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From the computer of ... **Ken Robinson, NNJSDA President**



It's hard to believe that by the time you read this, over one-half of my term as your NNJSDA president will be over. We've had a great beginning of the square dance season this year.

First there was the inaugural Blast Class in October (page 18). This was followed in November by the 37th Annual Mini-Festival where more than 350 dancers from the tri-state area and beyond enjoyed dancing for five hours to callers Vic Ceder, Don Beck, and Butch Adams, and cuer Mary Pickett (page 37). Check page 4 for a list of upcoming exciting NNJSDA events.

The Gathering 2012 will be held on September 29, 2012, in a new location – the Franklin Township Senior Center in Somerset, where Rutgers Promenaders dance. The theme for the Gathering is “Let Us Speak Together,” with keynote speaker Butch Adams. He will also call the evening dance, with Mary Pickett cueing rounds. The format for the day will be slightly different. Watch for details in the coming months.

We encourage all dancers to visit other clubs. The last issue of *Grand Square* has a center map section that you can remove for handy directions to all member clubs. When you visit other clubs, you get an opportunity to dance to new callers, meet dancers you may not have met before, and see how other clubs function.

The Executive Board is always open to suggestions/feedback from dancers. You can submit these in writing in the suggestion boxes that are at all NNJSDA dances (please print); by sending an email message to suggestions@nnjsda.org; by filling in the suggestion box on the website; or by talking to a Board member at an NNJSDA function (dance or Delegates meeting).

For those who like to plan vacations in advance, consider a square dance vacation in Springfield, Massachusetts, at the end of June 2015. At that time, the 64th National Square Dance Convention will be held there. Information: 64nsdc.com.

In the meantime, here are the other National Square Dance Conventions:

- 61st: Spokane, WA, June 27-30, 2012, 61nsdc.com
- 62nd: Oklahoma City, OK, June 26-29, 2013, 62nsdc.com
- 63rd: Little Rock, AR, June 25-28, 2014, 63nsdc.com

See you on the dance floor!

Ken Robinson

MAINSTREAM AND PLUS CLASSES – SPRING 2012

Caldwell – Cross Trail Squares – Mainstream classes start: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7:30; Grover Cleveland School, 88 Academy Rd., 07006; T = Ron Kapnick; CC = Ruth Edison, 973-239-2705, kapnickrr@juno.com

Flemington – Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Mainstream open house: Feb. 12, 1:30; classes start: Feb. 19, 1:30; The Lodge at Echo Hill Park, 43 Lilac Dr., 08822; T = Ed Kerns; CC = Ralph Serio, 908-236-7270, rdjserio@comcast.net

Randolph – Reelers – Mainstream classes start: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7:30; Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513), 07869; T = Michael Patrick; CC = Bonnie and Charlie Van Stone; 908-832-5313, rms.373@hotmail.com

Bridgewater – Bee Sharps – Plus classes start: Monday, Jan. 23, 7:30; Adamsville School, 400 Union Ave. (Rt. 28), 08807; T = Gardner Patton; CC = Susan Rothburd and Tony Tanuzzi, 908-442-0240, susan.rothburd@gmail.com

NNJSDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

22 **Delegates Meeting** (1:00)

Grand Square Distribution

NNJSDA Midterm Dance (3:00)

Bridgewater, People Care Center

Multiple Callers – Student Level

February

18 Club Presidents' Dinner (5:00)

March

3 **Grand Square Benefit** (1:30)

Caldwell, St. Aloysius Church

Landi, Matthew/Kushla

MS/PL/RD

7 *Grand Square* Deadline

10 Executive Board Meeting

31 **NNJSDA All Plus Dance** (7:30)

Rockaway, First Pres. Church

Reardon/Bradt – PL/RD-Star

April

29 **Delegates Meeting** (1:00)

Grand Square Distribution

NNJSDA Dance (3:00)

Bridgewater, People Care Center

Kauffman/Gotta – MS/PL/RD

May

1 **West Side Story** (5:00)

Newark, NJPAC

Tapper – MS/Demo

June

10 Executive Board Meeting

NNJSDA Event Locations

St. Aloysius Church
219 Bloomfield Ave.
Caldwell, NJ 07006

First Presbyterian Church
35 Church St.
Rockaway, NJ 07866

People Care Center
120 Finderne Ave.
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

VFW Elmwood Park
6 Veterans Pl.
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association

Caller
PLUS w/Star Tips

Dennis Reardon (PA)

Round Dance Cuer

Steve Bradt (PA)

Dance Date/Time

Saturday, March 31, 2012
7:30 PM Early Rounds
8:00-10:30 PM Alternating PL/RD

Location

First Presbyterian Church
35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ 07866

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Square Dance Lovers

Twenty loving couples responded to the request for people who met and married through square dancing. As Valentine's Day approaches, we are pleased to share brief summaries of their stories. I regret that so much must be left out due to space limitations, but you can read their complete stories online at NNJSDA.org/square-dance-lovers. Note that *italics* indicate current club membership and direct quotes. Two years separated by a comma inside parentheses (2007, 2011) indicate when the couple met and married. Enjoy. ...

Lise Greene

Nancy (Caufield) ♥ Jim Anderson (2007, 2011) – Jefferson Reelers, Lakeland Squares



Dancing: Jim learned in California. Nancy's mother gave her a pair of square dance shoes. Years later, she remembered those shoes and looked online for the nearest club. *Square dancing added the joy in my life that was missing.*

Meeting: (Nancy) *Jim attended a barn dance at Lakeland Squares and I asked if he would like to dance. He said "yes" and the rest is history.* (Jim) *There was definitely something intriguing about her.*

Memories: *Our worst square dance trip was driving to Western Wheelers during a horrendous storm. When we got there the power was out. But square dancers don't give up and we danced by candlelight.*



Dot ♥ Don Coy (1986, 1990) – Brooklyn, NY

Regular caller for AleMo Squares and Pelham Promenaders

Dancing: Don went to his first square dance to please his first wife.

Meeting: Don and Dot met at the National Convention in Indianapolis. *I liked Dot because she was so peppy and loved to dance. I knew she was right for me because of her positive attitude about life. We danced one tip at our reception.*

Memories: Traveling and participating in 25 National Square Dance Conventions. *Square dancing and calling has been my fun thing to do for 39 years. If it were not for square dancing, I would not have met the love of my life.*



Pat ♥ Don Elliott (1987, 1992) – Ringoes

Hunterdon Flutterwheels, Fantastic Bears, Saucon Squares and Rounds



Meeting: Don attended an open house at Warren Wheelers. They sent him for lessons to Hunterdon Flutterwheels, where Pat had agreed to be a partner for a single man – Don! *We got comfortable with each other and thought that since we could get along, we should get married!* They wore square dance outfits for the wedding and Dalt Young called squares at the reception.

Memories: They enjoyed special dances in Pennsylvania with the callers doing skits. A bad memory is Dalt Young's death at a New Year's Eve party.

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Mary Ann (Ryan) ♥ John Erdek (1977, 1978) – Millstone Rutgers Promenaders

Dancing: *A co-worker pretty much dragged me kicking and screaming to a Rutgers “hi-lo” dance. He was concerned about my introverted personality (not knowing that at the time I was an inveterate “disco queen”).*

Meeting: John was already a member of Rutgers, and they met at the hi-lo. They had an impromptu square dance in the yard of John’s parents’ home near the church before the start of their wedding reception.

More: *Square dancing is still in the family through the addition of Theresa, who is now at the C1 level along with her parents.*



Nina ♥ Al Gerhold (1979, 1981) – Moorestown

Rutgers Promenaders

Dancing: Nina wanted to square dance because her parents had so much fun dancing. Al’s high school teacher was an oddity in gym class square dancing – a real caller!

Meeting: They met during lessons at Rutgers. *We were in a square that did nothing but crash, and we were following Betsy Gotta’s advice [to laugh it off and square up again]. The next week, Al walked into the lesson as I was looking for a partner. Remembering how much fun the square was the week before, I made a beeline for him.*



Betsy (Seele) ♥ Roy Gotta (1972, 1974) – North Brunswick

Rutgers Promenaders

Dancing/Meeting: Betsy learned to dance in a program for kids at the YMCA. When Roy was in college, his fiancée brought him (kicking and screaming) to a class taught by Betsy. When Roy’s engagement ended, Betsy



invited him to be her partner for the Delaware Valley Festival. Two months later, they were engaged. At their wedding reception, Betsy and her father, Art Seele, called tips for both experienced dancers and beginners during the band’s breaks.

Memories: Betsy and Roy rented their guest room to women in the club, at least three of whom married men from the club.



Carin (Williams) ♥ Frank Gufert (2009, 2011) – Woodcliff Lake Circle Eights

Dancing: (Frank) *I started dancing to have something in common to do with my first wife. (Carin) I wanted to provide an Ecuadorian exchange student with an “American” experience. We took square dance lessons through the adult education program.*

Meeting: Frank was an angel for Carin’s class, and they discovered a shared German heritage and many other commonalities. *It’s hard to say when I knew he was the right one, but I did sense early on that he was very special.* Paul Ingis called at the wedding reception. On a square dance sightseeing honeymoon in Germany, they enjoyed dancing with German and American callers and dancers.

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Patrice ♥ Bill Hartung (1985, 1987) – Magnolia, DE
Pepper Steppers, Belles & Beaux, Rutgers Promenaders, Shooting Stars, Kittyhawk Squares, Magnolia Swingers
Dancing: Bill took square dancing for gym credit at Rutgers. Patrice took lessons through a community adult education program after dancing at Bear Mountain with a church young adult group.

Meeting: Shortly after her company relocated, Patrice met Bill at an NNJSDA summer dance and he gave her directions to Rutgers Promenaders, the closest club. *I was older and had enough experience to know that Bill was what I wanted.* For Bill, Patrice was the first girl who attracted him both physically and intellectually. Betsy Gotta called one tip at their wedding reception.

Memories: They both attended a callers' college and Patrice taught square dancing for their club in Mississippi. All five of their children have learned to square dance.



Sharon ♥ Charlie Kittner (1993, 2001) – Honesdale, PA
No current club membership; Charlie is a caller

Dancing: Charlie and his first wife were invited by relatives to take lessons. Sharon started because of a newspaper ad.

Meeting: Charlie and his wife were angels for Sharon's class.

There were many times when my wife could not dance because of her illness. I would dance with Sharon and when my wife passed away, we just kept on dancing. Sharon added, Because we had the "love of square dancing bond," we just decided to dance the marriage dance.



Kathy ♥ Dan Koft (1987, 1989) – South Brunswick
Rutgers Promenaders, Y Squares, M R Square Dance Club
Dancing: Dan started dancing in high school with Dick Jones as the caller/instructor for PiR Squares. Kathy started at Rutgers when a co-worker invited her to try it out.

Meeting: They met on a double date – but they were not each other's date! They had a tip at their wedding reception for square dancing friends and then another for all the guests.

Memories: Funny clothes, funny people, ... lots of fun.



Karen (Kozak) ♥ Greg Kushla (1982, 1987) – Florham Park
Rutgers Promenaders, Y Squares, Liberty Stars

Dancing: Greg saw square dancing at a campus demo and took lessons. Karen lived in the dorm room next to Greg, who was by then treasurer of Rutgers Promenaders.

Meeting: Greg thought Karen was shy; Karen thought Greg was loud and rude. However, they had many things in common, and friendship grew into love. *Although we didn't realize it at the time, it was pretty apparent to others.* Betsy Gotta called and Roy Gotta cued at a "square dance reception" a few weeks before the wedding. Karen became a round dance cuer in 1985.



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Ann (Tulp) ♥ John Lovatt (1980, 1983) – Franklin Lakeland Squares, Kittatinny Rangers, Hix & Chix, Sussex Spinners, IDTT, County Squares, Kuntry Kuz'ns, Cloud 9 Rounds
Dancing: John's cousins encouraged him to square dance. Ann saw three demos, including one at the Sussex County Fair.

Meeting: They met at two student dances, which John attended with other girls. The next time they met, he was alone. *When we danced, we were perfectly in time. I knew he was the one for me.* John proposed by asking: "Could I have this dance for the rest of my life?" That song became their first wedding dance.

Memories: At a state convention, Ann and her twin Alice were in a square with two other sets of twins and two sisters who looked alike, each set of sisters dressed the same!



Dianne ♥ Don Madden (1998, 2006) – Forked River Y Squares, Pairs and Squares, Elk Mountaineers, Crestwood Village Promenaders



Meeting: Don joined Y Squares the year after Dianne. They became round dance partners and good friends in 2001, and began dating in 2005. During their wedding reception aboard the River Lady, a paddlewheel riverboat out of Toms River, Tom Denniston and Ellen McCabe cued their favorite round dances.

Memories: *Like many square dancers, we like to dance when we travel.*



Linda (Leslie) ♥ Rick Murphy (1980, 1981) – Morristown Reelers, Rutgers Promenaders

Dancing: Rick attended Rutgers Promenaders' hi-lo dances and took lessons in his junior year. Linda's parents had signed her up for lessons with a teen club. In college, a friend who was in Rutgers Promenaders brought her to a hi-lo.

Meeting: Linda took lessons and met Rick, who was an angel. Linda remembers dancing in the Student Center to a loud disco song that drew other curious students.

Memories: Both have enjoyed national conventions. *The best squares we have been in have been those that can laugh at the breakdowns but keep on dancing.*



Ginny (Overberg) ♥ Jeff Platania (1980, 1985) – Somerset Rutgers Promenaders



Dancing: Ginny started with Teen Promenaders and joined Rutgers Promenaders as a Douglass College student. Jeff started with Rutgers Promenaders three years later when his best friend dragged him there to meet new women.

Meeting: (Jeff) *I told my friend: "That's the girl I'm going to marry."* (Ginny) *We dated for five months and broke up. Nine months later, a thought popped into my head: "That's the man I'm going to marry."* Betsy Gotta called a tip at the reception.

Memories: Dancing on a cruise through the Bermuda Triangle; winter barbecues at the Gotta home; seeing children of the old crew dancing as "The Next Generation."

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Helena ♥ Ken Robinson (1977, 1979) – Hillsborough
Rutgers Promenaders

Meeting: Ken's square dancer parents met Helena at a dance and got her phone number. Ken called and took her to see *The World's Greatest Lover*. Ten weeks later, he proposed.

Dancing: Ken hated square dancing until Helena motivated him to take lessons with Betsy Gotta. They progressed quickly to Challenge 4 dancing.

Memories: Helena underwent cancer surgery in 1981. They spent the following 10 years dancing all over the country. When the cancer recurred in 1991, Helena endured about one surgery per year, but continued dancing until her passing in 2005.



Connie (Seiler) ♥ Terry Schmalzried (1986, 1994) – Morganville
Rutgers Promenaders, Princeton Rounds, Red Rose (Exhibition), BACtracks, tagBACs, Tip & Ringers, 2 Bee Squares

Dancing: Connie responded to an ad in the Rutgers student newspaper. Terry took lessons through Bell Labs during his first job.

Meeting: Terry's instructor suggested that he dance with Rutgers Promenaders' young singles. After dating Connie for years, he proposed and they married four months later. Dan and Kathy Koft called and cued at the reception.

Memories: When baby Alex cried while being carried through his first-ever tip, Dan Koft called to "What a Beautiful Noise" and Betsy Gotta later sang "Alex's Restaurant."



Mary (Cottone) ♥ Bill Sellar (1983, 1988) – South River
Rutgers Promenaders, Ridge Squares, Conejo Swingers

Dancing: Mary and Bill had both belonged to teen clubs. Later, Mary saw a Rutgers Promenaders ad in the university newspaper. She joined and became class coordinator. Bill's mother saw an ad in a local paper and suggested that he and his brother sign up.

Meeting: Bill went to lessons, met the class coordinator, and ...

Betsy and Roy Gotta led a square dance tip and a round at their wedding reception.

Memories: Dancing at the Statue of Liberty centennial celebration at Giants Stadium on July 6, 1986. Their younger daughter is also a Rutgers Promenader.



Holly ♥ Bill Smythe (1996, 1998) – Warren
Bee Sharps, *Mountain Squares*, Rutgers Promenaders, Friendly Squares, Valley Squares, Solitaires, Harmony Dancers, Do-Si-Doers, Footloose Squares, Golden Triangle Singles

Dancing: Maria Light invited Bill to take lessons at Rutgers Promenaders. Holly saw a newspaper ad from a teen club.

Meeting: After moving to New Jersey, Holly attended a Bee Sharps dance where Bill happened to be visiting. Twenty months later, Bill proposed during a dance while John Kaltenthaler did "diamond" calls. They had a square dance reception a week after the wedding with John calling and Dave Roberts cueing.

Memories: Bill remembers dancing 14 days in a row!



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Alice (Tulp) ♥ Michael Winnick (2002, 2004) – Massapequa, NY
Lee Kopman's and Todd Felleg's caller-run clubs, Lakeland Squares, Kittatinny Rangers, Sussex Spinners, Western Wheelers, Motiv8ors, IDTT (I'll Dance To That), Cloud 9 Round Dance
Dancing: After participating in a Sussex County Fair demo, Alice took lessons at Sussex Spinners with her mother and two sisters. Michael took lessons with Lou Flego on Long Island.

Meeting: (Alice's first husband) *My identical twin sister and I met our husbands the same night at a Kittatinny Rangers student dance. When Andrew Goodell walked in, I thought: "Wow, that's the man I want to marry!"* Peg Dockry called squares and cued rounds at the wedding. After Andrew passed away, Alice met Michael at a singles convention. *When I saw Alice for the first time, I thought: "She's the one!"* He proposed at a Country Promenaders dance when Jim Snyder called to "Who the Heck Is Alice?" Then Steve Bradt cued "Could I Have This Dance?" (Mike had secretly asked Mary Pickett to teach it to him.) Lee and Lilith Kopman called and led line dancing at the reception.

More: Michael went to callers school in 2005 and has taught classes in Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced. Alice had a premonition that she was going to marry a caller!



A few parting thoughts ...

Wouldn't you know that my mother's frustrating answer to how you do you know when you are in love – "You just know" – was true? And just as unexplainable. (Patrice Hartung)

Square dancing is a lot more romantic than most people realize. When you are dancing face-to-face, hand-in-hand, cheek-to-cheek, or hip-to-hip, it's almost impossible not to fall in love. Square dancing is a contact sport – but a lot safer than others! It's the best way to find a spouse who shares your love of dance. (Ann Lovatt)

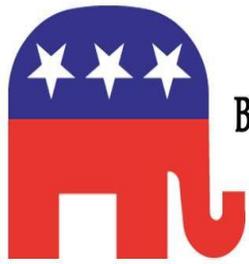
I was impressed when visiting other clubs while traveling how the entire family was welcomed and attended dances. Not all of them danced, but they socialized with each other. I brought this idea back and Rutgers Promenaders has been very supportive of families over the years. It has kept us dancing rather than taking a hiatus to rear kids, and the club has a number of children who have learned to dance with the club, including our three sons. (Terry Schmalzried)



Congratulations to square dancer lovers Jeanne Gannon and Dan Hart (just married) and Kathy Fetch and Ken Shampanore (just engaged)!

2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW ENGLAND

Our square dance friends in New England are excited about holding the 2015 National Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts. Registering now will give the committee seed money (and encouragement). To register, visit 64nsdc.com. The NNJSDA will develop plans to help make the convention an outstanding success – in our own backyard!



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alemo.nnjsda.org

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Sts. Simon & Jude Lower Church

Workshop Wed. Sept.-June

Avenue T between Lake & Van Sicklen Sts. 11223

Kathy Colucci: 718-375-1788

Cell for dance: 917-699-2093

Our new square dancing year started with a flood. Our former dance location was damaged by the effects of Hurricane Irene, and we had to find a new location before our open house. We were able to find a very nice air-conditioned hall not too far from our previous location, so our new square dance year started on time.

Our open house was held on September 21, and we had a nice showing of interested dancers, but not too many returned in the following weeks. The few that came back are very enthusiastic about learning, and we hope they will become part of our membership for many years to come.

We held two Sunday dances with Don Coy calling, and they were very successful. At our fall dance on October 9, we were raided by Belles & Beaux. We thank that club for raiding and hope they enjoyed their time at our new location.

We held our annual Halloween Party on October 19. There were three squares of very interesting costumes along with many delightful themed food items. Our callers, Don and Dot Coy, popped out as Jack and Jill in the box – a very cute costume, and a howling good time was had by all.

Many of our members spent a few days at the Rocking Horse Ranch; although the weather was not the best, everyone enjoyed shows, games, food, and of course square dancing. All who attended had a great time. Thanks to Don and Dot for the hard work in setting up this trip, and we all look forward to the next one.

AleMo West has continued Monday classes in Staten Island at the Eger Nursing Home. They also have ventured out to some dances in New Jersey. Barbara Kanter is their teacher and is always willing to show new dancers the joys of square dancing.

Come and join us in our new location. We are the “Caring/Sharing” Club.

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Kathy Colucci (alemodancer@yahoo.com)

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ANIMATIONS AND VIDEOS – SQUARE DANCE CALLS

These are some of the websites where you can see animations and videos of square dance calls to jog your memory. Enjoy!

videosquaredancelessons.com

tamtwirlers.org/tamination

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**Show everyone that you're not just a terrific dancer.
Release your inner artist by designing your own
8½" x 11" masterpiece.**

It's time for the

NNJSDA Poster/Flyer Contest!

**The winning entry will be the poster/flyer
that best generates interest in square dancing.**

It will be used as a promotional flyer and as
the cover for the September issue of *Grand Square*.

March 1 is the deadline for all submissions.

**Now is the time to get your creative juices flowing
and make your mark in NNJSDA history!**

1. Members of any NNJSDA member club are eligible to enter. There is no limit on the number of entries.
2. All posters/flyers must be 8½" x 11" on a white background with either black or colored ink. They must be prepared electronically using Word only. (If you have an idea but are not computer proficient, please draw your design and ask a friend to put it into a Word document for emailing.)
3. The subject may be any square dance theme, though it may not be localized to a particular geographical area. The poster/flyer must include:
 - National Square Dance Month – September
 - Sufficient space for each club to fill in its class or other information.Samples of past winning posters/flyers may be found on the NNJSDA website at nnjsda.org/postercontest/winningposter.php.
4. Judging will be the responsibility and honor of the NNJSDA Executive Board at its March 2012 meeting.
5. All entries will become the property of the NNJSDA.
6. The winning poster/flyer will be featured on the cover of the fall issue of *Grand Square*. It may also be displayed at national and other square dance festivals and conventions.
7. The NNJSDA may choose to use any of the entries to promote square dancing.
8. Please submit your entry by email attachment to postercontest@nnjsda.org.
9. If you have any questions, please contact Lise Greene at 973-663-4396.

THANK YOU TO OUR JAN. 22, 2012 MIDTERM DANCE CALLERS:

Betsy Gotta, Paul Ingis, Barbara Kanter, Ron Kapnick, Ed Kerns, Dan Koft, Fran Wadel

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Space: The Dancer’s Frontier

Dancing involves people moving across the dance floor to music. How you use the space will affect how smoothly and easily you dance.

1. Keeping your square “tight” or compact makes it easier to *identify your square’s formation at any given time; identify your position in it; and keep your formation neat* (lines, waves, and columns should be straight, and parallel to the walls and each other). Dancing in a compact square is more relaxing because it is easier to complete the calls in the allotted time without having to rush or run. Also, you can more comfortably touch hands with adjacent dancers while keeping your shoulders and elbows relaxed. In square dancing, neatness counts. If your column is not straight, adjust your position so that you are directly lined up with the other dancers in your column.

2. “Square breathing” is similar to your chest moving out and in while you are inhaling and exhaling. When Heads Promenade 1/2 Way is called from a static square, the side dancers step forward temporarily so the heads don’t have to travel as far. When a call leaves your square very spread out, adjust back in (“tighten up” the square) to make it easier to see your formation and do the next call.

3. Anticipate how much space you need to cover for your part of the call, and modify your pace and stride length accordingly. During All Eight Circulate, out-facing end dancers must take longer strides and move faster because they need to cover a longer distance than the other dancers; conversely, the other dancers need to take shorter strides. During Couples Trade, the centermost dancers must take extremely small steps. During Relay the Deucey (a Plus call), dancers must alternately take longer and shorter strides for the square to smoothly and successfully execute the call.

4. During a passing action (such as Pass Thru), dancers must move off their track as they pass the other dancer, *followed by* adjusting back onto their track. If there is limited space available, you may need to turn slightly sideways to avoid bumping into another dancer.

5. Keep in mind the footprints that should be occupied at the end of a call *while* you are performing the call. For example, the same two spots on the floor should be occupied both before and after a Courtesy Turn. For this to happen, the left hand dancer must back up while the right hand dancer moves forward. Otherwise, the resulting couples will not be facing one another directly. During Boys Run, the girl must step into the boy’s initial spot for the couple to occupy the same two spots on the floor at the end of the call.

6. During Step to a Wave, *each* dancer must adjust sideways slightly. After the call, the resulting waves should be parallel and lined up.

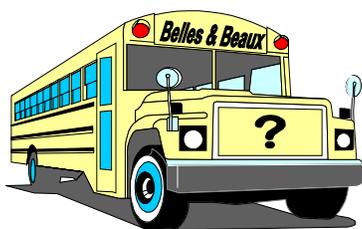
I welcome comments on this column and suggestions for future columns. Feel free to contact me at LTPT1@yahoo.com or 732-577-9413. Happy dancing!

Jan Thompson

Do you know someone with a New Year’s resolution to “get out more” or “learn to dance”?

Three new Mainstream classes are starting in January or February: Cross Trail Squares, Hunterdon Flutterwheels, and Reelers. See page 3.

Looking for something special to do?
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Fall Bee Sharps highlights included the return of Joe Landi to call a great dance to start our new dance season, a wonderful club picnic in late September, and several squares of Bee Sharps participating in the Association's Mini-Festival in November. The picnic frolic included great food, friends, fun, and even the opportunity for the Bee Sharps to return to our "roots." Many members instinctively felt the urge to swarm back to the "hive" for a refresher course on how to behave like a bee from beekeeper Vic Ammons, who took us on a tour of his live bee hives. Afterward, the Sharps were all "buzzing" and many participated in a volleyball tournament to cap off a great day. Thanks to the picnic committee including Bob and Diana Cole, Diane Coffman, Curt Kraut, and especially Nancy and Vic Ammons, who provide a great picnic venue.

The Bee Sharps Raid program organized by Irma Huhn included great dance visits to Lakeland Squares (Wes Thielke) and the Hunterdon Flutterwheels holiday dance (Ed Kerns). Irma will be announcing our 2012 Raid schedule shortly. Thanks to all raiders for your enthusiastic support.

The Mainstream lesson program taught by caller Gardner Patton, which started in September, is finishing in January. Our new Mainstream graduates, along with several Flutterwheels graduates, will be joining our Plus lesson program, which starts on January 23. Gardner will be the instructor. If you know anyone interested in learning Plus, please contact class coordinators Susan Rothburd and Tony Tanuzzi. For more information, please call the Coles at 908-874-8117.

Our annual Sweethearts Ball Valentine's dance on February 10 will feature caller Glenn Matthew with Steve Bradt on rounds. This special dance will offer a Plus/Advanced (A2)/Rounds dance format. After the Sweethearts Ball, the balance of our winter/spring dances will have a Mainstream/Plus/Rounds format until the end of May. Please see our *Grand Square* ad for the complete dance schedule.

We hope to see you in a Bee Sharps square.

Ad on page 51Curtis Kraut (*curtis.kraut@gmail.com*)

908-725-7411

DO YOU HAVE ANY "HISTORICAL" GRAND SQUARES?

Most issues of our magazine since its inception in 1959 are online, thanks to Gardner Patton and Ken Robinson. But a few issues are missing. If you have old issues, please check the online collection at nnjsda.org/old_grand_square. Click on the arrow next to each year to see what we already have. If any of yours are among the missing, please notify Ken so that he can scan them and return them to you. Thanks!

M R Square Dance Club



February 4	Valentine's	Dan & Kathy Koft
February 18	1950s	Roy & Betsy Gotta
March 3		Dan & Kathy Koft
April 21		Dan & Kathy Koft
May 5	Cinco de Mayo	Dan & Kathy Koft
May 19		Dan & Kathy Koft

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MS-PL tip

sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux

1 & 3 Wed. All Year

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Maryjane Clewell: 973-427-8758

Cell for dance: 551-206-7905

The members of Belles & Beaux are green! Not with envy, but with our new green T-shirts that everyone is wearing to class and even to some of our dances, and with our nice, new warm jackets. These are the first new jackets in 18 years and they are fantastic with our logo on the back and our names on the front. We continue to have our famous theme dances, and we will have two theme dangle dances this season – find our ad to see which ones. And, back again in the spring will be our Murder Mystery on March 21 with Linda Millian as writer, director, and producer; it is good to have her back. Of course, being the “mystery club,” the Mystery Bus Raid will also be held in the spring. The only thing that is not a mystery is the date: May 5.

Ads on pages 11, 15, 59 Richard Ball (rebtama@gmail.com) 973-725-9738

ALL GRAND SQUARES NOW ONLINE

Gardner Patton scanned every *Grand Square* from the magazine's beginning in 1959 until it was digitized in 2007, and our webmaster Ken Robinson posted them all on our website. Check them out at nnjsda.org/grand_square.



We Had a Blast!

Many of you have been asking how the first NNJSDA Blast Class Weekend went. It was held November 4 through 6 at Liebenzell Retreat Center in Long Valley, NJ (western Morris County).

Three squares moved from Basic to Mainstream under the fabulous teaching/calling of Howard Richman. He was ably assisted on the floor by a team of angels that could not have possibly been better: Larry and Phyllis Bugal, Ron Kornmiller, Donna Poyer, and Jessica Wu. They were joined on the floor Sunday morning by Bonnie and Charlie Van Stone. Thank you all!

For the final dance, there were 12 representatives from NNJSDA clubs. This made it possible to have four squares, all with experienced dancers, to send the students home on a high.

Special thanks also have to go to Lise Greene, who saw the possibilities of a Blast Class when she was president of NNJSDA and worked hard to make it happen. Then she provided a series of themed sweet treats, to encourage the dancers through the tough spots, and a participation certificate at the final luncheon on Sunday.

Who were the 21 students who came to this weekend? It was a diverse group. Seven were brand-new beginners ready to give it a shot, although some were not able to complete the weekend for various reasons. Two were students in club classes who wanted to reinforce what they were learning. Two women who are already club members focused on learning the lead part. Ten were recent graduates who wanted reinforcement of what they had learned last year. (Three from the last group had already gone through Plus, but felt the need to strengthen their Mainstream skills.)

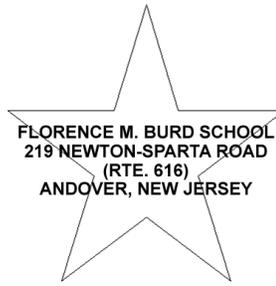
All of the participants had a wonderful time and said they would recommend the Blast Weekend to others as an introduction to a “great,” “wonderful,” “fun” activity. Many said they would come again, and one couple was eager to return with their family. Several made suggestions for alternate family-based sites whose existing contacts might be interested in participating.

Will this weekend generate more dancers for our clubs? Well, we certainly have stronger dancers from the group that came for review and a group of new advocates to spread the word that it is possible to have fun and make new friends while enjoying a fitness activity.

Barbara Kanter, Blast Weekend Coordinator

(Editor’s note: Special kudos to Barbara and her enthusiastic, dedicated team who went the extra mile to make this weekend a success! This is a wonderful example of the square dancing community stepping up to support such a great activity.)

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<u>DATES</u>	<u>CALLERS</u>	<u>THEMES</u>
January 27, 2012	Dennis Reardon	All Aboard for a Cruise
February 10, 2012*	Wayne Applegate	Sweetheart Ball – <i>Student Level</i>
February 24, 2012	Ron Kapnick	Hawaiian Night
March 9, 2012	Dennis Reardon	Think Green
March 23, 2012	Doug Kauffman	Pirates of the Caribbean
April 13, 2012	Wayne Applegate	Raining Cats and Dogs
April 27, 2012	Mark Franks	Pie Night
May 11, 2012	Howard Richman	Ice Cream Social
May 25, 2012	Dennis Reardon	Potluck Supper**

*Student Level **Casual Dress – Supper 6:00, Annual Meeting 7:00, Dance 7:30

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Sun. Feb 5	Dan Koft	MS ½ hr PL
Fri. Feb 17	Don Coy	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. Feb 19	Wayne Applegate	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. Feb 26	Dot and Don Coy	BARN
Sun. March 4	Paul Ingis	MS ½ hr PL
Fri. March 16	Michael Patrick	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. March 18	Howard Richman	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. March 25	Dan Koft	BARN
Sun. April 1	Nick Martellacci	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. April 15	Dan Tapper	MS ½ hr PL
Fri. April 20	Ed Foote	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. April 22	Wayne Applegate	BARN
Sun. May 6	Ed Foote	MS ½ hr PL
Fri. May 18	Paul Ingis	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. May 20	Rick Gittelman	MS ½ hr PL
Sun. May 27	no dance / holiday	-----

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Route 4 East and West – Exit onto Maywood Ave./Forest Ave. At light make a left onto Forest Ave., which becomes Maywood Ave. Make a right onto Lenox Ave., a left onto Duvier Pl., and a right into the parking area.

Route 17 South – Exit onto Rt. 4E. Follow directions above.

Route 17 North – Exit onto Essex St./Maywood/Saddle Brook. At light, go straight onto Maywood Ave. Make a left onto Lenox Ave., a left onto Duvier Pl., and a right into the parking area.

Hackers, Phishers, and Spammers (Oh MY!)

Just how safe is your identity from “hackers”? Well, that depends on who you are. If you receive and send emails, surf, and buy a few things on the internet, you can do it safely; your name, address, and phone numbers are already easily obtainable in most cases, so protecting these is useless. (If you run a business from the computer, you need more stringent safeguards than those of us who have no sensitive information belonging to other people on our machines.)

Hacker: This term refers to someone who comes in over your internet connection (“hacks in”) and gets information from your computer. Unless you have a public identity that attracts hackers (an accountant, for example), no one is going to invest time to get in to your computer. Saying someone “hacked” your email really means you somehow gave out your email password, and now someone is using your email to send spam (aka junk email). Note that having a typed list of passwords in your computer does not attract hackers. It may attract a 15-year-old who sits down at your computer, but not someone dialing in over your internet connection.

Giving away a computer? Even if the computer is “broken,” make sure all data have been totally erased (called a Department of Defense overwrite) before you give it or throw it away. Otherwise your files are my files. ...

Public Computers: Avoid doing business on public computers and wireless (Wi-Fi) networks, and *always* click the “log out” button when you finish using any website you logged on to. Otherwise I can get on after you leave and play with your brokerage account, send emails in your name, etc. One manager left himself logged on to a shared work computer; after he left, staff went through his work email and forwarded messages to employees being discussed for promotion – not a pretty scene.

Smart Phones: These hold passwords and other vital info. Password protect and put tracking apps on them. Once they’re in someone else’s hands, it is too late!

Passwords: Be password smart. Not every computer needs a password, but it protects documents on computers that are accessible to others whom you have not authorized. Using a password on a home computer every time you log in is a waste of energy – unless, of course, you don’t want the 15-year-olds to have access. In that case, don’t give it out, at all, ever – a password is useless if anyone learns it! (Exception: Someone you are paying to repair a computer has security and confidentiality concerns that match yours, and *paying* is the operative word. That 15-year-old may be handy, but hardly secure!)

Don’t use the same password for everything. Neither should you use a different password for everything, because it becomes too confusing. Pick three passwords. One should be complicated, to use for money transactions such as banking, PayPal, brokerage, and credit cards. Create a password that is eight to 14 characters, uses upper and lower case, numbers, letters, AND a symbol. A recent security journal says that “it would typically take ... 2½ hours to crack the strongest 7-character password ... an 8-character password ... about 10 days, and a 9-character ... approximately 2½ years.” Do not use a favorite date, a name, or other real words. Be creative – but don’t brag about it and don’t hang it on a sticky on the computer! Protect this password religiously.

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Create two additional (shorter) passwords for all other log-ons; make them at least eight characters, though, and not at all similar to the one used for money transactions. These passwords wouldn't attract a hacker – unless you have a really interesting purchase history at Amazon. Decide on a scheme to remember which is used where. Perhaps they'll be for sites with names beginning A-K/L-Z, or for email/all other purposes.

Phishing: A phisher is someone who looks like (or pretends to be) a website or an account you own, but is actually a swindler in the worst sense. Never provide your user name, password, account number, or other sensitive information in emails or over the phone – *yes, phishing has come to your local phone number* (usually as a credit card alert)! Most passwords get inadvertently given out by people clicking on a link in an email that looks legitimate, and then entering their personal information when asked for it. As I wrote in the last issue, DON'T ever click a link unless the sender tells you what it is for in the email message. Example: If an email appears to be from your bank, go to your Favorites or Bookmarks list and click it there, or type it in, letter by letter. After all, if *you* put it there, it will take you to your bank, not to some goodfella in Timbuktu. ...

Shopping online: Theft happens no more frequently online than at the cash register, so why lose all the benefits of buying online because of fear? Instead, have one credit card that you use only for online shopping. Scrutinize the statement, item by item, every month and compare it to the email confirmations you received for online purchases. Then you will know if someone else uses the number. If the number leaked and you report it immediately, you are not liable for charges; the credit card company will remove the charges and may request to change the card number, just as if you had lost the card.

Never give access to your bank account information to any site or by phone.

Email addresses: These frequently get compromised with spam by being given out or sold (from the top of emails that someone forwards and fails to clean up). Again, three is a lucky number: one email address for work or professional interests that sounds appropriate; a personal one for family/friends; and a third for online. Verizon (the internet service provider we pay to get online at my home) allowed me to create seven email addresses when I signed up. I use one of them for my online address (and judging from the amount of spam I get on it, some sites I have used it on seem to have sold it to spammers). I have my "real" addresses at Gmail. Gmail, AOL, Hotmail, Yahoo!, Mail.com, and others are free emails that you can keep even if you change to another internet service provider.

Websites: Many allow only registered users to access certain content, and require you to provide some personal information to register. *That information does not have to be real so that it leads back to you.* Invent a fake persona for the sites that make you sign on before you can comment/read articles or that you may not go back to. But keep a list of the site, your user name, and password, so you can remember who "you" are in case you do want to go back. Exception: Addresses for shopping sites obviously need to be real.

The world has gotten more complicated, but understanding a few rules will keep you safe and surfing happily ever after.

Rusty Ball, Certified Computer Technician and Instructor



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4 Fri. Sept.-June

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Nancy Stewart: 201-664-7985

Cell for dance: 201-707-2749

In fall 2011, Circle Eights began to hold its dances in a new location – the VFW in Elmwood Park. This site affords more dance space as well as the all-important bonus of air conditioning in warm weather. The Circle Eights kickoff dance in September with Joe Landi was a success, as was the October dance with Wayne Applegate calling and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix raiding. The November dance was held on Thanksgiving weekend with Howard Richman.

The fall class of new square dancers included 13 individuals, two of them children. Under the instruction and calling of Paul Ingis on Monday nights, the candidates completed the first half of the course, and they are dancing full speed ahead toward graduation.

Circle Eights reached its goal of 200 miles early in the raid season, but continued to schedule and attend monthly raids. In September, 14 club members raided Cross Trail Squares. The Circle Eights dancers were greeted with welcome banners and delicious snacks provided by several board members.

Circle Eights took a big hike to Hunterdon Flutterwheels in October. It was a wonderful dance with Jim Snyder and Dennis Reardon calling. Ed and Doris Walles, Lily Pasaporte, Addie Johnson, Jeanne Weisman, Bob Bachmann, Pauline DuBois, and Rick and Gerry Savino made the 1½-hour drive to Flemington and danced the night away in a cozy cabin in the woods. In November, the club raided Belles & Beaux. The theme of “Slipper Night” lent an air of fun and frivolity to the gathering. Additionally, thanks to all of the club members who attended the NNJSDA dances in 2011, Circle Eights had “One Square Is Fair at all of the dances.

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Many members also attended the Mini-Festival on November 13. They happily danced to the calling of Vic Ceder (California), Don Beck (Massachusetts), and Butch Adams (Virginia), with rounds by Mary Pickett.

Carin and Frank Gufert, who met as members of Circle Eights and married in June 2011, enjoyed a fall square dancing honeymoon in Germany. On a sadder note, the club sent its heartfelt wishes to one of its dancers, Darlene Dorgan, for her recovery from a fall.

The 2011 year ended with holiday festivities at the Circle Eights/Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix joint New Year’s Eve dinner-dance in Oradell. With the delicious buffet, partying crowd, and dynamic calling of Bruce McCue from Connecticut, it was a perfect night for “dancing in” 2012!

(Editor’s note: As this issue was being prepared, word was received of the passing of longtime member Rudi Draudin in early December. Condolences to his family and fellow Circle Eights members.)

Ad on page 41 Jeanne Weisman (*kreider99@aol.com*) 201-722-0488

Congratulations, Freeloaders!

Attended at least three summer 2011 NNJSDA dances and the Mini-Festival

Myles Adler	John Festa	Jim Novak
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Sandy Faulkner	Edward Mindlin	Wes Thielke
Diane Festa	Irene Novak	Jessica Wu

Download YOUR Freeloader Form at NNJSDA.org (Documents)

LET’S GO VISITING AND RAIDING!

Here’s a great way to keep improving our dancing – go visiting! Ask a couple of friends to join you at another club. Recent grads will begin to feel more comfortable with new callers and other dancers, and clubs will benefit from new friends and increased attendance. Clubs with eight or more members at another club’s dance can help their own club complete the annual Raid program and earn 50% off NNJSDA dues next year, so you’ll be helping your club as well as yourself. Go for it!

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- 3 Howard Richman
- 10 Wes Thielke
- 17 Roy Leber
- 24 Paul Ingis
- 31 Howard Richman – Barn Dance
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February 2012

- 7 Fran Wadel – *Student Dance!*
- 14 Howard Richman
- 21 Derek Page
- 28 Dan Koft

March 2012

- 6 Dennis Reardon
- 13 Roy Leber
- 20 Fran Wadel
- 27 Howard Richman

April 2012

- 3 Wes Thielke
- 10 Fran Wadel – *MS Graduation!*
- 17 Ed Foote
- 24 Howard Richman

May 2012

- 1 No Dance – NJPAC
- 8 The Hardys – *Anniversary Dance!*
- 15 Dan Tapper
- 22 Rick Gittelman
- 29 Howard Richman – Barn Dance
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June 2012

- 5 No Dance – *Election Day!*
- 12 Betsy Gotta
- 19 Nick Martellacci
- 26 Howard Richman

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Cross Trails is excited to begin our new season having added two fifth Wednesday dances and a plethora of new callers to our schedule for this season. This is a great opportunity to bring your caller Black Books, Century Club books, and all manner of paperwork where you may need some new caller signatures. We're hoping to have as many visitors as we can squeeze into our dance hall to come out and listen to some new voices for our area. So please be sure to check our schedule, gather your members, and join us as often as possible, either as a raid for your club or just for some fun dancing whenever you are able to get here. A great evening still for the low, low price of only \$4.

Speaking of "getting here," as most of you know, due to renovations at Grover Cleveland Middle School in Caldwell, CTS was homeless in the fall. We used the VFW in Elmwood Park as our temporary home away from home and were glad to return to our regular dance hall.

Once again, thanks to the diligence of our raid chairs, Sylvia and Peter Collette, CTS completed our raid requirements in record time. Enough miles were accumulated in June, and we continue to raid just for a fun time as a group. We still have several raids scheduled, and hope to continue throughout the season.

Cross Trailers have been busy with some extra activities this fall. Five couples attended the Tumbling Leaves weekend in Vermont, and a good time was had by all – sore feet notwithstanding! We also got a square together for a demonstration at the Caldwell Street Fair in early October. Dan Tapper did the calling and brought many interested parties to watch the dancers' expertise. And, since we were unable to begin a new session of classes in the fall, Ron Kapnick held some brush-up lessons for our members to keep that expertise in tip-top form. A new Mainstream class will start on January 24.

Lastly, due to Mother Nature and several illnesses, our ranks have been pared down a bit. Some of our club members had serious damage to their homes during Hurricane Irene. We members of CTS wish all of our friends who have been missing due to illness or rebuilding after the hurricane the very best. Can't wait to have you all back with us and our club in full force again.

Ad on page 53Doris Fera (dor915@optonline.net)

973-887-3455

Grand Square Benefit Dance

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Joe Landi and Glenn Matthew – Callers for Mainstream and Plus
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1 & 3 Sun. All Year

Maywood Rec. Center, Duvier Pl. 07607

3 Fri. Sept.-June, 4 Fri. July-Aug.

Chris O'Connor: 201-797-6145

Barn Dance 4 Sun. All Year

Jim Van Rensalier: 201-388-6314

FAD is happy to announce that we have a new agreement with the Borough of Maywood, and all of our dances are being held at the Senior Recreation Center on Duvier Place. Admission has been reduced by a dollar, and we have extended our dances with a half-hour of Plus from 9:30-10:00 PM.

Our banner continues to fly on Maywood Avenue, and occasionally on Passaic Street. The banner recently caught the eye of Secaucus Recreation Director Lisa Snedeker, and she has started a square dance program at their beautiful recreation center. Lisa is working on getting a banner up in Secaucus for barn dances.

We were also happy to get free publicity for square dancing from the *Paramus Patch*, an online news source for Paramus.

Thank you to Barbara Berger for her assistance at the treasurer's table.

Our barn dance, which takes place the fourth Sunday of every month, is open for all clubs to invite prospective dancers to come out and give square dancing a try.

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Jim Van Rensalier

201-388-6314



Middletown Ramblers

7:30-10:00 PM, Fridays

Croydon Hall

900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo, NJ 07733

middletownramblers.org

Plus Club + Rounds

Jan. 6	Dan Koft	Apr. 13	Clay Goss
Jan. 13	Wayne Applegate	Apr. 20	Dennis Reardon
Jan. 20	Mark Franks		Jim Snyder
Jan. 27*	Doug Kauffman	Apr. 27*	Doug Kauffman
Feb. 3	Dan Koft	May 4	Howard Richman
Feb. 10	Bill Harrison	May 11	Glenn Matthew
	Roy Gotta – cuer	May 18*	Mark Franks
Feb. 17*	Wayne Applegate	May 25	Rick Gittelman
Feb. 24	Dennis Reardon	Jun. 1	Dan Koft
Mar. 2	Doug Kauffman	Jun. 8	Chuck Hardy
Mar. 9	Don Coy	Jun. 13+	Ken Bower
Mar. 16	Mark Franks	Jun. 15	Joe Landi
Mar. 23*	Joe Landi	Jun. 22	Jim Snyder
Mar. 30	Butch Adams	Jun. 29	Glenn Matthew

+**Note:** This *special* dance with Ken Bower is on a Wednesday
(cannot be used for NNJSDA Raid program credit).

Directions: Parkway South to Exit 117. Take Rt. 36 approximately 8 miles to Academy Bus Depot. Turn right at the light on Hosford Ave. and cross Leonardville Rd. (stop sign). Make next left onto Bryant Ave., which ends in the Croydon Hall complex. Dance hall is the last building on the right.

National Callers: Bill Harrison – Butch Adams – Glenn Matthew
Rick Gittelman – Ken Bower

***Class Dances:** Jan. 27, Feb. 17, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, May 18
(dancing will be at the level of the club's class)

Dinner Dance: June 15 – Please call for information

NOTE: Hearing enhancement system available.

Ken Douglas, 732-581-4361 Betty Scharmann, 732-291-1188
Richard and Beverly Yackel, 732-747-8505

sqrdance.org/Hi.Taw.Twirlers

Various Tues. All Year

Paramus Senior Center, 93 Farview Ave. 07652

See ad below

Sandy and Bernie Beck (bbeck123@aol.com)

201-447-0538

Hi Taws – A Challenge Club

Various Tuesdays

Paramus Senior Center – 93 Farview Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652

Challenge Dancing: C2 – 7 PM to 8 PM C1 – 8 PM to 10 PM

Information: Bernie and Sandy 201-447-0538 Fred 201-797-3421

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS – Flemington**MS/PL**hunterdonflutterwheels.njjsda.org**1 & 3 Fri. Sept.-June****Echo Hill Park Lodge, 43 Lilac Dr. 08822**

Joe Kwiatek and Donna Besignano: 908-526-7496 Cell for dance: 908-672-0372

Now that the cooler weather has arrived, club members are happy to get back to our beautiful dance floor after taking the summer off. Our second dance of the season on October 7 was raided by two clubs, Cross Trail Squares and Circle Eights. It was FANTASTIC! Jim Snyder and Dennis Reardon kept the floor moving with their antics and made the Mainstream tips just as interesting as the Plus tips. Graduates from our spring Mainstream class joined in on the fun and we had a full house of more than eight squares and even did a tip in the dark. We welcome the Pron and Nasta families, Vivian Godby, Nancy Newton, and Bill Majcher.

Last September, Peg and Fred Bailey, two of our longtime club members, pulled up roots and relocated to warmer weather. Fred, who booked our callers for years, turned the reins over to Jim Trotta, who we know will do an excellent job. Peg, formerly our *Grand Square* reporter, has left the position in my hands. Let's hope that I can do as good a job. We wish Peg and Fred all the happiness in the world.

On November 5, the Flutterwheels partnered with the Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation for their annual "Touch-A-Truck" event. Joe Head, one of our newer members, took the lead to organize a group of the guys to provide traffic control for the activity. Everyone had a great time, and the community got to see all of the interesting and unique vehicles used by the county.

Raid chair Leala Gonzalez is busy rounding up club members to participate in visits to neighboring clubs. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have completed three or four raids.

We are starting a new Mainstream class on Sunday afternoons with Ed Kerns. The open house is on February 12, and the first lesson will be held on February 19.

Our highlight of the holiday season was Harry's Ho-Ho-Holiday dance honoring member Harry Schmidt who passed away in 2010. Dancers were able to participate in a gift exchange and there was a special "Ho-Ho-Ho" tip during the night. Good health to all in the new year.

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Donna Besignano (donnabes@att.net)

908-526-7496



NJPAC is proud to partner with NNJSDA for the
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Come out and join us for a truly memorable evening! Please see your NNJSDA Delegate or club for a registration form.



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CALLERS' COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY: 2012

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Thank You, NNJSDA Host Clubs!

Full 2012 list: NNJSDA.org (Documents)

Midterm Class-Level Dance: January 22
Belles & Beaux – Kittatinny Rangers
Lakeland Squares – RocklandRockytops

Grand Square Benefit Dance: March 3
Bee Sharps – Circle Eights – Reelers

Plus/Round Dance: March 31
Hi Taws – Motiv8ors – Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix

Mainstream/Plus/Round Dance: April 29
AleMo Squares – Middletown Ramblers – Rutgers Promenaders

AleMo Squares

Sts. Simon & Jude Lower Church

Avenue T between Lake & Van Sicklen Streets, Brooklyn, NY 11223

Various Sundays 7:30-10:00 PM ~ Alternating MS and Plus Tips

2012		
February 12	Don Coy	Sweethearts Dance
March 11	Don Coy	Spring Dance
April 15	Don Coy	Tea Social
May 20	Howard Richman	Red, White, and Blue Dance
June 10	Don Coy	Welcome Summer

Kathy: 917-699-2093, Norma: 718-852-0318, alemodancer@yahoo.com

Cell phone night of dance: 917-699-2093

ADMISSION \$7 per person

THE CARING AND SHARING CLUB



KITTATINNY RANGERS – Newton

MS/PL

kittatinnyrangers.nnjsda.org

2 & 4 Fri. Sept.-May Florence Burd School, 219 Newton-Sparta Rd. 07860

Barbara and Jay Ten Eick: 201-919-1342

Cell for dance: 908-319-9412

In September, we had our open house, and some of the participants joined our Mainstream class. We also started a Plus class for anyone who wanted to advance to this level. We have had the cooperation of many club members to help out as angels for both classes.

Also in September, we held a “thank you” dance honoring Kay Davis for all of her hard work and dedication to our club for many, many years. Shortly thereafter, she moved away to North Carolina with her daughter. We surely miss her and her partnership on the dance floor.

We did a few square dance demonstrations during the fall, with the most recent one for Willowglen Academy, in Sparta. The developmentally disabled audience members participated and had a wonderful time, and they would like to have us back again. Another of the demos was for the Vernon Senior Citizens, and they also enjoyed having us.

Our club will turn 40 this year! Come to our “4x4” anniversary dance on Saturday, July 14. We’ll have four callers for four hours of continuous dancing. Mark your calendars now and watch for the exciting details later.

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Jay Ten Eick

973-383-9456

CCNJ President's Message

Mid-Winter Mania – CCNJ again presents Mid-Winter Mania, a chance for new dancers to hear many callers and to dance with members of other clubs. See the ad in this issue of *Grand Square* and please plan to participate.

Computers – In an interview* with Bob Brundage, Jonesy Jones, one of the early square dance recording artists, tells how he first started calling using a megaphone and then later switched to a microphone and amplifier. He got his start by leading a band that played for square dances. Later he began to use records when he called. This was just after World War II, when amplifiers and records changed forever how we square dance. It was a paradigm shift and the square dance community changed slowly, lamenting the loss of live bands and painfully learning the newfangled “hash” calling.



Over the years since then, there have been very few further technical innovations. Hilton built amplifiers that allowed callers to adjust the voice and the music separately, making the voice easier to understand. Yak Stack speakers made the caller understandable without draping wires and speakers along the sides of a hall, and Xerox copiers made it easier for club officers to print flyers and get newsletters to members. However, in general, square dancing technology has stayed the same for 50 years, while music technology progressed from tape players to CD players to iPods and iPhones.

With the advent of computers, square dancing is undergoing another paradigm shift. Callers are using computers instead of turntables. They can now have thousands of songs on their computer and some have taken to playing background music between tips. Square dance publications are appearing online, and clubs have dance dates and flyers available online for those with computers and phone-based search apps. I'm wondering: Are we embracing this new technology to help square dancing grow, or are we lamenting the loss of records, mimeographs, and telephone chains? How could new technology be used to grow our activity even further?

NNJSDA is leading the way by providing email lists to reach dancers and Association officers. Does your club have an email list? Does your club have a website? The Reelers' club newsletter is online and *Grand Square* is available online. Newspapers used to be the way to reach prospective dancers. Nowadays, communities are starting their own online newspapers called “patches.” Does your publicity committee put articles in your local patch? Short square dance instruction videos and excellent square dance call animations are available online. Do you tell your new dancers about them? GPS devices in cars help you find dance venues, and detailed directions can be had from map websites. And, of course, there is Facebook to spread the word, as has recently been suggested.

What's next? Can computer technology be harnessed to make square dancing even better? How about an app to find out what dances are available anywhere in the country as dancers travel? How about an app to help potential square dancers find places to dance?

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MOUNTAIN SQUARES

A2 Dances (workshops as needed), Joe Landi – Caller

TIME: 7:45-10:00 PM

LOCATION:

SCHEDULE *Spring 2012*

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center
90 Whippany Road (at Eden Lane), Whippany, NJ 07981

March 7, 21

DIRECTIONS:

April 4, 18

Route 10 to Whippany Road (3rd light from Route 287)

May 2, June 6*

Whippany Road ½ mile to Eden Lane

(*Potluck dinner 6:00 PM)

Right onto Eden Lane (enter via driveway on right)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Bill and Hilda Groth ----- 973-746-0656

Mary Jane and Greg Roome ----- 973-543-4109

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Thirty years ago, people bought square dance records and danced to them in their basements. However, as the dancers moved up the technology ladder to tape and CD players, square dance music stayed on records – which the dancers no longer had the equipment to play. What would change if everyone could get square dance music for \$1 per tune at *Amazon.com* and have instant downloads? Would dancers – especially those who are younger, college age, and having children later in life – begin having basement dances again?

Do you have ideas about how new technology can be used to transform and improve our activity? If so, let your club officers, the NNJSDA officers, and the callers know. Square dancing is in the middle of the computer paradigm shift. Let's take advantage of it. Instead of talking about how it was, let's talk about what it can be if we embrace this new technology fully.

*For interview, visit sdfne.org/Documents/BrundageAudioInterviews/tabid/374/Default.aspx and scroll down to "Jones, Fenton."

Ad on page 36 Gardner Patton, President (gcp6@optonline.net) 908-722-0562

Next *Grand Square* submission deadline: March 7

Submit articles to editor@nnjsda.org and ads to ads@nnjsda.org.
PLEASE include your club name in email subject line.

We welcome Curtis Kraut to the editorial team as Ad Coordinator. To avoid "shrinkage" and alteration of ad formatting due to height and width constraints, please submit your ad to Curtis as a table in Word format, using the exact sizes specified on page 2. For assistance, please contact Curtis at ads@nnjsda.org.

The editorial staff of *Grand Square* works diligently to assure that each issue meets publishing standards that have been established over the years. As stated on the back cover, we reserve the right to edit all articles and ads.



HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS
 Echo Hill Park, 43 Lilac Dr., Flemington, NJ 08822
 Web: hunterdonflutterwheels.njjsda.org
 Contact # night of dance 908-672-0372



<u>2012</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Caller</u>
Feb. 3	Sports Night – Just for the <u>SPORT</u> of It	Howard Richman
17	Valentine's Day – Identify the Famous Lovers	Ed Kerns
Mar. 2	Potluck Dinner – Dinner Begins at 6:45 PM	Ginny Reaske
16	St. Patrick's Day – Be Your Favorite Leprechaun	Ed Kerns
Apr. 6	NO DANCE – <i>Good Friday</i>	
20	Who's Your Partner? – It's a Surprise!	Dan Koft
May 4	Show Club Spirit – Flaunt Your Club Colors	C. and G. Hardy
18	Graduation – Congratulations, Students!	Ed Kerns
Jun. 1	Ice Cream Social – Wear Vacation T-Shirts	Ed Kerns

Alternate Mainstream and Plus Tips
Soft-Soled Shoes Please!
1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 PM



OPEN HOUSE at PARK
Feb. 12, 1:30-3:30 PM
For Information:
 Donna & Joe 908-526-7496



Callers' Council of New Jersey presents



Mid-Winter Mania

A special dance (featuring multiple callers) for all

Dancers in Classes (and angels)

Sunday, February 26, 2012, 2:30-5:00 PM



VFW Elmwood Park
 6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Mini-Festival 2011 ... and 2012!

More than 350 dancers enjoyed the annual Mini-Festival on November 13, 2011. Three excellent callers came from three different states: Vic Ceder (California), Don Beck (Massachusetts), and Butch Adams (Virginia). Local cuer Mary Pickett (New Jersey) “rounded” out the staff to provide almost non-stop dancing.

The schedule offered the traditional five hours of dancing plus a half-hour after tip for Rounds or Challenge, but the timing was changed as an experiment. Instead of having a two-hour dinner break and coming back for an evening session, the event started an hour earlier and ended at 6:00 (6:30 for the after tippers). Feedback on the new schedule was positive, because it still gave an opportunity to gather for dinner with friends afterward while getting dancers home much earlier.

Special thanks to the dedicated volunteers who made this event possible. Every member of the NNJSDA Executive Board pitched in before, during, and/or after the Mini-Festival to ensure its success, proving the wisdom of the adage that many hands make light work. Rusty Ball deserves extra kudos for serving so ably as registrar, and generous dancers donated terrific tricky tray prizes – thank you all!



Mary Pickett, Lise Greene, Vic Ceder, Don Beck, Butch Adams (photo: Ken Robinson)

Some good suggestions were submitted to make better use of time during the 2012 event. We plan to double the length of each dance segment to minimize the time spent traveling between dance halls and give the callers a chance to sign dancers’ books. There will also be two each of Round and Challenge after tips to accommodate dancers who enjoy both, in addition to Fast Plus and DBD Mainstream after tips.

Here’s the star lineup for November 11, 2012: Deborah Carroll-Jones (Texas), Bill Harrison (Maryland), Bill Mager (Connecticut), and cuers Ellen McCabe and Tom Denniston (Pennsylvania). Ribbon prices remain the same at \$15 in advance, so order yours early for a discount. Caller bios and a registration form are available online at minifestival.nnjstda.org.
Lise Greene, Chair, 2011 Mini-Festival

YOU 2 CAN DANCE

This great new website features videos of three dance forms – squares, rounds, and contras. There are explanations of each dance form, a section on finding clubs/callers/cuers, and more. Use it to show your friends what today’s dancing is all about. Our own Roy Gotta was instrumental in getting the site up and continues to update it; see his article in the January 2011 issue of *Grand Square* (Vol. 53, No. 2), page 35, for more information. Check out the site at You2CanDance.com.

Y Squares

Mainstream: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 1 Plus Tip
 Rounds @ 7:30 Squares @ 8:00
 Hehn School: 590 Raritan Rd., Clark, NJ 07066

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>
Jan. 12	Winter Wonderland	H. Richman	M. Pickett
Jan. 26	Casual Dress	W. Thielke	M. Pickett
Feb. 9	Valentine's Dance	D. Koft	M. Pickett
Feb. 23	Pie Night	P. Ingis	M. Pickett
Mar. 8	Ice Cream Social	D. Koft	M. Pickett
Mar. 22	Spring Fling	J. Landi	M. Pickett
Apr. 12	No Dance		
Apr. 26	Flower Power	D. Koft	M. Pickett
May 10	Potluck Dinner	D. Koft	M. Pickett
May 24	Fifties	B. Gotta	R. Gotta

Phase IV Round Dance Workshop with Mary Pickett: 7:00-7:30
 \$3.00 per person for Workshop

Contact: Barbara and George Kuhne 732-548-8537

LAKELAND SQUARES – Montville

MS/PL

squaredancing.com/lakeland

1, 2, 3, & 4 Tues. Sept.-July

Senior House

Barn Dance 5 Tues. Sept.-July

356 Main Rd. (Rt. 202) 07045

Kathy Keener: 973-366-8064

Cell for dance: 973-366-8064

Our free produce table from early summer through fall was a popular addition. Farmers Ken and Monte provided zucchini, yellow squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, jalapeno peppers, and long hot Portuguese and Italian peppers for members and guests to take home.

Barn dances and regular dances continue to be well attended. We had a large group of developmentally disabled young adults from a group home attend our August barn dance. Howard Richman did a great job adding extra tips for us to work with this group. Children are also coming to our barn and regular dances, especially when Paul and Stephen Ingis call. We are continuing our pre-dance Plus class, and most of the students stay for the dance.

Our best wishes go to Patrick and Sophia Chen, who have moved to the west coast. Patrick had served as vice president, both were treasurers, and they were in charge of keeping and transporting our raid equipment. They are sorely missed. Fortunately, Steve and Janet Eid have taken the positions of treasurer as well as raid coordinator. Judy and Eb Nordman, our long-time class coordinators, continue to need our prayers. Kathy Keener is now handling that position. We are happy to have a promising Mainstream class with Fran Wadel as our teacher.

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Janet and Monte Montagnino

973-546-3092

In Memoriam: Manny Amor

New Jersey square dance caller Manny Amor passed away on November 22, 2011. He was loved and respected by countless dancers.

Manny became a caller in 1953 and was well known to many clubs on the east coast, especially those in the Jersey shore area and Staten Island. He was a charter member of the Callers' Council of New Jersey, the author of numerous square dance calls, and the recipient of national and international awards.

Manny enjoyed writing and recording folk music. He was also an avid cartoonist whose works appeared regularly in *Grand Square* for several years.

Born in Brooklyn and educated in Florida, Manny lived in Lakewood for most of his life. He taught physical education in Freehold Township for 26 years and coached cross country, leading the team to a 1973 state title. He retired in 1992.

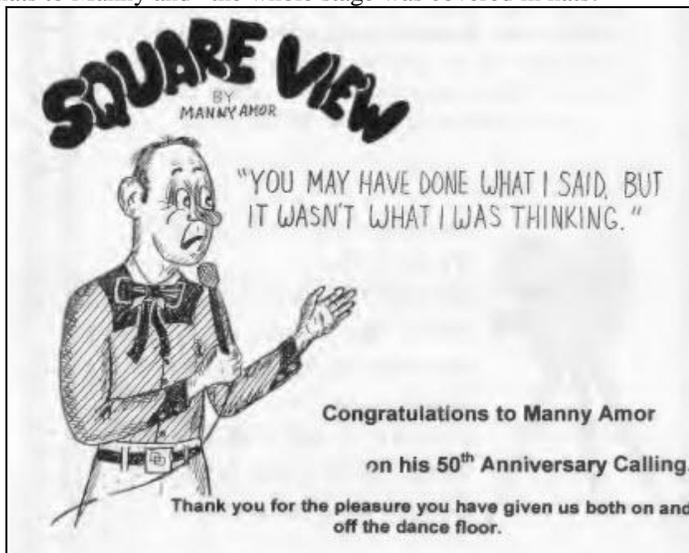
"Manny was a special friend to me and will be missed very much," said dancer Evelyn Wooley. "He was a great caller and everyone loved to hear him." She added that he was an excellent teacher. "Manny had the patience of a saint. I was his student and a member of both clubs that he founded: Star Thru Squares, which no longer exists, and Do-Si-Dos, where Gardner Patton now calls."

Louis and Jan Thompson also took Mainstream and Plus lessons with Manny, recalling him as the creator of the call Triple Scoot. "We fondly remember him for the various hats he wore to holiday dances and his clever square dance cartoons." Bill Smythe described a crazy hat dance with Hill City Squares, during which all the dancers tossed their hats to Manny and "the whole stage was covered in hats!"

Manny leaves behind a son, two daughters, many other relatives, and a host of friends. He also leaves a wonderful legacy of square dance leadership.

The cartoon to the right, from the January 1993 issue of *Grand Square*, is among the many that Manny Amor contributed over the years.

Lise Greene



RocklandRockytops

PLUS		MAINSTREAM	
First Friday – 8:00 to 10:30 PM (Third Friday in July and August)		Second Friday – 8:00 to 10:30 PM	
DBD Workshop – 7:45 to 8:00 PM One A Tip		DBD Workshop – 7:45 to 8:00 PM One Plus Tip	
02/03/12	Bruce McCue, CT	02/10/12	<i>Fran Wadel – Student Dance</i>
03/02/12	Mark Franks, NJ	03/09/12	Howard Richman, NJ
04/06/12	No Dance	04/13/12	Roy Leber, PA
05/04/12	Rick Gittelman, AZ	05/11/12	Sandy Corey, NY
06/01/12	Howard Richman, NJ	06/08/12	Don Coy, NY
07/20/12	Nick Martellacci, NY	07/13/12*	Dennis Reardon, PA
08/17/12	Howard Richman, NJ	08/10/12*	Roy Leber, PA

*July through September: special introductory dances from 7:30-8:30 PM on Mainstream nights.
Regular Mainstream dance 8:30-10:30 (no Plus tip). Angels encouraged to attend.

Location

Air Conditioned West Nyack Firehouse
42 Strawtown Road
West Nyack, NY 10994

Singles Welcome

From Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP):

Take Exit 8E (Route 59 East). *Continue on Route 59 East to first traffic light. Turn left onto Crosfield Avenue. Continue to end of Crosfield Avenue, turn right onto West Nyack Road, and continue to traffic light. Turn left onto Strawtown Road. Firehouse is just past yellow blinker on the right.

From New York State Thruway 287/87:

Take Exit 13S to PIP South. Go ½ mile to Exit 8E (Route 59 East), and follow PIP instructions * above.

From Garden State Parkway (GSP) North to New York Thruway South/East:

Go to end of GSP/Thruway Exit 14-1; go South/East on Thruway to Exit 13S, PIP South, and follow PIP instructions * above; hall is 7 miles from the NJ/NY border via GSP.

From Kinderkamack Road (NJ):

Kinderkamack Road becomes Route 304 in New York. Follow Route 304 north to Route 59 East, and follow PIP instructions * above; hall is 5 miles from the NJ/NY border via Kinderkamack.

For further information:

Mal & Dotty: 845-638-4393

Vicky (MS): 914-450-2724

Karen (PL): 845-425-8547

REELERS' BASIC/MAINSTREAM CLASS

Ironia Elementary School

303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Route 513), Randolph, NJ 07869

Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 PM starting February 7 – Michael Patrick, Instructor

MIDDLETOWN RAMBLERS – Leonardo

PL/RD

middletownramblers.org

Every Fri. All Year

Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Rd. 07737

Beverly Yackel: 732-747-8505

Cell for dance: 732-581-4361

Our club has been going along rather surely and steadily throughout the last few months. We had a great event recently take place with Dan Hart and Jeanne Gannon getting married – this is a fine enrichment for both, and we wish them all the best.

We enjoyed a “New Year’s Eve” dinner-dance party on December 30, 2011 instead of December 31. No major changes are anticipated going forward.

On Wednesday, June 13, we will host Ken Bower from California as a special dance event. This may be his last trip east and it would be a good time to visit us. (Please note that since it is not our regular dance night, this dance cannot be counted for the NNJSDA Raid program.)

Our class is running quite well. We look forward to a healthy and strong year of dancing in 2012.

Ad on page 28

Al Peskoe (*rae1@attglobal.net*)

732-741-0766



CIRCLE EIGHTS

2012

Mainstream Dances



WE'VE MOVED!

*Circle Eights is now dancing at the
VFW Hall in Elmwood Park*

6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Jan. 27 • Betsy Gotta

April 27 • Dan Tapper

Feb. 24 • Jim Snyder

May 25 • Wayne Applegate

Mar. 30 • Paul Ingis (*5th Friday*)
Student Dance – students \$2

June 22 • Nick Martellacci

Dances: 4th Friday of each month (except July, Aug., and Dec.)
8-10:30 PM Plus Workshop 8-8:15 Plus Tip 9:15

For more information: Rosemary Dunton 201-265-3788

For directions on dance night call cell 201-707-2749

motiv8ors.nnjstda.org

Various Sun. All Year Borough Hall of Oradell, 355 Kinderkamack Rd. 07649
Chariss Smith and Carl Luhrs: 201-489-2498

We extend a big “WELCOME!” to new members Amy Marcus, LouEllen and George Stoms, and George Voorhis. We are happy that several of our recent C1 graduates have become regulars at dances. As the saying goes, the more the merrier.

Fun is the name of the game. When we had an extra couple after squaring up for the last tip, caller Keith Stevens combined scatter promenades with the game Musical Chairs. We sounded like a bunch of kids at a party!

We enjoyed the talented Barry Clasper at a double-header (afternoon and evening dances) on October 30, which unfortunately fell on the weekend of the freak snow-storm. Those who braved the roads and lack of electricity were greeted with a bright hall, smiling faces, and a fun time.

During the holiday season, we gave thanks for the excellent calling we have enjoyed all year long, as well as the delicious snacks at our dances.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Daryl Murphy helped us dance off some calories. Although Daryl taught our C1 class last season, this was his first time calling a full dance for us. Welcome, Daryl, to our calling roster.

URGENT NOTICE: Caller John Marshall underwent back surgeries in November and December, and is currently facing catastrophic medical complications and financial difficulties. In an effort to support him and his wife, Mary, Motiv8ors designated their January 8 dance a benefit for John, sending the evening’s profits and dancer donations to a bank account that has been established for him. **Checks made out to “John Marshall” may be mailed to Marshall Benefit, 8617 Goldenstraw Ln., Columbia, MD 21045.**

Motiv8ors dancers certainly get around (and a square), enjoying the Mini-Festival and dance weekends in New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Our members are more than dancers. Gardener Carl Luhrs brought homegrown peppers and eggplants to one of our dances to share with his fellow dancers. With the financial sponsorship of our members and visitors, Fred Meyer once again participated in the Alzheimer’s Association’s “Walk to End Alzheimer’s.”

Computer squares. Casual attire. Fun for everyone. Join us!

Ad on page 43 Jan and Louis Thompson (LTPT1@yahoo.com) 732-577-9413

SAVE THE DATE!

Kittatinny Rangers 40th Anniversary Dance

4x4 Dance on July 14, 2012

“What is a 4x4 Dance?”

**It is a 4-hour dance called
continuously by 4 callers.**

Watch for further details.



Motiv8ors



NEW JERSEY'S PREMIER ADVANCED & CHALLENGE CLUB

Sundays at the Borough Hall of Oradell

355 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ 07649

C1 Program - 6:30-7:30 PM, A2 Program - 7:30-9:30 PM

Jan. 29	Todd Fellego, CT	Apr. 1	Todd Fellego, CT
Feb. 12	Betsy Gotta, NJ	Apr. 22	John Marshall, VA ***
Feb. 26	Dayle Hodge, MD	Apr. 29	Dayle Hodge, MD
Mar. 4	Betsy Gotta, NJ	May 6	Rick Gittelman, AZ
Mar. 18	Barry Clasper, Canada	May 20	Roy Leber, PA
Mar. 25	Todd Fellego, CT	June 10	Don Moger, Canada

*** **Apr. 22 John Marshall, VA C1 3:00-5:00 PM A2 7:00-9:30 PM**

FOR ADDITIONAL DANCES, check our website motiv8ors.nnjdsda.org

Singles Welcome Casual Attire Computer Squares

Chariss and Carl: 201-489-2498, charartist@aol.com



“ONE SQUARE IS FAIR”

If your club has at least one square of official club members at eight of the scheduled Association events during the year, the club's dues will be discounted by 50% in the following year. Plus, you will all have a great time dancing to terrific callers and cuers! There's still time for most clubs to complete the OSIF requirement.

MOUNTAIN SQUARES – Whippany

A2

nnjdsda.org

1 & 3 Wed. Sept.-Dec., Mar.-June

Hilda and Bill Groth: 973-746-0656

Lady of Mercy Parish Center

90 Whippany Rd. at Eden Ln. 07981

Mountain Squares began its season of A2 dancing with enthusiasm and anticipation for a successful and energetic 2011-2012 season. Our format for dancing now includes workshop calls from the A1 and A2 programs. We have several dancers who are new to the A programs. This feature provides needed practice for our new dancers and welcome review for our seasoned dancers.

We are sorry to have lost our snowbirds who have already left for the warmer climates. I wonder if the early snowstorm had any effect on their decision. Have a wonderful dancing season.

Ad on page 35

Paula and Roy Lawrence (rlawr3@ptd.net)

973-726-9463

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Thursday Evening



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New England's Best Callers & Cuers

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www.NESRDC.org

Need More Information: ccgrimes@yahoo.com

Congratulations, Patrons!

Visited at least 12 NNJSDA Member Clubs

Mark Bippes Chick Cicalo Kathy Fetch and Ken Shampamore
Barbara Marlowe, 2nd, 3rd John Marlowe, 2nd
Jessica Wu, 2nd Larry Bugal, 4th
Eleanor and Steve Frank, 5th
Sylvia and Peter Collette, 8th

Download YOUR Patron Form at NNJSDA.org (Documents)

REELERS – Randolph

PL/RD

reelers.nnjstda.org

1 & 3 Fri. Sept.-June Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513) 07869
Av & Bear Brady: 973-347-1675 Cell for dance: 201-317-0073

The weather was gloomy, but there was excitement in the air on Saturday, September 17, as Reelers joined Brownies and their dads for a “Girls and Guys Hoedown” at the Mendham Girl Scout Camp. Reelers present were Arlene and Tom, Linda and Rick, Bonnie and Charlie, Diane and John, and Jeanne and Inars. After some demo dances, Reelers helped organize the new dancers into squares. Fran Wadel did an excellent job of teaching some basic moves. Everyone enjoyed dancing the Mexican Hat Dance and a classic reel. A good time was had by all participants.

Our own lively Mike Patrick, a Red Sox fan, called at our World Series theme dance on October 7. New members Mary and Paul Olsen were introduced to the club. Mary Pickett cued a simple cha-cha for all the new round dancers at our October 21 dance and invited any beginners to her class in Jefferson on Wednesday evenings.

Reelers held their holiday celebration party at the home of Helen Jacobson, a gracious hostess, on the afternoon of December 11. Everyone was in high spirits and enjoyed the wonderful assortment of food from soup to desserts.

A graduation party was held on Tuesday, December 13 for students who completed their Plus lessons. Congratulations to Chick Cicalo, Barbara Dziedzic, Sandy Faulkner, Diane and John Festa, and Carol and Anthony Casale. We wish you many years of happy dancing.

A new Basic/Mainstream class is starting on Tuesdays with Michael Patrick. The first lesson will be on February 7. See our ad on page 41; call Bonnie and Charlie for additional information.

Ads on pages 41, 48 Jeanne Gruntals (inars23.jean21@verizon.net) 973-543-7792

SAVE THE MAP SUPPLEMENT FROM LAST ISSUE

Tip: Before discarding your September 2011 *Grand Square*, carefully remove the Map Supplement (between pages 28 and 29) and keep it handy until the new maps are provided next September.

ROCKLANDROCKYTOPS – West Nyack, NY (dance program below)

sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops

MS – 2 Fri. All Year

PL – 1 Fri. Oct.-June, 3 Fri. July-Aug.

Vicky Ficco-Panzer: 914-450-2724

West Nyack Firehouse

42 Strawtown Rd. 10994

Cell for dance: 845-893-7687

Though it is almost half gone as you read this, the 2011-2012 season is young as I write. But exciting events already have taken place. Our 20th Anniversary Dance in September was enjoyed by all who attended. Not only was the dancing a pleasure, as it always is to caller Mark Franks, but the appetizers and desserts were delicious and presented as creatively as though by a professional caterer. The success of this event was due to the efforts of a number of Rockytops members. Coordinated by Don and Cathy Schlesinger and committee chair Sherry Landis, those involved in planning, decorating, and/or food preparation were: Vicky Ficco-Panzer and Arthur Leibowitz, Marie Ford, Jean Mauro, Ivana and Nello Seminelli, Kathy and Ernie Amador, Rita and Ray Keywork, and Sue and Ken Ehnenn. Thank you to all!

Our October Mainstream dance – called by one of my personal favorites, Jim Snyder – boasted an attendance of six squares, with five squares dancing at any one time, right to the very last tip.

Last issue, I welcomed Arthur Leibowitz to RocklandRockytops but I neglected to welcome Priscilla Rahner and Wayne Diehl. While they are not new to square dancing, Arthur, Priscilla, and Wayne are new to Rockytops, and we are delighted to have them aboard. Welcome also to another new member, Miriam Nicoll. We extend congratulations to Maria and Roger Hoernlein, who celebrated 50 years of marriage in September. Happy golden anniversary, Maria and Roger!

Raid chair Sherry Landis began our raids for the 2011-2012 season in the summer, visiting Lakeland Squares, Hix & Chix, and FAD. In December, we raided the Belles & Beaux holiday dance with 23 raiders, including six of our new students!

Once again, our Mainstream class is off to a promising start, with Fran Wadel as our expert teacher and a supportive contingent of angels. I believe that the current success of RocklandRockytops – evidenced in the good attendance at our dances and at our raids – is due to the fact that for the past several years, new graduates have quickly become actively involved in supporting our club and in bringing the camaraderie of Rockytops to other clubs.

In addition to Mark Franks and Jim Snyder, mentioned above, other callers we were privileged to dance to in the fall included Roy Leber, Howard Richman, Ed Foote, and Nick Martellacci. By the time you read this, we once again will have hosted a lively December Holiday Spirit dance with free attendance for all. Coming up in February is our annual Student/Valentine's Dance, called by Fran Wadel. Hope to see you there to welcome our newest participants to the fun and friendship of square dancing.

Ad on page 40 Joan Schierlitz (dancinggrandma@verizon.net) 845-353-2987

PUBLICITY TIP

Put extra copies of *Grand Square* in public places that welcome free materials – libraries, diners, auto repair shops, doctor's offices, etc. Include a note with your club's contact information in each copy.

NEW CLUB REPORTER OR AD MAKER?

If your club's reporter or ad maker is unable to continue, please notify me of the replacement as soon as possible. I will provide that person with guidelines and deadlines. I know we're all busy with lives outside of the square dance hobby, but as this publication is so important to spreading the word about upcoming events and how our member clubs are doing, it is vital to keep the lines of communication active. Help us to help you by submitting articles and ads on time. Thank you!

Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek, Editor

Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix

Second and Fourth Saturdays

Plus Dancing 8:00-10:15 PM, "A" After Tip @ 10:15

Reformed Church of Oradell, 641 Church St., Oradell, NJ 07649

Jan 14, 2012	Dan Koft
Jan 28, 2012	Wayne Applegate
#Feb 11, 2012	Betsy & Roy Gotta
Feb 25, 2012	Dennis Reardon
Mar 10, 2012	Glenn Matthew
Mar 24, 2012	Jim Snyder
Apr 14, 2012	Mark Franks
Apr 28, 2012	Don Coy

Special Dance – Squares & Rounds – Early Rounds 7:30-8:00

Travel Directions from Garden State Parkway:

Take Exit 165 for Ridgewood/Oradell. Go right (east) on Oradell Ave. about 2 miles. At the 4th traffic light (note: blinkers do not count as traffic lights), turn right (south) onto Kinderkamack Rd. After 1 block, turn right onto Church St. The Reformed Church is on the left; dance is in the basement. Municipal parking is on the right.

**Info: Roger and Maria Hoernlein H: 201-384-0334 C: 201-390-5123
Bob and Hilda Bachmann H: 201-664-4348**

***Have you told a PTA president, Scout leader, or
home school family about square dancing?***



REELERS

Ironia School
303 Dover-Chester Rd., Randolph 07869
1st and 3rd Fridays

7:30 – Early Rounds **8:00 – Plus/Rounds**
Info: Presidents Av and Bear Brady 973-347-1675
reelers.njnsda.org

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>	<u>Theme</u>
02/03/12	Michael Patrick	Mary Pickett	Super Bowl
02/17/12	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Presidents and Pies
03/02/12	Roy Leber	Karen Kushla	Lions and Lambs
03/16/12	Dennis Reardon	Mary Pickett	Shamrock Stomp
04/20/12	Glenn Matthew	Mary Pickett	Spring Fling
05/04/12	Roy Leber	Mary Pickett	Dreaming of the Beach
05/18/12	Jim Snyder	Mary Pickett	Ice Cream Social
06/01/12	Joe Landi	Mary Pickett	Potluck Supper

Class Information: Bonnie and Charlie Van Stone, 908-832-5313

RUTGERS PROMENADERS – Somerset MS/RD

rutgerspromenaders.org

1 & 3 Sun. Sept.-June **Franklin Twp. Senior Center, 505 DeMott Ln. 08873**
Ken Robinson: 908-963-2447 Cell for dance: 908-963-2447

Our 2011-2012 dancing season got off to a fantastic start with six squares up and dancing at one point – a very positive sign! Four callers were in attendance, and hopefully folks took the advantage to get their Purple Heart dangle! Our open house on October 2 was even more impressive with 19 prospective new students taking part in the festivities.

We ran into a bit of a surprise at our first dance in November. There was an accidental lockout from our dance venue, but being the inveterate troupers we Promenaders are, the powers that be “made it happen” outdoors. Thankfully the weather, while crisp, was certainly cooperative. Parking woes made the last dance in November a bit of a hassle, but for those who braved the unusual popularity of the multi-use municipal facilities, there was still a good time to be had by all dancers in attendance.

At our traditional November food drive dances, we collected a grand total of 271 pounds of food!

Our Toys For Tots dance on December 4 was exceptionally well attended. At one point, there were nine squares on the floor enjoying the afternoon’s festivities.

Get well wishes go out to Bernie Koft and his daughter-in-law, Kathy. May we see them both back on the dance floor ASAP.

Ad on page 54 Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek (*ryanerdekm@yahoo.com*) 908-745-1659

WESTERN WHEELERS/HIX & CHIX – Oradell/Elmwood Park PL-A tip

sqrdance.org/Western.Wheelers

2 & 4 Sat. Sept.-May Reformed Church of Oradell, 641 Church St. 07649

Various Thur. June-Aug. (RD) VFW Hall, 6 Veterans Pl., Elmwood Park 07407

Roger and Maria Hoernlein: 201-384-0334 Bob and Hilda Bachmann: 201-664-4348

Cell for dance: 201-390-5123

Under the Hix & Chix name, we closed out the summer dances. Howard and Donna Williamson and Roy and Betsy Gotta called at our July dances, and Jim Snyder, Dennis Reardon, and Glenn Matthew at our August dances, with Karen Kushla cueing. It was a great summer for Hix & Chix as we looked forward to the merger with Western Wheelers. John and Connie Huettemann did a tremendous job as presidents and Dick and Brenda Dexter as treasurers of Hix & Chix for many years.

On Saturday, September 24, our children and their spouses gave Roger and me a 50th anniversary celebration, inviting relatives and close friends. Everyone had a great time. We missed the Merger Dance, but we were there in spirit.

The Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix Merger Dance was a great success. Wayne Applegate called a fun dance with nine squares. Many NNJSDA clubs attended with their raid banners, placing club pins on our new banner. Bob and Hilda Bachmann and John and Connie Huettemann worked tirelessly to arrange the affair. Hilda worked her magic with the kitchen crew; the refreshments, as always, were wonderful. A cake commemorating the merger was shared by all. Many thanks to our refreshment team for their loyalty and hard work, especially Addie Johnson, Barbara Berger, and all our wonderful bakers. Coffee, drinks, and goodies appear like magic!

Under Hilda's guidance, the board chose new colors for our club. A banner, raid banner, and badge were created. Black skirts/pants and white blouse/shirts with wine-colored vests were chosen. Thanks to Chris O'Connor's son, we were able to get our new vests in time for the dance. Bob Bachmann heralded the merger with a media blitz inviting all to come. Ann Cavanaugh took great pictures at the event.

We are so happy to have Fran Wadel teaching a Plus class on Sunday afternoons at the Dumont Senior Center. We welcome two new members from Paul Ingis's class, Lisa Hochman and Theo Manton.

We all enjoyed our New Year's Eve dinner-dance cosponsored by Circle Eights with Bruce McCue from Connecticut calling.

Georgi and Rich Flandera are hard at work setting up raids. Georgi gave out raid bars to all who participated in 10 or more raids. October raids to Lakeland Squares, RocklandRockytops, and Circle Eights found raiders wearing masks and marching to the song "Monster Mash." Mountain Squares raided us on October 22 when Joe Landi called. Raids are so much fun; come raid us. Your feet will be happy and your tummy will be also.

Ad on page 47 Maria Hoernlein (rhoernlein@optonline.net) 201-384-0334

"TIPS FOR YOUR TIPS"

Check out Jan Thompson's column with practical tips for all dancers at every program from Mainstream through Challenge! See page 14 for this issue's column on the topic of "Space: The Dancer's Frontier."

y-squares.nnjstda.org

2 & 4 Thurs. Sept.-May

Hehnly School, 590 Raritan Rd. 07066

Jan and Paul Sanderson: 908-233-2414

Cell for dance: 908-612-6677

To begin: a reminder that we are back to being a Mainstream club, with just one Plus tip at every dance. Please tell your Mainstream friends about us. We welcome all new graduates and all Mainstream dancers.

Another reminder is that Mary Pickett does a 30-minute Phase IV round dance workshop before all of our dances. Mary is willing to review the steps and/or dances that you might need help with. The fee for the workshop is \$3 (separate from the dance admission fee). We hope that everyone will enjoy this new format.

Our new class is off to a great start with our new class coordinator and first vice president, Sunny Kordower. The students are moving along nicely and having lots of fun.

In addition to attending square dances, Terry and George Seibert have attended or will attend round dance events at Cherry Ridge in Pennsylvania, Purdue University in Indiana, the Masquerade Costume Ball in College Park, Maryland, the International Choreographers Dance Association in Lakeland, Florida, and Greensboro, North Carolina.

A number of our dancers attended the Tumbling Leaves Festival in Vermont and the Harvest Moon Classic here in New Jersey.

Ad on page 38

Dianne Madden (*olreggie@comcast.net*)

609-693-0247



Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association

Caller MS/PLUS Doug Kauffman (NJ)

Round Dance Cuer Roy Gotta (NJ)

Dance Date/Time
 Sunday, April 29, 2012
 3:00 MS
 3:30 Alternating MS/PL/RD
 5:30-6:00 RD

Location
 People Care Center
 120 Finderne Ave.
 Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Inquiries
 Donna Poyer: 908-852-9285
 Cell for Dance: 908-619-2296

BEE SHARPS OF SOMERVILLE



- Early Rounds start 7:30 PM
- Dancing and Rounds 8:00-10:30 PM
See schedule below for dance format.
- A2 final tip if sufficient dancers are present.

♥ Come to Our Sweethearts Ball! ♥

With Glenn Matthew Calling and Steve Bradt Cueing
February 10, 2012 7:30-10:30 PM

Note: Special format – PLUS/A2/Rounds – This dance only!

+ PLUS lessons starting on January 23
Check out our website for details

DANCE SCHEDULE January-May 2012

Date	Caller	Cuer	Format	Theme
Jan 27	Roy Leber	Russ Booz	PL	Crazy Hat Night
Feb 10	Glenn Matthew	Steve Bradt	PL/A2	♥ Sweethearts Ball ♥
Feb 24	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS/PL	American Pie
Mar 9	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL	'50s & '60s Night
Mar 23	Jim Snyder	Mary Pickett	MS/PL	Western Roundup
April 13	Dennis Reardon	Steve Bradt	MS/PL	Silly Socks & Shoes
April 27	Roy Leber	Dave Roberts	MS/PL	Mexican Fiesta
May 11	Mark Franks	Sandy Godfrey	MS/PL	Hawaiian Luau
May 25	Joe Landi	Karen Kushla	MS/PL	Red, White, and Blue

Location: Bound Brook United Methodist Church
150 W. Union Ave. (Rt. 28), Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Contacts: Bob and Diana Cole 908-874-8117
Cell phone # for dance nights: 908-566-7580

DIRECTIONS:

From Rt. 22: Take Vosseller Ave. exit toward Bound Brook. Turn left at light onto Union Ave. (Rt. 28 East). * Go 2/10 mile and turn right onto Livingston St. Turn left into first driveway/church parking lot.

From Rt. 287 South: Take exit 13 for Union Ave. (Rt. 28 East) toward Bound Brook/Somerville. Turn left at the light for Rt. 28 East. Proceed through 4 lights. After the 4th light, follow from * above.

From Rt. 287 North: Take exit 13A for Union Ave. (Rt. 28 East) toward Bound Brook. Proceed through 3 lights. After the 3rd light, follow from * above.

**** Visit us at: squaredancing.com/beesharps ****

Is your club's dance season up to date on the *Grand Square*
back page and in your article header? If not, send a clearance request
to the Recording Secretary (see page 2) to update the information.

How to Access the *Grand Square* Archive

The Association's website has all of the *Grand Square* issues on file as PDFs, accessible from your computer. Gardner Patton spent ages scanning them all in, and we can search through them with ease. Here's how to do so:

Go to nnjsda.org/grand_square and click on "Historical *Grand Square* Magazines 1959-2007." At the top, the *Grand Square* issues are listed by decade, and a search bar is beneath that.

Let's say you want to find out when your club was first listed in *Grand Square*. Type in your club name. Be aware that some names have been recycled over the years. When I searched "Flutterwheels," for example, I learned that there were two in the NNJSDA history: West Milford Flutterwheels and Hunterdon Flutterwheels. (West Milford started in 1979 and disbanded in 1987.) The Hunterdon Flutterwheels graduation class is listed in the March 1972 issue and it is described as being a new club, but it did not join NNJSDA at that time. The September 1992 issue says the club celebrated its 20th anniversary by joining NNJSDA.

A list of issues in which the search term is found will come up in chronological order (earliest to latest). Clicking on one of them opens the issue in another window. If you want to open several at once, right-click and then click Open in New Tab.

At the top of each window is a Zoom button so you can see the issue full page, actual size (100%), or any variation. There is also a Find box so you can search through the issue. Note that some ads were handwritten and are not included in the search, so if you want to find a club ad in an issue that does not have an index in the back, you will need to look through the issue to find the ad.

And if you are interested in the history NNJSDA has on your club to see if it matches what you have on file, go to nnjsda.org/history/?clubs. That takes you to a list of all the clubs since 1958 and when they joined. If you have information that is different, or can fill in some of the blanks, please contact me. *Rusty Ball*

SEE YOU IN SPOKANE – NATIONAL S. D. CONVENTION JUNE 27-30, 2012

This year's National Square Dance Convention will take place in Spokane, Washington. It promises to be a beautiful location offering lots of opportunities for sightseeing and travel before or after. For example, convention organizers have arranged a cruise to Alaska from July 1-8 with Tony Oxendine calling on board and in Juneau.

Everyone from New Jersey is invited to march in the Parade of States during the convention. Here's information on putting together a New Jersey state outfit: nnjsda.org/state_outfit.

So talk to your dancing friends and travel as a group! To register, visit 61nsdc.com.

CROSS TRAIL SQUARES

2nd, 4th, & 5th Wednesdays 8:00-10:15



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Alt. Mainstream/Plus: 8:00-10:00
After Tip: 10:00-10:15

Grover Cleveland Middle School

88 Academy Road
Caldwell, NJ 07006

INFO: Alice DeLancey 973-650-9377
Dan Tapper 201-247-9476
Night of Dance 917-693-1469

FORMAT: ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS

Jan. 11	Dan Tapper	'50s Dance
Jan. 25	Michael Patrick	Caribbean Night
Feb. 8	Nick Martellacci (NY)	Friendship Dance
Feb. 22	<i>No Dance ... School Closed</i>	
Feb. 29	Dayle Hodge (MD)	"Leap"ing Lizards
Mar. 11	Glenn Matthew	Annual Dinner-Dance*
Mar. 14	Ken Ritucci (MA)	Wearin' o' the Green
Mar. 28	Clay Goss (DE)	Spring Prom
April 11	<i>No Dance ... School Closed</i>	
April 25	Walt Bull (ME)	Tax Refund Dance
May 9	Ron Kapnick	Bring Your Graduates!
May 23	Rick Gittelman (AZ)	Dancin' in the Rain
May 30	Kevin Bersing (MA)	We're Having a Party
June 13	Jim Snyder (PA)	Ice Cream Sundae Social

**Annual dinner-dance 12:30-4:30 at the Brownstone House, Paterson. Alternating MS and PL, family style dinner (including wine), \$40 per person, reservations by 2/22/12. Check our flyer or our ad in the September 2011 Grand Square. More info: Alice DeLancey.*

Calendar of Advertised Dances

Listing of dances, weekends, and workshops prepared from ads *appearing in this issue*. See club ads for details. All dances are in NJ unless otherwise noted. Abbreviations: A = Advanced, C = Challenge, MS = Mainstream, PL = Plus, RD = Rounds, TBA = To Be Announced, *italics* = student level (MS) or barn dance, / = equal time, - = one tip.

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
JANUARY 2012				
24	Lakeland Squares	Ingis	Montville	MS/PL
25	Cross Trail Squares	Patrick	Caldwell	MS/PL
26	Y Squares	Thielke/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
27	Bee Sharps	Leber/Booz	Bound Brook	PL/RD-A tip
	Circle Eights	Gotta	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip
	Kittatinny Rangers	Reardon	Andover	MS/PL
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Kauffman</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Student</i>
28	WW/Hix & Chix	Applegate	Oradell	PL-A tip
29	Motiv8ors	Fellegly	Oradell	A2/C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Somerset	MS/RD
31	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Montville</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>
FEBRUARY				
1	Belles & Beaux	Reardon	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip
3	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Richman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Koft	Leonardo	PL/RD
	Reelers	Patrick/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	McCue	W. Nyack, NY	PL-A tip
4	M R Square Dance	Koft/Koft	Ewing	MS/PL
5	FAD Squares	Koft	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Somerset	MS/RD
7	Hi Taws	Leber	Paramus	C1/C2
	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Wadel</i>	<i>Montville</i>	<i>Student</i>
8	Cross Trail Squares	Martellacci	Caldwell	MS/PL
9	Y Squares	Koft/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
10	Bee Sharps	Matthew/Bradt	Bound Brook	PL/A2/RD
	<i>Kittatinny Rangers</i>	<i>Applegate</i>	<i>Andover</i>	<i>Student</i>
	Middletown Ramblers	Harrison/Gotta	Leonardo	PL/RD
	<i>RocklandRockytops</i>	<i>Wadel</i>	<i>W. Nyack, NY</i>	<i>Student</i>
11	WW/Hix & Chix	Gotta/Gotta	Oradell	PL/RD-A tip
12	AleMo Squares	Coy	Brooklyn, NY	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Oradell	A2/C1
14	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Montville	MS/PL
15	Belles & Beaux	Koft	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip
17	FAD Squares	Coy	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Kerns	Flemington	MS/PL
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Applegate</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Student</i>
	Reelers	Franks/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
18	M R Square Dance	Gotta/Gotta	Ewing	MS/PL
19	FAD Squares	Applegate	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Somerset	MS/RD
21	Lakeland Squares	Page	Montville	MS/PL
23	Y Squares	Ingis/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
24	Bee Sharps	Richman/Bradt	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A tip
	Circle Eights	Snyder	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip

24	Kittatinny Rangers	Kapnick	Andover	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Reardon	Leonardo	PL/RD
25	WW/Hix & Chix	Reardon	Oradell	PL-A tip
26	<i>FAD Squares</i>	<i>Coy/Coy</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>
	Motiv8ors	Hodge	Oradell	A2/C1
28	Hi Taws	Hodge	Paramus	C1/C2
	Lakeland Squares	Koft	Montville	MS/PL
29	Cross Trail Squares	Hodge	Caldwell	MS/PL
MARCH				
2	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Reaske	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	PL/RD
	Reelers	Leber/Kushla	Randolph	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Franks	W. Nyack, NY	PL-A tip
3	Grand Square Benefit	Landi, Matthew/Kushla	Caldwell	MS/PL/RD
	M R Square Dance	Koft/Koft	Ewing	MS/PL
4	<i>FAD Squares</i>	Ingis	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Oradell	A2/C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Somerset	MS/RD
6	Lakeland Squares	Reardon	Montville	MS/PL
7	Belles & Beaux	Patrick	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip
	Mountain Squares	Landi	Whippany	A2
8	Y Squares	Koft/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
9	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A tip
	Kittatinny Rangers	Reardon	Andover	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Coy	Leonardo	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	W. Nyack, NY	MS-PL tip
10	WW/Hix & Chix	Matthew	Oradell	PL-A tip
11	AleMo Squares	Coy	Brooklyn, NY	MS/PL
	Cross Trail Squares	Matthew	Paterson	MS/PL
13	Hi Taws	Ritucci	Paramus	C1/C2
	Lakeland Squares	Leber	Montville	MS/PL
14	Cross Trail Squares	Ritucci	Caldwell	MS/PL
16	<i>FAD Squares</i>	Patrick	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Kerns	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	PL/RD
	Reelers	Reardon/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
18	<i>FAD Squares</i>	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Motiv8ors	Clasper	Oradell	A2/C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Somerset	MS/RD
20	Hi Taws	Felleggy	Paramus	C1/C2
	Lakeland Squares	Wadel	Montville	MS/PL
21	Belles & Beaux	Richman	Elmwood Park	MS
	Mountain Squares	Landi	Whippany	A2
22	Y Squares	Landi/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
23	Bee Sharps	Snyder/Pickett	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A tip
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kauffman	Andover	MS/PL
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Landi</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Student</i>
24	WW/Hix & Chix	Snyder	Oradell	PL-A tip
25	<i>FAD Squares</i>	<i>Koft</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>
	Motiv8ors	Felleggy	Oradell	A2/C1
27	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Montville	MS/PL
28	Cross Trail Squares	Goss	Caldwell	MS/PL

30	<i>Circle Eights</i> Middletown Ramblers	<i>Ingis</i> Adams	<i>Elmwood Park</i> Leonardo	<i>Student</i> PL/RD
31	NNJSDA Plus	Reardon/Bradt	Rockaway	PL/RD-Star
APRIL				
1	FAD Squares Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Martellacci Fellegly Koft/Koft	Maywood Oradell Somerset	MS-PL tips A2/C1 MS/RD
3	Lakeland Squares	Thielke	Montville	MS/PL
4	Belles & Beaux Mountain Squares	Tapper Landi	Elmwood Park Whippany	MS-PL tip A2
10	Hi Taws Lakeland Squares	Leber Wadel	Paramus Montville	C1/C2 MS Graduation
13	Bee Sharps Kittatinny Rangers Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Reardon/Bradt Applegate Goss Leber	Bound Brook Andover Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	MS/PL/RD-A tip MS/PL PL/RD MS-PL tip
14	WW/Hix & Chix	Franks	Oradell	PL-A tip
15	AleMo Squares FAD Squares Rutgers Promenaders	Coy Tapper Gotta/Gotta	Brooklyn, NY Maywood Somerset	MS/PL MS-PL tips MS/RD
17	Hi Taws Lakeland Squares	Fellegly Foote	Paramus Montville	C1/C2 MS/PL
18	Belles & Beaux Mountain Squares	Foote Landi	Elmwood Park Whippany	MS A2
20	FAD Squares Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Foote Koft Reardon/Snyder Matthew/Pickett	Maywood Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS-PL tips MS/PL PL/RD PL/RD
21	M R Square Dance	Koft/Koft	Ewing	MS/PL
22	<i>FAD Squares</i> Motiv8ors	<i>Applegate</i> Marshall	<i>Maywood</i> Oradell	<i>Barn Dance</i> A2/C1
24	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Montville	MS/PL
25	Cross Trail Squares	Bull	Caldwell	MS/PL
26	Y Squares	Koft/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
27	Bee Sharps Circle Eights Kittatinny Rangers <i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	Leber/Roberts Tapper Franks <i>Kauffman</i>	Bound Brook Elmwood Park Andover <i>Leonardo</i>	MS/PL/RD-A tip MS-PL tip MS/PL <i>Student</i>
28	WW/Hix & Chix	Coy	Oradell	PL-A tip
29	Motiv8ors NNJSDA	Hodge Kauffman/Gotta	Oradell Bridgewater	A2/C1 MS/PL/RD
MAY				
2	Belles & Beaux Mountain Squares	Wadel Landi	Elmwood Park Whippany	MS Graduation A2
4	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers RocklandRockytops	C. and G. Hardy Richman Leber/Pickett Gittelman	Flemington Leonardo Randolph W. Nyack, NY	MS/PL PL/RD PL/RD PL-A tip
5	M R Square Dance	Koft/Koft	Ewing	MS/PL
6	FAD Squares Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Foote Gittelman Koft/Koft	Maywood Oradell Somerset	MS-PL tips A2/C1 MS/RD

8	Lakeland Squares	C. and G. Hardy	Montville	MS/PL
9	Cross Trail Squares	Kapnick	Caldwell	MS/PL
10	Y Squares	Koft/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
11	Bee Sharps	Franks/Godfrey	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A tip
	Kittatinny Rangers	Richman	Andover	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Matthew	Leonardo	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Corey	W. Nyack, NY	MS-PL tip
15	Lakeland Squares	Tapper	Montville	MS/PL
16	Belles & Beaux	Gittelman	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip
18	FAD Squares	Ingis	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Kerns	Flemington	MS/PL Grad.
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Franks</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Student</i>
	Reelers	Snyder/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
19	M R Square Dance	Koft/Koft	Ewing	MS/PL
20	AleMo Squares	Richman	Brooklyn, NY	MS/PL
	FAD Squares	Gittelman	Maywood	MS-PL tips
	Motiv8ors	Leber	Oradell	A2/C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Somerset	MS/RD
22	Lakeland Squares	Gittelman	Montville	MS/PL
23	Cross Trail Squares	Gittelman	Caldwell	MS/PL
24	Y Squares	Gotta/Gotta	Clark	MS/RD-PL tip
25	Bee Sharps	Landi/Kushla	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A tip
	Circle Eights	Applegate	Elmwood Park	MS-PL tip
	Kittatinny Rangers	Reardon	Andover	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gittelman	Leonardo	PL/RD
29	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Montville</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>
30	Cross Trail Squares	Bersing	Caldwell	MS/PL

Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends

FEBRUARY

26 *Mid-Winter Mania* *Multiple Callers* *Elmwood Park* *Student*

MARCH

3 **Grand Square Benefit** **Landi, Matthew/Kushla** **Caldwell** **MS/PL/RD**
 11 CTS Dinner-Dance Matthew Paterson MS/PL
 21 B&B Murder Mystery Richman Elmwood Park MS
 31 **NNJSDA All Plus** **Reardon/Bradt** **Rockaway** **PL/RD-Star tips**

APRIL

27-28 New England Conv. Multiple Callers/Cuers Hartford, CT Basic to C1/RD
 29 **NNJSDA Dance** **Kauffman/Gotta** **Bridgewater** **MS/PL/RD**

MAY

1 **NJPAC/NNJSDA** **Tapper** **Newark** **MS/Demo**
 5 B&B Mystery Bus Raid ?? Glen Rock MS/PL
 4-6 Toronto Convention Lee, Marshall, Moger/Bradt Guelph, Ontario MS to A2/RD

JUNE

27-30 61st National Square Dance Convention Spokane, WA All Levels

JULY

11 **NNJSDA Dance** **Moger/Booz** **Elmwood Park** **MS/PL/RD**
 14 Kittatinny Rangers Reardon/Snyder/Spencer/ TBA MS/PL
 40th Ann. Dance Worley
 25 **NNJSDA Dance** **Applegate** **Bridgewater** **MS/PL**

AUGUST

8 **NNJSDA Dance** **Matthew/Booz** **Bridgewater** **MS/PL/RD**
 22 **NNJSDA Dance** **Wass** **Elmwood Park** **MS/PL**

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Feb. 15	Dan Koft	Valentine's Day Dance (wear red and white)
Mar. 7	Michael Patrick	St. Patrick's Day Dance
Mar. 21	Howard Richman	MURDER MYSTERY
April 4	Dan Tapper	'50s Record Hop
April 18	Ed Foote	Dancing in the Rain
May 2	Fran Wadel	Graduation Dance/Cinco de Mayo
May 16	Rick Gittelman	Pajama Party
June 6	Gerry and Chuck Hardy	We're on Vacation
June 20	Joe Landi	School's Out for Summer!

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Rutgers Promenaders 1, 3 Sept.-June

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Wednesday

Belles & Beaux 1, 3 All Year

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Thursday

Y Squares 2, 4 Sept.-May

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Friday

Circle Eights 4 Sept.-June

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FAD Squares 3 Sept.-June

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PLUS

Thursday

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Friday

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Middletown Ramblers Every Wk. All Year

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Reelers 1, 3 Sept.-June

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RocklandRockytops 1 Oct.-June

RocklandRockytop@aol.com 3 July-Aug.

Saturday

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Sunday Weeks of the Month

AleMo Squares Various Sept.-June

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Tuesday

Lakeland Squares 1, 2, 3, 4 Sept.-July

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Wednesday

Cross Trail Squares 2, 4, 5 Sept.-June

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Friday

Bee Sharps 2, 4 Feb.-May

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Hunterdon Flutterwheels 1, 3 Sept.-June

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Kittatinny Rangers 2, 4 Sept.-May

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Saturday

Five Clubs 1, 3 June-Aug.

vammons@gmail.com

ADVANCED & CHALLENGE

Sunday

Motiv8ors (A2/C1) Various All Year

charartist@aol.com

Tuesday

Hi Taws (C1/C2) Various All Year

bbeck123@aol.com

Wednesday

Mountain Squares (A2) 1, 3 Sept.-Dec.

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