

# IDAHO FEDERATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLUBS

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By Brenda Orgill, corresponding secretary

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## From our President...

The winter Federation meeting was held in Boise on January 12. The meeting was well attended as was the Federation dance that evening – 11 squares on the floor and enough callers to have a different caller for each tip a good variety of cuers too.

Thanks to Publications Chairman, Patti Dorr, the Club Directory is now on the web ([www.squaredancing.com/idahofed](http://www.squaredancing.com/idahofed)) in printable format. Each Federation club will be receiving a copy and it is their responsibility to see that it is made available to their club members, caller and/or cuer. You can print your own copy off if desired. I know I will. I like mine in a loose leaf notebook so I can update pages as needed. Please make sure you have someone in your club that is responsible for sending in updated information so it stays current on the web. Updates can be sent to [idadfed@mac.com](mailto:idadfed@mac.com).

Also, Donna Stradinger, the Federation Recording Secretary, has updated the *What is The Idaho Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs?* brochure. It will also be made available to all Federation clubs. New in the brochure is a list of web sites of interest to square and round dancers.

I want to remind you of the State Festival to be held in Sugar City this year June 13 & 14. Sugar City is just a few miles north of Rexburg in southeast Idaho. Caller is Al Frazier and cuer is Nancy & Amos Mouser. It should be a great weekend so plan now to attend. If you need further information or your club needs flyers and registration forms contact Brenda & Rex Orgill at [rborgill@bdhsi.com](mailto:rborgill@bdhsi.com)

The task force that is working on the By-Laws has been busy and Les has received a lot of helpful feedback. The general consensus seems to be that very few changes need made but that it is very hard to understand. With that in mind the task force will now concentrate on fine tuning it and making it more concise and clearer.

Ballots for election of Federation officers will be out in March. At this time we have very few nominations with no one running for Membership Chairman. Area 3 and Area 4 dominate the Federation now and I would really like to see some Area 1 and 2 members step up and offer to run for an office. If you are interested please contact Brenda Orgill at the above address.

The May Federation meeting will be held in Twin Falls at the Moose Lodge on May 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. All dancers are welcome to attend the meeting and put in their comments. There will be a Federation Dance held at the

same facility that evening with Federation callers and cuers.

### **AREA I**

#### ***Idaho Panhandle Square & Round Dance Association***

### **AREA II**

#### ***Lewis and Clark Square & Round Dance Association***

### **AREA III**

#### ***Intermountain Square and Round Dance Association***

The Bum dance is the 16th February @ Sagebrush Shufflers hall in Mtn. Home ID

The Stew Feed on the 15 of March in Emmett ID

Capital Squares Spring Swing is on the 2nd of April at the square dance center in Boise

Yearling Round-up for the new and old dancers is on the 26th of April @ the square dance center in Boise

Funstitute a ISRDA Sponsored dance is in McCall ID on the 11-13 of July. Fun weekend of dancing.

#### **Guy James**

Guy & Charlotte James danced for over 40 years in the Boise Valley. They started with the Knots & Squares and danced a couple of years with Syringa Squares and the last few years with Capital Squares. They round danced with Ramblin Rounds and B J's Rounds when these two clubs were still active. Guy & Charlotte were high school sweethearts and were married in September after graduating in May from Boise High School. Guy was a fireman at the Whitney Station for 25 years before retirement. Guy was a sign engraver and made badges and signs for a lot of square & round dancers from many states.

Guy passed away in November 2007.

Guy & Charlotte's daughter Linda will be keeping the badge making going in the square dance world.

Guy was born February 13, 1933 and passed away in November 2007.

### **AREA IV**

#### ***Magic Valley Square and Round Dancers***

Area IV clubs began lessons in November, 2007 and have quite a few students. Buttons & Bows will host the Half Way Dance this year on March 8 at the Moose Hall in Twin Falls. The Association will hold a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance March 29<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Desert Sundancers Shamrock Shuffle with the Irish Stew. Guest caller will be Jonathan Wood. Eat at 7:00, dance at 8:00 at the Moose Hall.

Magic Valley Singles have a full schedule this year. They have 6 new dancers. They continue to run the Soup Kitchen for the St. Jerome's Catholic Church once a month. They also dance at Woodstone Retirement Center on the last Fri. of the month. They dance on Wed. night this year at the Jerome Senior Citizen Center in Jerome. Jerome is building a new larger center, the Singles will be moving back to Tues. at that time.

River Reelers have 16 new dancers. One square of young adults, (very colorful) and having a hoot. They dance 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., Lessons on Thurs. They will cancel Feb. 16 to allow some to travel to the Bum Dance. Clare is having a Sweetheart Ball (no squares – just rounds). Their annual dance The Spring Fling will be April 19 at West Minico.

Left Footers - Beginners on Monday

Intermediate on Tuesday

Advanced on Wednesday

Dancing at Round-A-Square Center –Rupert

Buttons & Bows have 8 new dancers this year. They will hold a Black & White Ball on Jan. 26 at the Moose Hall in

Twin Falls. They are going to dance at Heritage Retirement Center when it is arranged on Tues. or Thurs. Their annual dance – April Flop will be held on April 12 at the Moose Hall in Twin Falls, ID

## **AREA V**

### ***Snake River Square & Round Dance Council***

The Choo Choo Square & Round Dance Club and the Jolly Mixers combined for the new years dance. It was well attended. Larry Stewart was the caller and cuer.

The Choo Choos have several new couples who began lessons on January 25.

### **Spotlight on Dawn and Les Hutchinson** **Federation President**

I don't really enjoy talking about myself but Brenda asked if we would tell you about ourselves. She thought you needed to get to know us better. Since she's in charge of the newsletter and I have been hounding people to send news into her I had better comply with her request. Les and I have been dancing together for over 30 years and still love it. It all started back in Fruitland when we were in high school. There were no organized summer recreation programs at that time but there was a caller in Fruitland that held weekly dances on the tennis courts across from my house just for teens. It was the old fashioned kind of square dancing where lessons were not needed and it was the highlight of the week for many of us. Les was often my partner. Les and I were total opposites except for the love of dancing. Les loves sports and lettered in all four in high school then carried his love of athletics on to college where he got a degree in recreation. I am a klutz at anything athletic and enjoy the more cultural things like art, music, etc. We married in 1962 and adopted a couple of little boys somewhere along the line. When we were living in Coeur d'Alene and looking for something we could do together, we attended the Spokane Fair and there was a demonstration square dance and we realized that was just the fun togetherness entertainment we were looking for. Somehow I got Dorcus Tapper's phone number as a contact and she gave us the information about the Coeurly Q's lessons with Ed Wilson. We got our diploma in 1976 and have been dancing ever since.

Incidentally, the couple honored as grand marshals at the 2007 State Festival, Norm & Doris Peterson, were angels during our lessons. I thought that was so neat to see them honored. The other person honored, Elvina Doyle, was one of the signers of the Federation's original incorporation in 1964. How special is that? Area I – we should have a biography on the Doyles in the May newsletter. They have done so much for square dancing and I don't think the southern part of the state probably knows much about them. The tradition with their family goes on with their teen granddaughter becoming a very good cuer.

We added round dance lessons with Wes and Mary Read in 1980. We have belonged to the Coeurly Q's the River Reelers and finally the Button's & Bows. We love to travel and include square dancing into many of our vacations. So don't be surprised if we show up at one of your Area or club dances.

## **SPECIAL UPCOMING DANCES**

## **Annual Idaho State Festival**

**June 13 & 14 in Sugar City, Idaho. Please plan to attend.**

## **57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**

Wichita, Kansas June, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2008

## **58<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**

Long Beach, California

June 24, 25, 25, 27 2009

## **59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention**

Louisville, Kentucky June 23, 24, 25, 26, 2010

## **Federation Officers**

Please consider running for an office in the Federation. Applications can be found on the Idaho Tattler Web Site. Applications need to be sent ASAP to Brenda & Rex Orgill. 825 West 375 North, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221. We will be sending ballots out to all clubs in the Federation by March 1<sup>st</sup>. They need to be sent back to us by May 1, and will be counted at the Federation Meeting in May. New officers will take office in September, 2008.

## **Rounds of the Month**

Mar will be from Area III

Feb 2008 – You Ain't Much Fun Area II

Jan 2007 – None submitted Area I

Dec 2007 – Badly Bent Area V

Nov 2007– New York New York Area IV

Oct 2007 – Sweet Petite Area III

Area Reps are responsible for getting Round of the Month cue sheets to each cuer in their area.

**To put information in the newsletter.**

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