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OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS
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It may only be the first of the year but June will be here before we know it. We encourage you to register for the Idaho State Festival. Come and join us as we Honor our Heroes and dance to calling style of Tim Marriner and twinkle your toes to Ron and Georgine Woolcock. Cinder and I hope everyone had a safe and fun holiday season and the New Year is looking bright. Encourage your new dancers, smile, laugh and have fun with your current dancers reach out and say hello to an old friend.

Your Federation President, Jonathan Wood

**AREA I
Idaho Panhandle Square & Round Dance
Association**

Hoo Doo Valley Hoedowners We are holding Phase III Jive, Waltz, Cha and Rumba, Phase II Waltz and Mainstream lessons. We have 5 couples for Phase III, 4 couples for Phase II and 13 new mainstream students. Don McPeak is our club caller/instructor and Theresa Nichols is our club cuer/instructor. A few more of us are traveling to dances this year, including our new students to the party level dances. We have held our Halloween dance with Ed Schiffner calling and Justine Brown cueing and our Sadie Hawkins dance with Frank Allen calling and Theresa Nichols

cueing in Oct and Nov. Our Christmas party level dance was well attended. Many of our new students came out to dance. A few clubs brought their students along. Rick and Kathy Utter were our caller/cuer team. New Year's Eve was a good one. Even with the winter weather many came from far and wide to dance with us. The cake/ cookie/pie walk is always a favorite. We dance from 9-12, share some sparkling cider to bring in the New Year and follow with a potluck breakfast. Our next dance will be the annual Snowball Festival with Marvin Speck calling and our club cuer Theresa Nichols cueing. We'll have nominations and will vote for the King, Queen, Prince and Princess to reign for 2011.

Coeurly Q's: Oct 6th was a Hoedown and Bar-b-Que. We had 24 of our members at this dance and a great turn out for the Bar-b-que. Then also for the month of Oct. we worked with 52 students at the school in Athol.

On Nov 6th we had a Harvest Dance; we had 34 members present for that dance. We have 16 new students for this year. They are a fun group to work with. Nov. was a busy moth for us. We did quite a few travel dances along with helping out again this year at Harding's Harvest Festival. We had 2 squares of dancers that helped them and did some demo dancing. We did a CPR class for our club.

Then on Dec. 4th was our Christmas dance. We had 19 members for this dance

Circle n' Swing: Our season of dancing so far this year has been fairly good. The Sunday schedule is working better that the Saturday night schedule was, at least in the last couple of years. Attendance is still not keeping up with the expenses, but I'm sure a lot of clubs are experiencing the same results. In November our "food Bank" dance netted 115# of food, plus a \$10.00 cash donation. Our Dec. dance was for "Toys for Tots", and it was also very successful. In Jan Circle n Swing will be hosting the Area One meeting, potluck and dance. It's unfortunate timing that this event will conflict with State Federation Meeting but, our Area One Rep has plans to attend the State function.

We are not having lessons this year as there is very little interest in our community to attend lessons for the length of time it takes to learn sq. dancing and there is no interest in the current membership in being involved in the club, other than to put on monthly dances. At present, we have 18 paid members. Stan and Nancy Tillberg are Presidents and Linda Byars is

Treasurer. We have no vice Presidents or Secretary, so we are operation on a bare bones necessity. On Feb. 13, 2011 we host our Sweetheart Festival and we are hoping that it proves to be a success. Our caller will be Dan Preedy; our cuer will be John Downing, who will be our cuer for the Area One, 2012 State Festival in Post Falls.

Kootenai Kloggers: Dance lessons include Mainstream on Mondays, Plus with about a dozen students on Tuesdays and Phase II Waltz on Thursdays. They are hosting Sun afternoon dances and Sat evening dances this year. I have attended a few this year and they are well attended.

Libby Spinning Squares: We have 7 new students and 2 returning from previous lessons. We start plus lessons on Jan. 2, 2011 from 7-8 p.m. right after our beginning mainstream class. Marvin Speck is teaching. We had our first dance on Oct. 9. Our Party level Dec 12 dance was very successful. Bonners Ferry's Kootenai Kloggers brought their students and we had 5 squares dancing. Jan 8 is a travel dance so the club can go to Sandpoint for the Area 1 Meeting and Dance.

Shirts N' Skirts: We will be starting a new mainstream class on January 11th. We dance at Calvary Lutheran Church in Post Falls the 3rd Friday of every month September-May. For information contact Deborah Patterson 208-773-1985. Our Festival is the caller/cuer Jamboree in St. Maries over Labor Day weekend. We honor a caller or cuer who has contributed to the square dance community for many years. We have a campout at Misty Meadows along the St. Joe River.

AREA II

Lewis & Clark Square & Round Dance Assoc.

AREA III

Intermountain Square & Round Dance Assoc.

Round Dance Festival in October was a great success. George and Pam Hurd were the cuers.

Tanglefoot Squares held their annual chilli feed, (now it is called a Tailgate Party) with hamburgers and hot dogs as well as chili. The big raffle door prize was 2 tickets to a Bronco home game, plus some extras. Dance every Thursday at the Boise hall.

Capital Squares sponsored a bus trip to Area 4's Hagerman Octoberfest dinner and dance. We had a great time with friends in Area 4

In November we held the Fall Jubilee weekend with Charlie Robertson from Colorado and California. He was an excellent caller, but unfortunately the turnout for the dance was not great. We had a very nice soup and salad luncheon on Saturday between the workshops. The hall was decorated with a country fair theme with many home canned goods on display.

Silverleaf Club sponsored a "Leftover Dance" the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

In December the **Canyon County Stars** held their annual "Teddy Bear Dance" this year in the Boise Hall. They collected over 150 teddy bears to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

Capital Squares hosted a New Year Eve dance and welcomed in the New Year engaging in our favorite activities - dancing and eating. Proceeds from the dance went to help buy the defibulator for the hall. Bryce and Geneva Ostler headed up a campaign to obtain a defibulator to place in the hall. Many clubs and individuals donated to the cause and after the New Year's dance their goal was reached. We will have the defibulator installed in the hall and will sponsor at least two CPR classes for those interested.

Wood'N Hearts just started a beginning waltz class Jan. 7th we had 20 couples. We dance at Oregon Trail Church of God at exit 25 in Caldwell.

In Jan **Capital Squares** is trying to get a bus trip lined up to go to the Area 4 Fifth Saturday dance in Twin Falls, which is being called by Gary Davis. The **Sagebrush Shuffler's** Bum Dance will be held in Boise on Feb 12. Wear your best bum clothes and bring your appetite for chicken and noodles. The pre round dance start at 7 with squares at 7:30. The Stew Feed ("62 and Stew for the Crew") sponsored by **Silverleaf Squares** will be held in downtown Emmett at the Jr. High School on March 19. The theme is pirates. Looking forward to the great stew and heavenly homemade rolls. A fun dance. They have two recycled couples right now that are dancing with the club and having a blast.

On April 6, the **Capital Squares** will hold their annual Spring Swing. Pie & ice cream after the dance. The Yearling Round up, where we welcome all our new dancers, will be held on Saturday April 16th at the Hall. Apr 30, Gary Davis will call for the Spring Fling in Baker City. TJ Chadd will cue..

AREA IV

Magic Valley Square and Round Dancers

Magic Valley Singles: Lessons started back up the first week in November with 7 newcomers. The club

dances Wednesday's at the American Legion in Jerome and has 29 paid members. Christmas potluck dance was held December 15. The Friday Night dance at Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls was cancelled because Steve was ill and the Wednesday night dance cancelled due to snow. The schedule for 2011 will be decided on Jan 12 at China Village, Jerome. Caller; Steve Hadley.

River Reelers: Lessons started on Thursday, Jan 6th at 7pm at Round-A- Square in Rupert with 17 new people, 31 total. The Christmas dinner dance was held Dec 18 with 24 dancers there, no out of town callers or cuers. Pres. Ralph Walquist said the website

u2candance.com has a lot of good information on both Sq and Rd dancing. Caller: Steve Hadley

Left Footers: Beginner lessons on Monday 7:30-10pm. Tuesday, intermediate lessons and Wednesday's advanced dancers, all at Round A Square Center in Rupert. Cuer: Clare Gill.

Buttons'n Bows: Lessons started in November and are continuing with 8 new dancers. The Christmas gift exchange was quite a success with 581 in attendance. The Christmas dinner dance on Dec 11 had 5-6 squares. Caller: Wilford Allison.

Round dance lessons began Thursday Jan 6, 12 couples in attendance. Cuer: Willford Allison
Bum dance will be held in Boise at the Square & Round dance center on Feb. 12. The Association dance will be Jan 29, at the Moose Lodge in Twin Falls, pre-rounds at 7:30, squares at 8pm. Gary Davis will call and Clare Gill and Gid Harr will cue.

AREA V

Snake River Square and Round Dance Council

We held our last Area V dance on October 30 2010. It was our Halloween dance with costumes and pumpkin carving contests. Caller was Darin Keith and cuer was Larry Stewart. Great fun was had by all in attendance. The next area dance will be Jan 29, 2011 at Steve Sullivan dance Hall in Pocatello. Meeting at 1:30 pm dance from 2 to 4pm. We will hold the next dance on Apr 30 2011 in Salmon ID, afternoon dance.

Upper Valley Squares: Due to many special dances and low attendance we average one dance per month.

Levis N Lace: Dances have moved from Friday night to Tuesday night.. Club President Judy Carlson attended a caller school in California.

Choo Choo's We have a theme for dances in hopes of encouraging better attendance. Some of the themes we have used are: Happy Birthday each month, Wear

a club outfit dance, Color dance, and Favorite T-shirt dance. We have our **39th Anniversary** dance April 15. Caller-Bob Calton and cuer- Clare Gill.

Steve Sullivan Clubs:

The St. Judes Toys for Tots dance was very successful. Our dancers were very generous with White Elephant items for auction and with toys for the Marines for the Toys for Tots drive. We were able to send in a very nice donation for St Judes. We are going to do the same event next year. We are looking forward to the new year of dancing, with all the fun and activities that go along with it.

This fall we are going on a 14 day Hawaii Cruise and invite you all to come with us. That date is September 28 - Oct 12. The deposit is due as soon as possible and the final payment is due July 1st. We have dancers from all 3 Idaho clubs and both Utah clubs coming with us. We are hoping to have at least 2 to 3 squares enjoying the vacation. Call Steve for more info (ssjsulliv@aol.com) or 208-237-3609

Our **Snake River Advanced** in Pocatello on Mon night is dancing, but call as we do have some nights that we cancel due to snowbirds or travel conditions.

Spinning Spuds in Idaho Falls are dancing every Wednesday weather permitting. We are having a great time getting to know the new dancers that are learning to dance with us. We have changed locations from the Elks Club to the First Church of the Nazarene @ 1900 Grandview Dr. Idaho Falls, ID
Mystic Squares/Semi Circles are on Thursday in Pocatello. We have some new dancers and really like telling and showing them how much fun square dancing is. Steve is calling regularly and doing some cueing for the Logan & Brigham City Clubs. Logan dances on Sat, Brigham City dances on Tues.

State Festival 2011 Area III:

Tim Mariner from South Carolina is the caller and Ron & Georgina Woolcock are the cuers. The Festival will be in the Treasure Valley on June 10-11, 2011. Darin & Kirsten Keith are chairpersons. Registration forms available on the Website.

Rounds of the Month

**Cue sheets on the
Idaho Square Dancers Website
January, 2011: Long Shot**

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Getting to know Fred & Donna Stradinger

We were married in Boise on Apr 13, 1963. Fred was and active member of the United States Air Force. Our son was born just prior to Fred being sent overseas to Okinawa in August 1964. I finally made it to Okinawa in November of that year. Our daughter was born in the Army Hospital in Okinawa while Fred was serving temporary duty in Vietnam. We came back in 1968 to Omaha Nebraska, where we only stayed one year and then off to Weisbaden Germany for five years. We traveled to as many countries as we could while in Germany. Upon our return in 1974 we were stationed in Lamar Colorado and six months later Fred was sent to Thailand for an eighteen month tour without his family. When he returned we were sent to a small town of Silver Creek Nebraska for two years and then Omaha once again. He retired from the Air Force in 1980 and we returned to Boise. My parents square danced and when ever we would come home on leave, we were at some square dance function. So of course that fall we had to take lessons. Fred balked and said he would only go once and we both have been hooked ever since. We first danced with Wheel & Deal until our caller Doug Hyslop passed away and the club folded. We then danced with the Odds and Ends until our caller Mel Cook retired from calling. We now dance with the Capital Squares with Gary Davis calling. We have held most offices in all three clubs and the Federation, Association, and the Hall board. We enjoy dancing very much and hope to continue.



Getting to know Don and Fran Sprague

I learned to square dance with a church group of singles and moved to Alaska. I met Don and he thought square dancing was dumb. I met Don thru square dancing in Anchorage, but he didn't attend or dance. He'd take me out after the dances. Years later -marriage & 4 kids- we were invited to go to a square dance. Don said he'd go once. Well, that's all it took and we've danced since 1971. We've belonged to 2 square dance clubs and 1 round dance club. Clubs have folded, but we are the longest members of Capital Squares still dancing. We've attended 10 Nat'l square dance conventions and been a part of Capital Squares since 1971. We've held all the offices and been involved in most every activity. We danced at the Capital when Square Dancing was made the official dance of Idaho. We've been involved with the Federation for about 15 yrs on the board. When the Boise Valley Square Dance Center was just a dream and the work started to raise the monies to build it, we were workers with many others. When we sold our home & acreage a couple years ago, we donated our western black metal silhouettes to the Hall and they grace the entrance posts there now. We are getting ready to set up a second annual square dance exhibition at the Capitol Building while the 2011 legislature is in session. We love all of the friends we have met and enjoyed thru the years in this great world of Square Dancing!