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67th National Square Dance Convention Kansas City Missouri



Ken Rose and I drove to the National Square Dance Convention in Kansas City. Rita Reefer and Rob Bodnar (new graduate) flew to the dance. There were multiple ways and distances that all the dancers came to enjoy dancing together. Over 3,000 dancers. If you didn't come, you missed out on days of exciting dancing. There was some-



thing for everyone.

Each night "Ghost Riders," a live band, played and the callers called Mainstream. Other halls had Plus, Advance 1&2, Challenge, and 2 halls for Round dancing. There was a Youth Hall, which us older dancers could dance if you had their bounce. Lots of intro to different clinics (DBD and Plus) and other dances, i.e. Hexagon, Line, Contra. I have been to other dances where the Solo area was not visible. At this convention if you needed a dance partner you were near the dance floor.



One exciting event that Rita and Rob attended was the Flash-Mob Dance. The flash-mob did one tip outside the convention at the Blarney Allis Plaza. Then the mob got on 3 buses and danced at the

World War II Memorial and Union Station. The callers were Joe Saltel and Hunter Keller. What a fun event.

I could go on and on about the events during that weekend. If you would like to see my program book, I will loan it to you. Callers from Western PA were Ed Foote & Marilyn, Scott Brown, Shawn Brown, Lisa Minton. Other dancers were Ron Giuliana & Judy, Amanda Barton, Cordi Barton, Unkelle, Josie Scott, Courtney Coulter, Ron & Sandra Webster, Tony & Diana Rock.

I recommend next year's National Square Dance in Atlanta, Georgia, June 26-29, 2019. It is 686 miles from Pittsburgh. A drive that could be done in one day but plan a trip. Lots to do and see in Atlanta.



Submitted by Sharon Kopp

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FOOTE NOTES**WHAT DOES GRADUATION MEAN- PART 2**

Last month we noted that a small percentage of people are not able to learn to square dance, but they become graduated dancers anyway, because clubs are desperate for bodies and some people consider it socially unacceptable not to graduate every person who takes lessons. How do clubs justify this behavior?

CLUB MINDSET. The biggest club rationalization is: "No one minds helping people." Therefore, clubs graduate people who can not dance, because it is felt that club members will pull these people thru for the next year or more, and that these members will have great joy in doing so. Is this true? Not necessarily.

I have had experienced dancers say to me: "We are tired of pulling thru new graduates who don't know the calls. We've done it for years, we've paid our dues, and now we just want to dance. If we are expected to keep pulling people thru every year, there is a good chance we will just stop dancing."

So, in their desperation to bring in more people, clubs risk losing experienced dancers. But because it is socially unacceptable to complain about helping new dancers, people who are going to drop out will not tell anyone - they will just cut back on how many times they attend until eventually they do not attend at all. In other words, these people just gradually ease themselves out of dancing because they are frustrated, and the club will have no idea why they stopped attending.

One club president actually told me last spring: "If you see new graduates break down, stop the dance and square everyone back up." The president actually wanted me to sacrifice the squares that were successful in mid-stream, without letting them achieve the success of a Left Allemande .

Another reason that clubs graduate everyone is that they think the class teacher will be offended if anyone in the class is not graduated, no matter how poor a dancer that person may be. The club believes the class teacher will take it as a personal affront to their teaching ability if anyone is denied graduation. Obviously this hurts the club. The solution is for the club and class teacher to discuss beforehand the fact that not everyone may have the ability to graduate, that if someone graduates who can not dance it will hurt the club, and that if someone is not graduated it is not a reflection on the abilities of the teacher.

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WPSRDF Standard Weekly Dance Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Friendly Squares	Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	
2nd		Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Happy-Go-Lucky Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	Franklin Squares
3rd	Friendly Squares	Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	
4th		Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Happy-Go-Lucky Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	Franklin Squares
5th		Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	

WPSRDF CLUB LISTING INFORMATION

Dance-A-Round: Round Dance Club

Featuring Phases II, III, IV, and Workshops.

Dance Information:

Every Monday 7:30 to 9:50 PM.

Located at: Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1146 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, (At the terminus of Potomac Ave).

Cuer and Instructors:

Bob and Patsy Heath.

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412-279-9046

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Franklin Squares

Contact Information:

Brad & Lenore Deibert

724-309-8270

Dance Information:

8:00-10:30 PM,

2nd & 4th Saturdays

7:30-8:00 early rounds

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

4503 Old Wm. Penn Highway

Monroeville, PA

Corner of Rt. 48 North & Old

Wm. Penn Hwy.

Caller: Brad Deibert

724-309-8270

Cuer: Brad & Lenore Deibert

Level: Plus Squares & Rounds

Attire: Casual, June, July & August

Friendly Squares

Contact Information:

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Dance Information:

7:00-9:30, 1st & 3rd Sundays

St Benedict the Abbot Church

80 Friar Lane,

McMurray, PA 15317

Callers: Jim Yoest &

Brad Deibert

Cuer: Brad Deibert,

Level: Plus

Comments: Check calendar for

Summer schedule

Attire: Casual, June, July & August

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

Contact Information:

President: - Fran Reynolds

724-882-9924

Dance Information:

8-10:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Fridays

Pine Run United Methodist Ch.

901 North 6th Street

Clairton, PA 15025

(Wilson section of Clairton)

Caller: Brad Deibert & guests

Cuer: Brad Deibert

Level: Mainstream & Plus

Attire: Casual: June, July & August

Iron City Squares

Contact Information:

Helen Naimark & Joe Nardi

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ajnardi@msn.com

Dance Information:

7:15-9:30 PM, Wednesdays

Calvary United Methodist Church

Allegheny and Beech Avenues

(Northside) Pgh, PA 15212

(Use Beech Avenue entrance)

Caller: Blaine Knupp

Level: Mainstream through Plus

Comments: All dancing is DBD/

gay & lesbian club

Attire: Casual: Year Round

North Hills Squares

President: Chester & Dottie

Kletke helped by: Ron Harris.

V-President: Tina Stover helped

by: Jim Sullivan.

Secretary: Sue Korinchak Joe

continues with caller contracts.

Treasurer: Linda Womsley.

helped at club by: Irene Rudy &

Sharon Kopp.

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Patty & Ken Adams 412-487-2901

Dottie & Chet Kletke

412-486-8243

Dance Information:

8:00-10:30 PM, Every Tuesday

(2nd & 4th Tuesdays during

January, February & March)

St. Paul's Methodist Church

1965 Ferguson Rd

Allison Park, PA 15101

Caller: Ed Foote & guest callers

Cuer: Guest cuers

Level: Plus

Comments: Air-Conditioned Hall

Attire: Casual- June, July & August;

Square wear or casual the

rest of the year

Peanut Squares

Scott Township, PA

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Dance Information-2016

Squares Plus, Rounds on request

7:30-10:00 pm. Every Tuesday

Except for the summer months of

June-August: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

\$4, includes refreshments

Covenant Community

Presbyterian Church

1630 Greentree Road

Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220

Caller: Steve Staub

Guest callers as scheduled (best

callers in SW PA)

Cuer: occasional, call for information

Level: Mainstream & Plus

Attire: Casual dress

The Spinners

Contact Information:

Contact Information

Rich Williams 412-915-4333

Ron Giuliana 724-861-5884

Cell: 412-554-1809

Dance Information:

8:00-10:30 PM, Every Friday

Linway United Presbyterian Ch.

600 Greensburg Ave. (Rte 30)

North Versailles (East

McKeesport) PA 15137

Hall Phone: 412-824-3555

Caller: Ron Giuliana,

Jim Yoest, Rich Williams &

Brad Deibert

Caller Emeritus: Phil Way

Level: Advanced 1 & 2

Comments: call first (Rich or

Ron)

Attire: Casual year round

Thunderbolts

Contact Information:

Emma Lou Shaffor

724-349-3998

Dance Information:

7:00-9:30 PM every Tuesday

Blairsville High School

102 School Lane

Blairsville, PA 15717

Caller: Norm Shaffor

724 388-1909

Level: Advanced 1 & 2

Attire: Casual year round

Y-Knot Square & Round Dance Club

President: Barbara MacDonald

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Dance Information:

7:30-10:00 PM, every Thursday

1st & 3rd Thursdays January-

February & July-August

North Hills Baptist Church

7801 Thompson Run Road

North Hills PA 15237

Caller: Jim Yoest & Guests

Level: Guest cuers

Level: Plus & Rounds

Attire: Casual: June, July &

August

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
8/14/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
8/14/2018	Peanut Squares	Crazy T-Shirt Night	Susan Elaine Packer	
8/14/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
8/15/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
8/16/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
8/17/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
8/17/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
8/19/2018	Friendly Squares	Regular Dance at Peace Lutheran Church	Jim Yoest	
8/19/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Club Picnic (covered Dish)	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
8/20/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
8/21/2018	North Hills Squares	Pie Night	Johnny Preston	Carla Eilenfeld
8/21/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
8/21/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
8/22/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
8/23/2018	Y-Knots	No Dance		
8/24/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	No Dance		
8/24/2018	Mountainview Squares	All Singing Calls	Norm Shaffor	Records
8/24/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
8/25/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
8/27/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
8/28/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
8/28/2018	Peanut Squares	Open House	Brad Deibert	
8/28/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
8/29/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
8/30/2018	Y-Knots	Red White & Blue Dance	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
8/31/2018	Mountainview Squares	No Dance		
8/31/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
9/2/2018	Friendly Squares	No Dance		
9/3/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
9/4/2018	North Hills Squares	Open House	Brad Deibert	
9/4/2018	Peanut Squares	Labor Day Dance	Lisa Minton	
9/4/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
9/5/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
9/6/2018	Y-Knots	Intro Night	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
9/7/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
9/7/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
9/8/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	
9/10/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
9/11/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Rich Williams	
9/11/2018	Peanut Squares	Be True to Your School	Denny Steiner	
9/11/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
9/12/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
9/13/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Carla Eilenfeld
9/14/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Buddy Night	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
9/14/2018	Mountainview Squares	No Dance		

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
9/14/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Rich Williams	
9/15/2018	Mountainview Squares	Autumn Fest See Special Dance Schedule	Norm Shaffor & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
9/16/2018	Friendly Squares	Fun Night	Brad Deibert	
9/17/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
9/18/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ron Anderson	
9/18/2018	Peanut Squares	39th Anniversary	Steve Staub	
9/18/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
9/19/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
9/20/2018	Y-Knots	Fall Fling	Denny Steiner	Bob & Patsy Heath
9/21/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
9/21/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
9/22/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
9/24/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
9/25/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Tom Mohney	
9/25/2018	Peanut Squares	Comic Book Night	Jim Yoest	
9/25/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
9/26/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
9/27/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
9/28/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	29th Anniversary	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
9/28/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
9/28/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest	
10/1/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
10/2/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
10/2/2018	Peanut Squares	Pittsburgh Dance	Scott Brown	
10/2/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
10/3/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
10/4/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	
10/4/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
10/5/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
10/7/2018	Friendly Squares	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	
10/8/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
10/9/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
10/9/2018	Peanut Squares	Columbus Day Dance	Ron Anderson	
10/9/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
10/10/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
10/11/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	
10/12/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Black & Gold Dance	Tom Mohney	Brad & Lenore Deibert
10/12/2018	Mountainview Squares	Guest Caller	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
10/12/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
10/13/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
10/13/2018	WPSRDF (North Hills) See Special Dances	Fall Festival	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson
10/15/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
10/16/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
10/16/2018	Peanut Squares	Crazy Shoe Dance	Tom Mohney	
10/16/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	

Special Dance Schedule

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
8/19/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky Squares	Picnic (see Club Report)	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
8/21/2018	North Hills Squares	Pie Night	Johnny Preston	Carla Eilenfeld
9/15/2018	Mountainview Squares at Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch. Monroeville	Autumn Fest 2-6PM DBD tip at 3 Surprise Event at 4 Discount coupon on Flyer	Norm Shaffor & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
10/13/2018	WPSRDF Hosted by North Hills Squares	Fall Festival 2-6PM at St Pauls United Methodist Church DBD tip at 3:30 Advance at 4:30	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson
11/18/2018	Friendly Squares	Johnny Appleseed Dance	Ron Anderson	Bob & Patsy Heath
12/9/2018	Mountainview Squares at Lamplighter, Delmont	Christmas Dinner Dance	Norm Shaffor & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/14/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/15/2018	Franklin Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/16/2018	Friendly Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/18/2018	Peanut Squares	Christmas Dance	Steve Staub	
12/31/2018	Mountainview Squares at Blairsville U.P.Church	New Years Eve Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records

To schedule a special dance, please contact the editor.

Visitation Program Update

With the August 31 deadline fast approaching and awards on the line, the four clubs involved in the program are inching their way along. Franklin, Friendly and Happy-Go-Lucky each had but one visit not advancing a round. Mountainview was the biggest mover with two visits and moving on to their next round.

MV did some big time traveling, stopping at Friendly on July 1st with six dancers for a point and then sending 8 to Franklin on the 14th for a big 2 pointer.

Happy Banner Raided Friendly on June 3rd with 8 dancers for 2 points.

Then on the 8th, twelve Friendly dancers Banner Raided HGL right back (hoping for 3 points but there is no such thing), earning 2.

Franklin earned a point with six dancers at MV on July 20th.

***After all visitations both visiting club and host club
PLEASE email the names and date as soon as possible to
jcfrk1@verizon.net. Thank you***

CLUB	ROUND COMPLETED	NEXT ROUND VISITS	TOTAL POINTS
Franklin Squares	2 rounds	2 visitations	10 points
Friendly Squares	4 rounds	1 visitations	22 points
Happy-Go-Lucky Squares	3 rounds	1 visitation	15 points
Mountainview Squares	3 rounds	1 visitations	16 points

Club Reports

Dance-A-Round

Reporter:
No report submitted.

Franklin Squares

Reporter: Brad Deibert
No report submitted.

Friendly Squares

Reporter: Joanne Petrillo
June 12th, we graduated 5 students. We had so much fun initiating them. We welcome them to our club. Brad Deibert who was their teacher, was the caller.



Sue, Dave, Maxine, (Brad), Betty & Dale



July 15 was our picnic dance. We had two squares plus. A lot of food and a great time. Thanks everyone who

brought food!

August 5 our Hawaiian Luau dance with Brad Diebert calling, NO CUER.

August 19 a regular dance at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH with Jim Yoest calling, No CUER. Please Notice

the LOCATION CHANGE!!!

Sept. 16 FUN DANCE - at PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - Brad Diebert calling. Bring all your friends that would like to learn to square dance.

Oct. 7 a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling and NO CUER.

Oct. 21 our 46 ANNIVERSARY Dance with Brad Diebert Calling and Cueing.

Nov. 4 our JOHNNY APPLESEED Dance with Ron Anderson calling and Bob Heath Cueing.

Nov. 18 a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling and NO CUEING.

Dec. 2 a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling. No Cueing.

Dec 16 CHRISTMAS DANCE with Brad Diebert Calling and Cueing.

ALL dances are at ST. BENEDICT'S unless otherwise noted. Watch for emails for changes and additions. ANY Questions: please call Louise Stewart 412-302-1960 or Sue Hopf 413-606-8819.

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

Reporter: Mary Ann Markowitz

The hot & rainy days have not been kind to our club. We usually had rain and/or high temperatures on the days we held our dances. Thankfully I don't think any of our club members had damage from the storms.

We had a well attended dance on June 8th. Denny Steiner called and Brad Deibert cued. Denny is a favorite caller in the Federation. His dances are always fun and this one was no exception.

You should get this Newsletter before we hold our Covered Dish club picnic on Sunday, August 19th. It will be held at the Pine Run United Methodist Church, 901 North 6th Street, Clairton PA 15025. We would appreciate if you would call either Fran at 412 882-9924 or Jean at 724 872-1509 to make a reservation. The cost is \$5.00 for the day. You're asked to bring a Covered Dish of salad, sides or dessert. The club will supply the corn, hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and drinks. Doors open about 1:00 pm and the food will be served about 4:00 pm. There will be dancing, games and prizes. Brad Deibert is the caller. Come and enjoy a fun filled relaxing afternoon.

Our dances are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month from 8:00 until 10:30 pm. Brad Deibert, is our club's caller and he will call & cue every dance except when we have a guest caller/cuer. We dress casual from June 1st to August 31st. Most dancers dress in casual clothes for the summer but Square Wear is welcomed at any of our dances throughout the year. We don't turn anyone away. Our dances are held at the Pine Run United Methodist Church, 901 North 6th Street, Clairton Pa 15025. The church is assessable from either Rt. 837South or Rt.885South. The church is in the Wilson area of Clairton. We dance in the churches Fellowship Hall. Parking is in the rear of the church where there is a well lighted lot. Enter by the rear door. For more information, call our President Fran Reynolds at 412 882-9924 or our Vice President Jean Napiecek at 724 872-1509.

- Aug 19 Brad Deibert – Club Cover Dish Picnic
- Aug 24 Brad Deibert – Regular dance
- Sep 14 Brad Deibert – Buddy Night
- Sep 28 Brad Deibert – 29th Anniversary Dance
- Oct 12 Tom Mohny_ Black & Gold

Club Reports

"The best vitamin for making friends.....B1"

Iron City Squares

Reporter: Joe Nardi
No report submitted.

Mountainview Squares

Reporter: Jan Bottom

Hi from Blairsville.

Thanks to Tom Miller for calling for us on June 1st even though he was still having some health problems. We had a fun dance and enjoyed his calling as usual.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these coming events:

Aug 24th – ALL SINGING CALLS & ICE CREAM SUNDAES – If you like singing calls or if you don't, maybe you like ice cream. We will have both with Norm Shaffor calling and all you can eat ice cream sundaes with all the fixings. Hope you can join us.

Aug 31st – NO DANCE – Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 14th – NO DANCE

Sept 15th – AUTUMN FEST – Please see the flyer elsewhere in this issue and plan to join us in Monroeville where Franklin dances for an afternoon of fun. Don't forget to bring the coupon you will find on the flyer which will give you \$2 off per person. See you there.

Oct 12th – GUEST CALLER – STEVE STAUB – We're looking forward to dancing with Steve calling and cueing.

Nov 9th - NO DANCE

Nov 23rd – NO DANCE

Dec 9th – Christmas Dinner Dance – Norm Shaffor and Brad Deibert calling and Brad and Lenore cueing. Dancing 2-5... Dinner 5:30 The Lamplighter in Delmont will be the place to be.

Dec 31st - NEW YEARS EVE DANCE – Dancing 9-Midnight; Pork, Sauerkraut, etc. served at Midnight and snacks during the evening.

Our club dances every Friday night with Norm Shaffor calling except as noted above. Check us out on Facebook by typing Mountainview Squares in the search box.

North Hills Squares

Reporter: Sharon Kopp

North Hills Squares elected new officers. We are excited to have as President Brian Schultz assisted by Joanne Watterson. New blood so look forward to new ideas. Tina Stover remained as VP, Sue Korinchak as Secretary and Linda Womsley as Treasurer.

North Hills Squares had a Callers' Night in June. It was an opportunity for anyone who wanted to try calling to get on the mic. There were callers and dancers that filled the night with their music. Joe and Sue Korinchak called together. Joe did a singer by himself. Barb MacDonald called a couple tips. Dean Rath called a hash. Our new president Brian played his guitar AND called. OK, Brian, are you showing us callers up!!!!!! The evening had 3 squares and was enjoyed by all.



In July we had a German Night with Ed Pabst calling and Nathan Parrott cueing. Both called and cued German songs to 4 squares of dancers. Y-Knots raided and retrieved their banner. There was hot German potato salad, German chocolate candy and other delicious treats. There was even a keg of "beer".

The annual picnic was on July 17. There were 48 mouths and with that many people there was a wide variety of foods, nothing was duplicated. Tina and Sharon share birthdays on July 20 so there was cake and singing. Tina did not make it home with her balloon. She lost it to the heavens while walking to her car. Sha-



ron did make it home with her balloon but let it go in her living room where it met its end with the ceiling fan. I hope this is not a sign of the year to come.

Upcoming Dances:

ALL DANCES ARE TUESDAY @ 8PM.

St. Paul's Methodist Church

1965 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park 15101

OUR HALL IS AIR-CONDITIONED.

8/7 Wild&Crazy T-shirt night with Ed Foote

8/14 Ed calling



50th ANNUAL WPSRDF

FESTIVAL

HOSTED BY **NORTH HILLS SQUARES**

SATURDAY, October 13, 2018

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1965 FERGUSON RD, ALLISON PARK, 15101



CALLER: **HOWARD WILLIAMSON**

CUER: **DONNA WILLIAMSON**

2:00-6:00PM.

Squares and
Rounds

DBD TIP at 3:30pm and ADVANCE tip 4:30pm.



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FOR INFORMATION CALL: SHARON KOPP
724-266-3232

SQUARE WEAR ENCOURAGED



Club Reports

8/21 Johnny Preston Dance with Carla Eilenfeld cueing
 8/28 Ed calling
 9/4 Open House with Brad Deibert
 9/11 Rich Williams
 9/18 Ron Anderson
 9/25 Tom Mohny

Peanut Squares

Reporter: Sara Frey

At the end of May, Peanut Squares had a dance to celebrate those who graduated from PLUS lessons and the Angels who made it possible! (see pictures)



For Memorial Day, Peanuts had a well-attended picnic, with 4-5 squares dancing. We dance every other Tuesday in the summer from 7:30-10pm at Covenant Community Presbyterian Church in Greentree, and the cost is \$4. Look for more Peanut Squares info and pictures at

www.peanutsquares.blogspot.com.

A very fun dance this summer was the Beautician's Day dance – lots of hair dye created a colorful dance. (see pictures)

Peanuts July Open House dance for those interested in trying square dancing was very successful. There were 6 squares dancing! Another Open House will be held on August 28 – bring a friend and learn basic square dancing.

The Fall Square Dance Season will be here before you know it, and Peanut Squares will again be offering beginner lessons on Thursday evenings at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon, taught by Shawn Brown. Cost is only \$4. Bring a friend – no partner required! For questions call Paul at 412-735-2423 or call Ann at 412-563-0559. Lessons begin Sept. 6.

Peanuts returns to a weekly dance schedule for September and October (see calendar).

September-October 2018 Peanut Squares Dance Schedule
 September 4, 2018 Lisa Minton Labor Day Dance
 September 11, 2018 Denny Steiner Be True to Your School
 September 18, 2018 Steve Staub 39th Anniversary Dance
 September 25, 2018 Jim Yoest Comic Book Dance
 October 2, 2018 Scott Brown Pittsburgh Dance
 October 9, 2018 Ron Anderson Columbus Day Dance
 October 16, 2018 Tom Mohny Crazy Shoe Dance
 October 23, 2018 Shawn Brown Mole Day
 October 30, 2018 Brad Diebert Halloween Dance

The Spinners

Reporter: Ron Giuliana

Our adventure into advanced was to start on Friday January 12, but because of the SNOW bad weather, we started on January 19. The class did such a fantastic job, that we finished all the lessons earlier than expected on June 15. Our new graduates are; Lisa Hambel, Sue Hopf, Mic Hopf, Barb MacDonald, Terry Osif, Dean Rath, Rita Reefer, Laurie Shad, Margie Vangenewitt and Linda Womsley. A special thanks to our Angels; Brad & Leanore Deibert, Rich Ge-



meinhardt, Judy Giuliana, Marty & Maddy Grodin, Randy & Peri Grosch, Paul and JoAnn Schmidt, Rich and Darla Williams, & Judy Yoest. The Class was taught by Jim Yoest and Ron Giuliana. We held several Sunday practice sessions to sharpen up our skills along the way. Our Graduation party was held on June 22, see picture, where each Graduate received a Diploma and we all enjoyed a piece of Ice cream cake. Congrats on a job WELL Done. We look forward to dancing with you locally and at future festivals around the country.

Thunderbolts

Reporter: Emma Lou Shaffor

No report submitted.

Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club

Reporter: Jeanne Maier

The time has flown by so fast this summer. Just a reminder that we only dance every other week in August but in September we start back to every week of dancing.

Below are the dates for the next two months of dancing:

AUGUST 2ND - "BEACH PARTY" Jim Yoest – Caller
 Bob Heath – Cuer
 AUGUST 9TH - NO DANCE
 AUGUST 16TH - Jim Yoest – Caller, Nathan Parrott – Cuer
 AUGUST 23RD - NO DANCE
 AUGUST 30TH - "RED, WHITE and BLUE"
 Steve Staub – Caller and Cuer
 SEPTEMBER 6TH - "INTRO NIGHT"
 Jim Yoest – Caller, Bob Heath – Cuer
 SEPTEMBER 13TH - Jim Yoest – Caller, Carla Eilenfeld – Cuer
 SEPTEMBER 20TH - "FALL FLING"- Denny Steiner
 Bob Heath – Cuer
 SEPTEMBER 22ND - "FALL FESTIVAL"
 AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ON FERGUSON ROAD
 SEPTEMBER 27TH - Jim Yoest – Caller, Nathan Parrott - Cuer

To all club reporters:

Please submit your October reports by Sept. 10.



North Hills Squares

TUESDAY, AUG. 7, 2018
8-10:00 PM



CRAZY SHIRT NIGHT

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1965 Ferguson Rd.
Allison Park, 15101

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Red White & Blue



Sue and Joe

ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

NORTH HILLS



Mary & Ron Harris



Matt & Maureen Lebo



Virginia & Ed Eighmy



Lois was a caller for Y-knots, in fact she started the club. Her family had a 90th Birthday party for her and Barb MacDonald called a dance as a surprise for her. Lois also got up and called a square dance very well. It was great and we were treated as celebrities.

Photos



Peanut Squares

Open House July 24



Graduates May 2018

NORTH HILLS SQUARES



our annual HEREEE'S

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annual pie night



JOHNNY PRESTON

International &
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AUGUST 21, 2018

Dancing: 8:00-10:30

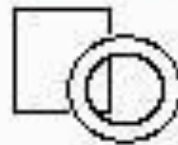
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Rich & Carla Eilenfeld



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Allison Park 15101



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BANNER RAIDS ENCOURAGED

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Those who couldn't attend graduation: Linda, Margie, Barb & Rita

The Spinners



“AN OPEN COMMUNIQUE TO CALLERLAB” Revisited.

[*Note: There are times when hand squeezing may be necessary, such as when extra support is needed to maintain balance and prevent falling.*]

Some things have been brought to my attention since my article referenced above was printed in the April-May 2018 issue of “West Pen News”. CALLERLAB addressed the issue of hand holding in the past. They decided that there were many local variations in the way square dancers held hands and rather than have everyone hold hands the same way, they decided to keep the local variations. I don't have a problem with this. My issue is in what I call hand squeezing, but I am using this term in a way not used by most people. Most believe they are squeezing someone's hand only when they apply enough pressure to cause the other person pain. Thus, different people would define squeezing at different levels, based on their own pain tolerance. One problem is that no one can know what another person is feeling. There are the unfortunate arthritics whose hands hurt just being attached to their wrist and the ex-marines who would never admit to hurting no matter what was done to them. The solution is for no one to squeeze hands, by which I mean do not touch two opposite sides of a hand at the same time. Except for special circumstances, is not necessary to touch two opposite sides of a hand at the same time and doing so is actually detrimental to good dancing.

If you have ever taken any good ballroom dance lessons, you know the first thing taught is the importance of maintaining a proper frame and the proper way to hold hands. I have never had a dance instructor tell the class to squeeze their partners hand except for my Hustle instructor. He said, “Guys, you want your partner to turn and she won't turn, keep twisting her wrist. When you twist it far enough, she will turn.” I agree with him that she will turn, but I strongly disagree that it should ever be done.

Another thing I have learned is that the article was reprinted in the June 2018 issue of “AMERICAN SQUAREDANCE”, a square dance magazine with international circulation. This means the issue of hand squeezing probably now has more exposure than ever before. I ask you to contact CALLERLAB at callerlab@aol.com and tell them your opinion. The more people who contact them, the more likely they are to make a decision.

Thank you.

Terry Osif

P.S. I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is that some dancers have read my article and agree with it, based on the fact that they have stopped squeezing hands. The bad news is I can count them on one hand without using all my fingers.

From Direction, Newsletter of Callerlab. Written by Patty Green, Chairman

Many clubs are starting lessons soon. How are you helping your club to be the best they can be during open houses and fun nights? What first impressions are you giving your prospective new dancers? Food for thought:

Is your building well lit outside? Is it easy for newcomers to find the dance hall? Are your bathrooms and the dance hall clean? A simple sign, an outside light, perhaps someone greeting at the door if the hall is tricky to find are simple things that can be done. If I am nervous, and I can't figure out where I need to go easily, I might go home rather than come in.

Do you have greeters specifically available to welcome newcomers? This is a perfect job for members who might not be able to dance all night (or at all) but want to stay involved. Say "Hello", answer questions, let them know where rest rooms and drinks are. And, is the instructor and/or club officer able to be at the door to greet people coming in? Don't underestimate the importance of you as a leader being willing to say "Hello" to as many dancers as you can. Do you provide name tags with large first names that can be seen so people can be greeted by name?

How do you handle any singles or youngsters who come? Are they made to feel welcome? Have you identified club members (male and female) who are willing to dance with them? Perhaps you have experienced female dancers who would be willing to angel the man's part to become a stronger dancer? At one local club, a family came for lessons and a member volunteered to dance with their young daughter. She now considers him

another grandfather, loves to dance with him, and the family is dancing up a storm.

Have you reminded members to make sure they speak to newcomers and engage them? Fill in squares with a smile; be patient with "mistakes." Thank them for dancing with you and talk with them during breaks.

I received an interesting e-mail with feedback from a new dancer who attended an intro night and didn't return. He enjoyed the evening and had a good time but felt like he was being "hard-sold." He knew the experienced dancers meant well, but all they talked about during every break was how to do the calls properly, dancing every night and "wait until you can dance Plus." It was too much! He makes a valid point. I have watched well-meaning dancers hard sell and drive people away. How about engaging in normal conversation; find out what they do for work, if they have kids or grandkids? Or, where do they live or where they are from or what their hobbies are? If you make that personal connection, the odds go up that they will come back.

Once they get in the door, it's our job as dancers to help facilitate the best experience we can for them. Be kind, considerate, clear, engaging, patient, and joyful. Remember that some are there willingly, some are nervous, some frankly don't want to be there. One of the things we have going for us is the friendship and fellowship our activity offers. If you warmly greet everyone, act like you are glad that they are there, talk to each other, and dance with them, you just might see them coming back and becoming part of our square dance family!

Minutes for the June Federation Meeting

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

Minutes of the June 11, 2018 Meeting at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroeville

President Mick Hopf called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with a welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SQUARE DANCING EVEN BETTER

Barbara MacDonald, Secretary, called the roll. Dance A Round and Peanuts had no delegate present. The minutes of the previous meeting were sent electronically and mailed. Martin Ray moved and Emma Lou Shaffor seconded their acceptance. They were approved.

Dick McCracken, (Treasurer), reported that the Income totaled \$0.00 and Disbursements totaled \$338.58. Balance on hand March 31, 2018 balance is \$7878.86. May 31, 2018 balance is \$7540.28. Emma Lou Shaffor moved and Norm Shaffor seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

West Pen News: Send any flyers as a jpg or tif file. Michael Hopf encouraged correspondence to be in terms of text, snail mail or emails since he cannot take notes while working. However, he will be happy to answer questions over the phone. All is well. Stay alert to the deadlines. Mick will be including an article from Ed Foote each issue. The West Pen News is being sent electronically via of the google group. At the end of year, people may still elect to get hard copies. Sending Mick schedules in advance will help keep the calendar accurate.

Special Dance Coordinator: Michael Hopf reported all is well. Michael Hopf asks that the emails sent to jcfrk1@verizon.net to confirm special dances be noted in the subject line: Please **OPEN IMMEDIATELY**. Mick will acknowledge these emails as soon as possible. Other emails for WPN are filed for use in compiling the paper later. Please try not to conflict with other club schedules for special dances. **If you want a dance to be listed as special, let Mick know.**

West Pen News Subscriptions: - For the rest of 2018, we will send via of the google group an electronic copy for all registered to determine if this works before getting subscriptions for next year. Each club is encouraged to register their members and newer dancers to the google group. Contact Tony Rock [The-](mailto:The-rocks@verizon.net)

rocks@verizon.net.

Traveling Banner: The Traveling banner went to the Sophomore Dance. Contact Barb MacDonald if desired at other locations.

Insurance: Y-Knots graduated 3 and North Hills graduated 4 while Franklin added 1 dancer. A reminder that as your club graduates students to be sure to submit \$4.75 per person to Barb MacDonald

Friendship Club: Virginia Eighmy was not present.
New Contact Information-Send requests for bars to Virginia Eighmy at: 3832 Ebonhurst Dr. Apt #258, Allison Park, PA 15101 phone 412-213-0132. **We need to promote these dangles to encourage travel between clubs. If you need more cards, let Barb know.**

Showcase of Ideas: Let Barb know if you would like this for a special dance. It went to the sophomore dance and has been updated to reflect the new officers.

State Federation:
No report at this meeting. PSRDF will continue to meet electronically with the next meeting in November. Clyde Miles is exploring becoming more active again.

Sunshine Committee: Helen will send out 2 sympathy cards. One to Clara Protheroe's family and another to Judy Buys after the passing of the caller Dave Buys. Contact her if you need the information. Let Helen know if you have information to share. Her email is [<hnaimark@hotmail.com>](mailto:hnamark@hotmail.com). Although some past dancers have died recently, we do not go beyond 4 years with sympathy cards. Please continue to send her information.

Google Group: Tony Rock was not in attendance. To put your name on or take your name off the google list, send your request to Tony at The-rocks@verizon.net. Mark your email as IMPORTANT to catch Tony's attention.

WPSRDF Web Site Coordinator: Roy Nagy can be contacted at, roynagy@verizon.net Please send any updated information for the website to Roy Nagy. If your club elects new officers, be sure to contact Roy so he can have them changed on the website. Roy has been working with Ken Adams (state webmaster) to keep WPSRDF information up to date.

Pittsburgh Area Caller/Cuer Association: The PACCA held their Spring Fling dance on May 26, 2018. It had approximately 3 squares during the afternoon and evening

sessions. They are working on a return to OGLEBAY-FEST dance for Sunday October 7, 2018 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Oglebay Park in Wheeling WV. This is a free dance. Stay alert for more announcements.

Special Events Coordinator: This position is open.

Public Relations Person: This position is open. All members are involved in public relations. If you are not comfortable answering questions, please refer them to an officer.

Unfinished Business:

Visitation Program:

Mick Hopf has placed the tracking system progress in the West Pen News. Both clubs should email Mick Hopf when they have completed a visitation. We discussed potential dangle designs and plaques. We clarified language regarding the receipt of these awards. Thanks to Paula Kinney for creating sample designs. Joe Nardi will work with Suzie Q for dangles and a local person to make traveling plaques. These will be distributed with other awards at the Fall Festival. If you would like a copy of the electronic file, let Mick know.

New Business

Sophomore Dance 2018-Y-Knots hosted this event held Sunday April 15, 2018 at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church on Mt. Royal Blvd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Jim Yoest and Brad Deibert did call with Brad also cueing. Cost was \$4.00 and \$2.00 for new dancers. There was a used clothing sale. The federation did this as a buy one get one dance costing the WPSRDF \$60.00 beyond the guarantee to the club of \$100.00. **Y-Knots would like to do this again in 2019.**

Fall Festival 2018- North Hills will be our host. **Saturday October. 13th at St. Paul's Methodist Church 1965 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** Howard Williamson to call and Donna Williamson to cue. WPSRDF will continue with buy one get one or reduced pricing to benefit all dancers. Check out the flyer in the West Pen News. **Add to your calendar.**

Tony Rock approached Mick Hopf regarding USDA's mid-winter meeting to be held in Pittsburgh the end of January 2019. They will want to dance one night (Friday or Saturday). WPSRDF has agreed to sponsor this dance in their honor. We are asking for more information including whether we should have them bussed to one of our sites or use the meeting hotel. We would like one of the clubs that dances on Friday or Saturday to sponsor this dance. We hope to have more information soon.

President's Message:

Remember to remind your graduates about the West Pen News and the Google Group. Encourage them to travel to other clubs for banner raids and visitations. Ask them to help out in the club. **KEEP THEM INVOLVED.**

Upcoming Special Club Dance Announcements from the Floor:

Mountainview: - NEW schedules out for 2018-2019. Please don't drop them since they are smaller.

North Hills: - All Callers Night-June 26. Come try calling.

Ed Pabst on July 10. Johnny Preston in August.

Y-Knots: - goes to every other week for July and August.

Cloverleaf Squares (Brookfield Ohio) has a 3x3 dance on August 12th, 2018 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This is held at Brookfield Fire Hall. Dan Austin and Denny Steiner calling and Nathan Parrott will be doing Rounds. Cost is \$8.00. Nice dance just over the PA border off of Route 80.

Future Dates to Remember

59th Ohio Convention May 2019 in Aurora Ohio.

55th Star Spangled Banner Festival- July 19-21, 2018 at Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley MD 21031

Upcoming National Square Dance Conventions:

67th National Square Dance Convention- Kansas City, Mo June 27-30, 2018

68th National Square Dance Convention- Atlanta, GA June 26-29, 2019

69th National Square Dance Convention- Spokane, WA June 2020

Ron Anderson is hosting a dance November 1-3, 2018 at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV. See flyers at your club. Deposits are needed by July 1.

Next WPSRDF meeting is Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:30 PM

It was moved by Martin Ray and seconded Norm Shaffor to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Thanks for help cleaning up.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacDonald, Secretary

MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARES AUTUMN FEST

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4503 Old Wm. Penn Hwy., Monroeville, PA 15146



Featuring
NORM SHAFFOR and
BRAD DEIBERT (calling & cueing)

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM Dancing

DBD Tip at 3 PM  Surprise Event at 4 PM

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