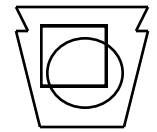


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Welcome USDA

Many of you already know that Diana and I are the Vice Presidents for the Eastern Region of the United Square Dancers of America (USDA). This past January we were honored and excited to host The USDA winter meeting here in our great city of Pittsburgh. Just a quick reminder that USDA is the world's largest square dancer run organization. Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation, PSRDF, is a member affiliate of USDA and is entitled to 4 votes in the annual USDA meeting just prior to the National convention on Wednesday, June 26th @1:00. If you are planning to attend the National Convention in Atlanta, GA this June, please consider representing PSRDF at the USDA annual affiliate meeting. Just contact us and let us know of your interest. We'll be more than happy to answer any questions and/or pass your name along to our PSRDF President. Look over the USDA website and you'll be

amazed at what USDA offers to the local dancers and clubs. The website is: usda.org



Last June we asked the Western Pennsylvania Square And Round Dance Federation (WPSRDF) if they would consider sponsoring a federation dance to welcome the USDA Executive Committee who would come from all across the US to our area and the rest is history!



On Friday, January 25th, after a very



productive meeting during the day we all enjoyed a wonderful dance that was held at the Dance A Round club's location. We hope that many of you had an opportunity to meet some of our friends from USDA and enjoyed the dance as much as we all did. We have heard many nice comments from committee members on just how warm and friendly the dancers in our area are.

Diana and I, along with the USDA Executive Committee want to extend a big "thank you" to all of you for working together to make this dance such a success. There are so many of you from the WPSRDF Officers and club delegates, the Dance-A Round club, Jim and Bev Brown, Brad & Lenore Deibert for calling, Bob & Patsy Heath for cueing, the other clubs who were willing to host the dance, the clubs who cancelled dances to allow people to attend this one, all of those who sent reminder messages, all of you who provided the delicious finger food, and all of the dancers who ventured out to join us at the dance. There is always the risk of forgetting someone when we list people/groups to thank, if we missed someone please know that it was not intentional.

In short thank you so much! We are so proud to be part of this Federation and dance with such an outstanding group of dancers, leaders, callers, and

cuers who work together to make it fun.
Keep square dancing alive, Tony & Diana Rock

The following sent from the USDA

Hello, from sunny and warm Colorado! We see that your weather is improving, however. Here are a few pictures from our stash of 89, taken over the 4 days we were in Pittsburgh. (We're on the right) I'd send the whole bunch, but don't want to bore you with more meetings!

We were, and are, very impressed with the cooperation your Federation has among your square dance and round dance clubs---it's good to see everyone just having fun, just dancing! We all need each other; wish it could be like this everywhere. Our Denver Council tries as well, to unite the two factions; we Taylors are reps for the Colorado Round Dance Assn., and have gone to our DAS&RDC (council) meetings for over 20 years. MOST of our dancers here are very tolerant!

So maybe we'll see you and some of your area dancers in Atlanta in June. USDA has an Annual Meeting on the Wednesday before the Convention starts, and will have an After-party, besides several seminars---look us up! We love to renew our acquaintances!

Judy & Jim Taylor Littleton, CO



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FOOTE NOTES

HOW TO SAVE YOUR SQUARE

by Ed Foote (reprinted from American Square Dance Magazine)

YOU can save your square! YOU individually can be the person to keep your square going and keep it from breaking down. Here's how to do it.

1. TAKE HANDS WITH THOSE STANDING BESIDE YOU. This must be done **immediately** after completing every call. Not only does this help you see the new formation of the square, it helps others see it too. If people can see their starting formation, then they are much more likely to complete the next call.

Weak dancers tend not to take hands. (This is one reason they are weak.) If they break down, they will take you along with them, so it is in your best interest to take their hands, even if they do not offer them.

Important: When hands are joined, **elbows must be bent.** If arms are out-stretched when hands are touching, the set is much too large to operate smoothly.

2. KEEP YOUR HEAD TURNED TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE SQUARE. This gives you the big picture. It lets you know exactly where you should be, where trouble spots might be starting, and whether you should speed up or slow down your steps in order to keep everyone together.

The majority of the time your head will be turned to the right, since many calls are presented in a flow which has the square moving to the right. But looking to the left will also be necessary.

Weak dancers use tunnel vision. They just look straight ahead and hope they will survive the next call. It only takes 2 or 3 dancers in the square who have their heads always turned toward the center to keep the square going. Decide that YOU will be one of these people.

Bottom line: Your head should be constantly in motion while you dance, always looking for the big picture. Do this and YOU will save your square.

3. KEEP THE SET SMALL. Basic rule: The smaller the square, the fewer the break-downs. There are several ways to keep the square small.

(A) Take hands after every call. (B) Bend your elbows when you take hands. (C) Take small steps. This forces other people to also take small steps, and thus the square becomes smaller.

4. ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SQUARE LINED UP WITH THE WALLS. The reason: The human race tends to be straight-line oriented, so the mind relates much better to the task at hand when things are aligned in straight lines, as opposed to being at an angle. If your square is at an angle to the walls, people are more likely to break down on calls they know simply because they become disoriented.

For example: if a set will become slightly offset from being lined up with walls, now a Cast Off or other turning motion may cause some people to become confused, which can cause them to break down on the next call.

A situation which is almost guaranteed to cause the square to be misaligned with
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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.

Cell: 214-354-5084

President: Jim Brown, 412-561-9153,

Cell: 412-841-7535.

Treasurer: Bev Bauman, 412-367-1029

Vice President: Lee Stout,

412-279-9046

Secretary: Bob Heath, 724-269-7313.

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

412-372-1450

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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

Mountainview Squares

Contact Information:

Floyd and Jan Bottom

724-459-7434.

Dance Information:

7:30-10:00 PM, Every Friday

Blairsville High School

102 School Lane

Blairsville, PA 15717

Caller: Norm Shaffor

724 388-1909

Level: Plus

Comments: Casual or Formal
attire welcome

Attire: June through September,
casual only

North Hills Squares

President: Brian Schultz

V-President: Tina Stover

Secretary: Sue Korinckak Joe
continues with caller contracts.

Treasurer: Linda Womsley.

helped at club by: Irene Rudy &
Sharon Kopp.

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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

Dance Information

Mainstream & Plus Squares

(and Rounds upon request)

Sept-May Every Tues (except
Holidays, Election days, and Tue's
before Easter & Thanksgiving and
after Christmas)

Jun-Aug Every other Tues

(starting first Tue in June)

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM - \$4

(incl refreshments)

Covenant Community Church

1630 Greentree Rd

Pittsburgh PA 15220

Caller: Guest callers every dance

Best callers from SW PA, OH, &

WV

Lessons Instructor - Shawn Brown

(Thursdays, Sept - April, Mt. Lebanon)

Cuer: Occasional. Call for info

Attire: Yes ☺

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The Spinners

Contact Information:

Contact Information

Rich Williams 412-915-4333

Ron Giuliana 724-861-5884

Cell: 412-554-1809

Dance Information:

7:30-10:00 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, &

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

cell 412-629-7079 or

home 724-776-2029

Contact Information:

Sharon Kopp 724-266-3232

E-mail:

sharon.kopp@yahoo.com

Russ Stewart 412-780-0047

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

Cuer: Guest cuers

Level: Plus & Rounds

Attire: Casual: June, July &

August

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
2/12/2019	North Hills Squares	Valentine Dance	Jim Yoest	
2/12/2019	Peanut Squares	Be My Valentine	Lisa Minton	
2/12/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/13/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/14/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
2/15/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance (Call First)	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/15/2019	The Spinners	No Dance		
2/17/2019	Friendly Squares	Snow Ball	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
2/18/19	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/19/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
2/19/2019	Peanut Squares	Plaid is Rad	Doug Saunders	
2/19/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/20/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/21/2019	Y-Knots	Hobo Dance	Sharon Kopp	Bob & Patsy Heath
2/22/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
2/22/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/22/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest	
2/23/2019	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	No Dance		
2/25/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/26/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Rich Williams	
2/26/2019	Peanut Squares	Chocolate Everything	Doug Saunders	
2/26/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/27/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/28/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
3/1/2019	Mountainview Squares	Student Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/1/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
3/3/2019	Friendly Squares	Mardi Gras (See Special Dances)	Ed Pabst	Bob & Patsy Heath
3/4/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/5/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
3/5/2019	Peanut Squares	Fat Tuesday Dance	Scott Brown	
3/5/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/6/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/7/2019	Y-Knots	Student Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/8/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	St Patrick's Day Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/8/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/8/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
3/9/2019	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/11/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/12/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
3/12/2019	Peanut Squares	Kiss Me I'm Irish	Tom Mohney	
3/12/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/13/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/14/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
3/15/2019	Mountainview Squares	Guest Caller	Denny Steiner	Records
3/15/2019	The Spinners	No Dance		
3/17/2019	Friendly Squares	St Patrick's Day Dance	Jim Yoest	
3/18/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/19/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
3/19/2019	Peanut Squares	Student Dance	Shawn Brown	

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
3/19/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/20/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/21/2019	Y-Knots	Spring Flowers Dance	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
3/22/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/22/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/22/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
3/23/2019	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Anniversary Dinner Dance (See Special Dances)	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/25/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/26/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
3/26/2019	Peanut Squares	Wear Purple	Paul Lake	
3/26/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/27/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/28/2019	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Denny Steiner	Carla Eilenfeld
3/29/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/29/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest	
3/31/2019	WPSRDF Hosted by Y-Knots	Sophomore Dance (See Special Dances)	Brad Deibert & Jim Yoest	
4/1/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/2/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/2/2019	Peanut Squares			
4/2/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/3/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/4/2019	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
4/5/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
4/5/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
4/7/2019	Friendly Squares	April Showers Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/8/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/9/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/9/2019	Peanut Squares			
4/9/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/10/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/11/2019	Y-Knots	Easter Bonnets	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
4/12/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Bunny Hop	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/12/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
4/12/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
4/13/2019	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/15/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/16/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/16/2019	Peanut Squares			
4/16/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/17/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/18/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
4/19/2019	Mountainview Squares	No Dance		
4/19/2019	The Spinners	No Dance		
4/21/2019	Friendly Squares	No Dance		
4/22/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/23/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/23/2019	Peanut Squares			
4/23/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/24/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/25/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
4/26/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert

Special Dance Schedule

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
3/3/2019	Friendly Squares	Mardi Gras	Ed Pabst	Bob & Patsy Heath
3/23/2019	Franklin Squares	Anniversary Dinner Dance Potluck 6:00PM	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/31/2019	WPSRDF Hosted by Y-Knots \$4.00/person \$2.00/student Used Clothing Sale!	Sophomore Dance 2-5 PM at Parkwood Church 4289 Mt Royal Blvd Allison Park, PA 15101	Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/27/2019	Y-Knots	At North Hills Baptist Church 2-5pm	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson
5/3/2019	Mountainview Squares	41st Anniversary Dinner & Dance Covered Dish 6:15	Norm Shaffor	Records

To schedule a special dance, please contact the editor.

Student Dance Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Club/Theme	Caller
3/1/2019	Friday	7:30-10PM	Mountainview	Norm Shaffor
3/7/2019	Thursday	7:30-10PM	Y-Knots	Brad Deibert
3/19/2019	Tuesday	7:30-10PM	Peanuts	Shawn Brown
3/30/2019	Sunday	2-5PM See Special Dances	WPSRDF (Y-Knots) Sophomore Dance Used Clothing Sale	Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert

Visitation Program Update

WOW! Happy-Go-Lucky just keeps on truckin' and they don't seem to be looking back. In the last two months they have nearly doubled their stats with 5 visits, 6 points and 26 visitors. Regrettably, they didn't host any visitors during this period.

Franklin and Friendly did double their stats but two times, well, you know... Franklin did host Friendly once and Happy twice and Friendly hosted HGL twice.

Mountainview had no movement at all but they also scored big hosting visitors. On December 9th they had a Hat Trick receiving all three competing clubs.

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	Rd. Comp.	Next Rd. Visits	Total Points	Total Visitors
Franklin	0	2	2	8
Friendly	1	2	6	27
Happy-Go-Lucky	3	2	15	63
Mountainview	1	0	5	20

Club Reports

Dance-A-Round

Reporter:
No report submitted.

Franklin Squares

Reporter: Brad Deibert
No report submitted.

Friendly Squares

Reporter: Joanne Petrillo
Christmas Dinner was delicious! We, at Friendly's want to



thank all who made food and sweets for us to enjoy a wonderful time with Brad Deibert Calling and Cueing (We had a great turnout for six squares and a visitation by Happy-Go-Lucky; also our own students were invited and danced very well).

January 27th was our Souper Bowl Student Dance rescheduled from the previous week where our club members made their favorite soups.

February 17, SNOWBALL DANCE, Brad Deibert calling and cueing.

March 3, MARDI GRAS, Ed Pabst calling and Bob Heath Cueing.

March 17, SAINT PATRICK DAY, Jim Yoest Calling, NO Cueing.

April 7, APRIL SHOWERS with Brad Deibert Calling and Cueing

May 5, EARLY MOTHER'S DAY! With Jim Yoest Calling. NO Cueing.

May 19, STUDENT GRADUATION, Brad Deibert Calling and Cueing

June 2, American Pie, with Brad Deibert Calling.

Every dance will be at St. Benedict's, UNLESS OTHERWISE noted on the schedule.

WATCH for EMAILS for changes and addition to the newsletter. ANY QUESTIONS?

Please call Louise Stewart - 412-302-1960 or Sue Hopf - 412-606-8819

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

Reporter: Mary Ann Markowitz

Our club is sorry to announce that retired caller, Walt Smith, passed away on January 5th. Walt & his late wife, Nancy were honorary members of Happy Go Lucky. When Walt was still calling, he would call our Demos & Picnics. Nancy was our club cuer. Walt & Nancy would attend our Club's fall week ends at Pine Slopes in Champion, PA. Walt would call so we could dance and Nancy and Walt would also entertain us by doing skits. I still miss those great week ends.

I want to thank Fran & Pete Reynolds for all they did to make



our 2018 Christmas Dinner/Dance an enjoyable event. Also thanks to everyone who brought delicious covered dishes. Also another big thanks to everyone who helped cleaned up after the dinner. Brad called & cued an enjoyable dance. We all had a



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great time.

February 08 will be our Valentine Day Dance. Bring your "sweetie" and also wear something red. Our guest caller on February 22nd, will be Steve Staub. Steve will be calling and cueing. It is easy to dance to Steve. Our St. Patrick's Day March 17th but our St. Patrick Day dance will be on March 08. We'll be wearing the Green that night and Square Dancing and Round Dancing to Brad McDeibert.

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. He will call & cue every dance except when we have a guest caller/cuer. We dress in Square Wear from September 1 until June 1. We welcome dancers who dress in casual clothes 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. Just a few blocks North of the Monongahela River. The church is accessible 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 Jean Napiecek 724 872-1509.

Feb 08 Brad Deibert – Valentine Dance

Feb 22 Steve Staub – Caller & Cuer

Mar 08 Brad Deibert – St. Patrick Day

Mar 22 Brad Deibert

Apr 12 Brad Deibert – Bunny Hop

"Let someone know how special they are to you."

Iron City Squares

Reporter: Joe Nardi

No report submitted.

Mountainview Squares

Reporter: Jan Bottom

Our Holidays started out with our Christmas Dance on December 9th. As expected, 'Stormin' Norman kept us moving in the squares and Brad with the round dances. We had a lot of fun dancing to the Christmas songs and thank both Norm and Brad for helping us get in the spirit of the Holidays. Thanks to all who joined us and helped to make the party special and to Marna Conrad and her Committee for a great job.

From what I understand, our New Year's Eve Party was a lot of fun. I was home on the couch nursing a cold wishing I was there. Thanks to Norm for calling, to everyone who brought snacks and to Ernie and Kay Barger and their committee for the good food. Special thanks to Dale Wyles, Betty Harbaugh, and Chuck and Sue Rakiecz for coming to celebrate with us.

REMINDER – We dance in the Blairsville Middle school cafeteria and if school is cancelled for any reason, our dance will probably be cancelled so if you plan to join us for a dance, please call to make sure we haven't been cancelled. Also, we will post it on the google list.

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

MAR 1ST - STUDENT DANCE – NORM SHAFFOR

CALLING – Bring your students so they have an opportunity to dance with a different caller.

MAR 15TH – GUEST CALLER – DENNY STEINER – We are looking forward to dancing with Denny

APR 19TH – GOOD FRIDAY – NO DANCE

MAY 3RD – CLUB ANNIVERSARY COVERED DISH DINNER AND DANCE

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

North Hills Squares

Reporter: Sharon Kopp

We can all agree that this has been strange winter weather, but square dancing goes on. North Hills squares had a delicious Christmas dinner. Pictures will show our enjoyment.



In 2019 Barb MacDonald and Sue Korinchak called on January 8. On January 22 Sharon Kopp was the caller with Dean Rath calling a tip and Barb MacDonald called a 6-couple square/rectangle.

Our upcoming usual great dancing nights are:
February 12 our Valentine dance with Jim Yoest calling
February 26 – Rich Williams will be calling
March 12 & 26 – Ed Foote is calling

On Tuesdays our class starts at 7pm with the class dancing the 1st two tips with the club. The opposite Tuesdays class is at Kane Hospital. If you want to brush up on Plus calls come and be an Angel.

Peanut Squares

Reporter: Sara Frey

Come join Peanut Squares every Tuesday at Covenant Com-



Y-Knot's
February, March and April 2019 Dances

FEBRUARY 7th, 2019
"Valentine Dance"
New Dancer Night
Jim Yoest – Caller
Nathan Parrott – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm



FEBRUARY 14th, 2019
NO DANCE

FEBRUARY 21st, 2019
"Hobo Night"
Sharon Kopp – Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm



FEBRUARY 28th, 2019
NO DANCE

MARCH 7th, 2019
New Dancer Night
Brad Diebert – Caller
Brad Diebert – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm



MARCH 14th, 2019
NO DANCE
ATTEND WASCA

MARCH 21st, 2019
"Spring Flowers"
Jim Yoest - Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm



MARCH 28^h, 2019
Denny Steiner - Caller
Carla Eilenfeld – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

MARCH 31st, 2019
"Sophomore Dance"
At Parkwood Church
Sunday 2pm to 5pm
Jim Yoest – Caller
Brad Diebert – Caller

APRIL 4th, 2019
Jim Yoest – Caller
Nathan Parrott - Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

APRIL 11th, 2019
"Easter Bonnets"
Jim Yoest – Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

APRIL 18th, 2019
NO DANCE – HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 25th, 2019
NO DANCE
ATTEND SATURDAY DANCE

APRIL 27th, 2019
2pm to 5pm
Howard Williamson – Caller
Donna Williamson – Cuer

TIME: 7:30PM TO 10:00PM
North Hills Community Baptist Church
7801 Thompson Run Road
Pittsburgh, PA. 15237

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munity Presbyterian Church in Greentree, PA from 7:30-10pm for \$4. The new students will graduate the end of January and there may be a PLUS class depending on interest. We have enjoyed the mild winter so far and had no cancellations, so we are dancing every week to a guest caller! See our pictures.....

The Spinners

Reporter: Ron Giuliana

The Spinners held their annual Christmas party. We had 2 plus squares. The calling was provided by Jim, Brad, Rich and Ron. We had plenty of food to snack on. We had a great time socializing and had some time to dance. If you have



danced advanced before, cone pay us a visit. We would love to see you. Submitted by Ron Giuliana.

Thunderbolts

Reporter: Emma Lou Shaffor

No report submitted.

Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club

Reporter: Jeanne Maier

Starting with December we lucked out in the weather department. Not a whole lot of snow. And the temperature was-

n't all that cold. In the next months we will have many theme dances and especially student dances for you to participate in and bring your students to. Like last year I hope the weather will cooperate with us so that we get nice turnouts. Look forward to seeing many of you in the days ahead.

Dancing Dates:

February 7th – NEW DANCER AND VALENTINE'S DAY
DANCE Remember bring your students to our dance
Jim Yoest – Caller, Nathan Parrott – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

February 14th – NO DANCE

February 21st - HOBO NIGHT DANCE
Sharon Kopp - Caller, Bob Heath – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

February 28th - NO DANCE

March 7th – NEW DANCER NIGHT
Remember bring your students to our dance
Brad Diebert – Caller, Brad Diebert – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

March 14th – NO DANCE - ATTEND WASCA

March 21st - SPRING FLOWERS
Jim Yoest - Caller, Bob Heath – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

March 28th – Denny Steiner – Caller, Carla Eilenfeld - Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

March 31st – SOPHOMORE DANCE AT PARKWOOD
CHURCH

Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert Caller
Brad Deibert – Cuer

April 4th - Jim Yoest – Caller, Nathan Parrott – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

April 11th – EASTER BONNETS
Jim Yoest – Caller, Nathan Parrott – Cuer
Student Lessons start at 7pm

April 18th – NO DANCE – HOLY THURSDAY

April 25th – NO DANCE – ATTEND SATURDAYS DANCE

April 27th – SATURDAY DANCE - 2pm to 5pm
Howard Williamson – Caller
Donna Williamson - Cuer

To all club reporters:

Please submit your April reports by March 10.

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the walls is if the caller says: "Promenade, don't slow down, heads (or sides Wheel Around." **Solution:** Take it upon yourself to make slight adjustments on the next 2 or 3 calls to get the set aligned with walls. This means slightly overdoing or under-doing some calls. This will cause others next to you to do this also, and thus the set slowly becomes aligned with the walls.

If the caller pauses after calling the "Wheel Around" before giving the next call, you can try signaling the square while it is standing there to adjust slightly to align with the walls. The dancers will go along with you, either because they recognize

what you are trying to do, or because they don't know about walls and will follow anyone who seems to know what they are doing.

Note: If the caller sees you making an effort to get your square aligned with walls, he/she will sometimes pause a little to allow you time to do this. Also, the caller will know you are a good dancer and will watch your square for the entire dance. It is a nice feeling to know that the caller needs you to successfully complete his/her program.

SUMMARY: If you do everything listed here, YOU will save your square. You will also become recognized as a good dancer who knows what is going on.



**Join Us For This Years
Afternoon Dance
With
Howard Williamson
The Caller
And
Donna Williamson
The Cuer**

**Date: Saturday April 27th, 2019
Dance: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club
North Hills Community Baptist Church
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Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237**



Walt Smith

In Memoriam

Submitted by Steve Staub

Not many people in the square dance activity today will know or remember the name Walt Smith, but certainly he is a man worth mentioning and remembering.



Walt passed away in early January. His wife Nancy died in 2018. Walt and Nancy started out dancing at Swinging Squares of Irwin about 1980. A few years later Walt started learning to call. He taught their class for a short time then became club caller for the Footloose Squares. He also did guest calling for clubs in the area. Nancy became a round dance cuer and cued rounds for the Happy-Go-Lucky Squares. Walt continued to call despite suffering a stroke some years but

eventually it was too much for him and Nancy to continue on.

They were a first class couple and for decades were very dedicated to the Square dance activity! They will certainly be missed by the activity and this caller!

Obituary

Walter Smith, 89, of North Huntingdon, passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at RNC Greensburg. He was born Aug. 16, 1929, in West Mifflin, a son of the late William H. and Laura (Shuster) Smith.

Prior to his retirement, Walter worked as a maintenance man at Penn State McKeesport. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of North Huntingdon, a square dance caller for 25 years and an active participant in various square dance clubs, and a 50-year member of Duquesne-McKeesport Masonic Lodge 731 Free and Accepted Masons. He was a member of White Oak American Legion Post 701 and a veteran of the Marines, having served during the Korean War where he was a Purple Heart recipient.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy (Campbell) Smith; brother, Thomas Smith; and grandson, Brian Weigle. He is survived by daughters, Laura Burk (Robert) and Karen Weigle (Jere); grandchildren, Megan (J.W.) Lattimer, Katie (Cody) Frick and Corey (Autumn) Weigle; and great-grandchildren, Kinley, Dakota and Abigail.



Photos

MERRY CHRISTMAS



From Mt. View and friends at our Christmas Dance Dec. 9, 2018 at The Lamplighter



Photos



Happy-Go-Lucky Christmas



Photos



Christmas Dance



Peanuts Pins & Needles Dance



The Spinners Christmas Dance



Photos



North Hills Squares' Christmas Dinner Dance



LINDA WOMSLEY RECEIVED OUR CLUB'S PILLAR OF RECOGNITION FOR HER SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLUB OVER THE YEARS.



Friendly's Christmas Dinner Dance



Minutes for the October Federation Meeting

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

Minutes of the December 10, 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. One change- the new email for Tony and Diana Rock should not have a 's' after Rock. With this change the Motion to approve Martin Ray, seconded by Floyd Bottom. They were approved by all.

Dick McCracken, (Treasurer), reported that the Income totaled \$144.0 and Disbursements totaled \$376.89 with the majority of funds to go to Visitation rewards. Balance on hand September 30, 2018 balance is \$6831.12. November 30, 2018 balance is \$6598.23. Emma Lou Shaffor moved and Jan Bottom seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Note that Dick has a new email address: richard.w.mcracken@gmail.com

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. 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 2019, Dick McCracken collected subscriptions for print version. In addition, google members will receive an electronic copy. To be sure you are part of the google group contact Tony Rock at his new email tony.diana.rock@gmail.com

Traveling Banner: The Traveling banner attended the Fall Festival. Contact Barb MacDonald if desired at other locations.

Insurance: Barb MacDonald thanks all the clubs for completing their insurance in a timely fashion. It was mailed on December 11th. This year more information was submitted online in a different format. We paid insurance on 220 individual dancers with 63 folks participating in more than one club. But only pay insurance once.

Friendship Club: 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 danglers 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 Fall Festival dance and has been updated to reflect the new officers and pictures.

State Federation: no report was given.

Sunshine Committee: Helen sent out 1 sympathy cards and several get well cards. Let Helen know if you have information to share. Her email is [<hnaimark@hotmail.com>](mailto:hnaimark@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 their new email-- tony.diana.rock@gmail.com Mark your email as IMPORTANT to catch Tony's attention.

WPSRDF Web Site Coordinator: Roy Nagy can be contacted at a new email address, roynagy629@comcast.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 infor-

mation up to date.

Pittsburgh Area Caller/Cuer Association: They usually have a mainstream dance in January so be alert for a google message.

Visitation Program: - Friendly Squares won both plaques. Most visitors and the most visits. See list of names receiving danglers in the West Pen News as well as clubs participating this year and the score card.

From 2017-8 Friendly Squares received \$79.06, Mountainview Squares \$55.00, Happy Go Lucky \$51.56 and Franklin Squares \$34.38. Each participating club earned more than their \$30.00 cost both here and in visitors to their club. It is a win-win for participating clubs. Consider becoming involved next fall.

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:

Fall Festival 2018- North Hills hosted the fall Festival 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 called and Donna Williamson cued. WPSRDF continued with buy one get one or reduced pricing to benefit all dancers. There were 49 dancers. The cost to the Federation including the \$100.00 for the hosting club was \$365.00

USDA Special Dance

This dance will be held Friday January 25, 2019 from 7:30-10:00 at Unity (formerly Wallace) Presbyterian Church 1146 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh 15220 and hosted by Dance A Round. Brad Deibert to call and Bob Heath to cue. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Flyers provided. All clubs are encouraged to participate. Dance A Round will receive \$100 for hosting this dance and any outstanding expenses.

New Business

Sophomore Dance 2019-Y-Knots will host this event.

The date is March 31, 2019 at Parkwood Presbyterian Church on Mt. Royal Blvd. Time is 2:00-5:00 with

Brad Deibert and Jim Yoest calling and Brad also doing rounds. Same place, same great experience. Look for flyers in February. Encourage students to participate.

Directory: - Barb is considering creating a new directory since the previous is now 2 years old. Barb would need a new list of club officers since our last directory in 2017. She would need names, addresses and phone numbers of graduating students to complete this. You can send that information to bmacd@zoominternet.net Some changes in format are being considered with a decision to be made in February. Dick will work on pricing after we know how many pages.

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. Encourage them to attend student dances posted in the West Pen News or advertised on the google group.**

Upcoming Special Club Dance Announcements from the Floor:

Mountainview: New Years' Eve Dance- see flyer

Future Dates to Remember

59th Ohio Convention May 3-5, 2019 in Aurora Ohio. Nice location and great event.

Upcoming National Square Dance Conventions:

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

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

Next WPSRDF meeting is Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM. Drive Carefully and Enjoy Dancing.

It was moved by Martin Ray and seconded Dottie Kletke to adjourn at 8:08PM.

Thanks to Dottie Kletke for bringing cookies.

Thanks for help cleaning up.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacDonald, Secretary



**The
Sophomore Dance
Hosted by
Y-Knot**



**Square & Round Dance Club
with
Jim Yoest - Caller
And
Brad Deibert - Caller**

**\$8.00/Couple or \$4.00/Person
\$2.00/New Dancers**



**Date: March 31st, 2019
Dance: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**



**There will be a
Used Clothing Sale**

**Remember the Place to Be is
PARKWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4289 Mt. Royal Blvd.
Allison Park, Pa. 15101**