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FOOTE NOTES

UNDERSTANDING LEADERS & TRAILERS
by Ed Foote

DEFINITION: In a Box of 4: a **Leader** is looking at no one, a **Trailer** is looking at a body (either the front, back or side of a body).

Leaders and Trailers ALWAYS refers to each Box of 4 in the set **at the same time.**

The only time Leaders and Trailers refers to the Center Box is if the caller first says: "In the Center Box..."

EXAMPLES.

1. From a Completed Double Pass Thru (CDPT), the outsides are the Leaders, and the insides are the Trailers.

2. From a Starting Double Pass Thru DPT, the centers are the Leaders, and the outsides are the Trailers.

Note: The fact that the centers are facing someone makes no difference — it's immaterial. Remember: Leaders and Trailers refers to your **own** box of 4, not someone else's Box of 4. In this example, the centers are facing another Box of 4; so for purposes of this example, this other Box of 4 does not exist in determining Leaders and Trailers.

3. From a Trade-By formation, everyone is a Leader. The fact that four dancers are facing each other in the center means nothing. The rest of the Box of 4 for each dancer in the center is behind them, so because they are looking at no one in the Box of 4, they are Leaders.

4. From an Eight Chain Thru formation, everyone is a Trailer.

5. From Facing Lines, everyone is a Trailer.

6. From Lines facing out, everyone is a Leader.

7. From Parallel Ocean Waves: Set-up: From a Corner Box, "All Touch 1/4." The girls are the Leaders and the boys are the Trailers.

8. From Right-Hand Columns: Set-up: From Partner Lines, "All Touch 1/4." The girls are the Leaders and the boys are the Trailers. The fact that the center girls are facing a boy's back **means nothing.** That's the other box, so it is not involved.

9. From Right-Hand Columns: Set-up: From Partner Lines, "All Touch 1/4." The caller now says: "In the Center Box, Leaders Turn Back." This means the boys Turn Back. Why? Because **for purpose of this one call,** the caller has identified a specific Box,

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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)		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)		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).

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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

West Mifflin Fire Hall #3

3722 Rodeo Dr.,

West Mifflin, PA 15122

Caller: Brad Deibert & guests

Cuer: Brad Deibert

Level: Mainstream & Plus

Attire: Casual: June, July & August

Iron City Squares

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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

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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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Judy Giuliana 412-554-7914

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

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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home 724-776-2029

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Dance Information:

7:30-10:00 PM,

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

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
2/11/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Tom Mohney	
2/11/2020	Peanut Squares	Student Dance	Bob Tomlinson	
2/11/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/12/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/14/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Valentine's Day Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
2/14/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/14/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
2/16/2020	Friendly Squares	Mardi Gras Special Dance	Ed Pabst	Bob & Patsy Heath
2/17/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/18/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
2/18/2020	Peanut Squares			
2/18/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/19/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/20/2020	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Denny Steiner	Bob & Patsy Heath
2/21/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/21/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
2/22/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
2/24/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/25/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
2/25/2020	Peanut Squares	Mardi Gras Special Dance	Denny Steiner	
2/25/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/26/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/27/2020	Y-Knots	No Dance		
2/28/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
2/28/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/28/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
3/1/2020	Friendly Squares	Spring Fling	Jim Yoest	
3/2/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/3/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
3/3/2020	Peanut Squares			
3/3/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/4/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/5/2020	Y-Knots	Hobo Night	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
3/6/2020	Mountainview Squares	Student Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/6/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
3/9/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/10/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
3/10/2020	Peanut Squares			
3/10/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/11/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/12/2020	Y-Knots	No Dance		
3/13/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	St. Patrick's Day Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/13/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/13/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
3/14/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/15/2020	Friendly Squares	St. Patrick's Day Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/16/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/17/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
3/17/2020	Peanut Squares			
3/17/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
3/18/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/19/2020	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
3/20/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/20/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliani	
3/23/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/24/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
3/24/2020	Peanut Squares			
3/24/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
3/25/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
3/26/2020	Y-Knots	No Dance		
3/27/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/27/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
3/27/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliani	
3/28/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	70th Anniversary (See Special)	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/29/2020	WPSRDF (Y-Knots) at Parkwood UPC	Sophomore 2-5PM (See Special Dances)	Brad Deibert & Jim Yoest	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/30/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
3/31/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Scott Brown	
3/31/2020	Peanut Squares			
3/31/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/1/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/2/2020	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Denny Steiner	Nathan Parrott
4/3/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
4/3/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliani	
4/5/2020	Friendly Squares	April Showers Dance	Jim Yoest	
4/6/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/7/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/7/2020	Peanut Squares			
4/7/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/8/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/9/2020	Y-Knots	No Dance		
4/10/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Bunny Hop	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/10/2020	Mountainview Squares	No Dance		
4/10/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliani	
4/11/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	No Dance		
4/13/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/14/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/14/2020	Peanut Squares			
4/14/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/15/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/16/2020	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
4/17/2020	Mountainview Squares	Guest Caller	Jim Yoest	
4/17/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliani	
4/19/2020	Friendly Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
4/20/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
4/21/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
4/21/2020	Peanut Squares			
4/21/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
4/22/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
4/23/2020	Y-Knots	No Dance		
4/24/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert

Special Dance Schedule

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
2/15-17/2020	Lehigh Valley B&BS Square & Round Dance Club	President's Day Weekend	Howard Williamson Denny Steiner	Tim Eum
2/16/2020	Friendly Squares	Mardi Gras	Ed Pabst	Bob & Patsy Heath
2/25/2020	Peanut Squares	Mardi Gras	Denny Steiner	
3/28/2020	Franklin Squares	70th Anniversary Dinner Dance Potluck 6:00PM	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
3/29/2020	WPSRDF Hosted vy: Y-Knots	Sophomore Dance 2-5PM at: Parkwood U P Church See Flyer back page	Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
5/8/2020	Mountainview Squares	Anniversary Dinner Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
7/23-25/2020	MDSDF www.marylandsquaredancing.com	57th Star Spangled Banner Festival Eisenhower Hotel & Conf. Ctr Gettysburg, PA	Tom Miller (PA) Bill Harrison (MD) Todd Fellegly (CT) Mike Seastrom (CA) Bronc Wise (TX)	Wayne & Barbara Blackford (FL) Curt & Tammy Worlock (FL) Steve & Irene Bradt (PA)

To schedule a special dance, please contact the editor.

Student Dances

Date	Day	Time	Club/Theme	Caller
2/11/2020	Tuesday	7:30-10PM	Peanut Squares	Bob Tomlinson
3/6/2020	Friday	7:30-10PM	Mountainview Squares	Norm Shaffor
3/29/2020	Sunday	2-5PM	WPSRDF (Y-Knots) Parkwood UP Church See Flyer Back Page	Brad Deibert

Visitation Program

Five months into the 2019-20 season, Y-Knots and Friendlys are running neck and neck with Friendly gaining a slight advantage. Since the last issue of the WPN, Friendly scored a whopping eight visits, completing two rounds, while YK has completed round two and moved into round three with only two visits needed to finish that round.

Meanwhile, the other three clubs are certainly not sitting still. Happy-Go-Lucky blew through their second round hitting all four other clubs including a two pointer at Friendly's Christmas dance.

Franklin has more than doubled their scores from last year with three more visits, moving into round three.

Mountainview sent nine dancers to Franklin on January 11th and another six to Y-Knots at the end of the month needing only HGL to finish their first round.

Please after each visitation both the host club and visitor must report to the moderator Michael Hopf at jcfrk1@verizon.net

CLUB	Rds. Comp.	Total Visits	Total Points	Total Visitors
Franklin	1	5	6	24
Friendly	3	12	17	81
Happy-Go-Lucky	2	8	10	43
Mountainview	0	3	4	20
Y-Knots	2	10	11	57

Club Reports

Dance-A-Round

Reporter:
No report submitted.

Franklin Squares

Reporter: Brad Deibert

Friendly Squares

Reporter: Joanne Petrillo

Thank You all who helped with the Christmas dinner dance. We had a great time, with many visitors, and called by Brad Deibert. Next we had a student dance and soup



night. Five squares were available most of the night. A great time and delicious soup was served. We had a great time by Brad Deibert calling and cueing.

Our upcoming schedule is:

February 16, MARDI GRAS Dance called by Ed Pabst, a National caller, and Bob Heath Cueing.

March 1, SPRING FLING, Jim Yoest, Calling, no Cueing

March 15, ST PATRICK DAY, Brad Deibert, calling and Cueing

April 5, APRIL SHOWERS, Jim Yoest, calling, no Cueing

April 19, Regular Dance, Brad Deibert, calling and Cueing

May 3, EARLY MOTHER'S DAY Dance, Jim Yoest calling, no Cueing

May 17, GRADUATION, Brad Deibert calling and Cueing.

June 7, AMERICAN PIE, Brad Deibert calling, No Cueing

June 21, NO DANCE, FATHER'S DAY.

All dances will be at St Benedict's, 80 Friar Lane, McMurray, PA. unless otherwise noted on the schedule.

WATCH for emails, there may be changes and additions made 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 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 West Mifflin Fire Hall #3, 3722 Rodeo Dr., West Mifflin, PA 15122.

For more information, call our President Fran Reynolds at 412 882-9924 or Jean Napiecek 724 872-1509.

Feb 14 Brad Deibert – Valentine Dance

Feb 28 Steve Staub – Caller & Cuer

Mar 13 Brad Deibert – St. Patrick Day

Mar 27 Brad Deibert

Apr 10 Brad Deibert – Bunny Hop

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

Iron City Squares

Reporter: Joe Nardi

No report submitted.

Mountainview Squares

Club Reports

Reporter: Jan Bottom

We will start off by thanking Marna Conrad and her committee and all who brought finger food for our Christmas Dance and all who joined us for a fun afternoon of Christmas music squares by Norm Shaffor and Christmas Rounds by Brad and Lenore Deibert. Norm and Brad both did a great job of keeping us moving and attempting to make us believe Christmas would soon be here although based on the weather it was hard to believe.

Thanks go out to nine members from Friendly Squares



who joined us for our New Years Eve dance. The usual good food was enjoyed by all and special thanks to Betty Harbaugh for her contributions. They were much appreciated. Thanks to Norm for a great job calling the squares and spinning the rounds. Between the dancing and eating I believe a great time was had by all.

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

MAR 6TH – STUDENT DANCE WITH NORM CALLING – Bring your students and let them dance to a new caller.

MAR 13TH – This is a scheduled snow make-up day for the school where we dance so before you come on this day, please call to make sure we haven't cancelled or changed the venue. You will also be able to find information on the google list.

April 10th – NO DANCE – GOOD FRIDAY

April 17th – GUEST CALLER – JIM YOEST – We are looking forward to seeing Jim again and having a fun dance.

MAY 8TH – CLUB ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE – Please keep this date in mind and more information will follow

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. If you take a look at the photos, you might even find your picture there.

North Hills Squares

Reporter: Sharon Kopp

2019 finished with the celebration of many Christmas Holiday dances at all the clubs. North Hills had a delicious catered turkey dinner with their newest dancers, club members and former club members. Wally, an accordion player, provided entertainment and lead the sing along. Our Annual Pillar Award was given to Tina Stover for her active participation in the club.

Tina Stover hosted a New Year Eve party at her home. Games were played and 15 people welcomed in the year 2020. Continue celebrating the year by dancing with North Hills Squares at our dances.

Starting in the new year NHS regular dances are 2nd and 4th Tuesdays for January, February and March. Our class starts at 7pm under Sue's direction and continues for the first 2 tips with the club at 8pm to perfect their skills. On the opposite weeks, 1st and 3rd, we keep dancing as the class is at Kane on McIntyre Road. Come join us and be an Angel.

Upcoming dances are:

February 11 – Tom Mohney

February 18 class at Kane

February 25 – no dance, hall not available

March 3 class at Kane

March 10 – Ed Foote

March 17 class at Kane

March 24 – Ed Foote

March 31 – Scott Brown

Peanut Squares

Reporter: Sara Frey

Come join Peanut Squares every Tuesday at Covenant Community Presbyterian Church in Greentree, PA from 7:30-10pm for only \$4.

WANT TO IMPROVE OR REFRESH YOUR PLUS CALLS??? Here is your opportunity!!! Peanut Squares is considering a 4-6 week Plus Calls "WORKSHOP", tentatively scheduled April & May 2020 at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon. If there is enough interest, more details will be provided in the spring. You MUST PRE-REGISTER for this – cost will be \$5.00/week. Please email PeanutSquares@comcast.net. Call or Text Paul Rinald 412-735-2423.

We have enjoyed the mild winter so far and had no cancellations, so we are dancing every week to a guest caller! Our



Tina Stover won our pillar of recognition for work in the club this past year. She really puts herself into the club as vice president

Club Reports

Christmas dance attracted a lot of dancers all attired in red and green who enjoyed lots of Christmas treats (and were kind enough to pose for a group photo!)



The Spinners

Reporter: Ron Giuliana

As we turn the page of the calendar, we welcome 2020 and a new decade! But we closed out 2019 with our annual Christmas



party. It was well attended, and we had plenty of food to last for a few dances. As we enter January, it is the 2 yr anniversary for our newer dancers who are real pros at the advanced level. Remember, if you have danced the advanced level before and want a brush up, come join us. We are a very relaxed group. We will work with you if you feel you are a little rusty. We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, you can contact Rich, or Ron. Our contact info is in the beginning of this publication.

Thunderbolts

Reporter: Emma Lou Shaffor

No report submitted.

Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club

Reporter: Jeanne Maier

As you can see by the Y-Knot schedule below, we will dance only the first, third and fifth Thursdays from February through April. Then we will re-evaluate. On the fifth Thursday of April we anticipate something special to happen. On January 30th we explored hexagon square dancing and had another workshop type tip. On April 30th we are as yet undecided upon an event.

Y-Knots will be hosting the WPSRDF Sophomore Dance at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church on March 29, 2020. By request Jim Yoest and Brad Deibert will be calling and Brad will also be cueing. Dancing from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. for \$4.00 per person. This is a federation dance. Look for our flyer in this West Pen News.

We are still taking part in the visitation process and have enjoyed traveling to your clubs and hope to see you at ours. Visitors are always welcomed.

Our schedule is:

February 6th – Ron Giuliani - Caller Nathan Parrott - Cuer

February 13th – NO DANCE

February 20th – Denny Steiner – Caller Bob Heath – Cuer

February 27th – NO DANCE

March 5th – “HOBO NIGHT”

Jim Yoest - Caller Nathan Parrott - Cuer

March 12th – NO DANCE

March 19th – Steve Staub – Caller Steve Staub – Cuer

March 26th – NO DANCE

March 29th – “SOPHOMORE DANCE”

At Parkwood Church 2pm thru 5pm

Jim Yoest - Caller Brad Deibert – Caller and Cuer

April 2nd – Denny Steiner – Caller Nathan Parrott – Cuer

April 9th – NO DANCE

April 16th – [Jim Yoest – Caller](#) Bob Heath – Cuer

April 23rd – NO DANCE

April 30th – [Jim Yoest – Caller](#) Bob Heath – Cuer

To all club reporters:

Please submit your April reports by March 10.

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so the other 4 dancers on the outside of the square do not exist. But it is for this one call ONLY that they do not exist; for the next call they exist again, unless the caller once again identifies only the Center Box.

Could the caller have said instead: “Center boys Turn Back”? Of course, and that would probably be the better call. This example is used only to illustrate an aspect of Leaders and Trailers.

10. From a Completed DPT, the caller says: “Leaders face your partner.” Now everyone is a Trailer, because everyone is facing a body. (The centers are facing the side of a body, but it is still a body.)

COMMENTS. “Leaders” and “Trailers” are not used in a Tidal Wave, because there is no Box of 4.

Remember the fundamental rule: Leaders and Trailers applies ONLY to your own box of 4, independent of any other Box of 4.

Y-Knot's **February, March and April 2020 Dances**

FEBRUARY 6th, 2020
Ron Giuliani – Caller
Nathan Parrott – Cuer

FEBRUARY 13th, 2020
NO DANCE

FEBRUARY 20th, 2020
Denny Steiner – Caller
Bob Heath – Cuer

FEBRUARY 27th, 2020
NO DANCE



MARCH 5th, 2020
“HOBO NIGHT”
Jim Yoest – Caller
Nathan Parrott – Cuer

MARCH 12th, 2020
NO DANCE

MARCH 19th, 2020
Steve Staub – Caller
Steve Staub – Cuer

MARCH 26th, 2020
NO DANCE

MARCH 29th, 2020
“SOPHOMORE DANCE” At
Parkwood Church – 2pm to 5pm
Jim Yoest – Caller
Brad Deibert – Caller and Cuer

APRIL 2nd, 2020
Denny Steiner – Caller
Nathan Parrott – Cuer

APRIL 9th, 2020
NO DANCE

APRIL 16th, 2020
Jim Yoest – Caller
Bob Heath - Cuer

APRIL 23rd, 2020
NO DANCE



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

Photos



Happy - Go - Lucky's Christmas Dance



Insurance and Membership for 2020

Thanks to all the clubs for submitting their insurance and state and local dues in a timely fashion. Clubs will receive insurance certificate to cover our location.

Here is a report for all the clubs with the number of members paying insurance.

Dance A Round	10
FRANKLIN	15
Friendly	28
Happy Go Lucky	13
Iron city	13
Mountainview	14
North Hills	42
Peanuts	33
The Spinners	14
The Spinners	1
THUNDER-	13
Y-KNOTS	18
	213

A small drop in our numbers.

We can still add folks to our insurance over the year.

This is important as students graduate or new folks move into our area clubs.

The cost per person is \$4.85 and send names to Barb MacDonald 160 Fox Run Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066 or contact her at 724-776-2029 or bmacd@zoominternet.net.

Barb will need a list of students for those just starting lessons in January to be sure they are covered in case an accident does happen.

A. Barrett Earnest

September 5, 1935 - December 5, 2019 (age 84)

Barrett Earnest age 84 of Delmont went to be with the Lord peacefully with his loving wife by his side at Redstone Highlands in Greensburg. He was born September 5, 1935 in Delmont a son of the late A. Barrett Earnest and Esther (Ressler) Earnest.

Barrett was a retired employee of the Department of Veteran Affairs in Oakland. He previously was employed by the former Mellon Bank (Citizens Bank) in Greensburg and Greensburg Savings and Loan (Atlantic Financial). Prior to his employment in the financial sector Barrett was a funeral director and owner of Earnest & Son Funeral Home in Export, currently Wolfe-von Geis Funeral Home, Inc.

Barrett was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, Delmont.

He looked forward to Square dancing with his wife Donna and was an avid hunter who enjoyed Golfing. He served in the Air Force Reserves and was a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science (P.I.M.S.) Surviving is his beloved wife and soul mate; Donna (Shirley) Earnest and a brother in-law, K. Wayne (Joan) Shirley of Albuquerque, NM and his devoted dog Brandy.

In addition to his parents, Barrett was preceded in death by a brother Robert Allen Earnest.

Provided by Wolfe-von Geis Funeral Home

SWING YOUR PARTNER by Dorothy Zimmerman

On an autumn night when the air is crisp
And you feel in the mood for romance,
Just grab your gal and head for where
There's music and fun and a square dance.

Where fiddlers play some rollicking tunes
And the dancers whirl on their toes
As the caller's voice chants on and on
The rhythm of do-si-does.

The fun of the dance, the joy of the crowd
Can put your heart in a whirl
And you'll know that this is the place to be
To share your love with your girl.

Submitted anonymously

DANCERS RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND. I PROMISE TO:

Be kind to new dancers, with courtesy greet them.
They are the new blood of the club and federation.
When you see them struggling, lend a willing hand.
Guide them over the rough spots and help them understand.

Be good to new dancers when they join you in a square, Introduce yourself and partner with maybe a yellow rock.

Though we may be strangers when we walk into the set, Remember that a stranger is a friend you haven't met.

Adapted from Sashay Newsletter, Oklahoma

Submitted anonymously

Photos

D-Knots' Christmas Dance



Spinners' Christmas Dance



Photos



Peanuts' Christmas Shopping Dance



Photos



Halloween

North Hills Squares

Honor their Veterans



Photos



Friendly's Soup Night Student Dance



Minutes for the December Federation Meeting

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

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Minutes of the December 9, 2019 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 in the Luther Room.

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 with corrections to the treasurers report. With this change, a motion to approve was made by Clyde Miles, seconded by Dottie Kletke. They were approved by all.

Treasurer (Linda Womsley), To clarify yet again the September 30th report, one account had a balance of \$4185.99 and the second \$2160.75 to total \$6346.74. The new account started out for \$2160.75 and the old account having a balance of \$4185.99 transferred to the new account along with \$7.00 incoming. Disbursements for visitation program, checks, CDI Printing, rent, etc. amounted to \$499.20 with a final balance of \$5854.54. A motion was made by Clyde Miles and seconded by Dottie Kletke 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. Sending Mick schedules in advance will help keep the calendar accurate.

Clubs should take advantage of free space for flyers.

Mick is looking for a replacement to do the West Pen News. It is done on Publisher and Mick will share files and help train. He thinks it is time for some new blood. Please consider this. Please ask at your club.

Special Dance Coordinator: Michael Hopf reported all is well. Michael Hopf asks that the emails sent to jcfrkl@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. Mick added some special dances outside our area to the list.**

West Pen News Subscriptions: - Dick McCracken collected sign-up sheets for print subscriptions for 2020. The rates remain as \$12 delivered to your club and \$21 mailed. Contact Dick immediately if you are still in need of a print

subscription. All members of the google group will receive it electronically.

To be sure you are part of the google group contact Tony Rock at his new email tony.diana.rock@gmail.com

Traveling Banner: Contact if desired at your dance. It traveled to the Fall festival and Mountainview's Christmas dance.

Insurance: Information for 2020 is now in from all Clubs and was submitted to the USDA as well as PSRDF membership.

We have 211 individual members with 53 members belonging to multiple clubs. There are currently 39 students across WPSRDF. Members can still be added to the rosters for a fee of \$7.85 (\$4.85 to WPSRDF for insurance, \$2.00 to PSRDF and \$1.00 to WPSRDF for dues). Thank you to the clubs and members for their prompt work to get everyone set. I hope to have certificates early in 2020 and will distribute electronically or during the February meeting.

Friendship Club: Virginia Eighmy has resigned this position. Currently Joe Nardi has the dangles. He will write an article for the West Pen News to reacquaint folks with this program. **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 attended the Fall Festival and Mountainview's Christmas dance with new displays of pictures and events.

State Federation:

Clyde Miles (PSRDF President) said plans are under way for the 2nd Fabulous Fall Festival to be held at Camp Hill Radisson on September 24-27, 2020. Pete Wex and his committee will continue work. National callers currently under contract are Jim Robertson, Joe Saltel and Jet Roberts. Save the date and we hope for more information soon.

Next PSRDF State Meeting: Sunday April 5, 2020 at 1 p.m.

We are doing this via phone/ computer. All folks in PA can participate. For WPSRDF we are limited to 12 voting members.

Sunshine Committee: Let Helen know if you have information to share. Her email is 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. There is still a concern about some members not getting all emails.

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 information up to date. **Please double check your club's website. Barb saw officers and other information that was incorrect and did have a few corrected. Please cc Ken Adams kentonadams@verizon.net with your requests.**

Visitation Program: - The results are posted in the West Pen News in detail. 2019-20 awards were given at the Fall Festival on October 26th. It is important that both clubs (those sending and those receiving) report the visitation to Mick. Several clubs have started their second rounds.

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. Should we explore meeting with a public relations expert or a college public relations department to have them take on square dancing as a project?

Local Callers Association: A new caller's group began meeting informally in November (no name or officers). Ron Giuliani is spearheading this project. We discussed ways to keep more dancers or to encourage more folks to start dancing and will continue this dialogue as well as sharing more for discussion with WPSRDF. Our next meeting is Sunday January 12, 2020 at 2 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Church. Interested folks may talk to a caller who is attending or Ron Giuliani.

Unfinished Business:

Directory: - Extra copies are still available for \$3.00 each.

Fall Festival 2019- North Hills hosted the 51st Fall Festival Saturday **October 26th at St. Paul's Methodist Church 1965 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.** Expenses include: Caller fee of \$400, cuer fee of \$80, church rental of \$100 totaling \$580. 62 folks attended at \$5.00 per person for a total income of \$310. Expenses-Income resulted in \$270 along with \$100 to host club. North Hills was given a check for \$370 to reimburse them for expenses and pay the \$100 to host. They also kept \$70 from the 50/50 raffle.

New Business

WPSRDF ads- Flyers are listed in the West Pen News as ads with a fee schedule attached. Clubs should have been paying for these ads. WPSRDF has elected to provide flyers of clubs within our organization for free provided the number of pages for the West Pen News does not exceed 24. Electronic versions can be higher. Flyers will be in the print version based on discretion of the editor. This will help the financially struggling clubs. This would include the Federation dances and the PSRDF. All other groups should remit checks for the amounts as listed on page 2 of the West Pen News.

Sophomore Dance 2020- Y-Knots will host this dance again. It will be located at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church at 4289 Mt. Royal Blvd, Allison Park, PA 15101. The date is **Sunday March 29, 2020 and we will dance from 2-5 p.m.** There will be a used clothing sale and clubs should provide finger foods and free passes. **Encourage students to dance. Flyer is on the back of the West Pen News.**

Visitation Program 2019-2020. We currently have 5 clubs (Franklin, Friendly, Happy Go Lucky, Mountainview and Y-Knots) participating for 2019-20. We will revisit rules in the spring.

Happy Go Lucky has moved to a new location. West Mifflin Firehall #3 off (Lebanon Church Road) at 3722 Rodeo Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122)

They will **start lessons on January 17, 2020** with lessons from 7-8 with students staying the first 2 tips on nights the club

dances or 7-9 on weeks no having a dance for lessons. Since they had a change of location this seems to be reasonable to perhaps pull from a new population.

Y-Knots will start in January to dance the first, third and fifth Thursdays starting on January 16th. On the 5th Friday we will do something special. On January 30th, we will do hexagons and some other specials. It is a workshop, so please come and try a new twist.

In Planning for 2020, The WPSRDF meetings will be held Feb 10, April 20, June 8, August 10, October 12, and December 14. Note April 20 is not the 2nd Monday, but the 3rd.

President's Message:

WPSRDF wants to thank clubs and individuals who get involved. The same two clubs have hosted the Sophomore Dance and the Fall Festival for several years. Thank you for that, Y-Knots and North Hills. It would be nice to see other clubs offer to host. Encourage your newer members to participate in positions and duties within your club and your federation.

Upcoming Special Club Dance Announcements from the Floor:

Encourage your members to attend Christmas dances.

Happy Go Lucky's Christmas Potluck dinner and dance on December 13, need to RSVP towards end of November.

Franklin Squares-Dec 14- Christmas Potluck dinner and dance on December 14, need to RSVP

Friendly Square-Dec 15 Christmas Potluck dinner and dance on December 15, need to RSVP

North Hills Squares-Dec 17. (RSVP for dinner by Dec 10)

Y-Knots-Dec 19.- No dinner, come wear it off.

Mountainview- New Year's Eve Dance.

Future Dates to Remember

57th Star Spangled Banner dance July 23-25, 2020 in Gettysburg, PA. Look for flyers. Callers include:- Tom Miller, Bill Harrison, Todd Fellegly, Mike Seastrom and Bronc Wise. Cuers are Wayne & Barbara Blackford, Curt and Tammy Warlock and Steve and Irene Bradt.

Ohio Convention May 1-2, 2020 in Columbus, look for more information.

Upcoming National Square Dance Conventions:

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

70th National Square Dance Convention- Jackson, Mississippi June 2021

Next WPSRDF meeting is Monday, February 10, 2019 at 7:30 PM. In the Luther Room

Drive Carefully and Enjoy Dancing.

It was moved by Fran Reynolds and seconded Floyd Bottom to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacDonald, Secretary



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



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

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



**Date: Sunday - March 29th, 2020
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
For more information: Call Barb 412-629-7079**