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April 31, 2026
Please send to Nancy Stafford
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOR VASARDA DANCERS

Welcome to the last Newsletter before the 2026 State Convention. Be sure to check all the articles that have been included about the upcoming “Backtrack to a Throwback” Virginia State’s 36th Convention.

Don’t forget the annual meeting at 9:00 am, Saturday Feb 21 where we will be electing new Directors. The VASARDA board has voted to change Regional Directors to “At-large” Directors. Absentee ballots have been emailed; however, we hope that many of you will attend the annual meeting and not need to use the absentee ballots. There have been many changes in the VASARDA Board as several Directors have decided after serving for many years its time to let someone else be on the Board.

We appreciate all the work that these Directors have contributed to VASARDA. The retiring Directors include Helen Berry, Nick & Chris Capozio, Bev Cook, Connie & Roger Cox, Victoria & Paul Kosar, Linda McMillan, and Charlotte Sowers. Be sure to thank all of these Directors for their long-term service. Please note that Victoria Kosar has agreed to continue serving as the Dancer Newsletter editor. With all of these retiring, the nominating committee was unable to find a full slate of possible directors. Consider volunteering and help promote Square & Round Dancing, Clogging, Lines and Contra in Virginia.

Tom & Nancy Stafford
Virginia Square and Round Dance Association, Presidents

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Get Ready to Retro: The 2026 Virginia State Square Dance Convention is Here! Backtrack to a Throwback

Ditch the post-holiday blues and gear up for a high-energy blast from the past! We're taking over the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach/Norfolk from February 19–21, 2026, for a weekend full of Dancing. One Massive Weekend. Endless Ways to Move.

Whether you're a newcomer or an experienced dancer, we have a room for you. Our jam-packed schedule is bursting with variety:

- Square Dancing, SSD (Social Square Dancing) Mainstream and Plus
- Round Dancing, with a Showcase of Rounds, Workshops, Teaches and Dancing levels II - VI
- We will also have Contra, Line Dancing and Clogging

You can challenge your limits with DBD (Dance by Definition) and Advance Dancing (A1&A2)

A Powerhouse Lineup

We're bringing together Virginia's callers and prompters, known for their electric energy and style. Plus, keep an eye out for elite guest callers from across state lines, bringing a fresh, diverse sound to the Virginia floor!

More Than Just Dancing...

When you need to catch your breath, the excitement continues off the floor:

- The Second Hand Rose Sale: Hunt for one-of-a-kind treasures and vintage finds.
- The Basket Raffle: Take a gamble and win massive, themed prize packs!
- The Craft Panel: We will be making Flowers for you to remember the Backtrack To A Throwback

Don't miss the chance to reconnect with old friends and make new memories at the biggest dance party of the year. Let's make history together!

So mark your calendars and get ready to Backtrack to a Throwback! Join us for a weekend of dancing, laughter, and a healthy dose of nostalgia. Be sure to pre-register to save on your cost of admission to this fantastic event. We can't wait to see you there! Find additional details on our website, <https://www.vasquaredance.org/>

We look forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor!
Jamie Butler, Keith and Brenda Krabbenhoft
Co-Directors VASARDA State Convention

Virginia Square and Round Dance Association
& Virginia Callers Association

presents the

36th VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION



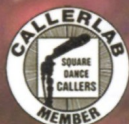
BACKTRACK TO A THROWBACK

90's 60's

80's 70's



Feb 19-21, 2026
Holiday Inn Virginia Beach/Norfolk
Hotel & Conference Center





BACKTRACK TO A THROWBACK

Virginia Square & Round Dance Association with the Virginia State Callers Association - 36th VA State Convention - February 19, 20, 21, 2026

Co-Directors: Jamie Butler and Brenda & Keith Krabbenhoft

jamiieb1693@gmail.com brendaw5@gmail.com

(757)390-0900

(540)476-0050

Dancer Name #1 (1st & Last) _____ Dancer Name #2 (1st & Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Additional Registrant(s) _____

No. of Dancers

Price

Dance Level/Type: (Circle all that apply)

_____ Entire 36th Conv (2/22/25-2/18/26) @ \$50.00 each \$ _____

_____ At the 36th Door-Entire Conv @ \$55.00 each \$ _____

_____ Thursday Only (at 36th Conv) @ \$15.00 each \$ _____

_____ Friday Only (at 36th Conv) @ \$20.00 each \$ _____

_____ Saturday Only (at 36th Conv) @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

_____ VASARDA Membership @ \$5 pp each year \$ _____

Convention fees:

CHILDREN 13 AND UNDER - FREE,

YOUTH 14 TO 16 - HALF PRICE,

ADULTS 17 AND UP - FULL PRICE

Total \$ _____

Social Sq Dance Mainstream Plus

Advanced DBD Contra C/W

Clogging Lines Rounds Ph II

Ph III Ph IV Ph V Ph VI

Caller / Cuer / Line / Contra / Clogging Instructor
(Circle if on VA State Convention Staff)

SOLO (Please circle if Solo)

First VA State Convention (Circle if so)

Please make Check or Money Order payable to "VASARDA" - Credit Cards are accepted.

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

SEND REGISTRATIONS TO:

Brenda & Keith Krabbenhoft, Registrar

840 South Delphine Ave., Waynesboro, VA 22980

540-476-0050 or email Brendaw5@gmail.com

No Refunds given after February 14, 2026

PROVIDED PROOF OF REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE FRI. & SAT. AFTER 7 PM

CASUAL ATTIRE THURSDAY & DAYTIME ON FRI. & SAT.

**BY REGISTERING ALL REGISTRANTS CONSENT TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED
OR RECORDED WHICH MAY BE USED IN VASARDA PUBLICATIONS.**

PLEASE VISIT THE REGISTRATION DESK FOR FULL DISCLAIMER.

HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Book Directly with:

The Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center

5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Special Lodging Rate is \$129.00 plus tax and will be honored for 2 days before and after the convention.

Deadline for the Special rate is Sunday, January 18, 2026

Please book your room by calling 757-499-4400 (Toll free 800-567-3856) and reference

"Virginia Square and Round Dance Association Room Block"

Or you may use the Worldwide number at 800-465-4329 and use the **Group Code VSC**

36th
Virginia State Convention
BASKET RAFFLES

BACKTRACK TO A THROWBACK

Support the Convention and
Enter to Win a Fabulous Basket



Come join us at the Backtrack to a Throwback VASARDA convention.

We will be located outside the main hall for the Second Hand Rose clothing resale extravaganza.

Skirts, blouses, petticoats, men's shirts, dresses of all sizes, shapes and colors await you. Not certain about a piece? Take it to your room, try it on and bring it back if it doesn't suit you.

The Rose opens Thursday afternoon. Last year, items continued to appear throughout the convention. So be sure to stop by more than once!

Donations Accepted

The more we have, the more fun it is!

Take a look at what you have, we are happy to accept any donations you would like to donate. All proceeds support the VASARDA convention. It's a win for shoppers, donators, and the association.

Volunteers are needed

Many Hands Make Light Work

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to assist with the set up or sale, please contact Brenda Krabbenhoft, brendaw5@gmail.com or 540-476-0050. A couple hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

See you there!
Brenda Krabbenhoft

36th Virginia State Convention

Crafting Hour

**Come Join us for
Flower Making**

Friday 11:00 - 1200
Salon D&E

BACKTRACK TO A THROWBACK



**Come and enjoy making a Flower
for you to remember
The Backtrack To A Throwback**

Membership Corner . . . 250 Years Ago . . .

A group of representatives were appointed from each colony to go to a . . . convention. That convention was in Philadelphia, and from it came an experiment in government. Those representatives voted on and signed the Declaration of Independence that they developed. Less than a dozen years later, they voted to revise and improve it.

The current VASARDA board has made some significant changes to the By-laws and the structure of the board. The goal in this process has been to improve representation while continuing to promote, support and encourage dancing in Virginia. If you dance in Virginia then you can be a part of the process. If you are already a member of VASARDA, then make sure you participate through voting. The easiest way is by attending the meeting that takes place at the convention in February. If you won't be able to attend, please make sure you cast your absentee ballot.

For those of you that are not currently members of VASARDA ... **hear ye, hear ye** – now is the time for you to join. You can join in the process of registering for the convention. You can also join by filling in the form below and sending it in. Annual dues are \$5. That will enable you to participate in the meeting and to vote. If you aren't sure, then come to the meeting to discover the work VASARDA does to promote dancing.

VASARDA Annual Meeting – Saturday, 2/21, 9am, Salon D & E

Virginia Square and Round Dance Association - Membership Form

First and Last Names of all Members:		
Address:		
City, State & Zip Code:		
Phone and Email:		
Club Affiliation:		

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$5.00 PER DANCER PER YEAR

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to **VASARDA** - Mail Check or Cash to:

Brenda Krabbenhoft
840 S. Delphine Ave
Waynesboro, VA 22980

For further information: 540-476-0050 BrendaW5@gmail.com

In Memory of George Jordan



George Jordan, passed away on Monday, November 10, 2025.

We have so many wonderful memories of George and I know many of you have memories, as well:

George took square dance lessons in the late 1960's. He taught Harry & myself (June Baum) in the 1970's. Cowboy & Liz Showers were students in our class & it was so much fun with 25-30 students. George and Cowboy both worked at DuPont in Waynesboro, VA. Later they called together when Cowboy was a caller, too. George called hundreds of dances through the years and taught classes every year at several clubs, drove a Volkswagen camping van (we called it his hippie van), called at the VA State Convention and New Years Eve at Circle 8 with other callers for many years. Also, had his time at Waynesboro N340 Campground Workshops. George & Larry Winegard were friends, too, and teamed up to call the very best "Hot Hash" in Virginia. George and Larry also called at Pipestem State Park in WV for many years.

Thanks, Harry and June Baum, Booking Agents, Circle 8 Waynesboro, VA

From left to right, George Jordan, Liz Showers, Harry Baum and June Baum



This Fun Hobby May Reduce Your Dementia Risk By 76 Percent

The following article is an excerpt from a column by Trisha Pasricha, MD in the Washington Post on January 5, 2026.

What Are the Best Ways to Keep My Brain Sharp as I Age?

There are several science-based ways to lower your risk of dementia — but one especially fun option might surprise you: dancing.

Dancing combines some of the best elements known to be associated with longevity: exercise, creativity, balance and social connection. You're investing the same time as walking or other exercise activities but may be getting much more out of it.

In fact, one study found that people who danced frequently (more than once a week) had a 76 percent lower risk of dementia than those who did so rarely.

Physical activity, especially aerobic exercise, in general is wonderful for our brain health. And this isn't intended to knock walking: A small randomized controlled trial of walking versus ballroom dancing among older adults found both activities benefited memory and learning.

But combining physical activity with creativity and cognitive challenges may help protect the brain further. Dancing asks your brain to do several things at once: match a rhythm, remember steps (or quickly improvise some new ones), navigate space and perhaps even respond to a partner.

Dancing May Also Boost Balance and Strength

Besides brain health, there are other great reasons to consider shaking a hip. A 2020 meta-analysis of 29 randomized trials among healthy older adults found that social dance-based activities were associated with a 37 percent reduced risk of falling — as well as improvements in balance and lower body strength.

Choreo Corner – reprinted by permission from Dick Otis

November/December 2025

2025 is coming to an end soon. The big news (which I'm sure most callers are aware of, but perhaps not very many dancers) is Callerlab has published a "new" Mainstream program. This has encouraged some callers and frustrated other callers. So what's the deal?

First, if you are a Plus Dancer, there is nothing new to learn in the Mainstream program. If you are a Mainstream Dancer, there are a few less calls to worry about. If you are a Social Square Dancer (SSD) there are a few more calls to learn. More comments on Plus later.

Notes: all in the new Mainstream list will automatically transfer to the Plus Program."

Like many other callers (probably all of them) I'm comparing the new Mainstream list to older programs. Comments and speculation in this article are solely my viewpoint. The press release accompanying the new Mainstream list explicitly says: "All original Mainstream, Basic, and SSD calls not included"

First of all, why a new Mainstream list? In recent years many callers viewed the Basic (48 calls) and Mainstream (19 calls) programs (67 calls total) as being a barrier to new dancers. As a result, several new shorter "programs" were developed, including the "Club 50", the "50 call Condensed Teaching Method (CTM)", and the Callerlab Social Square Dance (SSD) program. These lists all have 50 calls (mostly the same ones) in common.

As a result, Callerlab members voted to do away with these many programs and to create one, 50 call program called new Mainstream. I will note that ALL these programs have, with a few differences, essentially the same calls. Most callers and dancers will easily adapt.

One caller explained to me that old "Mainstream only" clubs will have to make the significant changes. This assumes these clubs have new classes learning the new Mainstream. Those new students will have to learn the previous Mainstream calls that were eliminated. Or their club will have to stop using those calls (the significant change). Will this make them a "Mainstream+ Club?"

Some people don't like change; most callers have favorite calls they like, so agreeing on getting rid of 17 calls is hard. What is the difference between the old Mainstream (67 calls) and the new Mainstream (50 calls) list? (I know 17 calls, sort of...)

Basic Calls: Here are the 7 Basic calls which are no longer on the new Mainstream list, or have been combined under a family grouping and therefore don't count as one of the 50 calls.

(1) Forward & Back, (2) Allemande Left/Arm Turns are combined, (3) Do Paso, (4) Walk Around Your Corner, (5) See Saw, (6) Circle to a Line and (7) Alamo Style – is moved to Ocean Wave Family. So yes Callerlab "cheated" a little bit by combining two calls and moving a stand-alone call under an existing "family" of calls to make their 50 list.

Old Mainstream: Here are the 9 old Mainstream calls which are no longer on the new Mainstream list:

(1) Cloverleaf, (2) Eight Chain Thru, (3) Pass to the Center (4) the Allemande Thar Family

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which include 5-6 (5) Slip the Clutch, (6) Shoot the Star, (7) Walk & Dodge, (8) Dixie Style to a Wave and (9) Spin- Chain-Thru

The following 10 old Mainstream calls are still on the new Mainstream list:

Turn Thru, (2) Hinge, (3) Put Centers In, (4) Cast Off 34, (5) Spin the Top, (6) Slide Thru, (7) Fold/Cross Fold, (8) Tag the Line Family, (9) Scoot Back, (10) Recycle (from waves only).

My view on the 8 deleted Basic calls:

- (1) Forward & Back – Deleted as a call, but added to the preface - so not really gone. Just a little sleight of hand.
- (2) Allemande Left/Arm Turns combined – this is like, cheating to shorten the list
- (3) Do Paso – ha, you want to put just about any dance floor down from a squared set? Just start with this call. Not to worry, it is almost always called directionally anyway. Usually following Walk Around Your Corner – wait, that’s gone.
- (4) Walk Around Your Corner – can be called directionally as “face your corner and right shoulder walk around them”. Wait, what? This is a traditional call of our dance.
- (5) See Saw – can be called directionally as a left shoulder example of above. This is also traditional call of our dance.
- (6) Circle to a Line – I’m not going to miss this call at all, there are other ways to achieve the same result (a Partner Line). Again, may be a problem with some singing call timing. But sides lead right and circle four $\frac{3}{4}$ gets to the same foot prints. Dancers have been “cheating” on this call for years anyway.
- (7) Alamo Style – moved to Ocean Wave Family, so not really gone

My view on the 9 deleted Mainstream calls:

- (1) Cloverleaf? I’m going to miss this call. I like the symmetry of the call going from a completed double pass-through formation to the double pass to formation. It instills the concepts of dancers moving independently in a leader-follower formation. And I get to talk about making a cloverleaf move is like getting off the expressway.
- (2) Eight Chain Thru - probably not going to be missed much, but a bummer for some singing calls.
- (3) Pass to the Center - a staple call for moving from an Eight Chain Thru formation to a Double Pass Thru formation. Redundant to Dive Thru, which they should have deleted instead for safety reasons.
- (4) Allemande Thar Family - not liked by a lot of callers, but liked by a lot of dancers. And not hard to dance.
- (5) Slip the Clutch - not needed if you don’t have an Allemande Thar
- (6) Shoot the Star - not needed if you don’t have an Allemande Thar
- (7) Walk & Dodge - used a lot but the calls after the action are limited due to body flow. Except of course Cloverleaf, if Cloverleaf was still a new Mainstream call.
- (8) Dixie Style to a Wave - Can be called directionally, sort of, “1/2 Sashay 1/2 (or ladies lead) right pull by and Left Touch 1/4.

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much, BUT it's the foundational call for Spin Chain the Gears, and Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears. Now all three calls will be on the Plus list.

Note: Single Circle to a Wave was moved from Plus to the new Mainstream, but it doesn't count as one of the 50 calls because it was added under the Ocean Wave Family (along with Alamo Style).

Conclusion: In my view this new Mainstream Program is much to do about nothing. Callerlab is just solidifying numerous 50 call lists into the new Mainstream program; although they punted by combining calls under a "family". With a couple of exceptions (Thar, Cloverleaf) nobody is going to miss anything. Except maybe in non-English speaking countries where helper words in English don't really help.

Historical note; In the year 2000, the T2000 was another shorter basic/mainstream combination almost exactly like what just took place this year. The organization was split and the convention chairman had the tie vote against the program. This time, the new Mainstream program vote went to the entire Callerlab membership, which voted 75% for and 25% against, hence the new program was accepted.

The work is not done however, because the new Plus program will have more than 50 calls, some of which will be pulled from the Advance program.

The Old Plus program has 28 calls. Even if 17 calls were moving up to the Plus list (they aren't as discussed above) you would still only have 45 calls. Callerlab states that the new Plus list – not yet developed, must have at least 50 calls. As a result, Plus clubs (most of them around here) will need to learn some new calls.

I don't think it's a bad thing to have Plus dancers learn some new calls. Some easy calls to chose from the Advance list might be: Pair Off, Triple Trade, Grand Follow Your Neighbor, Quarter Thru, Three Quarter Thru, Pass In, Pass Out, Quarter In, Quarter Out and Brace Thru. I believe most Plus dancers could learn these calls in one or two workshops.

We will have to see where Callerlab goes next, but remember we are all square dancers looking for the fellowship, exercise (body and brain) and just plain fun. None of that is changing.

REGION 1 NEWS

Tuckahoe Square Dance Club Richmond, Virginia

Tuckahoe Square Dance Club is gearing up for a memorable 2026. February 11th marks the founding of our club 60 years ago in 1966. Special activities are in the works to commemorate this exciting milestone throughout the year, and we hope many of our square dance friends will join us in celebrating. Check our website often for the most current calendar as events are finalized at <https://tuckahoesquares.com>. Please email us at tuckahoesquares@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

On January 30th Tuckahoe is hosting our first Open Mic night for amateur callers. If you are an aspiring caller or have a singing call you'd like to share, please send an email to tuckahoesquares@gmail.com to register or show up that night and bring your music with you.

February 6th, national caller, Mike Sikorsky will be joining us from Arizona via Zoom.

February 13th, square up for a *Virginia is for "Square Dance" Lovers* theme dance with Bob Clinebell.

March 20th, come dressed as your favorite movie character and dance to music from the movies with Jeremy Butler.

April 10th we'll celebrate the 90th edition of the Masters Golf Tournament with a *Masters Par-Tee* Dance featuring caller Matt Worley. Dress in your golf attire or green jackets.

THE PAST QUARTER:

It's been a busy quarter for our club filled with lessons, workshops and dances. We remembered our local community and collected canned goods in November to help replenish the Feed More Food Pantry, collecting over 80 pounds of food and donating \$50.00 in the first week of December. Our photo gallery this quarter features photos from **November 7th** with Grant Moser, a monthly Plus Workshop with Bob Clinebell on **November 13th**, a special dance for our new dancers on **November 21st** featuring Jeremy Butler, lessons on **December 3rd** and our graduation ceremony and dance on **December 10th** with Ron Dean. We rang in the New Year on **December 31st** with Bob Clinebell, a Rio de Janeiro island theme, and event lighting by Ted Klett, owner of RoxyLou Entertainment.

			
<i>Celebrating Sixty Years of Dancing 1966 - 2026</i>			
<i>Square Up With Us</i>			
Please Confirm Dance Schedule at https://tuckahoesquares.com			
<i>Date</i>		<i>Caller</i>	<i>Special Event</i>
January	16th	Jeremy Butler	
	30th	Open Mic	Amateur Caller Night
February	6th	Mike Sikorsky	Via Zoom from Arizona
	13th	Bob Clinebell	Virginia is for "Square Dance" Lovers
	20th	NO DANCE	VASARDA 36th VA State Convention, Va. Beach
March	6th	Ben Brown	Quarterly Club Meeting 6:30 PM
	20th	Jeremy Butler	Night at the Movies - Dress as Your Favorite Character
April	3rd	NO DANCE	Good Friday and Easter Weekend
	7th	Mike Sikorsky/Bob Clinebell	Plus Workshop (check website for dates, location, & caller)
	10th	Matt Worley	"Masters Par-Tee" Dance - Wear Golf Attire or Green Jackets
	17th	Jeremy Butler	

REGION 1 NEWS

Tuckahoe Squares



New Year's Eve Dance with Bob Clinebell



New Dancer Class with Jeremy Butler

We dance at All Saints Episcopal Church, 8787 River Road, Henrico, VA 23229.

We charge \$10 per dance for visitors or \$15 per month for members.

While we welcome square dance attire, it is not required and most dancers dress casually.

For our theme dances we encourage everyone to join in the fun and dress up if they can.

Couple and Solo Dancers Welcome!

REGION 1 NEWS

Tuckahoe Squares



Grant Moser



Plus Workshop with Bob Clinebell

REGION 1 NEWS

Tuckahoe Squares



**New Dancer
Class Night
with Ron
Dean**

**New
Dancer
Graduation
with
Ron Dean**



REGION 3 NEWS

Rivermont Ramblers

The Rivermont Ramblers dance every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at the Warren County Community Center, 538 Villa Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630. Mike McIntyre is our club caller and cuer. PreRounds are from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM and 2X2s from 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM. We alternate between Main Stream and Plus depending upon the dancers in attendance on a given club night.

We're currently hosting MS square dance classes every Tuesday from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at the Warren County Health and Human Services Complex, 465 W 15th Street, Front Royal, VA 22630. Mike McIntyre is the caller/instructor. The current MS students will be finishing up soon. We'll then begin a Plus Class. For more information about the Plus class contact Mike McIntyre at [540-336-7412](tel:540-336-7412) or email call-and-que@comcast.net

After 25 years, our club presidents, Nick and Chris Capozio, have decided to step down. We are very appreciative of all the time and effort that Nick and Chris have put into supporting the Rivermont Ramblers and we'll be presenting them with a small token of our appreciation at our club dance on January 23.

Our newly elected club president is Amy Clements. We look forward to having Amy in this role and to the continued success and growth of the Rivermont Ramblers. Amy's contact information is Phone 540-742-3920 or email rjwjrszf@yahoo.com

REGION 3 NEWS

CIRCLE 8 of WAYNESBORO

Harry & June Baum

Circle 8 of Waynesboro, VA dances Mainstream/Plus squares to various callers on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays from September thru the 2nd Saturday in June. Our dance time is from 6:30 – 9:30 PM, with possible extra dance levels or different days/hours. Be sure to check out our flyers. For more info, please contact June & Harry at 540-256-1779 or baum.june@yahoo.com or Brenda Krabbenhoft at 540-476-0050 or brendaw5@gmail.com

Our dances are held at the WoodmenLife Lodge, 4001 White Bridge Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980.

We have Mainstream Classes ongoing on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Preston Yancey Fire Hall, 2015 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville, VA. Contact Keith Krabbenhoft at 540-649-1109 or krabbenhoft1@gmail.com

Looking forward to lots of dancing coming up

Saturday Afternoon, January 24 with Grant Moser (new caller from Haymarket, VA) from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Theme is “Wear Your Club Colors” with MS & Plus. Come help us welcome Grant to our area & enjoy a great afternoon of dancing with him.

Saturday, February 14 with Mike McIntyre from Winchester, VA (caller change). “Love is in the Air” Extra Plus DBD for ½ hour (5:45 – 6:15 PM) before the Evening Dance at 6:30 – 9:30 PM with MS & Plus along with a couple Lines. Great way to celebrate Valentine’s Day.

Saturday, February 28 with Jeremy Butler. Afternoon Plus DBD & some Advance from 3:30-5:30 PM (extra fee) followed by quick Dinner. Followed by Evening Dance from 6:30 - 9:30 PM with MS & Plus. Theme is “Nat’l Chocolate Lover’s Day”. Come enjoy lots of dancing.

Saturday, March 14 with Bill Harrison coming to us from Maryland. “Wearing of the Green” is the theme. MS & Plus 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Been a while since Bill has been at Circle 8, so come enjoy.

Saturday, March 28 - Dark: WASCA Festival

Saturday, April 11 with Ben Brown calling. “OH NO! Tax Day” is the theme with MS & Plus. And possibility of Early DBD, so stay tuned for flyer coming out soon. Dance time 6:30 – 9:30 PM unless we add more dancing for you to enjoy.

Saturday Afternoon, April 25 with Ken Burke from Nashville, TN (caller change). MS & Plus. Time 3:00 - 6:00 PM at our normal venue. Very first time at Circle 8. Don’t miss him!

Saturday, May 9 with Terry Headlee from WVA. “Beatles, YES, w/Strawberry Fields Forever” as Theme. MS & Plus and Lines, too. Always a good time with Terry.

Saturday, May 23 with Howard Williamson from NJ with MS & Plus and Lines, too. “Stars & Stripes” is our Memorial Day Theme. Come celebrate the holiday with Howard. Lots of fun.

Saturday, June 13 with Ed Pabst & Carol (w/Rounds if we have enough interest) MS & Plus with “Sunny Days Ahead”. Casual dress for sure, but maybe no flip-flops!

For more info contact June & Harry 540-256-1779 baum.june@yahoo.com or Brenda at 540-476-0050 brendaw5@gmail.com or on our website www.circle8squaredance.org

CIRCLE '8.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB
OF WAYNESBORO, VA, INC

Saturday Afternoon, January 24, 2026

Caller: Grant Moser

New Caller in our area from Haymarket, VA



Workshop 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Alternating Mainstream & Plus 3:30 - 6:00 PM

Dance, Club colors or casual attire \$10.00 per person

Club Contacts: June & Harry Baum (540) 256-1779 email: baum.june@yahoo.com

Brenda Krabbenhoft (540) 476-0050 email: Brendaw5@gmail.com

Website: www.circle8squaredance.org Like us on Facebook, too

LOCATION

WoodmenLife Lodge, 4001 White Bridge Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980

From I-64 take exit 94. Go toward Waynesboro on Rosser Ave/US 340 for about 2.3 miles.

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CIRCLE '8.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB
OF WAYNESBORO, VA, INC



Valentine Dance



Saturday, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

Caller: Mike McIntyre

From Winchester, VA



(Caller Change)
Don't miss extra ½ hr Plus DBD
5:45 - 6:15 PM



"Evening Dance" Workshop 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Mainstream/Plus/Lines Dance 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Dance/Casual attire \$10.00 per person

Club Contacts: June & Harry Baum (540) 256-1779; email: baum.june@yahoo.com

Brenda Krabbenhoft (540) 476-0050; email: brendaw5@gmail.com

Website: www.circle8squaredance.org Like us on Facebook, too



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CALLERS FOR 2025 - 2026 DANCE SEASON WITH THEMES

Dance Location: WoodmenLife Lodge, 4001 White Bridge Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980

Club Dances are on Saturdays / Class on Tuesdays at Preston Yancey Fire Hall

Mainstream/Plus Dances from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Always check Flyers/Dance Notices as some Afternoon Dances or Extra Dancing

Website: www.circle8squaredance.org Facebook: Circle 8 Square Dance Club of Waynesboro, VA

Sept 9, 2025	*Tues (5:30-6:15 DBD)	Mike Sikorsky	"Boots, Hats, & Lace" - early DBD, MS & Plus
Sept 13, 2025		Art LaVigne	"Apple PickinTime" MS & Plus
Sept 27, 2025	SVSARDA Dance (Circle 8 - Hosts)	Ed Pabst, Caller - Ben Brown, Caller -	Carol Pabst, Cues - Early Rds & Evening Dance Afternoon Plus DBD
Oct 11, 2025	(Extra Dancing)	Jeremy Butler	"Fall Harvest"- Pre-2 hr DBD/Adv/Dinner (extra fee) AND <u>MS & Plus - Evening Dance</u>
Oct 25, 2025		Howard Williamson	"BOOster Dance for VA State"- MS, Plus & Lines
Nov 8, 2025		Nelson Wakeman	"Honoring Our Veterans"- Food Drive - MS & Plus
Nov 22, 2025		Bob Clinebell	"Let's Give Thanks" MS, Plus & Lines
Dec 13, 2025	(Sat. afternoon)	Mike McIntyre	"Christmas Magic" (3:00-6:00 PM) MS & Plus
Dec 31, 2025	(Wednesday)	Ben Brown	NYE Party "Lots of Glitter & Gold" 8 PM - 12 midnight - MS, Plus & Lines
Jan 10, 2026		Bob Clinebell	"Wintry Night" - MS, Plus & Lines
Jan 24, 2026	(Sat. afternoon)	Grant Moser (change)	"Wear Your Club Colors" (3:00-6:00 PM) MS & Plus
Feb 14, 2026	(Extra Dancing)	Mike McIntyre (caller change)	"Love is in the Air" - DBD from 5:45-6:15 PM AND <u>MS, Plus & Lines - Evening Dance</u>
Feb 28, 2026	(Extra Dancing)	Jeremy Butler	"Nat'l Chocolate Lovers Day" Pre-2 hr DBD/Adv/ Dinner (extra fee) AND <u>MS & Plus - Evening Dance</u>
Mar 14, 2026		Bill Harrison	"Wearing of the Green" MS & Plus
Mar 28, 2026		DARK	WASCA Festival - at Hilton Dulles Airport Hotel
Apr 11, 2026	(Extra Dancing)	Ben Brown	"OH NO! Tax Day is Soon" - Maybe Pre-DBD (extra fee) - AND <u>MS & Plus - Evening Dance</u>
Apr 25, 2026	(Sat. afternoon)	Ken Burke (change)	"Black & White Ball" (3:00-6:00 PM) MS & Plus
May 9, 2026		Terry Headlee	"Beatles, YES! w/Strawberry Fields Forever" MS, Plus & Lines
May 23, 2026		Howard Williamson	"Stars & Stripes" MS, Plus & Lines
June 13, 2026		Ed Pabst	"Sunny Days Ahead"-possibility of Rounds, if interest

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Updated Jan 15, 2026 - jb

REGION 3 NEWS

The Panhandlers

Wednesday evening Dec 31, 2025, marked the end of 2025, the end of a fun year of square dancing for the Gad Abouts Square Dance Club, Panhandlers Square Dance Club, and Rivermont Ramblers club, and the opening of a new year full of potential and hope in a joint New Year's Eve dance held at the Asbury Center in Charles Town, WV.

We enjoyed the cheerful company of friends from our clubs as well as from the Frederick County Promenaders, the Merry Notes Square Dance Club, and the Sand Dollars Square Dance Club (Hope we didn't leave anyone out!) as we enjoyed round dancing, square dancing, a midnight breakfast, and a surprise (but humorous) attack on one of our callers, Mike McIntyre. Although he had problems controlling his laughter, he did manage to keep the calls coming.

We hope to continue that sense of playfulness throughout the new year.

Thank you: Mike McIntyre, Art LaVigne, Roberta Harris and Butch Bloxom for calling and cueing for us!



REGION 3 NEWS

New Year's Eve Dance with the Gad Abouts, Panhandlers and the Rivermont Ramblers in Charles Town, WV



The Panhandlers 2025 & 2026 Schedule –revised 08-25-2025 IN PROCESS

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CALLER/CUER	TIME
2025				
SEPT 6 TH	Round 'Em Up!!!	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
SEPT 20 TH	Fall Festival Dance	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
OCT 4 TH	Country Music	AC	McIntyre/McIntyre	6:30-7:00/9:30
OCT 18 TH	Monster Mash	AC	McIntyre/McIntyre	6:00-7:00/9:30
NOV 1 ST	Veterans Day/WASCA THEME	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
NOV 15 TH	Turkey Gobbler	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
DEC 6 TH	Snow Flake	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
DEC 20 TH	Christmas Dinner Dance	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	Pre-rds 5:00-6:00/eat 6-7/2x2 til 9:30
DEC 31 ST	New Years Eve	AC	McIntyre/ Lavigne Grimes/ Bloxom	Pre-rds 8-9/2x2 9-12 /dinner 11pm
2026				
JAN 3	DARK			
JAN 17 TH	Hot Chocolate	WH	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
FEB 7 TH	Team Jersey	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
FEB 21	DARK		STATE CONVENTION	
MAR 7 TH	Green/White/Orange St.Patrick	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
MAR 21 ST	Love Is In The Air	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
APR 4 TH	Easter Lily	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
APR 18 TH	Pie Dance	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
MAY 2 ^{cd}	Spring Fever	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
MAY 16 th	Church Fundraiser: Ice Cream Social	AC	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
JUN 6	Mexican Hat	WH	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
June 20 th	Almost Heaven WV	WH	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
JUL 4 TH	DARK - HOLLIDAY			
JUL 18 TH	Watermelon Dance	WH	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
JUL 19 TH	Sunday Afternoon Picnic		McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
AUG 1 ST	Orange Dreamcicle	WH	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30
AUG 15 TH	Pet Night	WH	McIntyre/Bloxom	6:00-7:00/9:30

Asbury United Methodist Church

ASBURY CENTER
104 W. NORTH ST.
Charles Town, WV 25414

WILLIAMS HALL
110 W. NORTH ST
Charles Town, WV 25414
Park behind church

For information contact:

Mike McIntyre (540)336-7412 or call-and-que@comcast.net

REGION 3 NEWS

The Blue Ridge Stars



Blue Ridge Stars Square Dance Club

December 19, 2025

Blue Ridge Stars Christmas Dance



COME DANCE WITH THE
BLUE RIDGE STARS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

FRIDAY, M a r c h 20, 2026

7:30 TO 10:00 PM

AMHERST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
156 DAVIS ST. AMHERST, VA 24521



CALLER: ART LAVIGNE

DANCE ATTIRE: OPTIONAL

ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS

DONATIONS \$10

CONTACT INFORMATION:
BARBARA CAMPBELL 434 929-5221/
LYNN WEBB 609 4239390

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**COME JOIN THE
BLUE RIDGE STARS
FOR A FUN TIME WITH
BOB CLINEBELL
FROM
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**



**FRIDAY, April 17, 2026
7:30 TO 10:00 PM**

**AMHERST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
156 DAVIS ST. AMHERST, VA 24521**

DONATION: \$10

SPONSORED BY AMHERST COUNTY PARKS AND REC DEPT.

The Blue Ridge Stars Of Amherst, VA

Invite you to a fun night of dancing
To the caller,

Terry Headlee.



Friday, May 15, 2026

Dance time is *7:30 to 10:00 PM.*

Amherst Elementary School
156 Davis Street
Amherst, VA 24521



For contact information:
Barbara Campbell: 434 660-2703
Lynn Webb: 607 423-9390

\$10 donation.

Sponsored by Amherst County Parks and Recreation.

**Blue Ridge Stars of
Amherst, VA**
WELCOMES YOU TO
COME DANCE
to caller
**Nelson Wakeman from
Edinburg, VA**



June 19, 2026

**Amherst Elementary School
156 Davis St. Amherst, VA 24521**

7:30 to 10:00 PM

Mainstream and Plus

\$10 donation

Sponsored by Amherst County Parks and Rec.

REGION 4 NEWS

Ryder's Rounders at St B's

Ryder's Rounders at St B's continue to dance phase II-IV [with an occasional special phase V] on the new beautiful wood floor in the Richardson Room at St Barnabas Episcopal Church -- 4801 Ravensworth Rd, Annandale VA --every Thursday from 7-9:30 PM. We also love to party featuring special thematic dances and tasty treats to reflect specific holidays. Our next special party dance -- Thursday February 12 [and Sunday February 15] -- will be our annual Sweethearts Party dance. Love will be in the air and on the floor as we dance to a variety of "love songs". The Richardson Room should glow red as club members and workshop dancers enjoy these "seasonal" dances and delicious treats. Come join us Thursday evenings at St B's whenever you can.

We have continued our intermediate workshops on Sundays from 6:15-7:15 PM with class level dancing from 7:15-8:45 reflecting rhythms previously reviewed. We have also started a basic dance class from 5:15-6:15 PM preceding our intermediate workshop. Our basic class is currently focused on rumba and cha cha figures, but we plan to complete these lessons and begin some new basic waltz lessons in February. Our intermediate workshop is currently reviewing phase IV foxtrot figures. We also have an intermediate workshop and dance at Greenspring Senior Community in Springfield VA every Monday afternoon from 1:00 -3:00 PM. We're currently reviewing phase IV foxtrot figures. We'd love to have you join us and if you'd like to do so. Please call Berni and Ken for more information regarding their intermediate workshops and basic class.

Finally, we held a **SPECIAL NEW YEARS ROUND DANCE BALL** on Thursday, January 1, 2026 --New Years Day to celebrate the arrival of 2026 -- America's 250th birthday year. Christina Eum joined Ken in cueing for the 11 couples [22 dancers] who welcomed 2026 with outstanding dancing and a tasty buffet repast, including a cake, and New Year's Holiday favors. The Richardson Room has not often seen such elegant attire and smooth dancing while welcoming the New Year 2026. Dancers so enjoyed this special event that we plan to hold another New Years Celebratory Round Dance Ball next January 1. Where else can Ken get a chance to cue and dance in a Tuxedo!!!

We invite all round dancers to join us in-person at Greenspring or St Barnabas. If you have any questions or need more information about the clubs, the workshops, or beginner dance lessons -- please call Berni and Ken at 703 323-6615.

Ken & Berni

REGION 4 NEWS

MERRY NOTES

The Merry Notes are having a great season. We have been joined by a young new caller and his friends. They are keeping us on our toes and livening up the dances.

Jan. 9 - "Dance Away the Winter Blues" Gary Felton from Maryland and Christina Eum from Virginia cuing

Jan. 23 - "Hawaiian Luau" Dick Otis from Virginia and Ken Ryder from Virginia cuing

Jan. 30 - "WASCA Theme Dance" Jeremy Butler from Virginia and Christina Eum from Virginia cuing

Feb. 13 - "Valentines" Kenny Farris from Maryland and Ken Ryder from Virginia cuing

Feb. 27 - "Club Colors" Dick Otis from Virginia and Ken Ryder from Virginia cuing



Take a Peek

The Merry Notes dances Plus with Rounds from 7:30 to 9:30 PM on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays from September thru May. We encourage square dance attire. Mask are optional. Our location is the Herndon Senior Center 873 Grace Street Herndon, Va. For additional information contact Nancy 703-217-1670 or Darrella 703-425-4072.

Trish Otis



Merry Notes Christmas Dance



Roberta Bloxom, Butch Bloxom, Grant Moser, Dick Otis, and Sarah Moser

REGION 4 NEWS

BIZZY BEES

After a pleasant conclusion to 2025 with our "Father Christmas" Dance, where members were arrayed in festive outfits of the season, we buzzed into 2026 with our "Winter Wonderland" dance on January 13.

"Back to a Throwback" is our theme dance on January 27th. February 10th we'll be celebrating "Mardi Gras" and the 24th we'll have our "Sweetheart Dance". It's a little late for Valentine's Day, but any time is a good time for a dance dedicated to Sweethearts. March brings our "Wearin' o' the Green" and "Early Easter Bunny Hop" celebrations to lead us into Spring.

We dance up to plus level the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from September through May from 7:30 to 9:30 pm to the mellifluous calling of Chris Stacy. Our normal venue is Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, VA. However, our February 10th "Mardi Gras" dance will be at Vienna Elementary School on Center Street in Vienna, VA. We socialize around the snack table between tips. Square dance apparel or dressing for the theme is optional. Guests are very welcome. We hope you can join us! Any questions? Contact Dave and Teresa Harrington, co-presidents, home phone (571)306-7975 or e-mail pdhtih@gmail.com.

Dave and Teresa Harrington, co-presidents



Advanced (A2) Square Dancing

Day and Time: Friday Nights (8PM – 10PM)

Location: Joyce Kilmer Middle School Cafeteria

8100 Wolftrap Road – Vienna, VA 22182

Cost: \$10/person

Schedule for 2025-2026

Sep 19 Dick Otis

Oct 3 Brian Jarvis

Oct 17 Ett McAtee

Oct 31 Doren McBroom

Nov 7 DARK - HFH

Nov 21 Chris Stacy

Dec 5 Kent Forrester

Dec 19 Dayle Hodge

Jan 2 DARK

Jan 16 John Marshall

Jan 30 Doren McBroom

Feb 6 Dick Otis

Feb 20 Kent Forrester

Mar 6 John Marshall

Apr 3 Brian Jarvis

Apr 17 Dave Hartman

May 1 DARK - PTOH

May 15 Chris Stacy

May 29 Ett McAtee

Directions: From **Tysons** Corner: South on Gallows Rd, turn right on Wolftrap Rd, just past the Fire Station on corner. School is one block down on right.

* On these dates in Freedom Hill Elementary School cafeteria, 1945 Lord Fairfax Dr, Vienna.

** On this date we will be in the Kilmer Center Cafeteria, which is a separate entrance on the left side of the school

Casual Attire

Couples and Singles Welcome - Computer Squares - Everyone dances!

For information:

Steve Johnson – 703-489-6841

mustchz@comcast.net or mustchz@gmail.com

REGION 5 NEWS

Hampton Roads - Upcoming Spring Dances

Smithfield, Newport News, Hampton, Virginia Beach, Norfolk



Smithfield Grand Squares - St. Patrick's Day 2025

Hampton Roads has the most energetic square dance community and we are growing! We have seven square dance clubs in our area and can easily dance five and sometimes six nights a week if we want, and all within a 40-minute drive from where I live in Hampton! One club is five-minutes away and the next closest is 20-minutes away! Many of our clubs have fun themes for their dances. Make sure you are wearing your green for St. Patrick's Day dances at the Smithfield Grand Squares on Monday, March 16th and the Double- N Dancers on March 12th so you don't get a pinch! Really, we won't pinch you but the obligatory group pictures look so much better when we are coordinated! Make sure you wear your Easter bonnet on April 6th for Smithfield Grand Squares and April 10th for Double- N's. Both Smithfield Grand Squares and Double- N Dancers alternate squares and rounds!

Region 5 News submitted by Michele Welch

REGION 5 NEWS



Double- N's First Dance of the Year 2026

You just might be one of the first people to hear up-and-coming caller Steve Waddell if you join us at Smithfield Grand Squares! Steve has called a couple of tips now and he's getting pretty good! Jim Kline, the caller and cuer for Smithfield Grand Squares, helped Steve choose his first tip, "Streets of Bakersfield," a 1973 song written by Homer Joy and sung by Buck Owens. Steve wanted a song in the old style of square dance music. And it turns out that "Streets of Bakersfield" reminds him of his childhood and his father driving them in their truck to his grandparents' house while listening to the "Tom Cat Show" on Big K Radio in Warrenton, Virginia. We are looking forward to hearing more from Steve in the future!

Region 5 News submitted by Michele Welch



REGION 5 NEWS



Shooting Stars Labor Day Dance - 2025

I love all our clubs but truly who doesn't like a free or discounted dance night? The Shooting Stars have themed Monthly dances on the 1st Saturday of the month and you can get in FREE to the Ground Hog dance if you bring a live dancing ground hog in February or come dressed as a fool in April! Or how about bringing spring flowers in March or the history of the Mayflower in April for half price admission? I just love the uniqueness of the Shooting Stars!

Be assured all of our Southside clubs (clubs South of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel) know how to put out a spread of delicious food from expert chefs to suit the theme of the dances. I remember the Shooting Stars having the Oktoberfest with brats and kraut and other German snacks. And I'll bet there will be shrimp on the table for The Three Amigos Under the Sea Dance and Dave's famous guacamole for the Mexican Fiesta Dance. And hopefully, Pam's brownies and Carol's pie. But I digress. It's really not about the food. We just love to dance with our friends and when you are with your friends don't you like to grab a bite? It's just part of the southern hospitality our southside clubs have! No worries if you don't bring anything - there is plenty to share and we are happiest when we do share!



REGION 5 NEWS



The Thumpers First Dance of the Year 2026

The Thumpers dance the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month. For themed dances, enjoy the Red-Hot Chili Dance on March 28 where members loosely coordinate the buffet with a few chilis, cornbread, and other delights. And try the 50's Dance, where you might see a poodle skirt on April 25 and maybe some 50's music or the Cowboy Dance on May 25. There is schedule conflict for the St. Patrick's Day dance which would have been on March 14 (Thumpers will be dark) so you will have to celebrate with your green with the Riptides on March 6.

Riptides dance the 1st Fridays of the month. Along with the St. Patrick's Day Dance, April 3 is the Swing-Into-Spring Dance and May 1, the 63rd Anniversary dance. Can you believe it? 63 years! Now that's something to celebrate! The Three Amigos dance the 3rd Friday of the month. I wonder what the Under the Sea Dance will be like on March 20? And don't miss the Spring Fling in April or the Mexican Fiesta Dance in May!

REGION 5 NEWS



Jeremy's Angels 2026 – Foxhill Squares

We don't often have just a "regular" dance at Foxhill Squares as we are in a fairly continuous loop of lessons! We did have a Christmas party with one of our biggest spreads, but even our biggest spread at Christmas was no match to *any* of the Southside clubs. Still, we would love to have you pop in and help us usher in new square dancers on Tuesday evenings. And you might actually burn calories rather than staying even! We have three brand new students that started this session and four that are repeating the sessions again to reinforce what they learned and are not up to angel level yet. But we all come to have fun! And Jeremy is also calling experienced tips and teaching us the Advanced calls that are moving to Plus so we will already know them come September 2026! Come Angel with us!

Shooting Stars Loss

Joan Schragle, Shooting Stars's long time faithful dancer went to meet her loving Lord in heaven on January 1, 2026. Lovingly called Joannie, she always helped with setup for Shooting Stars dances and lessons and never arrived without her delicious snicker-doodle or chocolate chip cookies. She was a square dance angel to so many coming to take mainstream and plus lessons. Joannie was a friend to everyone and will be deeply missed.

Region 5 News submitted by Michele Welch

REGION 5 NEWS

Fox Fire Dance Team

The Fox Fire Dance Team is wrapping up their winter lessons for beginners and preparing our team to join us at the VA State Convention in February. Jeff was named as the clogging advisor to the WACSA board and is working tirelessly with groups in Northern Virginia to choreograph a routine for the closing ceremony on Saturday night. We have a designated clogging hall on Saturday where you can take intro to clogging or learn intermediate dances from multiple clogging instructors.

We will be hosting our 2nd Annual Getaway Weekend in Nags Head November 13 & 14, 2026. Book your rooms early for our special rate. I'd you have any questions, call Jeff Hill at 757-377-9770



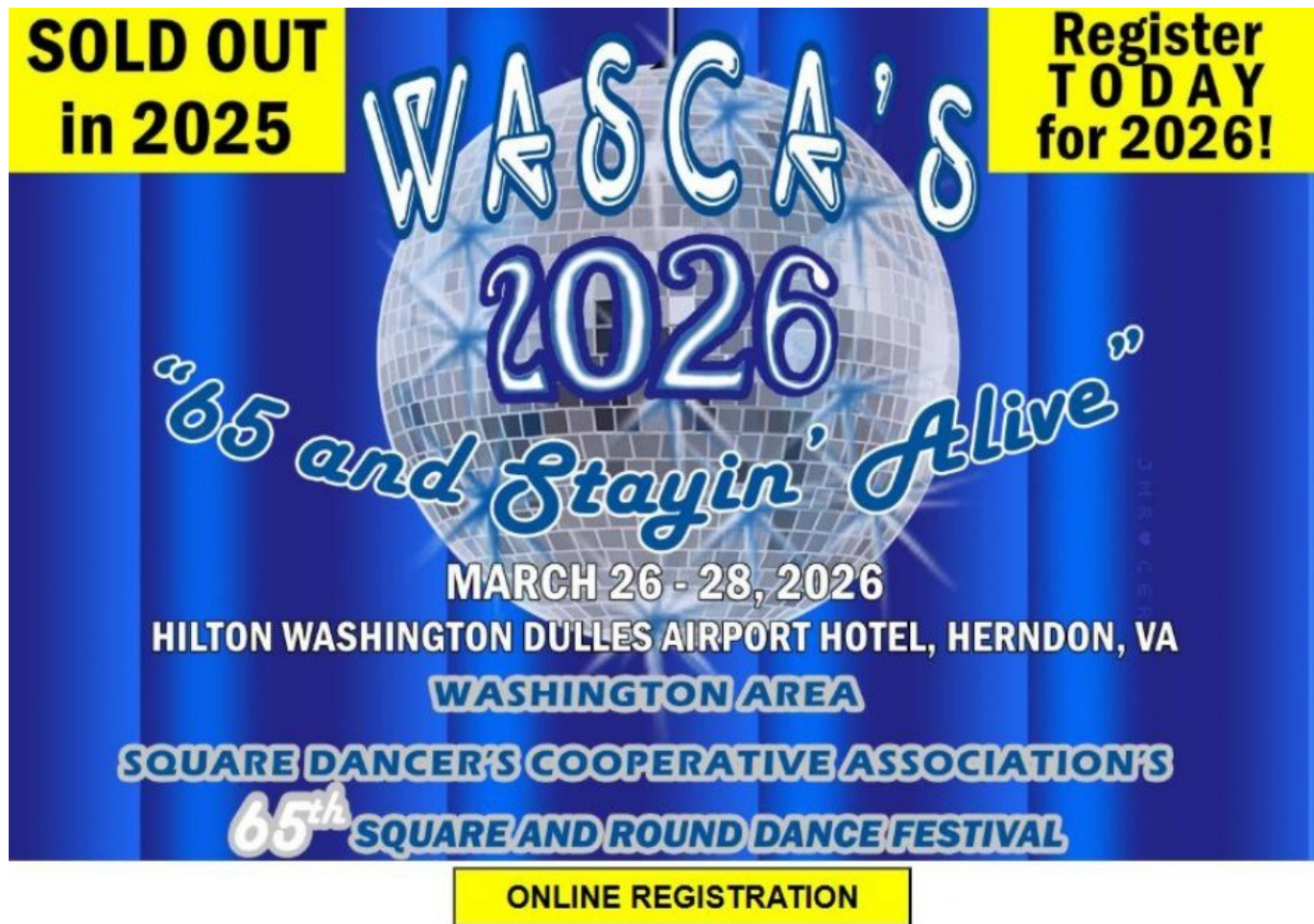
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The advertisement is a vertical collage. At the top, a large, multi-story beach resort building with many balconies sits on a sandy dune overlooking the ocean. A wooden staircase leads down from the building to the beach. The sky is blue with some clouds. Below this image, a group of about 30 people, mostly older adults, are posed for a group photo in an indoor setting, possibly a dance hall, with blue balloons in the background. Below the group photo, a wide-angle shot of a beach at sunset is shown. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The beach is dark, and the ocean is calm.



WASCA needs YOU Yes YOU

The Festival Committee has just a few more Theme Dances to go before we will head to the Hilton to start setting up for the Festival.

I know it seems like the Festival just runs itself, but we need volunteers to make it a success. We are asking for volunteers to donate at least 1 hour to assist us throughout the Festival.

To give you an idea of what it takes, here is just a very short list of the people that coordinate WASCA Festival activities:

- Robert Abinoor – student Square Dance Invitational
- Janet Adams and Daryl Davis - cuer contracts
- Nick Capozio – caller contracts
- Darella & Tom Deubel - 50/50 raffle tickets
- Mike Farris – square dance schedule
- Ken Jester - round dance schedule
- NCASDLA – sound in all rooms
- Dick Otis – online program
- John Richardson - beautiful flyers and ribbons
- Nancy & Tom Stafford - registration desk
- Linda & Steve Toth - accounting & registration
- And MANY more!

We need volunteers for:

Decorations – setup and take down.

Selling tickets for the baskets.

2nd Hand Rose – setup, take down, and sales.

50/50 Tickets Sales – the Deubels staff the ticket sales at the registration desk. We need a few people who can go from hall to hall to sell tickets.

Room counts – WASCA keeps track of the number of dancers in each room to plan future festivals.

Other – as we get closer to the Festival, we may have other volunteer opportunities.

If you can, please send an email to: 2026FestivalDirectors@wascacclubs.com and we will get you set up.

Update on hotel – we have a dozen rooms left in our room block, so if you haven't already secured a room, please call the Hilton Reservation Line at 703-478-2900 and request the WASCA room rate.

Dance Schedule – the round, square and clogging schedules are being finalized now, and will be out soon. The Committee has lots of fun specialty tips for you, and we're setting up several community spaces for you to gather with friends at the festival.

See you at WASCA's "65 and Stayin' Alive"!

Lisa Alfred

2026 WASCA Festival Director

2026FestivalDirectors@wascacclubs.com

WASCA SAVE THE DATE

WASCA 2026 - March 26-28, 2026, Hilton Washington Dulles Airport

WASCA 2027 - March 18-20, 2027, Hilton Washington Dulles Airport

WASCA 2028 - March 16-18, 2028, Hilton Washington Dulles Airport

WASCA 2029 - March 15-17, 2029, Hilton Washington Dulles Airport (*tentative*)

SVSARDA News

SVSARDA (Shenandoah Valley Square and Round Dance Association)

A New year has begun and SVSARDA is preparing for the annual dance in September, hopefully we will have more information in the next issue.

I am excited for the upcoming Virginia state convention and look forward to seeing as many there as possible.

Hope to see you on the dance floor,

Amy Clements
SVSARDA president



To Join or Renew your membership, send your membership form and make checks payable to VASARDA and mail to Brenda Krabbenhoft
840 South Delphine Ave
Waynesboro VA 22980
540-476-0050
Brendaw5@gmail.com

Cowboy Showers Scholarship

If you are interested in becoming a Square Dance Caller, Round Dance Cuer, Line Dance Instructor or a Contra Prompter, consider applying for the Cowboy Showers Scholarship to help defray the cost to attend an accredited school. The fund was started in the memory of Phillip Clinton "Cowboy" Showers, a caller from Waynesboro, Virginia who along with his wife Liz, were charter members of VASCA, VASARDA and the Shenandoah Valley Callers Council. The fund is administered by VASARDA and recipients are selected by a Committee of VASCA and VASARDA members.

To request an application, contact Bob Clinebell at rclinebell@cox.net
Donations to the Cowboy Showers Scholarship fund are always appreciated and can be

SPECIAL UPCOMING DANCES, 2026—2028

VA State Convention, February 19-21, 2026

WASCA, March 26-28, 2026

75th Nat'l Square Dance Convention, June 24-27, 2026

PA Fabulous Fall Festival, October 1-3, 2026

OBX Getaway Weekend, November 13-14, 2026

76th Nat'l Square Dance Convention, June 23-26, 2027

77th Nat'l Square Dance Convention, June 28-July 1, 2028

Deadline to submit articles and
flyers for our next issue is

April 31, 2026

Please send to Nancy Stafford
nvccnan@gmail.com

Cowboy Showers Scholarship

Cowboy Showers Scholarship Application For Callers, Cuers, Contra prompters & Line Dance Instructors

Applicant's Name _____ Partner _____
Address _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

Applicant's Dancing/*Performance History

How long have you been dancing _____

How long have you been Performing* _____

What schools have you attended	DATE
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Where have you Performed _____

What School will you attend with the funds received from this scholarship?
Name of school _____

Date you will attend _____ How long is the school _____

Who are the instructors _____ ?

Does tuition include room & board? Yes _____ No _____
Cost of school: Tuition \$ _____ + Room & Board \$ _____ Total Cost \$ _____

This scholarship Award will be based on financial need, current experiences and your stated intentions. Include a type written essay on a separate sheet to include your reasons for this scholarship. It is important that you state your intentions regarding your future performances

I need this scholarship because...
I will use my performance skills to...

Signature _____

* Performing or Performance means - Calling, Cueing, Prompting & Line Instructor!

Mail application to: **Cowboy Showers** Memorial Scholarship Fund

Are you registered yet?



**Join the stampede and come on over to Waco, Texas,
for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!**

Scan the QR Code to sign up

**Want more information? Visit our website at <https://75nsdctx.com>
where you can find information on Registration, Lodging, Vendors,
Special Events, Tours (both group & self-guided) and more!**

Searching for info about the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

We're going to Texas y'all! Information is easy to find and we have several options!

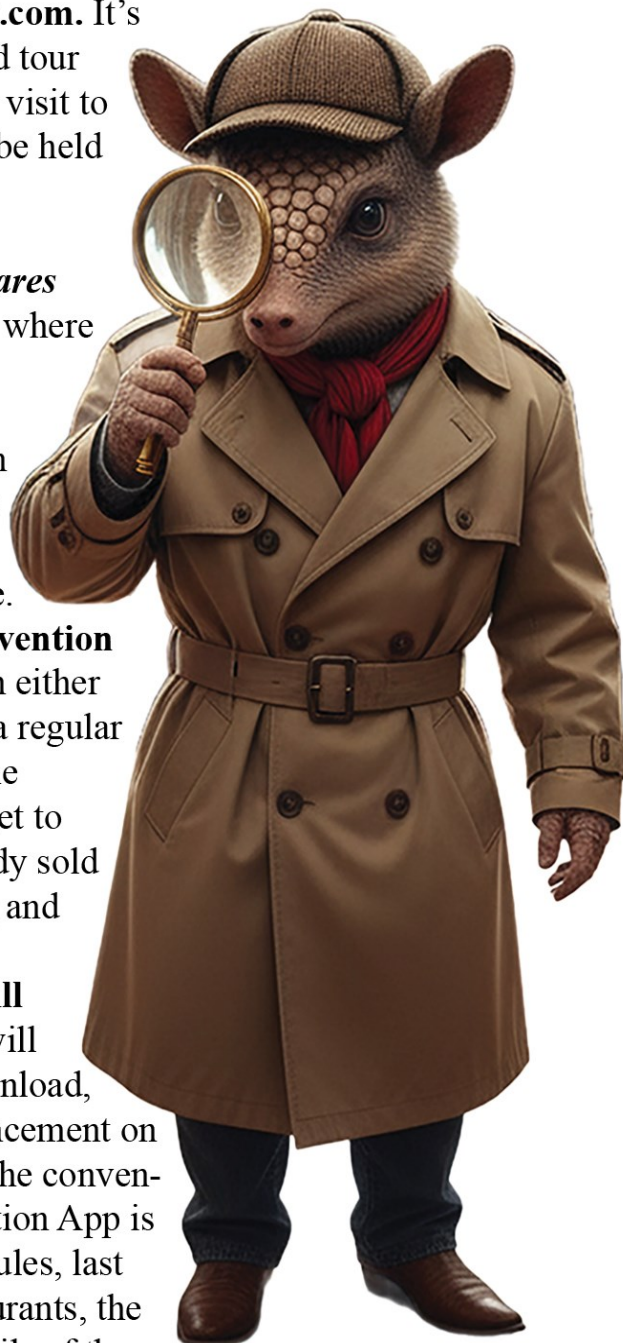
1. Visit the convention website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links, special events, hotel details and tour information... all the details you need to plan your visit to the 75th NSDC at the Waco Convention Center to be held June 24-27, 2026.

2. Follow us on Facebook for news and events.

3. Subscribe to (it's free) and read *National Squares e-Magazine*. Each edition contains the who, what, where and when of the 75th NSDC. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> and scroll down to enter your name and email, then hit send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.

4. Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee convention in Waco at www.75nsdctx.com/register/. You can either download a form to complete and email or send via regular mail, or to make it even easier you can complete the online form directly within the website. Don't forget to make your hotel reservation, some hotels are already sold out, but there are still plenty of options for lodging and even camping.

5. This year at the 75th NSDC, all registrants will have access to a free Convention App. The app will be released in May prior to the convention for download, watch Facebook and the e-Magazine for an announcement on its availability. A class will also be offered during the convention on how to use the app, if needed. The Convention App is a handy tool and will have all the up-to-date schedules, last minute schedule changes, event information, restaurants, the sights of Waco, safety information, and all the details of the 75th NSDC. Join our mascot, Armie the Armadillo, in the Waco Convention Center!



The team of the 75th NSDC looks forward to your attendance at the spectacular Diamond Jubilee. It's an event not to be missed!



NATIONAL CONVENTION HOTELS IMPORTANT UPDATE

75th National Square Dance Convention®
Waco, TX • June 24-27, 2026



The 75th National Square Dance Convention® offers a set of diverse hotel experiences during your stay in Waco. Parking is also free around the Waco Convention Center.

Hotel	Waco CC Distance	Rate	Reservation Deadline	Free Amenities			
				Breakfast	Parking	Wi-Fi	Laundry
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel) 113 S University Parks Dr	Connected to Waco CC	\$174/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel) 101 Washington Ave	Across the street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Cambria Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aloft Waco 900 S 11th St	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
La Quinta 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Element Hotel 2200 Robinson Dr	7 min drive	\$154/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Home2Suites 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

Don't Delay, Register Today

Rooms for the 75th NSDC are filling up fast. If you've not registered, go online:

<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>.

What to Expect Next?

Once in the Housing Booking Portal, you will have the ability to book your room at **any of the convention hotels** based on room availability. Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

Questions?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair at 75nsdchousing@gmail.com.

We're Going to Texas, Y'all!

75th NSDC Launches Hotel Booking Portal and Tour Info for 2026 Convention



Get ready to celebrate the **75th National Square Dance Convention®** in **Waco, TX, June 24–27, 2026** - a Diamond Jubilee event honoring both the convention's founding in 1952 and America's 250th birthday! Expect exciting festivities including an explosive opening ceremony, a patriotic Friday celebration, and the "Sights and Sounds of Texas" fashion show, plus dancing every day.

To streamline planning, the NSDC has introduced a **new Hotel Booking Portal**, that just launched **July 19**. To access it, complete the **Registration Long Form** to receive your registration number. This number is required to book discounted hotel rooms (\$147–\$174/night) at one of 10 official hotels. You'll receive a confirmation email with portal access and instructions. For questions, contact 75nsdchousing@gmail.com or call Housing Vice Chair Phil Henderson at (832) 541-3002.

Campers can book directly with:

- **Waco Creekside RV Resort** – 15% off cabins, RV spots, and treehouses: wacocreeksideresort.com | (254) 651-3999,
- **Camp FIMFO** – \$55/night: campfimfo.com/waco | (254) 651-3697.

Explore Waco with **self-guided tours** to local attractions like the Magnolia Silos, Dr. Pepper Museum, and Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. A sightseeing guide and transportation information will be provided.

For more adventure, choose from **15 guided tours** via Viator, including:

- Fixer Upper/City Tour,
- Waco Foodie & Wine Tours,
- Brazos River Cruises,
- Ghost Tours & Scavenger Hunts.

Book tours at 75nsdctx.com/tours.

Stay updated at 75nsdctx.com and follow on Facebook: 75th Nationals 2026 or scan the QR Code.

Learn more about Waco at destinationwaco.org.



Find your pot of gold at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®!

- Dance Workshops
- Education Classes
- Dancing Morning 'Til Night
- Dance to Live Music
- Great After Parties
- Enjoy Top Dance Leaders
- The Malpass Brothers Show
- Exciting Fashion Show
- Sew and Save Projects
- Celebrate America's
Birthday & the NSDC's
Diamond Jubilee
- Spectacular Opening
& Closing Ceremonies
- Enjoy Fabulous Tours &
Food of Waco
- Catch Up with Old Friends
& Make Some New Ones



*Fill your pot of gold with all this & more at the 75th NSDC
June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center!*

Sign up today at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

Sew and Save at the 75th NSDC

*Enjoy these Sew and Save classes at the
75th National Square Dance Convention®
in the Waco Convention Center on June 24-27, 2026*

SEWING 101

This class is for people who are new to sewing.

MAKE IT YOURS

Resale items can be turned into works of art by your creativity. Make a t-shirt into a one-of-a-kind top by adding lace, fabric, or trim. Make a plain shirt unique by adding appliques, lace, or trim. Make a crew neck into a V-neck, a must for some of us.

TABLECLOTH SKIRTS

Did you know you can turn a tablecloth into an attractive square dance skirt? It is possible! Let Carol show you how to do it during this informative class.

SEWING 102

This class is for people who already know how to sew. It will cover how to read a pattern, adjust it for your body proportions, and how to properly cut out fashion.

PUTTING A YOKE ON A NON-YOKE SHIRT

Learn how to turn a normal dress shirt into a fancy square dance shirt by adding a yoke to it. The shirts you make will be



more unique and personalized than any of you could buy at a store.

ADDING TO IT

This class will show you how to take any outfit and make it unique and something you really love simply by adding a little something extra to it, like your favorite design, bling, or beads. The list is endless.

Make sure to check the 75th NSDC's Convention App (available for download in May) for dates and locations.



**Sign up for the National Convention and help
celebrate the Diamond Jubilee at
<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>**

75th National Square Dance Convention® Education Program

Everything that glitters is not gold (or diamonds) - It's Education!

**Current and
Future
Leaders**

Leadership Certification Program (LCP)

**Clubs &
Associations**

Would you like to build your skills to become a better leader?

*Are you interested in enriching your knowledge about the operations
of dance clubs and organizations?*

Do you need resources to support and promote dancing in your area?

*Do you need opportunities to exchange ideas with others about
issues and challenges facing our activity?*

The Leadership Certification Program may be for you!

- Sign in and pick up an LCP worksheet at the Education Check-in table
- Attend **Eight (8)** Education Sessions at a National Square Dance Convention®
 - 2** **Mandatory Sessions** (Bid Session and Keynote Address)
 - 4** **Core Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
 - 2** **Elective Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
- Have the volunteer room host in each class initial your worksheet.
- Turn in your worksheet at the Education table to get your completion certificate and dangle! (You have up to four years to complete the program.)
- Go back and apply your new skills and knowledge within your club or organization!



***The more classes you take,
the more diamonds in your bag!***

Sign up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®

<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

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★★★★★
"Just when I thought real country music might be lost, I heard
The Malpass Brothers, and they renewed my faith that the
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-Gene Watson

**APPEARING
AT THE
75th NSDC**

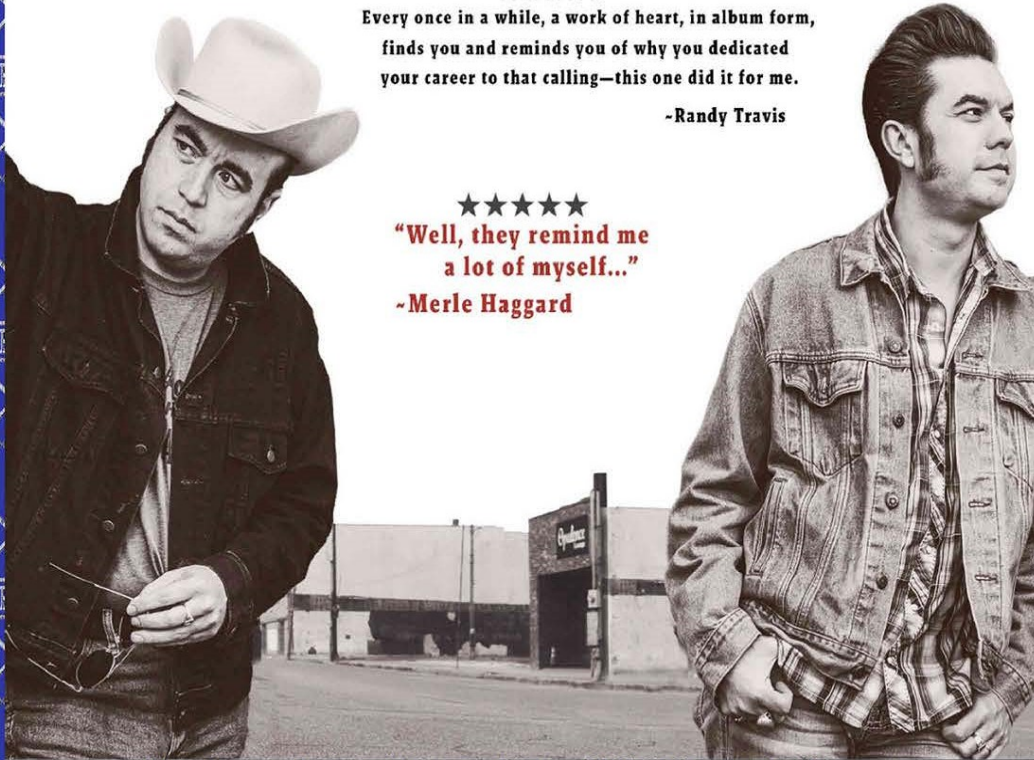
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"If I could purchase only one more recording in life,
I'd lay down my money for the next Malpass Brothers recording..."

-Jeannie C. Riley

★★★★★
"...their music is as slick as the hair they comb..."
-Marty Raybon - *Shenandoah*

★★★★★
Every once in a while, a work of heart, in album form,
finds you and reminds you of why you dedicated
your career to that calling—this one did it for me.
-Randy Travis

★★★★★
"Well, they remind me
a lot of myself..."
-Merle Haggard



Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas

Tickets
General \$45

PUBLIC WELCOME!

This is a show you will truly enjoy!

Dinner is included.

Information-361.779.3479 or 361.463.7222



Scan to reserve



Discover the Sparkle of Education at the 75th NSDC!

Education Sessions are a valuable part of the **National Square Dance Convention®** experience. They're a great way to **rest your feet** between dances and **learn something new!**

Just like diamonds come in many cuts and colors, our education sessions offer a variety of topics to explore. For the **75th NSDC in Waco**, we're organizing these sessions into **four main categories** to help you find what interests you most.

Dancer Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Classes designed to help dancers build their leadership knowledge and skills to be effective club & association leaders.	Current & Future Callers <ul style="list-style-type: none">🎵 Sessions organized by CALLERLAB to support new and experienced callers continue to hone their craft.
Publicity and Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none">🎵 Sessions to help promote and market your club and events via traditional and social media.	Potpourri of Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Classes on a variety of other topics of interest to dancers, leaders, callers and cuers, travelers, and more!

Potpourri of Classes

Here are a variety of classes of interest to dancers, leaders and more:

- ❖ The ABCs of Hosting a National Square Dance Convention®
- ❖ Welcome to Waco, Y'all!
- ❖ Heading to the Heart of the Rockies: Looking Ahead to the 76th NSDC
- ❖ Start Your Engines! Looking Ahead to the 77th NSDC
- ❖ Making the Most of the Convention: Navigating the Convention App
- ❖ Dancing and Camping: S'Mores than Just the Dance
- ❖ Traveling Squares
- ❖ Personal Safety
- ❖ Travel Safety
- ❖ Trash Dancing



Expand your education at the 75th NSDC

Register at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

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JUNE 23-26, 2027
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The Pennsylvania Fabulous Fall Festival ***October 1-3, 2026***



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& Ellen McCabe**



Blair County Convention Center
One Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA 16602

Visit our website at www.PaFabFallFest.com for updated information and online registration.

2026 Pennsylvania Fabulous Fall Festival Registration

Name(s): _____ Adult 1 (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME) Adult 2 (LAST NAME, FIRST NAME)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____
(WE WILL CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION AND SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS)

Please make check or
money order payable to:
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Barbara MacDonald
160 Fox Run Rd
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

Email:
bmacd@zoominternet.net
Phone: 724-766-2029

_____ Early Bird (received before July 1, 2026) - Entire Festival Registration @ \$100 per person \$ _____
_____ Received after July 1, 2026 - Entire Festival Registration @ \$110 per person \$ _____
_____ Received after September 1, 2026 - Entire Festival Registration @ \$120 per person \$ _____
_____ Thursday evening only @ \$25 per person \$ _____
_____ Friday Entire Day OR _____ Saturday Entire Day @ \$60 per person \$ _____
_____ Youth (17 & under) - Entire Festival Registration @ \$30 per person \$ _____
_____ Youth name(s) _____
_____ Flooring Donation (See below for information on sponsoring sections of flooring) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

(Requests for refunds may be subject to a cancellation fee of \$10 per person after September 1, 2026)

Please check ONE program where you plan to spend the MAJORITY of your Festival dance time (one for squares/one for rounds)

☐ SSD ☐ Plus ☐ Advanced (A2) ☐ Rounds Ph II ☐ Rounds Ph IV ☐ Rounds Ph VI
☐ Mainstream ☐ Plus DBD ☐ Challenge (C1) ☐ Rounds Ph III ☐ Rounds Ph V

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

General local hotel information can be found at www.blairconventioncenter.com/lodging

Connected
Hotel

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
2 Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA 16602
Phone: 833-372-9930
RATE: \$139/night

Reference PAFFF when booking to get this rate. Booking deadline is 9/1/26.

Altoona Grand Hotel
1 Sheraton Dr., Altoona, PA 16601
Phone: 814-946-1631
1.3 miles from the Convention Center
RATE: \$129/night

Reference PAFFF when booking to get this rate. Booking deadline is 7/1/26.

Comfort Inn
130 Patchway Road, Duncansville, PA 16635
Phone: 717-496-0257
2.3 miles from the Convention Center

Rate to be determined later. Go to PaFabFallFest.com for information.
Reference PAFFF when booking to get this rate. Booking deadline is 9/1/26.

RV
Park

Wright's Orchard Station Campground
2381 Plank Road, Duncansville, PA 16635

Phone: 814-695-2628 Website: www.wrightscampground.com
0.8 miles from the Convention Center

Please contact the campground for availability and rates.

RV
Park

Weimers 764 Campground
297 Spencer Creek Dr., Duncansville, PA 16635

Phone: 814-695-0932 Website: www.weimersrvandcampground.com
4.1 miles from the Convention Center

Please contact the campground for availability and rates.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY

7:30-7:50 pm
8:00-10:30 pm

Opening Ceremony
Mainstream/Plus Square Dancing
Round Dancing in dedicated Hall

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

9:00 am-11:00 pm

Square Dancing in 3 Halls
Round Dancing in dedicated Hall

On-Site Dining

Lunch & Dinner available for purchase Friday & Saturday.
Complete menu and pricing will be available Sept. 1, 2026.

Flooring Sponsors

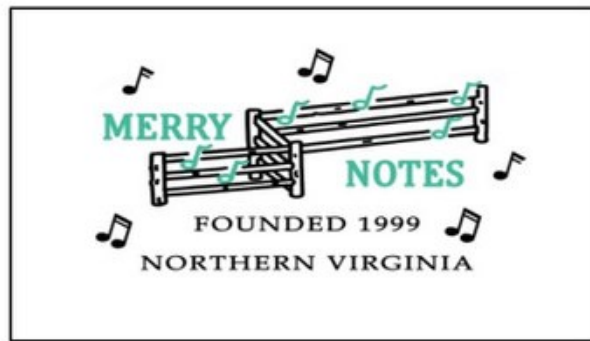
One of the largest expenses of the festival is the wood flooring we are providing in all halls. To help cover the cost of the flooring, we are asking for sponsors. Please consider sponsoring a section of the flooring with a \$50.00 donation. Donors will be given a ribbon for your badge showing your support.

By registering and participating in the Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation (PSRDF) Fabulous Fall Festival you give your consent and authorization for your likeness in photograph(s) or video(s) to be used in PSRDF's publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing. You further acknowledge and agree that you will make no monetary or other claim against PSRDF for the use of any PSRDF Festival photographs or videos which contain your likeness.

By attending PSRDF Fabulous Fall Festival, you and any guests, voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold PSRDF or the venue liable for any illness or injury.

Bring your favorite NAME BADGE. Festival ribbons will be issued for dancing and need to be worn throughout the Festival. Appropriate casual dress acceptable until 7 pm. Please no sweatpants or shorts. Square & round dance & business casual attire after 7 pm.

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DBD, MAINSTREAM and PLUS
7:00 TO 10:00 PM
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2025 Ryders Rounders at St B's

THURSDAY NIGHTS RYDER'S ROUNDERS CLUB

**PHASES II--IV
7:00--9:30 PM**



SUNDAY NIGHTS CLASS & WORKSHOP

6:00--7:00 PM INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOP

7:00--8:30 PM CLASS LEVEL DANCE

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Club Listing for Dancer News

Please contact the club before you make plans to visit as many schedules are subject to change. Please email wlockhart26@gmail.com & jlockhart59@gmail.com with any updates or corrections to this list as of 01/14/26

VASARDA Region 1 – Central Virginia

CAPITOL SQUARES: Advanced Square in Richmond w/ Jeremy Butler. Dancing each Thursday, 7:00-9:00 at Various Locations. Verify location with Jeremy Butler. Call first; 757-478-0025 quarterthru@cox.net

DIXIE CUPS SQUARES: Various Locations. First Sunday. 2:30-5:00 pm. Contact: Caren Moore 804-730-7898 DixieCupsDBD@gmail.com

RHYTHM ROUNDERS: Phase I-VI Rounds in Richmond w/ George Springer. Christ Lutheran Church, 7809 Woodman Rd, Richmond, VA 7:00-9:00 every Tue. Contact: George & Jeannine Springer 804-730-6581 gspringer08@comcast.net

TUCKAHOE SQUARE DANCE CLUB: Mainstream & Plus Square w/ various callers. All Saints Episcopal Church, 8787 River Rd, Henrico. Dancing 8:00 – 10:00 on the 1st & 3rd Friday. Contact: Bev Cook 804-514-0360 tuckahoesquares@gmail.com or visit Website www.tuckahoessquares.com

VASARDA Region 2 – Southwest Virginia

STAR CITY PROMENADERS: Plus Squares in Roanoke w/ Katherine Lawson. Troutville Town Hall, 5419 Lee Highway, Troutville. 7:00-9:00 pm on 1st and 3rd Thursday. Contact: Mike Lawson 540 521-0808 or email Mike Lawson, President at lawson.line@juno.com.

VASARDA Region 3 – Shenandoah Valley

BLOXOM'S BUNCH: Phase II-V Rounds w/ Butch Bloxom. Bloxom's studio at 449 Webber Springs Dr, Inwood, WV. Must call to find out schedule. Contact: Butch & Roberta Bloxom 540-327-4964 or 240-405-5225 bpbloxom@aol.com or robertaharris65@gmail.com

BLUE RIDGE STARS: Mainstream & Plus Squares w/Joe Woodford or various. Amherst Elementary School, 156 Davis St, Amherst, VA – 7:30-10:00 pm on 3rd Fridays. Class & workshop with Gwenda Brookman – Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm at Coolwell Rec Center, 646 N Coolwell Rd, Amherst, VA Dark July & August. Contact: Barbara Campbell 434-929-5221 bccmagnet@gmail.com

CIRCLE 8 OF WAYNESBORO: Mainstream/Plus Squares w/ various callers Woodmen Life Lodge, 4001 White Bridge Road, Waynesboro. Usually dance 2nd & 4th Saturdays from September thru mid - June 6:30-7:00 workshop and 7:00-9:30 alternation Mainstream/Plus. From mid-June through the end of August, we have Tuesday evening Summer Workshop at Waynesboro N340 Campground. Be sure to check our club notices and flyers for latest information. Contact: Harry/June Baum 540-456-7144/540-256-1779 baum.june@yahoo.com

VASARDA Region 3 – Shenandoah Valley

CHARLIE'S ANGELS YOUTH SQUARE DANCE CLUB: Basic/Mainstream/Plus Squares w/ Charlie Lu calling. Dance within 3 city radius of Cartlett, VA, Warrenton, VA and Gainesville, VA Square dance days & times varies by month based on youth/young adult schedule with dances usually scheduled 1-3 weeks before a proposed club Dance. Typically, dance is held on a Saturday from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. For dance schedule, location and general info, contact the Young Adult Leaders: Ms. Jones or Mr. Wilson @ Charliesangelsdancin@gmail.com For lessons or other questions contact the caller: Charlie Lu @ homeschoolsquaredanceva@gmail.com

FLUVANNA FLUTTERWHEELS: Mainstream & Plus Square w/ various staff. Fluvanna County High School, 1918 Thomas Jefferson Parkway, Palmyra. 7:00 – 7:30 Plus DBD, 7:30-10:00 Mainstream / Plus on 1st Saturday of month. Class/workshop with Warren Painter & Gwenda Brookman on Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 at same location. Dark in July. Class practice sessions twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Mondays in June, July and August. Contact: Gwenda Brookman 434-326-2354 gweny-poohe@gmail.com or Warren Painter 434-981-1747 wpainter77@gmail.com or Janice Grandstaff 434-286-2585 janicedg18@gmail.com

GREENE CLOVERLEAFS: Mainstream & Plus Squares in Stanardsville w/Terry Headlee Primary School, 64 Monroe Dr., Stanardsville, VA 22973. Usually 6:00-8:30 on the 3rd Saturday. Contact: Jean Byerly 434-985-7567, home 434-466-2896 jean_byerly@yahoo.com

HOP-A-ROUNDS: Phase II-V Rounds w/ Eileen & Chip Hopper. May be dancing at Coolwell Recreation Center, 640/646 N. Coolwell Rd., Amherst VA Contact: Chip & Eileen Hooper 434-973-8217 or email hipc.hooper@gmail.co

JUST FOR FUN: Mainstream & Plus Squares w/ Nelson Wakeman or Tom Hughes at Just for Fun Square Dance Hall, 508 Stoney Creek Road, Edinburg, VA 3:00 – 5:00 pm on 2nd & 4th Sundays (Except 4th July No Mothers Day Or Fathers Day) . Contact Nelson Wakeman 540-975-1980 or 540-975-3158 nelsonwakeman@gmail.com

PANHANDLERS: Mainstream & Plus Squares, Phases I-IV Rounds w/ Mike McIntyre and Butch Bloxom. Asbury United Methodist Church, 110 West North St., Charles Town, WV on 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 6:30-10:00. Contact: Dan Grimes 404-290-8696 dgcoach@gmail.com or President Leonard Finley 304-283-6431

RIVERMONT RAMBLERS: Mainstream & Plus squares and Phase II-III Rounds w/ Mike McIntyre. Warren County Community Center, 538 Villa Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630. Pre-Rounds at 6:15 to 6:45 and 2x2 from 6:45 to 9:00. Danceshop every Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 w/ Mike McIntyre at Warren County Health & Human Services Complex, 465 W 15th St, Front Royal. Need additional information Contact Mike McIntyre @ 540 336-7412 or email call-and-que@comcast.net or Contact: Nick Capozio 703-932-4112 or 540-636-2323 ncapozio@yahoo.com

VIRGINIA REELERS: Mainstream & Plus Squares with various guests usually on 2nd Fridays 7:30-10:00 pm 5th Saturday of the month or 3rd Sunday 2:00-5:00 at The Center at Belvedere, 540 Belvedere Blvd, Charlottesville, VA 22182. Dark July & August. Please check club website for exact dates and times. Contact: Mary Moranville 301-529-9605 marymville3@gmail.com or see Website www.virginiareelers.com

VASARDA Region 4 – Northern Virginia

BIZZY BEES SQUARE DANCE CLUB: Plus Squares w/ Chris Stacy. Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Rd, Oakton, VA 22124 - 7:30 – 9:30 on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, September - May. Review/reteach of Plus calls at the beginning of each dance to help those who are feeling “rusty” ***Jump Back into Square Dancing!*** Contact: Dave & Teresa Harrington 571-306-7975 pdhtih@gmail.com

DIXIE STARS: Plus Squares w/ Bill Harrison. Freedom Hill Elementary School, 1945 Lord Fairfax Rd, Vienna. 7:30 – 9:30 on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays if 2 or more squares. Contact: Bill Harrison 301-266-2491 billharrisonwdh@aol.com

GRAND SQUARES OF PW: Mainstream & Plus Squares w/ Ron Dean. Woodbridge Senior Center, 13850 Church Hill Dr, Woodbridge 7:30 – 9:30 on every Saturday. Contact: Ron Dean 703-568-7651 sqdanceinPWC@hotmail.com

GREENSPRING SENIORS: Social Squares w/ Dick Otis. Greenspring Retirement Community, 7430 Spring Village Drive, Springfield. 1:30 – 3:00 on every Tuesday except 2nd Tuesday. Contact: Dick Otis 703-402-2005 Dick.Otis@me.com.

LAKE OF THE WOODS: Plus Squares w/ Varies callers. Lake of the Woods Clubhouse, Lower Level, 205 Lake of the Woods Parkway, or the Community Center, 110 Sweetbriar Park Rd, Locust Grove. (Use Germanna Highway [Rt. 3] entrance) 7:00-9:00 on 2nd, 4th, & 5th Fridays. Contact: Richard Unser 703-298-6254 (Text also) lowssquaredance@gmail.com or see Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/lowssquaredanceclub/home>

MERRY NOTES: 2 x 2's (Plus Squares & Phase II-IV Rounds) at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St, Herndon. 7:30 – 9:30 on 2nd, 4th & 5th Fridays (dark June-Aug) with various callers & cuers. Contact: Darrella Duebel 703-425-4072 dddeubel@yahoo.com or Nancy Stafford 703-217-1670 nvccnan@gmail.com.

RAWHIDE & RUFFLES: Mainstream Squares w/ Ron Dean. Manassas Senior Center, 9320 Mosby St., Manassas. 7:30 – 9:30 - Every Thursday. Contact: Ron Dean 703-568-7651 sqdan-ceinPWC@hotmail.com

TWO HEARTS: Phase IV-VI rounds w/ Barbara & Tom Buchanan Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N Chambliss St, Alexandria, VA. 7:00 – 9:30 most Wednesdays, September - May. Contact: Tom / Barbara Buchanan 410-721-8987 barbaralou2315@gmail.com

ROUNDS WITH THE GIRLS: Phase II-VI Rounds w/ Christian Eum cueing. Freedom Hill Elem School, 1945 Lord Fairfax Rd, Vienna, VA 8:00 – 10:00 on 1st Friday, October - June. Contact: Christina Eum 703-927-5192 nitsiound@gmail.com

RYDER'S ROUNDERS: Phase II-IV Rounds w/ Ken Ryder cueing. Greenspring Hunter's Crossing Conf. Center 7430 Spring Village Dr Springfield, VA 22130 1:00 – 3:00 pm Intermediate workshop every Monday Jan-Dec. Contact: Ken Ryder 703-323-6615 or 703-625-2143 kfryder@cox.net

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RYDER'S ROUNDERS AT ST. B'S: Phase II-V Rounds w/Ken & Berni Ryder in St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 4801 Ravensworth Rd, Annandale. 7:30 – 9:30 every Thursday. Contact: Berni / Ken Ryder 703-323-6615 kfryder@cox.net

T-SQUARES: Advanced Squares w/ Dick Otis at Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St, Herndon. 7:30 – 9:30 every Wednesday. Contact: Dick / Trish Otis 703-402-2005 dick.otis@me.com

ZIG ZAGGERS: Advanced Squares w/ various callers. Joyce Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna, VA. 8:00-10:00 1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday, Sep – May. Please email Steve to be acceded to the survey prior to each dance. We need minimum of 10 to dance. Contact: Steve Johnson at mustchz@comcast.net

VASARDA Region 5 – Tidewater

CALVIN'S ROUND DANCE CLASSES: Calvin & Barbara Crofford cueing, 6:30-8:30 pm on Tuesdays. 3rd Presbyterian Church, 8065 Carlton St, Norfolk, VA. Information: 757-633-7147 hcofford@cox.net

DOUBLE-N DANCERS: Social Square Dancing, Mainstream and Plus with Round Dancing between tips. Jim Kline calling & cueing. 7:00-9:00 pm 2nd, 4th, & 5th Thursday. Two Left Feet Dance Studio, 1405 Unit N Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News, VA 23602 (In shopping center near Kiln Creek Elementary School). Contact: Jim & Kathie Kline, 757-758-4872 Kalling_kline@msn.com

GRAND SQUARES of SMITHFIELD: Jim Kline calling: Social Square Dancing, Mainstream and Plus with Rounds between tips. Mondays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Hope Presbyterian Church, 13490 Benn's Church Boulevard, Smithfield, VA 23430. Contact: Jim Kline, 757-758-4872 Kalling_kline@msn.com

FOX HILL SQUARES: HAMPTON: Social Square Dancing with Jeremy Butler on Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00, Fox Hill Neighborhood Center, 65 Hall Road, Hampton, VA 23664. Contact: Jeremy Butler 757-478-0025, quarterthru@cox.net

RIPTIDES: Plus squares & Phase III rounds w/ Matt Worley calling and recorded rounds at Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell Rd, Virginia Beach. 7:30 – 9:30 on 1st Fridays. Contact: Matt Worley 757-435-6429 mattwcrownrec@gmail.com

SENIOR SWINGERS: Mainstream squares, Phase II rounds and lines w/ Matt Worley calling squares, Calvin & Barbara Crofford cueing rounds & Ron Reamer leading Lines. Bayside Recreation Center, Room 3, 4500 Court, VA Beach, VA Contact Matt Worley 757-435-6429 mattwcrownrec@gmail.com

FOX FIRE DANCE TEAM: Beginner Clogging lessons starting Wednesday November 5, 2025 from 7:00-8:00 w/Jeff Hill & Kerri Musico, Fox Hill Neighborhood Center, 65 Hall Road, Hampton, VA 23664. Contact: Jeff Hill 757-377-9770

VASARDA Region 5 – Tidewater continued

SHOOTING STARS: Classes w/ Bob Clinebell on Thursdays (except for the 2nd Thursday of each month), 7:00-9:00 pm Dances 1st Saturday of each month with Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 pm with Calvin Crofford, Squares with Bob Clinebell 7:00 – 9:00. At 3rd Presbyterian Church 8065 Carlton St Norfolk, Va 23518. For information Contact: Rachel Kiefer 757-375-6131 hrkiefer@hotmail.com or Bob Clinebell 757-339-9389 rclinebell@cox.net [Facebook.com/groups/147480645858927](https://www.facebook.com/groups/147480645858927)

SUSY Q'S ROUND DANCE CLUB: w/ Calvin and Barbara Crofford cueing. 7:00 – 9:00 pm on 1st & 3rd Thursday. Two Left Feet Dance Studio, 1405-N Kiln Creek Parkway, Newport News, VA 23602 (In shopping center near Kiln Creek Elementary School) Information: 757-633-7147 hcoford@cox.net

THE THUMPERS: Plus Squares/Phase III Rnds/Lines w/ Matt Worley & Jim Kline - at Foundry United Methodist Church, 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach. 7:00 – 7:30 Early Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 squares & round on 2nd & 4th Saturday Contact: Matt Worley 757-499-7457 or 757-435-6429 mattwcrownrec@gmail.com

THREE AMIGOS: Plus 2 x 2 w/ Matt Worley, & Elbert Harrison - Foundry United Methodist Church, 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach. 7:30 – 9:30 on 3rd Fridays. Contact: Matt Worley 757-435-6429 or 252-619-5711 mattwcrownrec@gmail.com

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