person who can foster deep affection, thoughts and contentment.

Square dancing relationships can eliminate isolation, loneliness and boredom. Square dancing can, if tended correctly, promote mental and physical healing. Square dancing offers fun-filled exercise with comparable benefits to any exercise like aerobics and the martial arts.

With the decline in the number of square dancers today and the negligible recruiting successes, it might be possible to reverse these trends if we just make square dancing our fire. If each person would do this, the declining trend can be stopped and growth can return.

This article demonstrates that square dancing's survival and success is up to all of

us not just the caller associations, dancers associations, and city, state and festival associations. Let's get together and tend the square dancing fire in its fireplace and enjoy and nurture square dancing's comradeship, warmth, and en-



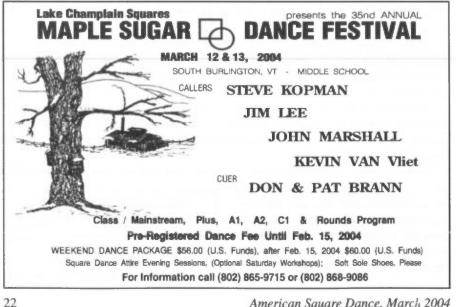


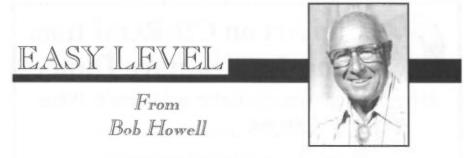
joyment.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject or communicate their success story in recruiting is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at Loulet@aol.com or Dr. Patrick Demerath at demerath@tsum.edu.

Until next time, Happy Dancing.

The American Callers' Association (in its attempt to be of service to all callers, dancers, and associations) provides current, timely, and effective information on new dancer recruitment, winning ways to retain club dancers, and pitfalls to drive square dancers away for most of 2001, 2002, and 2003. ACA appreciates the positive comments, encouragement to continue, and contributions from callers and dancers all over the country and from abroad to continue these initiatives. ACA will continue to provide information that will help the square dance community recruit, retain and retrieve square dancers as well as encourage the dancers to speak out on the cumbersome dance programs.





Dr. David Lewis of Elizabethtown, Kentucky has been one of the prime movers in the Kentucky Dance Foundation and has been kind enough to send along the following "Easy Level" dance. The music for the dance is available from KDF at 1-800-446-1209 or www.folkdancer.org

HEER 'K WEER

Flemish Mixer

Formation: Double Circle, men inside, partners facing Music: HEER 'K WEER Routine:

Introduction: Bow to partner Measures:

- 1-8 Men turn right 15 steps CW Ladies turn right 15 steps CCW Stamp, Stamp, Stamp on last three beats while turning to opposite direction
- 9-16 Repeat walking in opposite direction
- 17-24 (Meet new partner) Clap hands to left Clap partner's hands Clap hands to left Clap partner's hands Clap hands five counts Tieki draai (swing) partner

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(Girl's hands on boy's shoulder, boy's hands at girl's waist, face partner on this swing.) 17-24 Repeat.

If you happen to live in any mountainous area of the country, March weather usually starts the streams running from the winter snow melt. Following is a sweet little waltz written by Pat Shaw several years ago. It is entitled the -

WATERFALL WALTZ

By Pat Shaw

Formation: Sicilian circle, couple facing couple around the outside of the floor **Music:** "Caerdroea" LS E-30, Side B

Routine:

- 4 Two gents turn each other once around with right hands,
- 4 All do sa do opposites,
- 4 Two ladies turn each other once around with right hands,
- 4 All do sa do partners (end facing partners),
- 2 All chasse individually 2 steps, men to left behind women and women to right in front of men,
- 2 Two-hand turn partners, halfway round,
- 2 All chasse as above,
- 2 Two-hand turn partners, halfway round,
- 4 Circle four (left) halfway round, honor opposites,
- 4 Turn partner (crossed hands, close) once and a half around, end with women on men's right-hand side, facing a new couple, in original direction.

Here's one that I haven't called for over 50 years, but if my memory serves me right, the dance went as follows.

IRISH WASHERWOMEN

Formation: Square Music: Irish Washerwoman. FCDC-056 Routine: Intro: Use any 32 count intro.

All four gents to the right of the ring,

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When you get there you balance and swing, After you've swung remember my call,

It's allemande left and promenade all.

Note: All four gents move to the right hand lady. They single balance and swing this lady. After the swing, they allemande left their original partner and then go back and promenade with this new lady around the set and back home to the new spot that they just left. Repeat four more times and they should now be home with their original partner.

Repeat the entire sequence sending the ladies out to the right four times. A middle and ending break can be used also.

A final note: You might want to slow the music down quite a bit for more mature dancers. The kids really like it.

On one of our square dance tours, this one to Ireland, we'd all leave the bus and dance in the parking lot with the local people. We tried to do a dance named after the local area. While stopping in Galway for lunch, we hopped out of the bus and danced the following contra -

ALL THE WAY TO GALWAY

By Rich Castner

Formation: Contra lines, 1,3,5,etc. couples active and crossed over.

Music: Smash the window. Available from the Kentucky Dance Foundation. Slow it down considerably.

Routine:

Intro: Active couples down the center

1-8 ----, below two couples, then up the outside

9-16 ----, Actives do-sa-do in the middle when they get back home.

17-24 ----, With the one below do-sa-do

25-32 - - -, Same one below double balance and swing

33-40 ----, ----

41-48 - - - -, Put her on the right and half promenade

49-56 - - - -, With the music, right and left thru.*

* Caller indicates crossover every second and alternate sequence through the dance.

Square Dancers Care

No one is more helpful than square dancers when it comes to families in need. The Chris Okon Benefit Dance was no exception. Chris was paralyzed from the waist down following an ATV accident in May 2002. Since Chris' grandparents, Jim and Doris Wetzel are avid square dancers, it was decided to have a benefit dance.

More than 160 dancers of all ages congregated at Marchese's Danceland, Sussex, Wisconsin to square dance to Bob Asp of Rockton, Illinois and to round dance to Bob Yoerin of Burlington, Wisconsin. Dancers also bought chances on over 50 items, many contributed by dancers. In all, \$2,345.00 was contributed to help pay medical expenses for Chris! Square dancers are the GREATEST! *Thanks loads*,

Jim and Doris Wetzel



Bernie Coulthurst Editor Of Club Leadership Journal



Tom McGovern (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) emailed me recently. He gave me an update on his club's experience with the "same night new dancer dances" concept. His report was very positive. He said, "The Sprosty Twins (Iowa) told me that they wish that the clubs they teach would do the same regarding same night new dancer dances." He also said, "I tell the other club members that new dancers are an 'investment' in the club's future." Keep up the great work, Tom.

If you have never been to a National Square Dance Convention this year maybe the year to attend the greatest square dance show on earth in Denver, Colorado. We suggest you make it a family vacation to square and round dance at the convention and to take in the beautiful Western scenery. And, if you have the time, you may want to extend your vacation and attend the 27th Annual Lloyd Shaw Rocky Mountain Dance Roundup in the Colorado Springs area - June 27th through July 3rd. The Roundup features modern and traditional square dancing - all live music - as well as round dancing. For more information call Linda Bradford - 303-239-8772 or email bob Riggs - RLRiggs@aol.com. Everyone should experience a National Convention at least once in their lifetime. Why not make a special effort this year.

We received an excellent publicity packet from Tom & Sue Nelson, Publicity Chairman, the 53rd National Square Dance Convention, recently. The packet included several tri-fold 8 1/2 X 11 brochures that gave excellent details about the convention's Education Panels, Sew & Save, Clinics, etc. These brochures are an excellent way to see a quick summary of what is going on at the convention besides square and round dancing. If you would like a copy of these brochures, please send us a business size envelope with your address and 60¢ postage or you can go to the convention's website: www.53nsdc.com to get the same information.

Years ago it was quite common for callers to have new dancer programs in their homes. It seems that this idea is coming back. We read in the January 2004 issue of DARTS, the official magazine of the Rock River Area (Northern Illinois), that Caller Bob Wild, Winslow, IL, is having the Country Swingers New Dancer Program for two couples in his home. If your new dancer group is too small to rent a hall, consider having them learn how to square dance in someone's home.

It appears that many clubs are having good success with their new dancer programs this year. Sugar Squares, Elburn, IL, have 14 new dancers. The Sugar Squares did a large advertising blitz with the newspapers in their area and had a float in the Ellburn Days Parade. In their report to DARTS, their reporter said, "Where do new dancers come from? Many times it is seeds planted years ago at a demo, an ad, a float - who knows." Marketing efforts are difficult to evaluate and measure. But everybody knows that marketing works. It's the numerous positive impulses that prospects get from various sources that triggers a response, usually a phone call. It is then up to the "salesperson" on the other end of the phone to close the "sale".

Lake Summerset Squares, Davis, IL, has 11 new dancers in their group. Petunia City Squares, Beloit, WI, has 16 new dancers. Dons & Dolls, Loves Park, IL, has a square of new dancers. Now we have to work hard on retaining these new dancers!

Janet Halfman, 49er's, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reported that they will be graduating 18 new dancers on April 1. Congratulations, Janet. Also Joan Hepp, President of the Swingin' Singles, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reported that they had over 150 dancers for their annual New Year's Eve Dinner Dance on Dec. 31, 2003. It is amazing that there are so many success stories out in the real square dance world..

We received an "unsigned" handwritten letter recently with a Peoria, IL postmark that responded to my comments

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about BMI/ASCAP licensing in a previous article. Thank you much for writing; we always like to hear from our readers regardless if they agree or disagree with our comments.

He or she believes the BMI/ASCAP licensing should be with clubs instead of the callers and cuers. Quoting this person, "The host/sponsor of the dance is legally responsible for the licensing, (check the library or your lawyer)." I agree with this statement which reaffirms my comments that club leaders should only hire licensed callers and cuers and their license should be checked before the dance starts. Licensing clubs is just not practical in today's square dancing world. He/she also commented that "they should have let the clubs negotiate a smaller fee, (there are more clubs than callers) and it would have been legal." This idea has merit and probably should be considered. However there is one big problem with this idea. The clubs for the most part are not organized as a group nation-wide. The only way this idea would work is if a National Organization (such as United Square Dancers of America (USDA)) would provide low cost club licensing. Maybe, in the future, clubs will get their liability insurance and their BMI/ASCAP license annually from USDA. When BMI/ASCAP licensing first hit the square dance world, much discussion took place

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2004 is off to a great start with many new dancers about to graduate. Now is the time to start concentrating on efforts to retain these new dancers. Spring is here and summer is approaching so don't forget to include your new dancers in your summer activities. Make them truly feel welcome!

Also it would be great if you would start planning your marketing efforts for the summer months. Your best bet for the fewest dollars invested is a parade float. Every year thousands of spectators see square dance floats in their local parades.

New dancers walk through the door as a result of many positive marketing impulses and someone selling them on the idea of trying square dancing just for one dance. After that one dance, many are hooked for life.

Happy marketing this summer!

Till next time, happy dancing!

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The "This & That" squares are entertaining the elderly audience at a retirement home in Orchard Park, New York. Here, they are performing the "hokey pokey" between square and round dance tips. They say "A picture speaks a thousand words." As I look at the picture, I can almost hear, "Put your right arm in; put your right arm out; put your right arm in and shake it all about. Do the hokey pokey and turn yourself around, that's what it's all about."

So why don't you send a club photo? It may get printed!





This month let's look at the Plus call Ping Pong Circulate. We hope these are some positions you haven't considered or tried.

- HEADS (pass the ocean & swing thru) ping pong circulate CENTERS swing thru extend circulate 1 1/2 right and left grand (3/4 promenade)
- SIDES touch 1/4 girls pass thru CENTERS single circle to a wave OUTSIDE GIRLS RUN ping pong circulate extend, acey deucey right and left grand (7/8 promenade)
- HEADS star thru & swing thru ENDS roll away ping pong circulate extend, recycle

right and left grand (1/8 promenade)

- SIDES star thru double pass thru, track 2 swing thru, extend ENDS trade ping pong circulate CENTERS swing thru extend swing thru boys trade, box the gnat {CHANGE HANDS} LEFT square thru 2 left allemande (1/8 promenade)
- HEADS square thru 2 touch 1/4, extend Girls cloverleaf Boys spin the top ping pong circulate.. boys roll GIRLS linear cycle



{ALL} touch 1/4 circulate, girls run CENTERS pass thru pass thru, right and left grand (3/4 promenade)

 SIDES star thru double pass thru track 2 explode the wave 3/4 tag CENTERS swing thru ENDS trade ping pong circulate extend recycle right and left grand (1/8 promenade)

7. HEADS pass thru separate around 1 to a line pass thru wheel and deal GIRLS swing thru ping pong circulate... girls roll BOYS explode the wave boys run pass thru 1/2 tag girls trade roll away pass the ocean right and left grand (1/8 promenade)

 SIDES (pass the ocean & swing thru) (Heads) roll away ping pong circulate CENTERS swing thru GIRLS pass thru CENTERS wheel and deal END girls run CENTERS pass thru square thru 3 left allemande (5/8 promenade)

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- HEADS touch 1/4 GIRLS pass thru CENTERS swing thru ENDS girls run ping pong circulate extend circulate, right and left grand (7/8 promenade)
- 10. SIDES lead right right and left thru veer left 3/4 tag girls U turn back ping pong circulate... boys roll GIRLS hinge GIRLS run around the nearest Boys
 BOYS pass the ocean cut the diamond LEFT swing thru right and left grand (3/8 promenade)
- 11. HEADS swing thru
 PING PONG CIRCULATE
 CENTERS explode the wave swing
 thru
 hinge
 circulate
 split circulate 2 Times
 right and left grand
 (7/8 promenade)
- 12. SIDES swing thru PING PONG CIRCULATE CENTERS linear cycle double pass thru cloverleaf zoom CENTERS (touch 1/4 & walk and dodge) centers U turn back at home

- 13. HEADS lead right veer left
 3/4 tag girls trade
 ping pong circulate
 extend
 cast off 3/4
 GIRLS trade
 split circulate 2 Times
 right and left grand
 (3/8 promenade)
- 14. SIDES star thru double pass thru cloverleaf CENTERS swing thru ping pong circulate CENTERS recycle zoom CENTERS U turn back left allemande (3/4 promenade)
- 15. HEADS (touch 1/4 & walk and dodge)
 touch 1/4
 extend
 girls trade
 ping pong circulate
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This month let's take another look at dixie style to an ocean wave. This is an unusual position for dancers to the call, but fun to experience.

> HEADS square thru 2 right and left thru dixie style to a wave Then:

- 1) EACH WAVE, {boys) cross run recycle pass thru wheel and deal dixie grand, left allemande (1/4 promenade)
- 2) boys trade boys run (wheel and deal & sweep 1/4) box the gnat square thru 3 trade by, left allemande (At home)
- 3) EACH WAVE, trade the wave recycle square thru 2 trade by, left allemande (At home)
- 4) EACH WAVE, {boys I cross run explode the wave trade by pass to the center CENTERS square thru 3 left allemande (1/2 promenade)

5) EACH WAVE, CENTERS hinge {point to point diamonds I cut the diamond recycle square thru 2 trade by, left allemande (At home)

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Randy Boyd, Editor

Drug Problems

My generation just might have been lucky? I had a drug problem when I was young...

I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.

I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

These drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in every thing I do, say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, the world might be a better place.

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A Review by Frank Lescrinier



CALLER'S NOTES

Norm Wilcox (norm.wilcox@sympatico.ca)

The first page of this month's issue includes a collection of Right and Left Grand Get-outs for the Mainstream and Plus programs.

This month's subject of "Adding Creativity To Your Choreography" considers calling more left-handed material. Sometimes too much right-hand material can result in dancer overflow, so the left-hand material will alleviate that overflow.

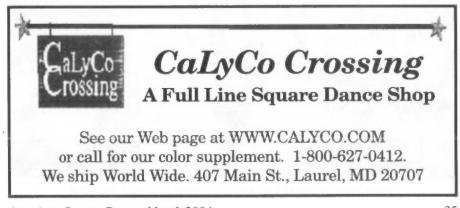
The Mainstream 53 (Basic) features the call Split Circulate. This is followed by a page of choreography dancing Split Circulate, including some sequences from Columns.

The Mainstream featured call is Cloverleaf. A quick opener: Heads Pass Thru and Cloverleaf; Double Pass Thru; Cloverleaf; Centers Pass Thru; Allemande Left. The following page contains sequences 'Dancing the Mainstream Program'.

In this month's Plus Program section, Chase Right is the featured call. Some possible calls following Chase Right are: Single Hinge; Boys Fold (or outfacers

Fold); Scoot Back; Split Circulate; Walk and Dodge; Swing Thru, etc. A full page of choreo follows.

For those calling Advanced, Norm workshops the As Couples concept and Scoot and Weave. Each call is followed by sequences 'Dancing the Advanced Program'. If you publish a note service and would like it reviewed in future issues of this magazine, please send them to: 9836 E. Foothill Blvd. #6108, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. I will be glad to include your notes in future reviews. – **Thanks, Frank.**



JOHN'S NOTES

John Saunders (johnnysa@aol.com)

John includes a record review and things of interest section. There are several singing call figures included that are used in the newly released songs.

Don Ward's computer was having a tough time retrieving data from his hard drive, so this month includes information on English Country Dancing, obtained from the Internet.

In the Workshop Ideas section this month is a call written by Doug Bennett, called '(Anything) with a Half Twist'. The 'Anything' call needs to be a call with body flow, and end in lines of four. After the 'Anything' call is completed, the dancer with the most flow Walks forward while the other dancers Dodges. The walkers do a Trade and step forward. The dodgers slides behind the walker to change places with the walker resulting in facing lines of four.

Another workshop call is called 'Follow the Scooter', which can be done from facing couples or box circulate formation. The definition from a box circulate formation would be – The dancers facing in would start a Scoot Back while the adjacent dancer facing out would Fold behind the Scooter and follow. The in facer (the Scooter) would finish the Scoot Back while the follower would stay behind in single file and the call would end in a completed double pass thru formation. The definition from facing couples would be – The beau (normal boy's position) to become the scooter and the belle (the normal girl's position) to slide over behind the scooter and complete the call.

The Mainstream (1-53) Program call this month is the Circulate family. Half Tag is the call of the month in the 'Dancing the Mainstream Program'.

Dancing the Plus Program this month looks at the call Ping Pong Circulate.

The Advanced and Challenge Supplement includes: Partner Hinge; Switch to an Hourglass; and Box/Split Recycle



Linda Saunders and friends are obviously plotting something.



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Many Kisses

Phase VI Rumba – Roper 216A Besame Mucho – Ray & Mercy Brown Good music to a nice rumba...Intro has wrap and unwrap to explosion. Routine has circular 3 alemanas, continuous circular hip twists, ballerina wheel. Some of the routine is done in shadow.

Mean To Me

Phase VI – Foxtrot – Windsor 4778 or Windsor Ballroom Series 4-532A – Ray & Mercy Brown

Full natural turn, double rev. spin, checked rev & slip. Double ronde twist turn, tumble turn are some of the figures in this foxtrot.

Beautiful Dreams Waltz

Phase V+1 – Waltz - Hi Hat 903 or IDTA Records #4 – Bob & Judith Haworth Jete point, closed wing, synco whisk, diamond turn. Same foot lunge to a hinge line. Ending is slow contra check and extend.

House Of Blue Lights

Phase V+2 – Single Swing Jive – Epic 15-08461 – Max Bassett Chicken walks, shoulder shove, windmill, Spanish arms. Rolling off the arm, marchessi. Nice routine to this good music.

Hound Dog Swing

Phase IV – Single Swing – RCA 62449 / Gold St. 447-0608 Hound Dog by Elvis Presley – Bob & Judith Haworth Fun dance to this music. Suggest you slow for comfort. Throwaway, slow meringues, Spanish arm, American spin, all basic jive figures in this dance.

Wish Me A Rainbow

Phase III+1 (Diamond Turn) – Waltz – Roper 137 – Hank & Judy Scherrer Basic Phase III, waltz no surprises. Has

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hover, whisk, diamond turn, and side corte.

Wish Me A Rainbow

Phase IV – Waltz – Roper 137 – Dorothy Sanders Spin turn, X hovers, diamond turn, in and out runs, and canter. Pure vanilla III/IV figures.

Carnival Bolero

Phase IV+1(Horse shoe turn) – Bolero – Roper 223B Carnival – Peg & John Kincaid Nice intro to bolero. Lariat w/body caress. New Yorker, u/a turn, fence line. Opening outs, mod. X body.

I Found You Just In Time

Phase IV – Foxtrot – Roper JH 171B – Desmond & Ruth Cunningham Great music to this straight forward foxtrot. Promenade weave, hover telemark, chair and slip. Hover corte. Ending has quick roll 4 to a slow apt. pt.

What Now My Love

Phase IV – Foxtrot – Roper 299 – Nancy & DeWayne Baldwin X hovers, open impetus, hover, in and out runs. Basic Phase III/IV foxtrot figures.

Left My Heart In San Francisco "2003"

Phase IV – Foxtrot – Roper 288B San Francisco – Bob Paull Diamond turn, reverse wave, in and out runs, weaves. Natural hover x's. Ending is corte and hold

She's In Love With The Boy

Phase IV+1(Cuddle) – Cha Cha – Coll. 90041 by Trisha Yearwood – Bev Oren Basic and wrap and unwrap. Traveling door, triple cha's aida, flirt, merengue. Good cha cha beat to dance to.

The Unicorn

Phase IV – Foxtrot/Jive – The Irish Rovers Mca 65010 - Russ Booz Intro and Part A and part B is foxtrot -3 step, natural turn, reverse hover corte. Part B

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and D is basic jive. Ending is dip.

Wonderful, Wonderful

Phase IV+1(Natural Hover Cross) – Foxtrot – Col. 13-33048 flip of Never by Recordings reviewed are supplied by Palomino Records, Inc. 800-328-3800

Johny Mathis - Allemande Al & Martha Wolff

Diam. Turn., telemark, nat. hover X are in Part A. Part B has a curving fishtail, Part C, has Chair and slip. Ending is thru prom. Sway chg. of sway. Nicely written routine.

Yucatan Caf 4

Phase IV+1(Sweethearts) – Rumba – Capitol 4716 – by Anne Murray – Carl & Rae Drake

Routine has alemana, sh. To sh. Flirt, sweethearts, crab walks. Good music.

Go Away Little Girl

Phase III – Foxtrot – Col. 13-33068 – by Steve Lawrence – Peg & John Kincaid Side draw tch L & R, hover, box, x hovers. Good music, nice to see it used at the Phase III level.

Midnight Waltz

Phase III+2 – Waltz – Hi Ha 017 – Nancy & DeWayne Baldwin Basic waltz, a cue and do. Has canter in the routine and diamond turn.

Rhythm Of The Rain

Phase III+2 (Fan/Hockey Stick – Rumba – Coll. 3103 – Coll. 3888, WB 7114 - by the Cascades – Ray & Virginia Walz

New Yorker, chase peek-a-boo double. U/a turn, and basic rumba steps. Ending is wheel, wheel, to a side lunge.

I'm Coming Home

Phase III+1 (1/4 turn prog. chasse) – 2 Step/quick step – Flashback AFS 9171 Tie a Yellow Ribbon – Gene & Florene Hinsley

Prog. chasses, slow fishtail, prog. scissors, traveling box. Nicely written routine.



Half A Century, Plus 5, Times 2

Square dance world and Guinness Book of Records – we are 'adding on!' Silver Spur Square Dance Club of Oklahoma City is going strong; this spring we will celebrate our 55th Anniversary, and for each of those 55 years we've had the same caller, Gerald McWhirter! (Yes, we know there are older clubs in the USA, even here in Oklahoma City, but none of them have had their caller as long as we.)

Gerald and his taw Sally were young parents in 1946 and money was tight, so they didn't get out much. Sally and some friends saw a square dance



demonstration and talked their husbands into lessons, with the understanding that if the men (who all worked together) didn't like it, nothing else would be said. By the time the standard 10th (last) lesson was completed, a piece of square dance history was born – Gerald and Sally loved it, and never looked back. (Each of those four men learned to call – Gerald is the survivor – he was the youngest!)

He still teaches beginner lessons every year; is a member and two-time past president of our local and State Callers Associations, Callerlab, ASCAP, (he has his own recording label), Lions Club, a Shriner, a gentleman; a true selfless giver of his time, talent and substance to those people he knows and to many he doesn't. In addition, he and Sally still lend their expertise and time to the roofing business they have passed on to their daughter and son-in-law. He has been an active participant in all four National Square Dance Conventions held here in Oklahoma City. Even in semi-retirement, he stays very busy. Oh, for relaxation, he calls square dances and plays golf.

Silver Spur OKC was organized March 13th, 1949, and soon after Gerald was hired as our first caller. He is popularly regarded as a very good caller - (that's a result of his philosophy that there is no contest – the dancer is more important than the caller and the dancer always wins). So, for many years, he worked for several clubs, calling nearly every night of the week. We are proud to say he has always regarded Silver Spur as his home club.

Silver Spur OKC does celebrate each anniversary. Additionally, it is a tradition with us to make every fifth year a bigger event: so, for 2004, we are hosting 'Fiesta 55 - 55' with an invitational dinner honoring the McWhirters, our membership and all our Past Presidents on Friday, April 16th and the entire world is welcome to an open free dance Saturday night April 17th.

The gala Fiesta 55 - 55 dance will start with a reception period at 6:30 and the dance will begin around 8:00 pm at the India Shrine Center at 3601 NW 36th Street in Oklahoma City. There is plenty of free parking. Gerald is fond of saying 'We'll treat you so many ways, you're bound to like one of them!' And we all agree with him. Y'all come, y'hear!!

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CUE TIPS

Selected by Fran & Jim Kropf



"She's In Love With The Boy" So She will "Sweet Talk" him into taking her dancing this St. Patrick's Day. HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY

SHE'S IN LOVE WITH THE BOY

Bev Oren

Record: Collectable 90041 Footwork: Opposite direction for man (except as noted) Rhythm: Cha Cha Phase: 4+1 Sequence: Intro, A,B,C,BRG,A,B,C,INTER,A,B,C(1-8),END

INTRO

BFLY/WALL WAIT 2 ;; FWD BASIC & WRAP(WRAP POS WALL); BK BASIC & UNWRAP (BFLY/W);

PART A

TRAVLING DOOR ;; BASIC TO A FAN;HOCKEYSTICK;; FENCELINE; WRAP (BFLY/COH); HAND TO HAND TWICE;; REV UNDERARM TURN ;WHIP: SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TWICE;;NEWYORKER;SPOT TURN BFLY WALL;

PART B

BREAK BACK TO TRIPLE CHA FWD(OP/LOD);;AIDA TO TRIPLE CHA BK (OP/RLOD);; SWITCH CROSS TO CRAB WALKS RLOD BFLY/ WALL;;)FENCELINE; UNDERARMTURN (R HDSHAKE WALL);

PART C

FLIRT-LADY TRANS IN 4;; PARALLEL CHASE (VAR LOD);; LEFT LARIAT-LADY TRANS IN 4 (M FC WALL);; CUCARACCHA TWICE WITH ARMS;; CUDDLE TWICE (CP/W);;

BRG

CP/W SIDE WALKS;; MERENGUE BASIC (CP/w);

INTER

BREAK BK TO OP(OP/LOD); WRAP 2 & CHA (POS LOD); FWD & BK BASIC ;; EXPLODING CUCARACHA APT TO FC (LOW BFY/W) CUCARACHA TO REV; ENDING

CP/W FWD BASIC & WRAP; BK BASIC & UNWRAP BFY/W;

SWEET TALK

Fran & Jim Kropf

Record: Dance A Round DARRCD 514 Footwork: Opposite direction for man (except as noted) Rhythm: Two Step Phase: 2 Sequence: Intro,A,B,C,A,Tag

INTRO

BFLY\WAIT 2 MEAS;; APT PT; TOG TCH;

PART A

TWO STEP LEFT; TWO STEP RIGHT;

VINE 8;; BK AWAY 2 TWO STEPS WITH HOPS;; SLOW STRUT TOG 4;; TWIRL VINE 3; CROSS SD CROSS OP/LOD; RUN 3 BRUSH; RUN 3 BRUSH; ROLL APT LEFT 3 CLAP; ROLL BK RIGHT 3 CLAP; BFLY BASKETBALL TURN SCP;;

PART B

HITCH 6 TO FC;; LEFT FC TRNG BOX;;;; 2 TURNING TWO STEPS TO SCP;;HITCH 6 TO FC;; LF FC TRNG BOX;;;;TRAILING HANDS CHG SDS TWO STEP : TWO STEP RLOD;

PART C

CIRCLE AWAY TWO STEP;& TWO STEP TO FC; BROKEN BOX;;;; BOX BK; SCIS THRU; TRAILING HANDS CHG SDS TWO STEP; TWO STEP TO LOD; CIRCLE AWAY & TOG ;; TRAVLING BOX;;;;

TAG

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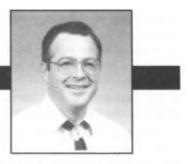


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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

By Ed Foote



Have Square Dance Call Lists Caused The Downturn In Dancing?

In recent months, in this magazine and others, articles have appeared which blame the current downturn in square dancing to dance programs as defined by CALLER-LAB, such as Mainstream, Plus and Advanced.

The articles state that originally square dancing was one big happy family, with no program names, so people could go out on Friday and Saturday nights and just dance, without having to worry about lists of calls. The writers contend that the downfall began in 1976 and 1977, when CALLERLAB established Mainstream, Plus and Advanced, and that this downturn will be reversed if we go back to the "good old days" when there were no lists.

Unfortunately, these writers ignore history. First, before there were lists, no one knew what to expect at a Friday or Saturday night dance. Callers did their own thing, and while some calls were used by all callers, each caller would have personal favorites that would break down part of the floor or have to be workshopped. Dancers got tired of breaking down to calls they had never heard, and got tired of workshopping calls they might never hear again. Dancers were also reluctant to travel long distances to a dance, because they did not know how successful they would be on the floor.

The CALLERLAB programs eliminated these problems, because they provided stability. People now knew before the dance exactly what would be called. This helped both local attendance and encouraged people to travel. Stability is the key to success of any activity, and CALLERLAB provided this via the lists.

Second, when did square dancing achieve its greatest growth? That's right, immediately after the CALLERLAB lists were established! From 1977-1990 square dancing enjoyed its boom time. Classes were large, club attendance was large, and attendance at the National Convention sharply increased. The lists provided the stability necessary for growth.

The downturn. About 1990 square dancing turned the corner and started to lose numbers. Is it logical to blame this downturn on the lists when we had just achieved this big growth coinciding with the establishment of the lists? Of course not.

The downturn in square dancing began at the same time that all group activities in this country began a downturn. This downturn was not caused by lists, but by social and economic conditions that affected the entire country, as follows:

1. Proliferation of cable tv and satellite dishes. This meant people had a lot of entertainment available right at home - they did not have to go out.

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2. Mass use of video tape rentals, which meant people could stay home and be entertained.

3. Working wives sharply increased in numbers. This meant they were no longer home all day wanting to go out, but rather were tired from working and wanted to stay home.

4. The final straw was the Internet, which began its boom in the mid-1990s, causing people to stay home after work in order to be on-line.

Summary: Every group activity in this country is down sharply in the past 10 years. To blame the square dance part of it on lists, is to ignore square dance history and to ignore the ongoing social and economic factors listed above, which is causing all group activities to suffer.

Houston Square & Round Dance Council, Inc. 55th Annual Square Dance

The Ft. Bend County fair grounds in Rosenberg was the site of the Houston Square & Round Dance Council's 55th Annual Hoedown. Approximately 350 square and round dancers from across Texas gathered on October 24 and 25 to square and round dance and renew friendships. The Friday evening square dance was called by members of the Houston Callers Association. Round dancing was cued by Georgann Francis.

On Saturday, Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones of Dallas called the square dances and Mark Prow of Seabrook and Georgann Francis of Houston cued the round dancing. The dancers enjoyed the square and round dancing, a fashion show, shopping and a bar-b-que dinner. On Saturday evening the Sugar Land Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol "Texas Lightning" Color Guard and Drill Team presented the colors during the opening ceremonies. Glen and Martha Meadows, 2003 square dance promoters of the year, and Mary Norris, 2003 Cuer of the Year, were presented plaques commemorating this honor.

The enthusiasm and teamwork of the Houston area dancers contributed to this successful square dance. Plans are currently underway for the 56th annual hoedown in October, 2004.

There are approximately 30 square and round dance and clogging clubs affiliated with the Houston Square & Round Dance Council. These clubs dance in all areas of greater Houston, Tomball, Katy, Clear Lake and The Woodlands on various nights. The dances are called/cued by many different local and visiting callers/cuers.



Some of Houstons new dancers.

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"It's Broke...But Don't Fix It"

The saying we are used to is "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." But we're talking about musical phrases and not something mechanical; so, if it's broke, we ain't gonna fix it. Let me explain.

As we know, most contra dances have eight phrases of eight beats each, and choreography tries to match that pattern by using eight figures of eight counts each. If we can't always come up with eight count figures, then we'll put two four count figures back to back with each other – for example, "lines of four promenade down, wheel around, come back, bend the line" is four four count figures stacked to give a total of sixteen counts. The combination of figures feels good because each figure starts on either the first or the fifth beat of each phrase. The phrase may be broken by the first figure, but it is resolved immediately by the second figure.

What happens if the phrase is broken and is not resolved immediately? There are very few dances that do that, but they have a special tension and syncopation and mood. One of my favorites is "Gypsy" by Hal Rice. I should remind you that Hal works very hard at music match for his dances, and actually many of his dances start from the music, and the dance grows from the feel of the music. I have not found another piece of music that creates the same feeling as "Gypsy" on Windsor records.

Gypsy

Hal Rice

Formation: Alt Dup

Intro: ----, with corner star thru

1-8: -- lines forward and back, ----

9-16: - - across star thru, - - Dosado

17-24: ----, - - same lady swing

25-32: ----, across, right and left thru and face left

33-40: ----, -- promenade single file

41-48: ----, -- turn and come back

49-56: ----, face in and go forward and back

57-64: - - - , new corner star thru.

*"Right and left thru and face left" - do a standard right and left thru, but on finishing the courtesy turn all drop hands and all turn individually to the left to end in columns. When teaching this, I usually tell the dancers, "All by yourself, individually, with no help from anybody, face left." That usually gets people going the right way.

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The dance begins with facing the corner and doing a star thru, which is a four count figure. After the star thru, there are long lines facing across. Conventional wisdom would say to put in another four count figure to get back on phrase. But instead, Hal has the lines go forward and back – an eight count figure. The forward starts on beat five of the first phrase, and the back starts on the first beat of the second phrase. Now the broken phrase gets fixed with another star thru. The rest of the dance stays strictly on phrase, but the mood has been set. The music, obviously, has a gypsy feel to it; the broken phrase syncopates the dance, thereby setting the dancers up to add some bounce and swagger to their dancing as they go forward and back. And when it is time to single file promenade, the dancers are in the mood to really "strut their stuff."

By the way, the music has an eight count tag. The best way to end the dance is to do the first eight counts – star thru and go forward (but not back) and shout "Hey" on the last beat. This dance ingeniously uses the broken phrase to create mood and to lift the dancers. Without the broken phrase, two forward and backs in the same dance would be boring, but here the first one is off phrase, and the second resolves by being on phrase.

There is another kind of phrase in contra dancing than the eight count rhythmic phrase, and that is the melodic phrase. Most contra dance tunes – as versus pop tunes or country western tunes – are written in sixteen beat phrases. However to describe them in terms of beats is to stay with what choreographers and dancers need to deal with, the number of steps taken. Musicians deal with the number of measures, or bars, of music. Everyone has noticed that when music is recommended for a dance, most of the time it says "Any good 32 bar reel or jig." Since reels are written in 2/4 time signature, there are two strong downbeats in each measure: take four measures and there are eight downbeats, or one dance phrase. Jigs are written in 6/8 (6 eighth notes in each measure: the downbeats.

The point is, melodically, contra dance music (and a lot of Scottish and Irish music, also) is written in eight bar phrases. To denote this, many contra leaders who work with live music make their dance notations as A1, A2, B1, B2. Each letter/

number combination is an eight bar melody. In the example, the first melodic line (A) is played twice, then a second related melody (B) is played twice.

Back to the main topic – conventional wisdom says not to break the melodic phrase, either. For example, ladies chain over and back takes sixteen beats, or one melodic phrase. Try to put that combination onto one melodic phrase: for example A1: corner balance and swing (16 beats); A2: ladies chain over and back (16 beats). Do not have the ladies chain bridge two phrases: *e.g.* A1: corner swing (8), ladies chain (8); A2: ladies chain (8)...Also, there are some indi-

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vidual figures that take sixteen counts, such as Reel of Four or Square Thru. Those figures really belong in one melodic phrase.

Sometimes it is impossible to avoid breaking the phrase, and sometimes it is done on purpose to gain an effect. Here is a dance by Henry Garfath of England. Henry purposely put one sixteen count figure on phrase and the second one off phrase. The second figure leads into a delightful resolution and also ties one time through the dance to the next.

CVI*

Henry Garfath

Formation: alternate duple Music: any good 32 bar jig or reel.

- Intro: ----, - corner swing
- 1-8: ----, --ladies chain
- 9-16: ----, ladies lead into Reel of Four
- 17-24; ----, ----
- 25-32: - , - ladies chain
- 33-40: ---, -- slow square thru
- 41-48: ----, ----
- 49-56: ----, - new corner gypsy**
- 57-64: ----, -- same corner swing

*The title is the Roman numeral for 106, as in the 106th contra dance that Henry wrote. **Gypsy is a two person, no-hand circle left – eye-contact is really important.

The Reel of Four aligns perfectly with A2, and is set up by being preceded by a ladies chain. The second ladies chain flows very well out of the Reel, and it is necessary to get the ladies back in the correct line, but it comes in the first half of B1. To make the dance stay on phrase, the next figure should be an eight beat figure, but it is not; instead it is a sixteen beat figure. That square thru bridges from the second half of B1 to the first half of B2. It feels a little strange to do that. The dance resolves the phrase problem at the end with a gypsy, but the gypsy creates a new bit of tension because it is with the next corner. There does not seem to be an end to one sequence and a clear beginning of the next one.

The music choice can make a huge difference in how this dance feels. There are many tunes – square dance singing calls or hoedowns – that put an emphasis on beat rather than phrase. And some of the melodies really run together so it is difficult to tell when the melody begins and ends. One of these tunes, such as Alpine Hoedown on TNT, reduces the awareness of the split phrase. At the other extreme, there are hornpipes. Hornpipes are similar to reels in rhythm and melody, but at the end of each melodic phrase, there is a "bump-bump" in the melody. A hornpipe would emphasize the split phrase because part way through a figure the dancers would hear the tell-tale "bump-bump." Many dancers would feel that they had made a mistake and they should be finished with that figure already. That is part of the genius of this dance. Part way through the square thru, the dancers can reinforce the end of the hornpipe melody by stomping with the music. And at the end of the gypsy, the music tells the dancers not to ooze into the swing with the new corner but to jump into it.

So, if it's broke, don't fix it – revel in the difference, and enjoy the feeling that the conflict of the choreography and music creates.



By Mike Hogan



CALLERLAB Marketing Efforts – Today and Tomorrow

Over the last several years, CALLERLAB has made great strides in its efforts to market square dancing. The establishment of the FOUNDATION for the Promotion and Preservation of Square Dancing was one of the early accomplishments. The FOUNDATION is a separate 501(C) 3 non-profit organization specifically created to help fund activities that promote and preserve square dancing. The Phoenix Plan is a long-term plan to provide leadership, information, services, programs, and resources to insure the growth and prosperity of contemporary square and round dancing and all associated dance forms. Internet survey's and focus group research gave us insight regarding the perception of our activity by the public, the benefits our activity provides participants, and the challenges we will face. Multi-Cycle lesson programs were researched and a "Multi-Cycle Lesson Plan" is now available to help those interested in initiating a program in their area. Recruitment success stories continue to be collected and published in a document entitled "Winning Ways". The document exists to help others in their recruiting efforts. I encourage you to find out more. For information on any of these topics, or for a copy of "Winning Ways" or "Multi-Cycle Lesson Plans", contact the CALLERLAB home office at (321) 639-0039, or visit our website at www.CALLERLAB.org, or contact me at marketing@callerlab.org.

CALLERLAB recognized that for a marketing campaign to be successful, the leadership organizations in our activity would need to be united in the effort. An organization such as this would provide more benefits to our activity than any single organization could ever hope to. To begin with, we would ALL be working toward the same common goals! Any research, information, databases, prior publications and so forth could be shared allowing the association to benefit from each member's knowledge and experience. Other benefits could include improved communications, better fundraising opportunities, increased educational opportunities, and so on. The CALLERLAB Foundation's Marketing Director, Jim Hensley, with the support of the CALLERLAB Board of Governors, pursued this goal and in January 2003, the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square dance organizations was formed. This alliance of organizations is referred to as the "ARTS". The current member organizations are CALLERLAB, The United Square Dancers of America (USDA), The National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention (NEC), USA West Policy Board (USA West Convention), ROUNDALAB, and the American Callers Association (ACA), the Single Square Dancers USA, National Square Dance Campers, CONTRALAB, and the International Association of Gay Square

Dance Clubs.

So with all these accomplishments, why does it feel like nothing is being done? Most dancers, and callers for that matter, don't know much about the work done so far, and those that do are waiting for a commercial to magically appear in their favorite prime time TV show, signifying that the campaign has begun! Actually, there are many things to be done before those commercials hit the airwaves. Some of the activities we are currently working on include demographic and psychographic research that CALLERLAB's Research and Development Committee has undertaken, and the Marketing Committee is creating a contact database to help with our communication challenges, just to name a few.

I work with business owners everyday to help develop marketing campaigns to accomplish their goals. The campaigns that have the most success follow a specific path: Research, Strategy, and Execution.

Research is the part that is most important, and usually the part that is ignored. Research is the phase where a business defines clearly who the consumer is that they want to have purchase their product. This information includes the target consumer's values, preferences, geographic, psychographic and demographic information. Research should also tell you what specific benefits are important to the consumer. We often ask ourselves "what do we have to offer", when we should be asking, "what do they want". This is often where a manufacturer changes its product, because the product doesn't offer the benefit the consumer is looking for. Research should also include a hard look at the public's perception of their business and their competitors. This will help determine competitive advantages and the areas where the consumer can be influenced. Let's say research tells us the average 35 year old woman wants a place she can take her family where she can socialize with her husband and other couples their age and where activities and care are provided for her children. We don't offer childcare or children's activities and the last dance I went to, the only dancers under 35 were - oh, there weren't any!

Strategy is the long-term goal. It is the positioning statement that says why you should become involved in square dancing. It should speak directly to the target about the specific benefits square dancing offers that the target is looking for. If the target wants an activity that offers low impact physical exercise combined with an activity that stimulates the brain, we have that! If the target wants a fun place to socialize with friends their age, we have that! So what's our message, fun place to



socialize, or good for your mind and body? The wrong message will not generate results. Only good research tells us what to say!

The third part is execution. This is the action we take. It's the flyer at the grocery store, the exhibition at the mall, the party dance for your church group, the private invitations mailed out, the billboard, the window sticker, the newspaper, the radio show and the commercial that magically appears in your favorite primetime TV show!

At my local Ford dealership, they have an owner, a sales manger and a marketing director; together these three make all their marketing decisions. They know they will have to spend between \$300 and \$500 in advertising for every new and used vehicle they sell. They know they will have to spend 5% of every dollar generated by their service department and 3% of every dollar generated by their parts department and body shop. They also have to kick back \$250 for every new vehicle they sell to Ford to promote the Ford brand. Ford has a CEO, a board of directors, a huge marketing department, a multimillion-dollar budget, and a means of communications. Every Ford dealership in the country receives product training, service training, marketing materials, coop-funds, inventory control systems, customer satisfaction award programs, and so on, and so on. I guarantee you that every dealership sells the Taurus, the Windstar, and the F-150, and every one can qualify for the "Blue Oval" customer satisfaction award!

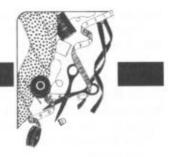
We face a lot of challenges in our activity. Who will do the research? How can we be united in what we say and how we market our activity? What will be our strategy? What tactics will work best? Who makes the decisions? Who will fund it? How will we communicate? How will we educate our leaders? CALLERLAB has established the FOUNDATION for the Promotion and Preservation of Square Dancing as the means to fund our work, yours and mine. CALLERLAB has established the following committees: Grant Writing, Marketing, Public Relations, Recruit-Promote-Maintain, Caller-Coach, Caller Training, Education, Research and Development, Website, Accreditation, Caller Association Liaison, Canadian and Overseas Advisory, Professional Ethics, and Foundation Fund Raising, all of which are working to advance the square dance movement. And recognizing the need for unity in our efforts between all square dance and related organizations, CALLERLAB established the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square dance organizations. There is an organization that is working hard to provide the vision, the leadership, and the hard work required to preserve and promote our great activity, and it is CALLER-LAB. I for one am very proud to be a member of this organization.

Here's how you can help. Get involved. Contact the leadership of the dance organization you belong to and inquire about their involvement with the ARTS. Volunteer to help, or make a contribution to the FOUNDATION. Send your comments, thoughts, and questions to me at mike.hogan@cox.net. Together, let's make this a great year!

AMERICAN (F) SQUAREDANCE Still working on that logo recognition thing for our advertising department.

SEWING 101

With Donna Ipock



My, My, My...will warm weather get here? As I sit here writing this article we, North Carolinanians, are recovering from a terrible snow/ice storm. I realize that you who live in the Northern states don't consider our little 2" snow topped with ice anything to write home about, but...we are just not prepared for the mess that snow storms cause. School has been closed for four days because of impassable streets, some of the government offices were closed and most of the churches here cancelled their activities for Wednesday Night. What does all this have to do with sewing...nothing really, except I went to my sewing room and piddled around. I found a couple of interesting things that you might want to try...

I found one of the "Iron-On Transfer" books that I used to make t-shirts with. You remember...the ones that you use to iron on transfers and then you paint or hand embroider the design. I was flipping through the pages and it came to me...use one or two of the designs to make a layered appliqué. This could be used to embellish your skirt, blouse and even your partners shirt yoke. Well, I tried it. It is very easy if you don't pick a design that is too complicated. Since my collectables are flamingoes and tea cups it was easy to put together a couple of designs. The best part is...you can make use of the ever increasing scrap pile!!!

The Flamingo is made with pink dotted swiss for the body and scrap black for the beak, a French knot is used for the eye. Since this bird has a long neck I used a base fabric and then layered the pink on. This gave it stabiblty. I didn't want this to be a permanent embellishment so I used a satin stitch to sew the base fabric and the pink together. I had no problem except with the skinny legs so I used two lengths of yarn for the legs. They just kind of dangled so I tacked them down. Oh, I forgot to tell you that I used a moveable adhesive, Aleene's Tack-It. Follow the directions and you can move this or any of your appliqué embellishments from garment to garment. It didn't work too well on the skinny legs, that is the reason for tacking them in place. In all I made nine of these in short time and plan to put them on a solid white circle skirt in a random pattern and use one on The Smartest Man I Know's front right yoke (and he hates to wear pink). The tea-cups took longer and instead of using a satin stitch I just stitched the base fabric to the appliqué fabric. To keep it from fraying, use a line of Fray-Check around the edge. By the way, I found that you do need a base fabric not only for stability but the appliqués just look better with that extra fabric. You never know what ideas you can come up with...keep sewing and piddling.

Now some interesting tips...

When changing thread on your machine never pull it off the top. Pulling the thread from the top puts stress on the tension system. Clip the thread at the first guide

and pull out the thread through the needle.

Ready to wear and pattern sizes are not the same...a size 12 ready to wear is a size 16 pattern. SORRY.

In order for pattern pieces to fit together properly, the entire black line should be cut off at the cutting edge. For years I always cut to the outside of the line, never knowing why sleeves just didn't fit together right, then I read this tip and ever since I am faithful to cut off the line.

And the best tip of all... Sew Happy!!!







From Mike Salerno



FROM THE INTERNET

Recently, there was a subject on an Internet discussion list about whether or not to teach dances by the most prolific of choreographers "Unknown." Here was a great response from a Kansas instructor and NTA member Jana Freed that just oozed with passion:

Way back when, I got my start by seeing "cute dances" and then trying to learn them. Yes, I am guilty, I learned dances by "UNKNOWN" – back then they were all unknown to me. I scribbled dances on the back of envelopes and napkins in poorly lit dance halls. I counted a polka step 1,2,3 1,2,3 then 1 and 2, 1 and 2, then 1 and 2, 3 and 4. I am the one that watched a dance on TV, then rewound and rewound and wrote and wrote. And I got it that way.

What was Kickit? I didn't know. What was NTA or UCWDC? I didn't know. I had no magazine, no computer, and no dance instructors close that I knew. But I got it. I developed a love of dance that gave me a start that kept me going through a lot of tough times. Club Dance came along when I had a rotator cuff tear and could not partner dance, but I could line dance and that is where I learned a lot of dances. Some of them I still don't know the name of. My husband and I danced in Hays, Kansas. One night, some people came through, Bill and Gigi Day to be exact, and they gave us issues of Country Dance Lines, which I was simply amazed at. Wow! There was a whole new world out there I never dreamed existed! My first step sheets! I learned so much simply from those two coming into the dance place that we loved to go to. Sure we were technically incorrect. Sure we were ignorant of the terms, the counts, and the phrasing. But we had an awesome time. Because of the incorrect start that we had, or in spite of it, our love of dance brought us to new levels with the proper training. The very first workshop event that we ever attended was the very first World's in Nashville. We were so intimidated we could hardly get on the dance floor for social dancing. Back home, we had people asking us if we had won. Hahahahahahaha! That was our introduction to the big wide, wonderful world of serious country western dance. Our first dance class there was with Larry and Laurie Sepulveda - a waltz (intermediate) sure we can waltz - let's do it! WHAT THE



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HECK IS A LUNGE!!). Anyway, we left there with an excitement and passion for dance that was unbelievable. I learned Boot Scootin' Boogie from Tom Mattox, too, and got his autograph on the step sheet. I thought that was awesome, and it WAS. We went on, later took some classes from Mike Haley and Patti Miller, and went to more workshops. We became what most of our students called "some of the best dance instructors in the state of Kansas." I guess my point here is, if someone gets their passion for dance from a lousy, little instructor somewhere, it is a start. If they have the desire to go on they will. If you want to get better, you have to want to improve, and you will seek out something better, something more technically correct. Someone has to introduce it to you somehow, some way. Rex Jones told us at a workshop, "I don't expect you to stay my student forever, I expect you to go on." That is what it is all about. Be thankful for the little people out there. They are the ones that can channel students to the great teachers. It takes small drops of water to finally turn into a mighty river.

From deep in my heart,

Jana in Kansas (reprinted from the Dance Guy Newsletter)

Also From The Internet

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet he suffered from bad breath. This made him....what? A super callused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

From Lee Kopman

Let's face it...WE ARE IN TROUBLE. Our numbers are dwindling. Beginner Classes, Weekday Dances, Weekends, Festivals – all are showing a decrease in the number of dancers attending. We must initiate new ideas in how to promote our beloved activity.

I have always felt that dancers beget dancers...i.e. – our best salesmen are those presently taking part in our dance programs. I have a proposal that might be of interest to the dance community. If you can't bring new people to the dance, BRING THE DANCE TO THE PEOPLE.

Here is my idea. Have a dance party at your home. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to your home. Put on the CD (as advertised), sit back – and let the instructions and music do the job of introducing Western Square Dancing to the Party.

It's a winner! After the dance sessions you will have a perfect opportunity to suggest formal lessons.

Give it a try - we have everything to gain and nothing to lose!

Open letter to callers and dancers... Having trouble getting people to take lessons? I have a solution to your problem.

IF YOU CAN'T GET PEOPLE TO COME TO A BEGINNER CLASS... BRING THE CLASS TO THE PEOPLE

Suggest to those who are in your clubs to: Have a party at their home – invite their friends, neighbors, relatives... Play the CD – Those at your party will be dancing in just a few minutes.

The CD is a available for the price of \$18.00. You may need more than one CD to give to members of your club. The CD is also an excellent tool for callers who are looking for the best way to teach a beginners class.

Contact:

Lee Kopman (516) 221-5028 • Email Lee1square@aol.com

Berea Children's Home Charity Dance

Northeastern Ohio Square Dancers again opened their pockets and hearts at the Annual Berea Children's Home Charity Dance held January 4, 2004 at Berea High School, Berea, OH. Over 200 dancers were in attendance dancing to 17 callers and cuers who donated their talents in 2 different halls.

A total of \$3,174.63 was donated to the home. These funds were raised from admissions, "chinese" auction, silent auction, 'split the pot' and a raffle. Both winners of the 'split the pot' donated their winnings. Also included in the proceeds were the proceeds from Bob Cadman's Caller for a Dollar. Throughout the year Bob Cadman sells raffle tickets and then will call a free square dance at the club of the winners choice. Since the first dance in 1982 over \$43,000.00 has been donated to the home by square dancers.

This year's donation fully funded the Northeast Ohio Charity Square Dance Endowment Fund. Berea Children's Home and Family Services is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) charitable organization making all contributions tax deductible. Square dancers may make contributions to the endowment fund anytime during the year.

The Berea Children's Home and Family Services provided residual foster care, counseling, and parent education to over 9,000 children and families in 2003. This is accomplished through 38 programs, which have a positive influence with children and families in peril. The Berea Home has a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Church.

Callers and Cuers donating their talents were: Danny Beck, Norwalk, OH; Hank Butler, Brecksville, OH; Charlie Brown, Mantua, OH; Bob and Judy Cadman, Mineral Ridge, OH; Ken Campbell, Chardon, OH; Dennis Kalal, Brunswick, OH; Jay and Thelma Kaser, Canton, OH; Brian Keating, Cleveland, OH; Kristy Lake, Hanoverton, OH; Ray Miller, Middlefield, OH; Al Pizzuto, Struthers, OH; Skip Reuschman, Mogadore, OH; Tom Rudebock, Leetonia, OH; Scotty Sharrer, Uniontown, OH; and Al Wolff, Brunswick, OH.

In addition to the callers and cuers, there were many clubs and individuals that assisted by selling tickets and conducting the auctions. All dancers helped with refreshments by donating a plate of cookies.

The coordinating committee was callers Bob Cadman, Ray Miller and Tom Rudebock.

Charity Dance 2005 will be held January 9, 2005 at the Berea, Ohio High School.



ROUND DANCE PULSE POLL

From Ber & Bob Casteel



Dear Readers and Friends,

Please continue to send your most popular teaches to us for the Pulse Poll article. We enjoy hearing from you.

MINNESOTA ROUND DANCE COUNCIL

Rounds of the Month for March/April 2004 Submitted by Steve Philson Phase II: If You Want To Find Love (Kincaid) Reprise 19080 Phase III: Touch You (Seurer) Star 113 Phase IV: Really Mine (Molitoris/Garies) Foxtrot/Coll 0243 Jimmy Rogers

DIXIE ROUND DANCE COUNCIL POPULAR DANCES AND TEACHES

For January 2004

- 1. This Is The Life (Rumble) IV/Foxtrot/CD
- 2. If Tomorrow Never Comes (Rumble) V/Rumba/CD
- 3. I Won't Send Roses (Buck) III/Rumba/Star 203 Jack Is Back (Worlock) V/Mambo/CD
- 4. A Waltz In Heaven (Worlock) IV/Waltz/SP 45 Flip: Shall We Dance Beale St. Blues (Lillefield) V/Jive/CD Christmas Bride (Rotscheid) IV/Waltz/Star 107 Fine Brown Frame (Hurd) IV/Jive/Capital CD Lou Rawls From The Soul (Noble) V/ArTango/CD Bailemos Tango Track 10 I Do, I Do, I Do (Blackford) V/Foxtrot/Star 205 In The Navy (Silvia) IV/Cha//Coll 4338 Village People You Should Be Dancing (Goss)V/Cha/Star 507CD

DIXIE ROUND DANCE COUNCIL POPULAR DANCES AND TEACHES

For The Year 2003

- Jack Is Back (Worlock) V/Mambo/CD Orange Colored Sky (Shibata) V/Foxtrot/CD
- 6. Blue Shore (Maguire) IV/Rumba/Roper 226 From My Guy (Goss) V/Foxtrot/CD

Send your Round Dance Pulse Poll information to: Bev & Bob Casteel, 1540 Hull Lane, Knoxville, TN 37931; 865-690-5498 • e-mail: bevbobdance@aol.com



I know some people are unpopular, but isn't this going a little far?

Jurame (Worlock) V/Rumba/SP Ob La Di, Ob La Da (Rumble) III/Cha/The Beatles 7. Can't Help Falling In Love (Rumble) V/Slow TS/RCA Gold 447-0635 Elvis Presley Fine Brown Frame (Hurd) IV/Jive/Capital CD Lou Rawls Gardenia Tango (Parker) IV/Tango/Col 13-33122 Marty Robbins I Believe In Love (Shibata) VI/Jive/CD If Tomorrow Never Comes (Rumble) V/Rumba/CD Sunny Cha (Shibata) IV/Rumba/SP Flip: Beyond Switchin In The Kitchen VI/Jive/Star 172

You Should Be Dancing (Goss) V/Cha/Star 507CD

WASHINGTON

Round of the Month for February 2004 Singing In The Rain (Woolcock) Grenn 17284 or 14186

MICHIGAN ROUND DANCE TEACHERS ASSOC.

Rounds of the Month for December 2003 My Christmas Bride (Sanders) II/Waltz/ Star 107B Why I Haven't (Baldwin) III/Cha/MCA 754823 Canadian Sunset (Maguire) IV/Foxtrot/RCA 447-0877/Coll 4562 Promise Me (Scherrer) VI/Rumba/Star 193

Rounds of the Month for January 2004

Look Look (Lucibello) II/Two Step/King K2099/Coll 90191 Quickstep Ain't Enough (Silvia) III/Mixed/Capital 57767 Let It Be Me (Baldwin) IV/Waltz/Hi Hat 032

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From Kappie Kappenman

The Member Who Never Came Back Author Unknown

It amuses me to think that our organizations spend so much time, effort and money looking for new members, when I was there all the time. Do you remember me? I'm the fellow who was asked to join. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member. I'm the fellow who came to every workshop night, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk and dance with. I sat down with some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me. I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute, but no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a night. The next class night no one asked where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next dance night I decided to stay home and watch a good TV program. When I attended the next night, no one asked me where I was the week before.

You might say that I'm a good guy, that I hold a responsible job and love my community. You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back.

Mental Exercise Helps Prevent Alzheimer's

Square dancers have known for a long time how beneficial this activity can be. One of the major benefits is the joy of joining with other square dancers for an evening of dancing and friendliness. The social benefits of being with friendly people who also enjoy our activity are tremendous. Now we have a medical study which provides even more ammunition to the discussion that square dancing is good for you. The following article provides information about this study. Please read it and make copies of this Press Release for you friends. Let them know how much square dancing can benefit them.

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UPI) – Mentally challenging activities like playing chess or bridge can significantly reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease according to a new study. Seniors who engaged in pastimes like playing a musical instrument or even checkers lowered their risk of developing dementia by as much as 75 percent, the Washington Post reports, compared with those who didn't exercise their minds. Citing a study led by Joe Verghese, a neurologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, the results add to an increasing body of evidence. "I see a lot of elderly patients – they have so-called senior moments – they go in a room and forget why they are there. One thing I advise is for them to increase their participation in cognitively stimulating activities." Such benefits are widely available and inexpensive and seem to benefit all levels of education and intelligence. Unfortunately, the Post reports, watching television doesn't count.

The Florida Dance Web

News and items of interest to Square and Round Dancers in Florida

Whatever you want to know about dancers, vendors, clubs, callers, cuers, associations, news from the dance world and much more. Visit us daily to keep up to date. Over 12,000 people per month drop by from all over the world. Are you one of them? http://floridadanceweb.com

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This includes club officers, pictures and schedule with annual updates. Visit http://squaredancing.org/web_design.htm for all the details Tomperry@tipiproductions.com

CALLERLAB Dance Program Reviews

The CALLERLAB Program Policy requires a review of all CALLERLAB dance programs during each odd numbered year. This review is conducted by each applicable dance program committee and has been known as the "Biennial Program Review." This review is conducted as follows: first the Mainstream Committee completes its review of the Mainstream Program, then the Plus Committee conducts its review of the Plus Program, then the Advanced Committee conducts its review, and finally the Challenge Committee conducts its review. During these reviews each program committee will review the applicable dance program to determine if any changes are required. Changes can include additions or removal of calls from the program.

ADVANCED (A-1 and A-2) REVIEW: The Advanced Committee has completed the 2003 review of Advanced (A-1 and A-2). The only change approved during the review was to add the definition of "LEFT" to the "Glossary of Descriptive Terms Used in the Definitions" section of the Advanced definitions. No other changes were approved.

CHALLENGE (C-1) PROGRAM REVIEW: The Challenge Committee has completed the 2003 review of C-1 Program. The results of the 2003 program review are: SUBSTITUTE is added to the C-1 list; PRESS AHEAD remains on the C-1 list; and the Phantom Concept remains on the C-1 list. PRESS IN/OUT/RIGHT/LEFT was dropped from the C-1 list.

These changes are EFFECTIVE immediately.



Association/Federation festivals, conventions or benefit dances can be listed free of charge in *What's Ahead*.

We need the event date, name, location including city and state, contact address, phone number, and email if any. The name of the Association/Federation must be printed on the flyer to receive the free listing.

Send us the event information as early as you want, but we prefer to receive it four to six months in advance of the event's scheduled date.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS (U.S.A.)

National Square Square Dance Conv. June 23-26, 2004 – Denver, CO June 22-25, 2005 – Portland, OR June 21-24, 2006 – San Antonio, TX June 27-30, 2007 – Charlotte, NC

Intl. Assoc. of Gay Square Dancers:

July 1-5, 2004 – Phoenix, AZ July 1-4, 2005 – Santa Clara, CA June 30 - July 3, 2006 – Anaheim, CA May 25-27, 2007 – Denver, CO

MARCH 2004

12-13 **FLORIDA** – Central Florida Assoc.'s Shamrock Swing; Senior Center, 1099 Shady Lane, Kissimmee; Jack & Barbara Hoffman 321-452-3941

12-13 **MISSISSIPPI** – Sweetheart Festival, Wahabi Shrine Temple, Jackson; James and Louise Cox, P.O. Box 25, Brookhaven, MS 39602; 601-833-4437

12-13 **VERMONT** – Maple Sugar Dance Festival, South Burlington, South Burlington Middle School; 802-865-9751

18-20 VIRGINIA - WASCA's

Wearin' o' the Green, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Reston; Evie Thume, 6708 Kerman Court, Seabrook, MD 20706; thumee@gc.adventist.org; 301-794-4366

19-20 **TENNESSEE** – 19th State Of Franklin Jubliee, Riverside Motor Lodge, 715 Parkway, Gatlinburg; Bev Casteel 865-690-5498

19-20 **GEORGIA** – 13th Fuzzy Naval Dance, Jekyll Island, Jekyll Island Convention Center; Carroll Pomplin, 10301 Highway 27, Unit 72, Clermont, FL 34711, cpomplin@msn.com, 352-242-1174

19-21 **COLORADO** – Four Corners Fling, Cortez Middle School, 100 South Beech; Jan and Gary Gardner 970-882-7998, GJGARD@hubwest.com, www.fourcornersdancers.homestead.com

20 **OREGON** – Preconvention Dance, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, www.54nsdc.com, 503-556-0303

APRIL 2004

2-4 CALIFORNIA – Spring Jamboree, Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth; Warren and Georgia Potts, 2920 Heritage Oak Way, Lodi, CA 95242; 209-368-4453

American Square Dance, March 2004

3 OKLAHOMA - Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association's 57th Annual Square Dance Festival, Tulsa Convention Center, Tulsa. Rex and Jennie Redmond, HC 67, Box 1015, Skiatook, OK 74070; 918-396-0133; Rexredmond@aol.com

16-17 KANSAS - 2004 Spring Festival of Square & Round Dances, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd.; David and Charlotte Stone, 3510 Hiram St., Wichita, KS 67217; 316-942-6852

17 VIRGINIA - Cancer Benefit Dance. 7:30-11:00, Fairfax High School, 3500 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Callers: Butch Adams, Bill Harrison, Drew Scearce; Cuers: Pamela Bennett, Dom and Joan Filardo, George and Jeannine Springer. Phone Ralph at 703-751-4585 or email driscollr@rcn.com.

23-24 VERMONT - Square and Round Dance Convention (in conjunction with New England), Brattleboro Union Senior High School, Fairground Road, Brattleboro; Doc and Pat Tirrell, P.O. Box 37, Lower Waterford, VT 05848; 802-748-8538; www.nesrdc.org; dptirrell@juno.com

23-24 NEW ENGLAND - Square and Round Dance Convention (in conjunction with Vermont), Brattleboro Union Senior High School, Fairground Road, Brattleboro; Doc and Pat Tirrell, P.O. Box 37, Lower Waterford, VT 05848; 802-748-8538; www.nesrdc.org; dptirrell@juno.com

23-25 CALIFORNIA - 45th Annual Square and Round Dance Convention (Fun Galore in 2004), Sacramento, California State Fair; Scot and Erin Byars, 2570 Bell Street, Sacramento, CA 95821, 916-482-9503

24 MISSOURI - Spring Fling 2004, Dance and All You Can Eat Dinner; Mills Center, Bus. Rt. 44, next to Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon; Dave and Dee Shafer 573-759-6874: Dave and Barbara Phillips 417-532-6217

30-May 1 TEXAS - Mid-Texas Jamboree, Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin; www.asrda.org and follow link to 56th Mid-Tex in 2004

MAY 2004

7-9 NEVADA - 57th Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival, Reno Hilton, 2500 E. 2nd Street, Reno NV; 775-883-2937; Don Swartz www.squardancenevada.com; Email kc7tkg@juno.com

7-9 OHIO - 44th Ohio Dance Convention, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland; Alice Morrow, 11575 Stafford Road, Burton, OH 44021; 440-543-4950; www.squaredancing.com/ clevefed

15 VERMONT - 28th Annual Square & Round Dance Convention, Barre Town School, Barre; Warren T. Johnston, P.O. Box 1039, Lyndonville, VT 05851: 802-626-9748: www.SquareDanceVT.org; PapaFrito@USADatanet.net

16-20 NORTH CAROLINA -Maggie Valley Square Dance Week; 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, NC 28785; 1-800-926-8191 or 1-828-926-1645

21-23 MICHIGAN - Northwest Michigan Square & Round Dance Council 49th Spring Festival, St. Francis High School, 123 East 11th Street, Traverse City; Ron and Sue Hensel, 4375 S. Rainbow Ct., Williamsburg, Michigan 49690; email ronsue@netonecom.net: 231-938-1985

22 ARKANSAS - 1st Annual 50's Dance Festival, Judsonia Community Center, 600 Judson Street, Judsonia, AK; Callers Charlotte Wooten and Phil Howell: 870-966-3626 or 501-728-4841

28-30 FLORIDA - 50th Florida State

Square and Round Dance Convention. Lakeland Center, Lakeland. Randy and Carol Poole, 1541 Lakeside Drive, Deland, Florida 32720; 386-734-5295; carpoole@juno.com

28-31 MONTANA – Fun 'n' More in 2004, 33rd Annual Montana State Square and Round Dance Convention, Hamilton High School, 327 Fairgrounds Rd., Hamilton; 406-273-0141, www.cybernet1.com/missoula.sq-rddancers, SquareDanceMT@hotmail.com

JUNE 2004

3-5 NORTH DAKOTA – 45th International Square, Round & Clogging Convention, Shanley High School, 5600 25th St. South, Fargo. Bernadette and Roger McNeil 701-293-6620, bernmcneil@aol.com

11-12 **IDAHO** – 40th Annual Idaho State Square & Round Dance Festival, Lewiston, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington; Dance on the Lewis & Clark Trail; Dale and Marlene George, 208-842-2804, id04fest@velocitus.net, http:/ /www.myweb.cableone.net/festival2004

11-13 MINNESOTA – Minnesota State Convention. Squares, Rounds, Clogging, Folk, Line and Contra dancing. Bemidji High School, Bemidji. Duane and Marilyn Olson, 14521 Klondike Rd., Lake Park, MN 56554, 218-532-7891, marduo@tekstar.com, www.squaredanceminnesota.com

18-19 WASHINGTON STATE – Duck Through The Door in 2004, Washington State Square & Folk Dance Festival, NW Washington State Fairgrounds, Lynden; Ken and Cathy Moller, 360-424-1020, cmoller@fidalgo.net; or Dan Aicher, dmaicheris@comcast.net; 452-402-4622

23-26 COLORADO – 53rd National Square Dance Convention, "Rocky Mountain Roundup", Denver; 53rd

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NSDC, PO Box 502 Kersey, CO 80644; www.53nsdc.com

JULY 2004

1-5 **ARIZONA** – Remake the Heatwave, the 21st Annual International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) Convention, Arizona Biltmore Resort, Phoenix; Email registration@remaketheheatwave.com or mail to Remake the Heatwave, PO Box 9942, Phoenix, AZ 85068-0942.

29-31 **CANADA** – 14th Canadian National Convention, Telus Convention Centre, Calgary. www.festival2004.org, festival2004@shaw.ca, 1-877-850-2004, Calgary area 282-6091

30-Aug. 1 **ILLINOIS** – 21st Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention, Western Illinois University, Student Union, Macomb; Bob and Shirley Schwartz, 907E 2000 Street, Liberty, IL 62347, 217-645-3302, swrtz@adams.net or www.billbirge.com

AUGUST 2004

4-7 **PENTICTON BC** – Peach Fest Square Dance Festival; Penticton Peach Festival, www.penticton.org

6-8 WISCONSIN - 45th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention, D. C. Everest High School, Weston (near Wausau); Vern & Betsy Lane, POB 95, White Lake, WI 54491-0095; 715-882-3274; vlane@antigopro.net.

12-14 **TENNESSEE** – 30th Tennessee State Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga; rayswafford@msn.com, 706-935-4034; www.tnsquaredance.com/html/ state convention.html

13-14 **PENNSYLVANIA** – Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation Convention; Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College; Bob and Ellen Williams, 2159 Palomino Drive,

Warrington, PA 18976-2171

20-21 MICHIGAN – 43rd Michigan Square & Round Dance Convention, Lansing Center, Lansing; Fred and Netty Wellman, 517-339-5096; email n.wellman@comcast.net; www.squaredancing.com/ michigancouncil

SEPTEMBER 2004

3-4 INDIANA – Weekend At The Ritz, Honeywell Center, 275 West Market Street, Wabash; Anne Helm, 711 E. 50th Street, Marion, IN 46953; Anne 765-674-6364 or Larry LColeSDC@aol.com

4-6 MONTANA – 49th Annual Knothead Jamboree, Union Pacific Dining Lodge, West Yellowstone Park entrance; George and Betty Moore, 459 Killarney Street, Billings, MT 59105; Email geebeesqmup@imt.net; 406-252-4965

10-12 **PENNSYLVANIA** – The Annual Dutch Treat, Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster; 610-586-5619, www.DutchTreatWeekend.com

17-18 NEW JERSEY – 40th Federation Delaware Valley Square & Round Dance Convention, Cherry Hill Hilton, Cherry Hill; John Buzdygon, 10 Barrel Run Road, Quakertown, PA 18951; jbuzdygon@enter.net; 215-536-4777

OCTOBER 2004

8-9 ARKANSAS – 55th Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Dance: We'll Have Dancing Galore in 2004, Agora Conference Center, Conway, AR; Vince Vinciguerra, 501-450-9252, vjvin@cyberback.com

14-17 NEW HAMPSHIRE – Northeast Callers School, Manchester; Ken Ritucci, 132 Autumn Road West Springfield, MA 01089 413 734 0591; Email

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22-24 VERMONT – 14th Annual Tumbling Leaves Festival, Bennington College, Bennington; Cliff Brodeur 413-443-3060, email cliff@squaredancehoedown.com; Red Bates 941-828-0481, email redbates@juno.com

NOVEMBER 2004

19-20 **TENNESSEE** – 42nd Mid-South Square & Round Dance Festival, Night Train to Memphis; Holiday Inn Select, 5795 Poplar Avenue, Memphis; Sherry Farris/Mike Phillips, 2375 West Lake Oaks, Bartlett, TN 38134; 901-373-5372; SquareUp2004@hotmail.com

JANUARY 2005

21-22 LOUISIANA – Lottie's Louisiana Hoedown, Ruston Civic Center, 401 N. Trenton Street, Ruston, LA; Ghost Riders Band, Lottie Ainsworth, Nasser Shukayr; Lottie 318-249-4157; lotTNray@centurytel.net



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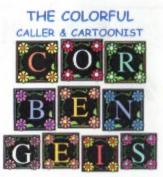
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