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50th Fall Festival



North Hills Squares did an excellent job hosting the 50th annual WPSRDF Fall Festival with Howard and Donna Williamson providing the entertainment.

Visitation Program awards were presented and even some dancers from outside our Federation attended.

See more details in North Hills' report.



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FOOTE NOTES**SECRET HINTS FOR DANCING LOAD THE BOAT**

If Load the Boat is going to break down, it will be due to the centers. The reason is that the initial Pass Thru in the center is too big. This happens because the dancers take two full steps after passing shoulders in the Pass Thru.

The result is the center box is now so big that people lose their orientation, which causes the square to break down. Or, if the square does not break down, it takes too long to finish the call, which means the square is now behind the other squares on the floor.

SECRET HINT. The centers Pass Thru must be VERY SHORT. In other words, after the centers pass right shoulders in doing the initial Pass Thru, they must IMMEDIATELY turn their back on the flagpole center of the square.

As a caller, how do I get them to do this? By painting a visual picture of what should happen. I say these specific words: "You must stay very close to the person with whom you are doing the Pass Thru. This means the material on your sleeve should be in constant contact with the material on the other person's sleeve - during the 'turn out' part and also during the Partner Trade."

I also tell them that they are too far apart if any daylight can be seen between their shoulder and the other person's shoulder during the "turn out" and the Partner Trade."

Then, as a joke, but also to paint the visual picture, I say: "Think of it as a no-hands Yellow Rock." Dancers will often treat this as a fun thing and start bumping each other intentionally, but it means they have gotten the idea,

I have found that these 3 visual pictures: material on the sleeves, no daylight and the Yellow Rock, get the job done.

If you are a dancer helping out a Plus class, and the caller does not emphasize this idea of being very close in the center, be sure and tell people what has been mentioned here. You will be helping them a great deal.

NOTE: Sometimes the centers, after the initial Pass Thru, will face in (instead of out) and then slide sideways. This puts them in the correct position, but they have made 2 mistakes to get there. I have seen this done by people who have been dancing for years.

For some reason, it is always the girls who do this, never the boys. Perhaps it is a psychological thing that girls do not want to turn their back on someone.

If a person is doing this, they need to be corrected right away, because if they keep doing this for a long time it will be very difficult for them to break the habit later. If they encounter a caller at a workshop who starts fractionalizing the center part, they will break down the square. It also means that anyone seeing them dance this way will think they are a poor dancer.

If you are a dancer helping out at a Plus class, and you see someone doing this, be sure to say something to that person during the break. The action is so subtle that the caller may miss seeing it while calling.

WHAT TO TELL THE OUTSIDERS. They have the easy part - just pass 3 people and face in. The only thing they may do wrong is go too slow. If this happens, tell them to speed up.

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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

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412-561-9153,

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412-367-1029

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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

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

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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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. Leba-

non)

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

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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

cell 412-629-7079 or

home 724-776-2029

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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
12/11/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
12/11/2018	Peanut Squares	Crazy Pants Night	Jim Yoest	
12/11/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
12/12/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
12/13/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
12/14/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Christmas Dinner Dance See Special Dances	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/14/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
12/14/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
12/15/2018	Franklin Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance See Special Dances	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/16/2018	Friendly Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance See Special Dances	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/17/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
12/18/2018	North Hills Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance See Special Dances	Ed Foote	
12/18/2018	Peanut Squares	Christmas Dance See Special Dances	Steve Staub	
12/19/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
12/20/2018	Y-Knots	Christmas Celebration	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
12/21/2018	Mountainview Squares	No Dance		
12/21/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
12/22/2018	Franklin Squares	No Dance		
12/24/2018	Dance-A-Round	No Dance		
12/25/2018	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
12/25/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
12/25/2018	Thunderbolts	No Dance		
12/26/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
12/27/2018	Y-Knots	No Dance		
12/28/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	No Dance		
12/28/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	No Dance		
12/31/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
12/31/2018	Mountainview Squares	New Years 9-Midnight See Special Dances	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/1/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
1/1/2019	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
1/1/2019	Thunderbolts			
1/2/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/3/2019	Y-Knots	Snowmen	Barb MacDonald and Another	Nathan Parrott
1/4/2019	Mountainview Squares	Student Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/4/2019	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
1/6/2019	Friendly Squares	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	
1/7/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/8/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Check the Google Group	Check the Google Group
1/8/2019	Peanut Squares	New Years Resolution Dance	Brad Deibert	
1/8/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/9/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/10/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
1/11/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/11/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
1/11/2019	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
1/12/2019	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/14/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/15/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
1/15/2019	Peanut Squares	No More Resolution Dance	Doug Saunders	
1/15/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/16/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/17/2019	Y-Knots	Student Dance	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
1/18/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/18/2019	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
1/20/2019	Friendly Squares	Student Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/21/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/22/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Check the Google Group	Check the Google Group
1/22/2019	Peanut Squares	Black & Gold Dance	Steve Staub	
1/22/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/23/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/24/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
1/25/2019	WPSRDF Hosted by Dance-A-Round	USDA Winter Meeting Dance	Brad Deibert	Bob & Patsy Heath
1/25/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/25/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/25/2019	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
1/26/2019	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/28/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/29/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
1/29/2019	Peanut Squares	Graduation	Shawn Brown	
1/29/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/30/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/31/2019	Y-Knots	Sweat Shirt Dance	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
2/1/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
2/1/2019	Mountainview Squares	Student Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/1/2019	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
2/3/2019	Friendly Squares	No Dance		
2/4/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/5/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
2/5/2019	Peanut Squares	Hawaiian Luau	Neil Hamer	
2/5/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/6/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/7/2019	Y-Knots	Student Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
2/8/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/8/2019	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
2/9/2019	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
2/11/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/12/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Check the Google Group	Check the Google Group
2/12/2019	Peanut Squares			
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	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert

Special Dance Schedule

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
12/14/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	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	
12/18/2018	North Hills Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Ed Foote	
12/31/2018	Mountainview Squares at Blairsville U.P.Church	New Years Eve Dance 9pm-Midnight	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/25/2019	WPSRDF Hosted by Dance-A-Round	USDA Winter Meeting Dance at Unity Presbyterian Church See Flyer Back Page	Brad Deibert	Bob & Patsy Heath
3/3/2019	Friendly Squares	Mardi Gras	To Be Announced	Bob & Patsy Heath
3/31/2019	WPSRDF Hosted by Y-Knots	Sophomore Dance at Parkwood Church 2-5pm	Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/27/2019	Y-Knots	At North Hills Baptist Church 2-5pm	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson

To schedule a special dance, please contact the editor.

Student Dance Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Club/Theme	Caller
1/4/2019	Friday	7:30-10PM	Mountainview	Norm Shaffor
1/17/2019	Thursday	7:30-10PM	Y-Knots	Jim Yoest
1/20/2019	Sunday	7-9:30PM	Friendly	Brad Deibert
2/1/2019	Friday	7:30-10PM	Mountainview	Norm Shaffor
2/7/2019	Thursday	7:30-10PM	Y-Knots	Jim Yoest
3/1/2019	Friday	7:30-10PM	Mountainview	Norm Shaffor
2/7/2019	Thursday	7:30-10PM	Y-Knots	Brad Deibert
3/30/2019	Sunday	2-5PM	WPSRDF (Y-Knots) Sophomore Dance	Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert

Visitation Program Update

Autumn is looking like the favorite time of the year for Happy-Go-Lucky and Mountainview. After busting out of the gate with the lead, Happy kicked it up a notch and put even more distance between themselves and number two MV. With three 1 point and two 2 point visits they have completed round two and moving on.

Mountainview almost kept pace completing their first round with a couple of 2 point visits to Friendly and Franklin.

Friendly finally got started with a 2 point visit to HGL and a one pointer to Franklin.

Franklin meanwhile, couldn't seem to get it in gear, but seeing their record from last year they'll surely get it going.

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	1	1	4
Friendly	0	2	3	13
Happy-Go-Lucky	2	0	9	37
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
We had busy time and fun time at our 46th Anniversary dinner and Johnny Appleseed dances. Thank you callers Brad



Deibert, Ron Anderson and Bob Heath cueing. We want to thank all our members who came out to set up, decorate and provide goodies.

November 18th, regular dance with Jim Yoest calling, NO cueing.

December 2nd, a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling, NO cueing.

December 16th, The Christmas Dance, with Brad Deibert calling and cueing

That will complete the year, 2018. We hope everyone had a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 6th, a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling, NO cueing.

January 20, STUDENT dance and SOUP NIGHT with Brad Deibert calling and cueing

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

March 3, MARDI GRAS, Caller to be announced 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, with 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 schedule.

Watch EMAILS for changes and addition to the newsletter. ANY QUESTIONS. Please call Louise Stewart - 412-302-1960 or Sue Hopf - 413-606-8819.

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

Reporter: Mary Ann Markowitz

September 26, 2018 was the worst day of my life. I lost my husband of 60 years. Nick hadn't been able to dance since 2011 but he enjoyed coming to our clubs dances just to see his friends. Our club members always felt like family. Thank you to all the dancers that came to his viewing, sent Masses or cards. I have had a few bad moments like writing the above but I'm doing well otherwise.

Our number of squares is down, but we still have a good time at our dances. We appreciate the visitors that do visit us. Brad calls most of our dances and he always makes them enjoyable.

We held our Elections of Officers for 2019. They are:

President: Fran Reynolds

Vice President: Ken Rose

Treasurer: George Cochran/Jean Napiecek

Secretary: Mary Ann Markowitz

Federation Reps: George & Linda Storer

Phone Tree: Jean Napiecek

Club Caller: Brad Deibert

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 Monogahela River. The church is assessable from either Rt. 837South or Rt.885South. The church is in the Wilson area of Clairton. We dance in the church's 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.

Dec 14Brad Deibert - Christmas Buffet/Dance

Jan 11Brad Deibert

Jan 25Brad Seibert

Feb 01 Brad Deibert

Feb 15 Brad Deibert Club Caller: Brad Deibert

"Holiday Greetings to all our friends from Happy Go Lucky"

Iron City Squares

Reporter: Joe Nardi

No report submitted.

Mountainview Squares

Reporter: Jan Bottom

Hi from Blairsville.

Club Reports

Our Autumn Fest dance in September was a lot of fun thanks to Ed and Lynn Scott and their committee and all the dancers who supported us. 'Stormin' Norman and Brad had us moving with their calling and Brad with the cues. Thanks to Mountainview members and those of you who graciously brought snacks, we had a good time eating all afternoon too.

Thanks to Brad Deibert and Steve Staub, our guest callers in October, our students were able to try their hand at dancing with someone different which as you know is always a challenge but I am happy to report they did fine.

As this goes to print, we look forward to our Christmas Dinner Dance at the Lamplighter in Delmont and hope you were able to join us.

NOTE: With winter coming on, we want to remind everyone that we dance in a school and if classes are cancelled for any reason including snow, we will not be allowed to dance there and will cancel our dance 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:

DEC 21ST – NO DANCE – MERRY CHRISTMAS

DEC 28TH – HOLIDAYS – NO DANCE

DEC 31ST – NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE – NORM

SHAFFOR CALLING AND CUEING BY RECORDS UNLESS WE HAPPEN TO HAVE A CUER SHOW UP

- Dancing 9 – Midnight; snacks during the evening and pork, sauerkraut and lots of other goodies served at midnight. Come and bring in 2019 with us!!

The members of Mountainview Squares wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and much health and happiness in 2019.

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 hosted the WPSRDF Fall Festival on October 13. There were 6 squares dancing to the calling/cueing of Howard & Donna Williamson. There was a DBD tip and 2 squares for Advance. All clubs should consider hosting a WPSRDF Sophomore or Fall dance. The club does the set up but are reimbursed and is paid \$100 for their efforts plus receipt of the 50/50 payout. Y-Knots is hosting



the Sophomore dance on March 31, 2019. Who is hosting the Fall Festival?

The Halloween dance had everyone dressing up. Jim & Jackie were Mickey & Minnie, Red Riding Hood was there, Chet was pharaoh, Dottie was a bumble bee and June had an outfit with spiders. If you hate clowns you would not have liked seeing Tina in her clown outfit, makeup, big shoes and wig. Ron & Mary were from Tool Time with tool belts. My favorite and a shocker--Dominique in a hospital gown with her butt exposed. You had to take a second look when she was walking with her walker.

North Hills had 10 dancers raid Y-Knots November 8 to retrieve their banner. A banner raid back is scheduled for the 1st dance of 2019 on January 3.

Our Christmas Dinner/Dance is on December 18. Look for our flyer.

Our upcoming great dancing nights are:

For December 4, 11 & 18 Ed Foote is calling.

On Google our January callers will be announced.

In 2019 January & February NHS dances the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. On Tuesdays our class starts at 7pm with the class dancing the 1st two tips with the club. When NHS does not have a cuer, Matt & Maureen Lebo play dance music and line dances between tips.

Peanut Squares

Reporter: Sara Frey

Come join Peanut Squares every Tuesday at Covenant Community Presbyterian Church in Greentree, PA from 7:30-10pm for \$4. Peanut Squares beginner lessons taught by Shawn Brown are going very well. There are about 10-12 new students at lessons and as always our angels are helping out.

On Columbus Day, Ron Anderson brought his whole club from Ohio for a banner raid! One of our favorite dances is of course the Halloween Dance. See if you can tell who is wearing



what costume! (Page 15)

Here is the Peanuts Schedule for December 2018 and January 2019:

December 4, 2018 Tom Mohny Brown Shoe Dance

December 11, 2018 Jim Yoest Crazy Pants

December 18, 2018 Steve Staub Christmas Dance

 *North Hills Squares*

NOTE: 
date & place

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

ED Foote

& Matt Lebo
dance music

TUESDAY, DEC, 18
2018

Reservations by
DEC 10 TH

6:30 PM

Catered
dinner



St Paul's United
Methodist Church
1965 Ferguson Rd
Allison Park 15101

\$ 20.00 pp Dinner & Dance
\$ 15.00 pp Dinner only-
includes students



CLASS DANCES 1ST & 2ND & 3rd TIPS

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH HILLS SQUARES



LINDA WOMSLEY (club treasurer) will collect
or mail to 117 Mason dr. Glenshaw 15116

NAME:.....

Dinner/Dance_\$ _____

Dinner only:\$ _____

dub_____

Club Reports

December 25, 2018 No Dance
 January 1, 2019 No Dance
 January 8, 2019 Brad Deibert New Years Resolution Dance
 January 15, 2019 Doug Saunders No More Resolution Dance
 January 22, 2019 Steve Staub Black and Gold Dance
 January 29, 2019 Shawn Brown Mainstream Graduation/ Groundhog Day Dance
 February 5, 2019 Neil Harner Hawaiian Luau Dance

The Spinners

Reporter: Ron Giuliani

The Spinners group is doing well. We have 2 plus squares at each dance. We celebrated, kind of, a Halloween party. Ron wore a warlock / witches hat. We have been going through the advanced list, but it's funny how we get mixed up with some of the mainstream and plus calls. Could it be because they are from different set ups? We are a relaxed fun group that just enjoys dancing. If you are an advanced dancer, or were one in the past and want to dust off the cobwebs, come visit us. You will be glad you did, and we would love to see you. As I write this, it is before Thanksgiving, and when you read it, it will be after Thanksgiving. We hope your holiday was great, and that you have a very Merry Christmas! We hope to see you on the dance floor.

Thunderbolts

Reporter: Emma Lou Shaffor

No report submitted.

Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club

Reporter: Jeanne Maier

By the time you get this report we will be into the winter season. We did get a few students and hopefully Mick picked the pictures from our Halloween dance that they were in. It's time for the snow birds to leave us, we say goodbye and we will miss you. Hopefully we won't have a lot of snow to deal with this year. Our club wishes all of you a "Merry Xmas" and a "Happy New Year".

Check out the schedule below.



December 6th – Ron Anderson – Caller
 Carla Eilenfeld – Cuer
 December 13th – Jim Yoest – Caller
 Nathan Parrott - Cuer
 December 20th - "Christmas Celebration"
 Jim Yoest – Caller
 Bob Heath – Cuer
 December 27th – NO DANCE- "Happy New Year"
 January 3rd - "Snowmen"
 Barb MacDonald and Another – Caller
 Nathan Parrott - Cuer
 January 10th - NO DANCE
 January 17th - First Student Dance of the Year
 Jim Yoest – Caller Bob Heath – Cuer
 January 24th - NO DANCE
 January 31st - "Sweat Shirt Night" Steve Staub – Caller
 Steve Staub – Cuer
 February 7th – Second Student Dance of the Year
 "Valentine Day Dance"
 Jim Yoest – Caller Nathan Parrott - Cuer
 February 14th – NO DANCE
 February 21st - "Hobo Dance Night"
 Jim Yoest – Caller Bob Heath - Cuer

To all club reporters:
Please submit your February reports by Jan. 10.

WHO IS FAMILY?

It is December. The last month of the year with lots of celebrations with family. We started the ending of 2018 with the family gathering at Thanksgiving. In December there are a lot more. So who is family? There is the immediate by blood/adoption. There is your worship family and work family. Let us not forget our square dance family. There are many holiday dinners and square dances coming.

December 9 - Mountainview Squares

December 14 - Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

December 15 - Franklin Squares

December 16 - Friendly Squares

December 18 - Peanut Squares

December 18 - North Hills Squares

Look in the West Pen News for further information. Be sure to celebrate with one or all.

Submitted anonymously

Y-Knot's

December 2018, January and February 2019 Dances

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Ron Anderson – Caller
Carla Eilenfeld- Cuer

DECEMBER 13th, 2018
Jim Yoest – Caller
Nathan Parrott – Cuer

DECEMBER 20th, 2018
“Christmas Celebration”
Jim Yoest – Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer

DECEMBER 27th, 2018
“Happy New Year”
NO DANCE

JANUARY 3rd, 2019
“Snowmen”

Barb MacDonald & Another – Callers
Nathan Parrott – Cuer

JANUARY 10th, 2019
NO DANCE

JANUARY 17th, 2019
“First Student Dance”
Jim Yoest - Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer

JANUARY 24th, 2019
NO DANCE

JANUARY 31st, 2019
“Sweat Shirt Night”
Steve Staub – Caller
Steve Staub – Cuer

FEBRUARY 7th, 2019
“Valentine Dance” - Second Student Dance
Jim Yoest – Caller
Nathan Parrott – Cuer

FEBRUARY 14th, 2019
NO DANCE

FEBRUARY 21st, 2019
“Hobo Night”
Jim Yoest – Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer

FEBRUARY 28th, 2018
NO DANCE

TIME: 7:30PM TO 10:00PM

North Hills Community Baptist Church
7801 Thompson Run Road
Pittsburgh, PA. 15237



Square Dancer Profile: Louise Stewart

Submitted by Marcia McCracken

Louise Stewart and her husband, Elmer were introduced to square dancing by her nephew, David Valenti. David was learning square dance calling, and got the family to try dancing out on the patio.



Elmer loved "that cowboy music." When David told them that square dance lessons were starting in September of 1978, they cleared their calendar to attend lessons. Not only did they attend Village Stomper's lessons with Wade Johnson, they also went to Wade's lessons for the Buttons and Bows club, and Jack Hague's classes for Friendly Squares as well. With three lessons a week, the Stewarts were learning fast. But their learning was interrupted by a six-week Air-stream caravan to Mexico in the winter, which had already been planned. Upon their return, they worked hard to get caught up with the other dance students, and graduated as Plus Dancers in May of 1979. Louise says that they never stopped dancing after that. "We danced every night of the week and sometimes twice a day." Two years later they began Advanced Square Dancing lessons with Jack Hague, an excellent but demanding teacher. They then danced with his Invitation-only Advanced Club, the Cloverleaf Squares. Louise went to those dances for her husband, but she found it very stressful because Jack Hague didn't hesitate to embarrass you if you made a mistake.

Dancing was enormously popular back in the 1970's. Friendly Squares had ten squares of students at lessons, not counting the angels. 20 squares were on the floor at regular Friendly Squares dances, which cost \$2.50 per person.

Elmer and Louise owned a landscaping and lawn care business, and Louise kept the books. They had two sons, Ron and Jim. Jimmy also got into square

dancing, and founded the Golden Triangle singles square dance club. Louise has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Louise has been providing childcare for her granddaughter Beth's children since they were born. The oldest, Stewart, christened Louise "Weezie," because "Grandma" was too hard to say. Now everyone calls her Weezie, including all her neighbors in Carnegie.

The Stewarts not only danced locally, but attended various dance festivals and conventions. They started going to the March WASCA festival in 1980, and attended every year until 1997. Although they were registered for the dance that year, Elmer died in February and didn't get to go. He had been working for three years to get Ron Libby, one of their favorite national callers, to come to Friendly Squares. Libby finally came in April of 1997, but Elmer didn't get to see the 30 squares that turned out for that dance.

After Elmer's passing, Louise didn't go back to dancing right away. But Friendly Square club members Jack and Anna Marie Merhaut insisted that she get back to dancing. They picked her up every Sunday to take her to Friendly Squares' dances. 21 years later, at age 96, Louise is still a faithful dancer at Friendly Squares. She bakes cakes to bring for refreshments, schedules dances and callers, and always has yellow rocks for club members and visitors alike.



Photos

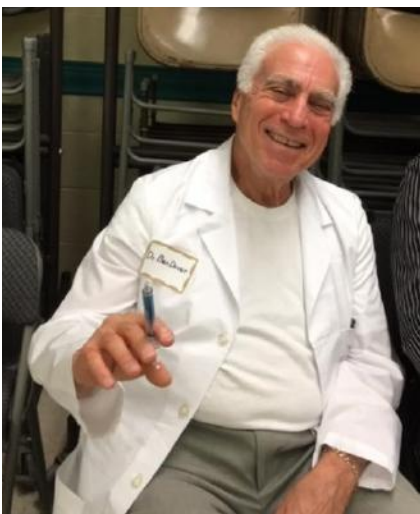
*Fall
Festival
2018*



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Peanuts Halloween



Photos



Y-Knots Halloween



Photos



North Hills Handycapable Halloween

JIM YOEST HAS BEEN A GUEST CALLER FOR OUR HANDYCAPABLE GROUP MANY TIMES, THEY LOVE HIM AND HE AND JUDY REALLY MAKE THEM HAVE A GOOD TIME, BEING ALL AT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ABILITY, YOU WILL NOTICE MANY ANGELS FROM Y-KNOTS & NORTH HILLS SQUARES, HOPING TO SEE MORE ANGELS IN THE COMING YEAR STARTING IN MAY-OCT. THEY ARE NEEDED. YOU WILL FIND IT WELL WORTH YOUR TIME.



Minutes for the October Federation Meeting

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

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Minutes of the October 8, 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. Motion to approve Martin Ray, seconded by Floyd Bottom. They were approved by all.

Dick McCracken, (Treasurer), reported that the Income totaled \$34.50 and Disbursements totaled \$587.69 with the majority of funds to go to Visitation Plaques and dangles. Balance on hand July 31, 2018 balance is \$7384.31. September 30, 2018 balance is \$6831.12. Floyd Bottom moved and Martin Ray 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 2019, Dick McCracken is collecting subscription information in for those interested in a print subscription. \$12.00 if get a club and \$21 to be mailed. 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 will attend the Fall Festival. Contact Barb MacDonald if desired at other locations.

Insurance: Barb MacDonald distributed information for 2019 that needs to be completed. Insurance remains at \$4.75 per person and is needed from all club members. This insurance information is requested by November 24, 2018.

In addition, local dues are \$1.00 per person paid to Dick McCracken and \$2.00 for state dues which can be sent to Barb

MacDonald. State dues requires addresses and phone numbers to complete the state membership information. You can contact Barb at bmacc@zoominternet.net for last years' information if needed.

Friendship Club: Virginia Eighmy was not present. Mary Haley of Y-Knots received a student friendship dangle.

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 will go the Fall Festival dance and has been updated to reflect the new officers and pictures.

State Federation:

The PSRDF met on October 7 with 14 in attendance using a variety of medium, phone, computer and in person. Barb MacDonald, Mick Hopf and Tony Rock represented WPSRDF.

The current PSRDF treasury is \$10,914.16. They voted to amend the constitution by-laws to allow callers and cuers to be elected officers. The current Presidents-Bob Lawn and Martha Thompson office expires in April and they are unable to continue as President. Bob expressed a willingness to be secretary. If interested in holding a state office-please let Bob Lawn know thru PSRDF.

Ken Adams indicated the website gets an average of 165 hits a day. The flooring is available to rent using the forms at psrdf.org. The state will host a Pa. Fall Dance September 26-29, 2019. The location is at Camp Hill in the Radisson with a room rate of \$99.00. They need 220 room nights to be the ballrooms. Otherwise it will cost \$8,000. They will use National Callers, Gary Schoemake and Ted Lizette are 2 of the 3. They are also looking for other callers. The committee will select these folks.

They want a host club or clubs to do the onsite work. Place flooring, 50/50, auction. They will get or share 25% of any profits. Save the date items will come out on the google lists and more details when callers are finalized. Tony and Diana Rock will help get the work out. USDA report by Tony Rock.

✦ Scholarship to college for youth into square dancing. PSRDF voted to add \$200 to this cause.

✦ Centennial Award is available for people still active in Square Dancing at age 100.

✦ Dancing across the US wins bars and admission to National Convention-see usda.org

✦ PSRDF needs to send delegates. To the USDA on Wednesday afternoon at the National Convention in Atlanta. If you are attending please consider representing PSRDF. WE are eligible for 4 votes.

✦ Tony and Diana Rock are running for USDA President, so it would be nice to have representation from the state. 501C3- makes PSRDF eligible for donations from local businesses. Tony will explore changes needed to PSRDF's constitution to make this possible for us to use USDA's umbrella group.

Sunshine Committee: Helen sent out 2 sympathy cards. One for Wade Johnson's family and another for the family of Nick Markowitz from Happy Go Lucky. Let Helen know if you have information to share. Her email is 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

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, 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: They are working on a return to OGLEBAYFEST dance for Sunday October 7, 2018 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Oglebay Park in Wheeling WV. This is a free dance. They had 144 dancers..

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:

Important for 2018-19. If your club wants to participate contact Mick Hopf prior to any club completing the first round. A motion was made by Sue Hopf and seconded by Floyd Bottom and it was approved for this year only.

If you get an extra square at one dance, the cost is absorbed.
Michael Hopf jcfrkl@verizon.net

Awards will be given at the Fall Festival. See the WPN for all awardees.

It as motioned and accept that WPSRDF will kick in \$100.00 toward the monies distributed for the visitations in 2018-19.

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.

A reminder to all clubs to bring finger food and free passes to the dance.

USDA Special Dance

Tony Rock approached Mick Hopf regarding USDA's mid-winter meeting to be held in Pittsburgh the end of January 2019. At the June Meeting WPSRDF agreed to host this. The desired date is Friday January 25th. We are looking for a club to host this event which will include \$100 to the club and WPSRDF will pay for expenses (facility, caller, cuer) above the admission price.

Text from Tony Rock August 5, 2018

Wanted to give you the hotel information for the USDA executive committee meeting in January. They're staying at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Airport. The address is 5411 Campbells Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

1st choice for a dance night is **Friday, January 25th**. There is no dance floor big enough for the dance at the hotel.

Dance A Round has offered to host this dance at the (new name) formerly Wallace Presbyterian Church on Greentree Rd.

Brad Deibert has offered to call and cue. Host club earns \$100.00. We will continue to discuss this. The Browns are checking on using this church.

New Business

Sophomore Dance 2019-Y-Knots hosted this event with more details coming in the future.

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.

New Dancers- Please send Barb a list of your students NOW for insurance purposes.

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:

Franklin Squares will NOT be dancing in October. Enjoy the Fall Festival on October 13.

Mountainview: - Christmas dance December 9th at Lamplighter from 2-5 with Brad and Norm. Dinner at 5:30.

Mountainview: New Years' Eve Dance- see flyer

Future Dates to Remember

59th Ohio Convention May 2019 in Aurora Ohio.

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, December 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Drive Carefully and Enjoy Dancing.

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

Thanks for help cleaning up.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacDonald, Secretary

Live Lively-



Square Dance!

Pittsburgh is honored to host the United Square Dancers of America, USDA, Winter Meeting.

**WPSRDF &
Dance A Round
Welcome
United Square
Dancers of America**

WPSRDF and Dance A Round are sponsoring a *Patriotic Dance* for this occasion. Join us for a fun night of dancing and meet the USDA Executive Committee.

Date: Friday January 25, 2019

Time: 7:30-10:00 PM

Where: Unity Presbyterian Church
(formally Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church)
1146 Greentree Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Caller: Brad & Lenore Deibert

Cuer: Bob & Patsy Heath

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Contact: Jim & Bev Brown 412-367-1029

