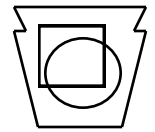


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2019 WPSRDF Fall Festival



Caller Jack Pladdys



Biggest Winners; Happy-Go-Lucky Squares
From Left: George Cochran, Jean Napiecek, Brad & Lenore Deibert, Fran Reynolds, Ken Rose & Pete Reynolds

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Presentation by WPSRDF Vice President Joe Nardi



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FOOTE NOTES**SECRET HINTS FOR DANCING PEEL OFF**

By Ed Foote

SECRET #1. THE CALL ALWAYS ENDS IN A LINE. The line may be facing in, or out, or it may be a two-faced line. So, if you always look for a line, this will help you be in the correct place.

HELPFUL HINT. The leaders always become the ends of the line, the trailers always become the centers of the line.

SECRET #2. THE LOCATION OF THE LINE IS HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE TOES OF THE TRAILING DANCERS AND THE HEELS OF THE LEAD DANCERS. This statement is true 90% of the time. (We will discuss the one exception later.) This is important to know, because many dancers simply say to themselves: "I have to turn away and take hands with someone." So they are sloppy in knowing where the ending line should be. Remembering Secret #2 enables the line to be formed quickly and precisely.

HOW TO IMPLEMENT SECRET #2. RULE: In your group of 4: the Leaders turn away and then step forward; the Trailers step forward and then turn away. Following this rule will put you precisely where you belong. Obviously you must know whether you are a leader or a trailer.

EXCEPTION TO SECRET #2. The rule does not apply to a "Z" formation. (A "Z" formation is established by having a wave and the caller says: "Ends Fold."). From a "Z", the Leaders turn away and remain in their same orientation - ie. they do NOT step forward. The Trailers do their normal "step forward and turn away." Ending formation: two- faced line. At Plus you do not have to worry about this exception very much, because from a "Z" most callers will call Peel the Top. At Advanced and Challenge, Peel Off from a "Z" may be heard more frequently.

SECRET #3. DO THE CALL FAST. Reading the Implementation of Secret #2, you may think that Peel Off has 2 parts. Not so. It is all one action. The Callerlab definition says the timing is 4 counts. This may be true on paper, but it will hurt you to think of it this way. One reason people get in trouble with *Peel Off* is they do the call too slow - i.e. they are just wandering around wondering where to stop. Well, Secret #2 tells you where to stop.

So, think of this call as one count. BAM! Turn and take hands immediately! Thinking in this manner will serve you well.

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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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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:

Susan Hopf 412-606-8819

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Email: louisestewart@verizon.net

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

Contact Information:

Helen Naimark & Joe Nardi

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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 Korinchak Joe

continues with caller contracts.

Treasurer: Linda Womsley.

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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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Contact Information:

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Ron Giuliana 412-554-1809

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

cell 412-629-7079 or

home 724-776-2029

Contact Information:

Sharon Kopp 724-266-3232

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Russ Stewart 412-780-0047

Dance Information:

7:30-10:00 PM, every Thursday

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
12/10/2019	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
12/10/2019	Peanut Squares	Wear Green for Gifts	Steve Staub	
12/10/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
12/11/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
12/12/2019	Y-Knots	X-Mas Sweatshirt Night	Sharon Kopp & Barb MacDonald	Nathan Parrott
12/13/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Christmas Potluck Dinner 6PM Special Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/13/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
12/13/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
12/14/2019	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Christmas Potluck Dinner special Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/15/2019	Friendly Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance See Special Dances	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/16/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
12/17/2019	North Hills Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance See Special Dances	Ed Foote	
12/17/2019	Peanut Squares	Student Dance	Shawn Brown	
12/17/2019	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
12/18/2019	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
12/19/2019	Y-Knots	Christmas Dance	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
12/20/2019	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
12/20/2019	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
12/23/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
12/24/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
12/24/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
12/24/2019	Thunderbolts			
12/25/2019	Iron City Squares			
12/26/2019	Y-Knots	No Dance		
12/27/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	No Dance		
12/27/2019	Mountainview Squares	No Dance		
12/27/2019	The Spinners	No Dance		
12/28/2019	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/30/2019	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
12/31/2019	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
12/31/2019	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
12/31/2019	Mountainview Squares	New Years Eve See Special Dances	Norm Shaffor	Records
12/31/2019	Thunderbolts			
1/1/2020	Iron City Squares			
1/2/2020	Y-Knots	No Dance		
1/3/2020	Mountainview Squares	Student Dance	Norm Shaffor	
1/3/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
1/5/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	
1/6/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/7/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
1/7/2020	Peanut Squares	Frosty the Snowman	Jim Yoest	
1/7/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/8/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/10/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/10/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/10/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
1/11/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/13/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/14/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Barb MacDonald	
1/14/2020	Peanut Squares	Broken Resolutions Dance	Scott Brown	
1/14/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/15/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/16/2020	Y-Knots	Snowman Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
1/17/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/17/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
1/19/2020	Friendly Squares	Student Dance (Soup Night)	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/20/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/21/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
1/21/2020	Peanut Squares	Hawaiian Luau	Jim Yoest	
1/21/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/22/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/24/2020	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/24/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/24/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
1/25/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
1/27/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
1/28/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Rich Williams	
1/28/2020	Peanut Squares	70's Student Dance	Shawn Brown	
1/28/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
1/29/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
1/30/2020	Y-Knots	Exploring Hexagon Squares	Barb MacDonalds & Dean Rath	Bob & Patsy Heath
1/31/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
1/31/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
2/2/2020	Friendly Squares	No Dance		
2/3/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/4/2020	North Hills Squares	No Dance		
2/4/2020	Peanut Squares	Groundhog Day Dance	Neil Hamer	
2/4/2020	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
2/5/2020	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
2/6/2020	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Ron Anderson	Nathan Parrott
2/7/2020	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/7/2020	The Spinners	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
2/8/2020	Franklin (early rounds 7:30)	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
2/10/2020	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
2/11/2020	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
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	Regular 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

Special Dance Schedule

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
12/13/2019	Happy-Go-Lucky	Christmas Potluck Dinner 6PM	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/14/2019	Franklin Squares	Christmas potluck Dinner 6PM Rounds 7:30 Dance 8-10:30PM	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/15/2019	Friendly Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/17/2019	North Hills Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Ed Foote	
12/31/2019	Mountainview Squares	New Years Eve Dance 9-1AM at: Blairsville U P Church	Norm Shaffor	Records
2/16/2020	Friendly Squares	Mardi Gras	Ed Pabst	Bob & Patsy Heath
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

To schedule a special dance, please contact the editor.

Student Dances

Date	Day	Time	Club/Theme	Caller
12/17/2019	Tuesday	7:30-10PM	Peanut Squares	Shawn Brown
1/3/2020	Friday	7:30-10PM	Mountainview Squares	Norm Shaffor
1/18/2020	Sunday	7-9:30PM	Friendly Squares	Brad Deibert
1/28/2020	Tuesday	7:30-10PM	Peanut Squares	Shawn Brown
2/11/2020	Tuesday	7:30-10PM	Peanut Squares	Bob Tomlinson
3/29/2020	Sunday	2-5PM	WPSRDF (Y-Knots) Parkwood UP Church See Flyer Back Page	Brad Deibert

Visitation Program

The new kids on the block, Y-Knots find themselves either in the lead or tied in every category. They, along with two other clubs, have finished round one and they already have a visit in the second round.

Friendly and Happy-Go Lucky are the other clubs to have completed the first round while Franklin has two visitations and Mountainview has one.

Mountainview Squares had a great turnout for their October 12 Autumnfest, conveniently held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroeville. All four of their competing clubs scored visitations.

Friendly Squares also had three visitations (Franklin, Mountainview and Y-Knots) to their Johnny Applesseed dance on November 3.

Strangely, all three of the current first round completions were accomplished on the same night, November 23 at Franklin.

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	0	2	3	12
Friendly	1	4	6	28
Happy-Go-Lucky	1	4	5	22
Mountainview	0	1	1	5
Y-Knots	1	5	6	30

Club Reports

Dance-A-Round

Reporter:
No report submitted.

Franklin Squares

Reporter: Brad Deibert

Franklin Squares is back to dancing after a 3 dance break in October and early November. We had a great dance on Saturday, November 23 with visitors from Friendly Squares, Y-Knots and Happy Go Lucky. All three clubs likely earned points for the visitation program.

Speaking of visitation, Franklin Squares made a visit to Friendly Squares' Johnny Appleseed Dance on Sunday, November 3. We had 8 dancers make the dance earning us points for the visitation program and retrieving our banner. Prior to that, we had a visitation to Mountainview's Autumn Fest on Saturday, October 12. So, we are starting the program year off right with some visits.

We will host our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance on Saturday, December 14, 2019. We start the evening with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Attendees should bring a dish to share for dinner. The dancing begins with rounds at 7:30, squares with rounds 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Our last dance of 2019 will be on Saturday, December 28. Since it's several days after the holiday, we plan to dance; but watch the google email for confirmation.

Our class night on Mondays continues to go well. We have 4 new dancers who are enjoying coming into the activity. We also have two returning dancers who are helping while getting a review. Our classes are 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroeville (same location as our Saturday dances).

I sincerely hope that everyone has a joyful and blessed holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Friendly Squares

Reporter: Joanne Petrillo

At our Johnny Appleseed Dance, we had a wonderful time with Ed Pabst, a National caller, and Bob Heath Cueing. Thank you to our members who brought gifts with the apple theme and many goodies. We had a nice group and a



good time was had by all.
Our upcoming schedule is:

December 1, a regular dance will be called for Jim Yoest by Brad Deibert

December 15, our CHRISTMAS Dinner Dance, called by Brad Deibert and cued by Brad Deibert.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

January 5 is a regular dance with Jim Yoest Calling NO Cueing.

January 19 will be a STUDENT DANCE. It will be a SOUP NIGHT too! Come out and have some soup of different kinds and enjoy dancing with Brad Deibert calling and Cueing.

February 2. NO DANCE. Super Bowl

February 16 Come enjoy The MARDI GRAS DANCE. Ed Pabst willing be calling and Bob Heath Cueing. Be sure to put this dance on your calendar.

Every dance will be at St Benedict's, 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, 422-606-8819

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

Reporter: Mary Ann Markowitz

Since October 11th, Happy Go Lucky has been holding their dances at the West Mifflin Fire Station #3 and the members are very happy with the move. The Fire Hall is located on Rodeo Drive which is off Lebanon Church Road at the intersection with Buttermilk Hollow Road. The Fire Station is across the road from the Allegheny County Airport's runways. The driveway is on the right side of the building. Parking and the entrance door is behind the building.

Our club was the winner of the Visitation Program for 2019. Our club dancers enjoyed visiting the other clubs. It is a great reason for other clubs to return to our club. It is also a chance to make new friends.

I don't know if you'll get this article in time, but on December 13th, Happy Go Lucky will hold their Christmas Dinner Dance. It's a Cover Dish affair so we need you to register for the dinner. Call Fran at 724 872-1509 or Ken at 1 909 262-3200.

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 or cuer listed. We dress causally but Square Wear is always welcome. For more information, call our President Fran Reynolds at 412 882-9924 or Jean Napiecek 724 872-1509.

Nov 22 Brad Deibert - Thanksgiving

Dec 13 Brad Deibert- Christmas - Potluck Dinner 6:00

Dec 27 No Dance (Christmas Break)

Jan 10 Brad Deibert

"Hugging - the perfect cure for what ails you!"

Iron City Squares

Reporter: Joe Nardi
No report submitted.

Mountainview Squares

Reporter: Jan Bottom
No report submitted.

Club Reports

North Hills Squares

Reporter: Sharon Kopp

Reviewing this past year NHS has had 13 callers in between the nights that Ed Foote has called. They are Barb, Sue, Sharon, Dean, Rich, Jim, Tom, Lisa, Ed, Steve, Brad, Denny, Scott. For special dances Brad, Nathan and Carla have cued. A great variety of styles and skills. Thank you Joe for scheduling a great line up of callers/cuers. Be sure to come and dance with us.

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:

December 3 & 10 Ed Foote

December 17 Christmas Dinner/Dance & Ed Foote

January 14 Barb MacDonald

January 28 Rich Williams

Peanut Squares

Reporter: Sara Frey

Peanuts Squares had many costumes and a large crowd dancing at Halloween (see picture)! There are often three



squares or more dancing on any given night. Peanuts Squares is planning to workshop PLUS calls with Brad Diebert for 4-5 weeks at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon beginning in April – this is open to members of ALL clubs – sign up begins now and we may have to limit the number of people, so if you are interested, please call Ken at 412-835-8391.

Come join us for our winter dances (still only \$4, meeting 7:30-10pm Tuesdays at Covenant Community Church in Greentree). Every week is a different theme and we dress accordingly (square wear is encouraged but not required!):

January 7, 2020 Jim Yoest Frosty the Snowman Dance

January 14, 2020 Scott Brown Broken New Years Resolution Dance

January 21, 2020 Jim Yoest Hawaiian Luau Dance

January 28, 2020 Shawn Brown 70s Dance/Student Dance

February 4, 2020 Neil Harner Groundhog Day Dance

February 11, 2020 Bob Tomlinson Crazy Socks/Student Dance

February 25, 2020 Denny Steiner Mardi Gras Dance

The Spinners

Reporter: Ron Giuliana

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Spinners. We are still having a blast dancing to Jim Yoest and Ron Giuliana. If you dance the advanced level either currently or have in the past, come join us. We are a very relaxed group and we would love to see you.

Hope to see you soon!

Thunderbolts

Reporter: Emma Lou Shaffor

No report submitted.

Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club

Reporter: Jeanne Maier

At the Y-Knot meeting in October, we decided to dance only the first, third and fifth Thursdays from January through August. Then we will re-evaluate. On the fifth Thursday of January and April we anticipate something special to happen. January 30th we will explore hexagon square dancing and perhaps have another workshop type tip. On April 30th we are as yet undecided upon an event.

Our students we have now are returning dancers who are moving through mainstream calls and will soon be in plus. Come to any dance at 7 p.m. and enjoy some extra review.

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 have been taking part in the visitation process and have enjoyed traveling to your clubs and hope to see you at ours. Please check the schedule below and note that we will not dance on January 2nd as we extend the holiday season. We will send out a revised schedule when we have booked cuers and other callers. Visitors are always welcomed.

Our schedule is:

December 12th – “Christmas Sweat Shirt Night”

Barb MacDonald – Caller Sharon Kopp - Caller

Bob Heath – Cuer

December 19th – “Christmas Dance – Candy Cane Festival”

Jim Yoest – Caller Bob Heath - Cuer

December 26th – NO DANCE- “Happy New Year”

January 2nd – NO DANCE – Visit with friends and family

January 9th - NO DANCE

January 16th – “Snowman Dance”

Jim Yoest – Caller Nathan Parrott – Cuer

January 23rd - NO DANCE

January 30th – Exploring Hexagon Squares & other delights

Barb MacDonald – Caller Dean Rath - Caller

Bob Heath – Cuer

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

February 13th – NO DANCE

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

February 27th – NO DANCE

To all club reporters:

Please submit your February reports by January 10.

Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation Minutes

1:00 P.M., Sunday, October 6, 2019 By Teleconference

AGENDA Call to Order:- In attendance were Clyde Miles (President), Bob Lawn (treasurer), Barb MacDonald (secretary), Mick Hopf, Tony and Diana Rock, Martha Thompson, Naomi Fisher, Jim Miller, Pete Wex, Sue Hein, Park Bierbower, and Ted Rotwitt. Thanks to all who participated. I also received notes from Ken Adams, Eva Strang, Larry Crone, Rich Delgado, Elaine, Wasekanes, Ron Giuliana and Jane Styrrer with reports, questions or comments about this meeting.

Secretary's Report Barb MacDonald The minutes are posted on the psrdf website. Correction to minutes from 4-7-19. Correct Spelling of Barb MacDonald (from McDonald) Barb plans to send out minutes to all at this meeting for approval before asking it to be added to the website.

Treasurer's Report Bob Lawn PSRDF TREASURERS REPORT, OCTOBER 6, 2019 Starting balance from 4/7/2019 \$12,110.99 Income between April 7 and September 20, 2019 Del Valley, additional members, \$68.00 Total Income, \$68.00 Expenses same period New checks, 5/10/19 \$19.99 Hall use in Waynesboro, 5/14/19 \$100.00 New dancer incentive, Gad Abouts, 5/15/19 \$210.00 USDA Dues, 9/20/19 \$100.00 Total Expenses \$429.99 Balance 10/6/2019 \$11,749.00 No Fall Festival expenses or revenue are included in the totals above. Most of those took place before the date of this meeting. I will submit an updated report when all Festival dollars are accounted for. Respectfully Submitted Bob Lawn, PSRDF Treasurer.

Association/Federation Reports *Central Pennsylvania Association-none.*

Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers update We are sorry to announce that we lost a very dear friend and Historian Bill Flick who passed away a few weeks ago. Bill has always been very helpful with keeping us in line with events from past years and always brought us information from the PA. and USDA Federations. He will surely be missed but he can now dance with his wife who has been waiting for him for many years. As of October 4, 2019, we are happy to say that our Federation has 536 members. Even though that number is down from last year we are still going strong. Unfortunately, we had to raise our dues this year in order to help with all of the dances and DVD publications. With this in mind, we feel that we can keep this new structure in place for a few years without affecting our members in the future. It is very difficult to get volunteers to help out at dances or participate in any capacity. We are still in need of a secretary to take minutes at our board meeting. Which has been vacant for over five months. I'm very proud to announce that the Dance to See Dance on October 20, 2019 will be our 52nd year running. The Federation donates all of the proceeds to this awesome organization. We are hoping that we can really make this our biggest year yet. Respectfully submitted by, Jeff Kaufman President FDVSRD

Laurel Mountain Federation- September 6, 2019 Laurel Mountain Square and Round Dance Federation Meeting The LMSRDF held a meeting on Friday, September 6, 2019 at Everett Church of the Brethern in Everett, PA. The clubs represented were Bedford County Squares, Chimrock Squares, Do Si Do's, Swinging Squares, Track II's and Wheelers'N'Dealers. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Eva Strang. Clara Cable led an opening prayer and Eva led the pledge of allegiance. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report: Ken Graham was unable to attend but sent in a report. There were no income or expenses. The beginning and ending balance was \$1987.55. Club reports: A written report was received from the Wheelers'N'Dealers. Oral reports were received from Chimrocks, Do Si Dos, Swinging Squares and Track II. Old Business: Federation Dance October 19: Clubs please bring a basket for the basket auction. Do not forget to bring finger food. Ken Graham will get thank you gifts for the callers and cuers. For Our Dancers Event: A bus trip to an out-of-the-federation dance sounds like the

best idea. No specific event has been identified. New Business: State Federation: The Pennsylvania Fabulous Fall Festival will be held September 26-29 at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. There will be a demo dance at DelGrosso Park Harvest Festival on Saturday September 28 and Sunday September 29. Nomination of Officers: Eva Strang has expressed willingness to continue as President and Larry and Lynne Crone are willing to continue as Secretaries. Since Ken Graham has just begun as Treasurer, he will probably continue in that position. We need a candidate for Vice-President. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 3 the Masonic Hall at 1008 Edgar St., Holidaysburg, PA 16648 prior to the Chimrock's dance. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynne Crone and seconded by Chris Wright (passed). Respectfully submitted, Larry and Lynne Crone, Secretary

Susquehanna Valley Association SVSRDA has 14 active square and round dance clubs. The association recently added two square dance camping clubs to our membership. These are Penn Dixie and Square Up Campers. Although these two clubs camp and dance April through October, they also get together for activities during the winter months. The 2019 Presidents Ball was held on April 19 with Hunter Keller as the featured caller. The 2020 Presidents Ball will be held April 26 in Newville, PA with Howard Williamson the featured caller and Donna Williamson the cuer. Our visitation program had 455 dancer visitations during the 2018-2019 visitation year. There were thirty-eight (38) club visits. Park and Kathy Bierbower, President

Western Pennsylvania Federation Committee Reports Western PA Square and Round Dance Federation Report for October 6, 2019 PSRDF Meeting President: Michael Hopf Vice President: Joe Nardi Treasurer: Linda Womsley Secretary: Barb MacDonald The WPSRDF still has 11 clubs. We have 220 dancers with 63 belonging to more than one club. Dick McCracken has resigned as treasurer. Our new treasurer is Linda Womsley. All other officers retained their positions.

Visitation Program: We are continuing our Visitation Program for 2019-2020 with five clubs participating this year. Happy-Go-Lucky Squares has won all categories for 2018-19 (most visits, most visitors and the largest portion of the pot). 30 dancers earned dangles for five or more visits with eleven visiting at least ten times and three dancers more than twenty. All four of the clubs enrolled last year have experienced increased visits from other clubs. **WPSRDF Fall Festival 2019-** North Hills Squares will host our Fall Festival Saturday October 26th. Jack Pladdys will call and Nathan Parrott will cue. **PSRDF Fabulous Fall Festival:** The WPSRDF had a good turnout at the festival with at least nine of our clubs being represented. We supplied at least five of the baskets for the Chinese Auction and a third of the used clothing. At least five of our dancers won baskets and two won 50/50 drawings.

Sophomore Dance 2020: This federation student dance will be hosted by the Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club in the spring. No specific date has yet been set. We discussed renaming this dance, some taking issue with the term "sophomore." **West Pen News:** Our federation bi-monthly publication West Pen News has 62 hard copy subscribers. We are now also sending it out electronically through the WPSRDF Google Group. We are also allowing clubs in the WPSRDF to post flyers in the WPN at no charge but still limiting each issue to 24 pages. The rates are still posted for outside organizations. We are encouraging all our clubs to introduce their new dancers to the West Pen News and the Google Group and to ask them to get involved in club and federation activities so they will feel like part of a family. We are also encouraging club members to make an effort to square up with new

dancers and on a more personal level try to get to know them better.

Michael Hopf, President

Caller/Cuer Report-none

Showcase of Ideas Tony Rock The Showcase went to the Nationals in June. It was at the PA Fab Fall Festival and looking for transportation to the National next year in Spokane. Mike Matsko currently has this to attend the USDA. Clyde should get it eventually.

Membership Joe Nardi No report until April.

Historian -none

License Plates -continue the same Mike & Pat Matsko Computer Coordinator/Webmaster Ken Adams

Ways & Means & Publicity- need to explore ideas for this.

State Outfit Tony Rock State outfit, no plans to change so no discussion is needed.

Flooring Bob Lawn Continues to be available for groups to rent. See the PSRDF.org website for information. It did go to the Fab Fall Festival and ½ was used in the round dance hall. Bob Lawn will discuss storage etc. with Paul and Wendy Zajac.

Old Business

PSRDF Web masters Report October 6 2019 The following changes were made over the last 6 months. □ Updated PRSDF Home page and Officer's page. □ Updated SVSRDA pages with updates to officers and meeting minutes. □ Did requested updates for the Central PA federation pages. □ Did other changes to the home pages per requests. □ Other corrections as requested. The average daily visits reported by the Web site host for the last six months is 186 visits per day. Submitted 10/04/2019 Kenton Adams PSRDF Web master.

Pennsylvania Fabulous Fall Festival Pete Wex can give you some preliminary information here. The figures are still rough at this point, but reasonably close. -There were approx. 320 dancers that paid dance fees. The partial program options and allowing walk-ins were a definite success, adding about \$2,500 to the prepaid full package registrations. -The total income from dance fees, 50/50, raffle items and apparel sales was at least \$17,000. -The final total expenses will probably be in the vicinity of \$13,000, and that includes the host club's share of the profit. A final financial report should include details of income and expenses. -The dancers' comments and reviews were overwhelmingly positive and in favor of continuing the Fest. The calling and cueing staff got high marks across the board, and the approach of a festival rather than a convention was well-received. -The main criticisms (dancing on carpet and no elevators) are out of our control. Doing something for solos was a good and doable recommendation. Also, sharing one hall for Mainstream and C1 left both levels unhappy with the total dance time available; renting one more small hall could remedy that. And a closing ceremony Saturday night also was a good suggestion. (perhaps the last ½ hour to join all halls) -We do have to be prepared that everyone took notice of the response to this one, and both the hotel and the calling/cueing staff will be looking for larger slices of the pie from future Fests. The entertainment staff all cut us a special deal, to try to assure its success, and I'm sure they'll be looking for their usual fee structure the next time. The hotel indicated that they would be looking for 340 room nights for free dance areas, up from the 220 I had negotiated this time. I've already told the hotel that 340 will never fly! Pete.

Group discussion and things to explore for next year. The work for the convention was done by Swing Thru (Lititz PA) who have lots of members in their 50-60's who are able and willing to assist. They earned a profit of \$800 for providing manpower. There were lots of positive comments. They liked the convention without classes or ceremonies. They recognize that they need to do something for solos. Lots of folks missed the ice cream-which the hotel made too expensive to offer as in the past. Since the bar was not open, the hotel lost money in

the evenings. Tony Rock spoke to thank Pete Wex and Sue Hein for their hard work. He realized they did a realignment of finances from conventions to enable monies to pay the callers. No caller/cuer breakfasts or committee breakfasts or VIP parties were examples of how monies were handled differently. Barb MacDonald said it was great to just dance and not be on committee. She said the location was critical being between D.C. and New York and there were a large number of out of state folks. She wanted to see a break-down of where folks came from. Naomi Fisher suggested looking at the Hilton Harrisburg for future years. Pete Wex and Bob Lawn were going to check out the Eisenhower Hotel in Gettysburg. Tony Rock suggested they talk to him about those 2 locations. Barb MacDonald suggested we have some health services. First-aid kit. Tape for shoes, etc. Sue Hein is a nurse. Barb MacDonald asked about callers booking ahead of one year. They said that was a problem for Ted Lizotte, but the others seemed okay. They are still in discussion. Barb MacDonald mentioned a conflict dance in Ohio, but it was decided there will always be conflicts. Pete Wex and Sue Hein said they would continue as coordinators (but not chairs). Clyde Miles wanted to be sure that Pete Wex and Bob Lawn oversee contracts for callers and hotel/dancing locations. Clyde offered added comments and congratulations to Pete at the Festival. Clyde offered to help in any way needed moving forward for 2020.

Festival for 2020? A motion by Tony Rock and 2nd by Bob Lawn to allow Pete Wex and a host club to pursue the possibility for a Fall Festival for 2020. It is important to find a host club. It was approved. Pete asked that since a profit was made in 2019, we remember that in 2020 if we do not make a profit.

New Business Incentive Program Clyde Miles Perky Promenaders applied to The New dancer incentive program for folks graduating in 2018 and joining PSRDF in 2019. After double checking their membership with Joe Nardi, Bob Lawn will write a check for \$220.

USDA- (report missing from agenda) by Tony Rock Tony and Diana Rock are now the USDA Presidents. We need an Eastern Vice-President. Mike and Pat Matsko are temporarily filling this position. Call Tony (412-310-2508) if you are willing to be a part of this. Last October, PSRDF donated \$200 to a scholarship fund. Because of this and other donations . USDA was able to give a \$1000 and a \$500 scholarship to 2 individuals from Oregon. This scholarship is available for High school seniors or college freshmen who are active square dancers. If you know anyone in this group, please have them apply. A motion was made by Diana Rock and seconded by Martha Thompson to donate \$200 once again to this scholarship fund. It was approved by all.

Next meeting. A discussion was had about the date and whether we should continue the teleconference type meeting. It was determined that we would have access either by phone, computer, or tablet arranged by Tony Rock. Although all our schedules are busy. We will keep the April 5, 2020 date as a teleconference. Tony Rock said the cost of this service (multi-platforms) was \$14.99 and Tony Rock will be reimbursed by the treasurer Next Meeting, April 5, 2020, 1:00 P.M. Teleconference Adjournment: Bob Lawn made the motion and Martha Thompson 2nd. It was approved by all at 2:20 p.m.

Additional comments about the festival:

Clyde wants Pete and Bob to oversee contracts for callers and the hotel/convention location.

Clyde also offered to help as needed.

Barb

MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARES

invite YOU to a

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



Tuesday, December 31, 2019

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM



Blairsville United Presbyterian Church

137 North Walnut Street, Blairsville, PA 15717

CALLER: Stormin' Norman Shaffor

Square Wear Optional

COST: \$7.00 per person

At midnight pork and sauerkraut
and mashed potatoes will be served.

Noisemakers Provided



Clubs participating in the WPSRDF Visitation Program are encouraged to attend!

ALL Square Dancers Are Welcome!



ARTS-DANCE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

(November 24, 2019)



Mission: ARTS continues to pursue its mission, to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round, and Traditional Folk Dance by encouraging and assisting a coalition of allied dance groups. **THE ARTS** provides leadership and resources necessary to support realistic marketing efforts. **THE ARTS** will encourage, promote, and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events which provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interactions.

Cooperation: To achieve this ambitious mission cooperation has been established among the leadership of the dance community.

- - An unprecedented atmosphere of cooperation, collaboration, and communications has been created by bringing together the major dance organizations in the USA, including: All Join Hands, CALLERLAB, CONTRALAB, the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC), the National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention® (NEC), the National Square Dance Campers Associations (NSDCA), ROUNDALAB, the Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA), The United Square Dancers of America (USDA), the USAWest Square Dance Convention® (USAWest) Policy Board, to establish the Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square-Dance, Inc. - **ARTS- Dance** Governing Board.

- - In addition to the Governing Board organizations, **THE ARTS** has brought together a number of influential organizations to form **THE ARTS** Auxiliary Governing Board. Additionally, there have been more than one hundred Individual and Associate (clubs, associations, etc.) Members.

- - **THE ARTS** web site has been established at www.arts-dance.org to provide a wide variety of information. The web site includes information on all aspects of **THE ARTS**, including: Mission Statement, "Live Lively" promotion activities, Development Initiatives, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Minutes of **ARTS** meetings, Members, Contributors, Ask **ARTS** news articles, and links to each of the Governing Board member organizations. As new achievements are accomplished by **THE ARTS**, the information is posted on **THE ARTS** website

- - We are registered with Amazon Smile to allow buyers to donate a portion of their Amazon purchase price to **THE ARTS**. The Amazon Smile donation process is simple to use and does not add any additional cost nor effort to those who make purchases through Amazon. We ask you to support **THE ARTS** by doing your shopping at www.smile.amazon.com

- - An informational brochure was initially developed in 2004 and has been updated repeatedly since then. This brochure provides information about **THE ARTS** in a convenient tri-fold format. Over 30,000 brochures have been distributed at USAWest Conventions, NSDCs, and other state and regional events. The brochure is available through **THE ARTS** web site: www.arts-dance.org

- - An **ARTS** Email Tree has been created. This Email tree provides an electronic distribution system designed to send information directly to every dancer in the system. There are now nearly 45 Email Tree Contacts who cover over 30 different states and areas. For information about this electronic information system or to volunteer to help, please contact **THE ARTS** Executive Director at: ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org

- - **THE ARTS** publishes a Newsletter, Press Releases, and Ask **ARTS** articles. The Ask **ARTS** articles provide answers to questions on a wide variety of subjects submitted to: Del Reed - 943 Tamarind Circle, Rockledge, FL 32955 or E-mail -[askarts@arts-](mailto:askarts@arts-dance.org)

[dance.org](http://arts-dance.org). To request further information or to join as an Associate or individual Member, please contact Jerry Reed, executive Director at: ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org

Operation

Each **ARTS** Governing Board Member organization retains their own purpose, mission, and goals, as identified by that organization. Each Member of the Board has the opportunity to express their views and concerns through one vote on the issues brought before the group.

- - The operational activities of **THE ARTS** follow the guidelines established in the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. **THE ARTS** is an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt corporation incorporated in North Carolina. Donations to **THE ARTS** may be deductible on US tax returns. Please ask your tax preparer to verify your status.

- - **THE ARTS** Board meets one time a year to consider, discuss, and vote on issues brought to the group. The meeting is held on the Sunday immediately following the NSDC each year, in the same city as the NSDC. The meeting is open to all interested persons. For information or an invitation to the meetings, contact **THE ARTS** Executive Director at:

ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org

- - During the June 2019 **ARTS** meeting, the Board elected the following officers to oversee the activities of **THE ARTS** for the next year: Chairman - Butch & Ampie Hayes, Vice Chairman - Erin Byars, Treasurer - Edythe Weber, and Secretary—Jim & Judy Taylor. The Board also confirmed Jerry Reed as the Executive Director

Education

As an IRS 501 (c) (3) organization, **THE ARTS** is recognized for its educational benefits:

- - **THE ARTS** participates in the Education program at both NSDCs and USAWest Conventions by staffing education seminars. These seminars provide information about **THE ARTS** and a forum for idea sharing and discussion of projects currently being implemented by **THE ARTS**

Projects. The **ARTS** continues to look at projects to help meet the organization's mission:

- - **THE ARTS** is currently working on a major marketing project with the goal of creating effective videos to help clubs promote the activity

- - **THE ARTS** has established a grant program to encourage various dance associations and organizations to conduct Educational Seminars which would inform and educate their members and attendees about various topics related to the activity and help promote **ARTS-Dance**. In addition to the other topics, the seminars MUST also cover who and what **ARTS** is, its purposes, goals, and accomplishments

- - You 2 Can Dance" - Web Site and Videos. This web site was created to provide information and videos about the dance forms under the umbrella of **THE ARTS**

- - **THE ARTS** has conducted dancer surveys at several National Square Dance Conventions and supported these surveys at other dance events. The results of these surveys are available on **THE ARTS** web site at: www.arts-dance.org

Resources - Fund Raising

Funds to support **ARTS- Dance** need to be generated by the existing dance community.

- - Donations from Governing Board organizations and from individuals provide the major part of the operating budget

- - A \$100 Club has been established to provide the opportunity for dancers to donate \$100.00 to help promote dancing

- - Individual and Associate Memberships continue to provide financial support.

Photos

Mountainview's Autumn Fest 2019



Photos

North Hills Halloween Dance



Photos



Happy-Go-Lucky's Halloween Dance



Photos



Y-Knots Halloween Dance



Peanuts Harvest Dance



**Louise and
Dean
Celebrate
Birthdays**

Friendly Squares

**Johnny
Appleseed
Dance**



Minutes for the October Federation Meeting

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Meeting at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroeville

President Mick Hopf called the meeting to order at 7:25 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. A correction was made, under visitation, Y-Knots and Friendly Squares (Not Peanut Squares) had paid to be part of visitation. With this change, a Motion to approve was made by Linda Womsley, seconded by Floyd Bottom. They were approved by all.

Treasurer (Linda Womsley), reported that one account had \$6300.79 with \$2,000 transferred to new account and other expenses of \$114.80 to leaving \$4,185.99 in this account.

The second account had a starting balance of \$2,000 with deposits totaling \$160.75 and no withdrawals leaving a balance of \$2160.75 and the total of the 2 accounts as \$6346.74. Emma Lou Shaffor moved and Sue Hopf seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried. (Note when we changed treasurer we had to open a new account to work around new banking regulations)

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.

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 distributed sign up sheets for print subscriptions for 2020. The rates remain as \$12 delivered to your club and \$21 mailed.

Monies due at the December 9th meeting.

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 Autumnfest and will attend the Fall festival.

Insurance: Information for 2020 was distributed in October and due the end of November. The insurance rate has increased to \$4.85 per person (up 10 cents). Dues for PSRDF (\$2.00 per person) and WPSRDF (\$1.00 per person) are also due. For PSRDF names, addresses and phone numbers are needed. Check the directory information or ask Barb to send you an electronic version for your club. (bmacd@zoominternet.net)

Information on your students is due now.

Y-Knots had Mary Haley fall early September as well as Peanuts with Ruth Bailey. Mary had a broken wrist and needed lots of medical attention. This is one reason it is good to have the insurance.

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 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. We did get a picture of Linda Womsley for the treasurer spot. It will attend the Fall Festival.

State Federation:

PSRDF State Meeting: was held Sunday October 6 at 1 p.m. We did this via phone and/or computer. WPSRDF was well represented by President Clyde Miles, Secretary Barbara MacDonald, WPSRDF President Mick Hopf, Tony and Diana Rock. **The complete minutes can be found on the PSRDF.org website.** If space permits, they may also be in the next West Pen News.

The PA Festival for September 26-29 in Camp Hill follow-up. The total income was \$17,909 with registration fees, 50/50 of \$678, raffle baskets of \$637 and used clothing \$822. The total expenses were \$13,224 which included \$800 for host club and the caller fees. The Festival had a gain of \$4685.

Thanks to WPSRDF for their 7 baskets and 1/3 of the clothing. It was great to see some many folks there.

It was nice for former committee members from our area to enjoy just dancing this time.

Most comments were favorable and the Board gave permission to explore and plan for 2020. Pete Wex and Sue Hein will act as coordinators and are hoping to secure a host club. They will check out locations and callers.

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 <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. 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. 2018-19 awards will be given at the Fall Festival on October 26th. We are now working on 2019-2020 with Mountainview's Autumnfest getting visits from the 4 other clubs. It is important that both clubs (those sending and those receiving) report the visitation to Mick.

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:

Directory: - Extra copies are still available for \$3.00 each. Copies of the 4 maps not found in the directory were distributed for clubs to give to those purchasing a directory. See your club officer. Barb still has copies if more are needed. Let her know at bmacd@zoominternet.net.

Also, a change of phone number. Happy Go Lucky- Jean Napiecek's phone number should be 724-872-1509. Please change in your copy of the directory. Let Barb know of any other changes.

Joe Nardi will distribute the Visitation Awards at the Fall Festival.

Fall Festival 2019- North Hills will host 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.** Jack Pladdys of Cincinnati to call and Nathan Parrott to cue. WPSRDF will continue buy one get one or reduced pricing to benefit all dancers. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Put this on your calendar. See flyer on back of West Pen News. There will be alternate PLUS and Mainstream tips. **All clubs need to remember to bring snacks and free passes.**

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. They will have plans in place by December.

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)

It has better lighting in the parking lot and is air-conditioned. Please visit.

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

President's Message:

WPSRDF wants to thank all those who represented us at the PSRDF Fabulous Fall Festival. We supplied about Half of the Chinese Auction baskets and about a third of the used clothing;. You made us look good. Don't forget to remind others about how much fun it was.

Upcoming Special Club Dance Announcements from the Floor:

Friendly Squares-Johnny Appleseed dance-November 3 with Ed Pabst Calling and Bob Heath Cueing. Check flyers for times.

Mountainview- Christmas Dance at Lamplighter December 8 from 2-5 with dinner afterwards. Norm Shaffor and Brad Deibert calling with Brad also cueing. See RSVP forms for dinner.

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

Mountainview- New Year's Eve Dance.

Star Spangled Banner dance July 23-25, 2020 in Gettysburg, PA. Look for flyers.

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

Future Dates to Remember

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, December 9, 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 8:18 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
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