



# Dudes & Dolls Square Dance Club Newsletter

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By Lorinda Snoozy

## Our Grange



About the Grange: According to the website, the Cedar Valley Grange is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of Washington's residents through the spirit of community service and legislative action.

They have 10 dance groups that meet there. They include all levels of square and round dancing. Additionally, they have Scandinavian and International Folk dancing.

The clubs that meet at the Grange include gardening, sewing, antique radio, clothing and textiles, and antique clocks.

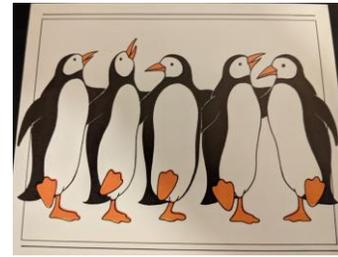
The Grange building is available to rent for both ongoing meetings and one-time events. Partial rental of the building consists of either the main floor (available for dancing only) or basement (kitchen and dining room).

For more information:

<https://www.cedarvalleygrange.com>



A thank you card from the Grange to our club:



*A huge Thank You to the  
Dudes + Dolls Square Dance Club  
for your generous donation to our  
"new roof" fund. Your donation  
is greatly appreciated and goes  
a long way to help us stay  
financially stable.  
Cedar Valley Grange #306*

## President's Platform

Where's The Dance??

Thanks to Covid, many dancers have chosen not to dance yet this year, and many clubs have cancelled dances! So, we have decided to offer as many different dances as possible, to allow folks to just dance! We hosted four dances in October for the first time, a Basic dance, a Mainstream dance, a Mainstream & Plus dance, and a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday dance with Steve Noseck. In November we will have a Student Level dance, a Mainstream dance, and a Mainstream & Plus dance again! Please pass this on to all your dancing friends, as all clubs are not sharing this information! If you ever want to find a dance anywhere, go to <http://www.wheresthedance.com>

See you here, there, or in a square!

By Steve Sworen

Kick-Off the 2021-2022 Dance Season



Theme: Friday Night Football



Our caller, Scott Coon



We had 4+ squares at our first MS dance of the season.



Our 12's Round Dancing



Debbie Taylor was Cueing



Ken Sparks won a ticket to a future dance.



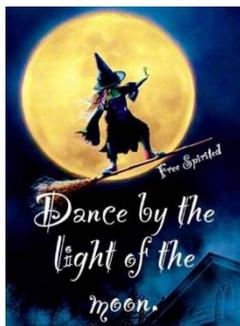
Then, he followed that by winning Split the Pot!



Our Cuer, Debbie Taylor



Penny Curtis won a ticket to a future dance too.



## New Solo Coordinators

With heartfelt gratitude, we want to thank Mara and Ken Sparks for volunteering to be coordinators on the Solo Board. It would be wonderful if another person (or couple) would also learn how to do the Solo Board rotation to share the position and to give Mara and Ken a break.



Mara Sparks ❤️

Solo Board Rotation

Additionally, a huge thank you goes to Robert Reichle for taking the time at our first dance, to teach Mara and me (Lorinda) how to do the Solo Board rotation. Mara picked it up instantly. I on the other hand, had to make a Solo Board Cheat Sheet. This sheet has words and pictures, so other people can easily learn to do the rotation too. Believe me; it is not as hard as it looks! If I can learn it, you can too. If you are in the least bit interested, ask to see the Solo Board Cheat Sheet. Mara and I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

*Please consider stepping up to make our club all that it can be. We need your help too!*

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:  
 Vicki Lieske (Vice President) @ 360-488-6167  
 Robert Reichle (Co-Treasurer) @ 425-337-2906 or  
 Lorinda Snoozy (Secretary) @ 452-644-5931



Written by T. Dorris

Colorful Leaves,  
 in the cool crisp breeze...  
 are Square Dancing  
 on the autumn trees.

## Other Volunteer Updates

In the last newsletter I made a plea for someone to sit at the front table with Robert Reichle and help with the 50/50 Tickets (Split the Pot). Larry Heesacker has helped Robert temporarily, but does not want to continue to do it. When the bulk of the dancers come in, it is really too much for one person to keep up in a timely fashion. We don't want people to have to wait to dance. So, we continue to ask that someone will help out in this position.

JoAnn Becker made 19 beautiful flyers for the rest of the dance season. But wait, there's more! She recently stepped down as an Executive Board Member at Large, only to resurface as Co-Treasurer with Robert Reichle. She will do the bookkeeping, and he will handle the money. This sounds like a Win-Win situation. Thank you both for all you do for our club!

It takes many people to keep this club running. So when you see them, remember to thank: Steve & Joyce Sworen, Robert Reichle, Vicki Lieske, JoAnn Becker, Mara & Ken Sparks, Peggy McCright, and Lorinda Snoozy for agreeing to volunteer for this 2021-2022 dance season.



## Punch Cards

### Dance Punch Cards are Available

Our club will be selling dance punch cards this season for members and *non-members*. Punch cards are available at the sign-in table. Pay for 5 dances, and get the 6<sup>th</sup> dance free! They never expire! The cost is \$40. This punch card can be used for any of our dances, regardless if they are regular, 5th Friday, special caller, or multiple caller dances.

## Lessons

Our second and final *free* lesson happened on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 6 new or returning student dancers and we had 29 awesome Angels that were there to offer helping hands.



Couples, Up to the Middle & Back



Two Ladies Chain



Practicing the Courtesy Turn



Men Star Right



Thank you Peggy McCright for volunteering to do the Lesson Email Communications. ❤️



## Look Who's Dancing

Our third lesson was when people had to commit to taking the Basic Lessons if they were planning to.

Our new dancers are:



Janelle K. Peterson



Patty Smith



Joe Lombard



Kathy Mini



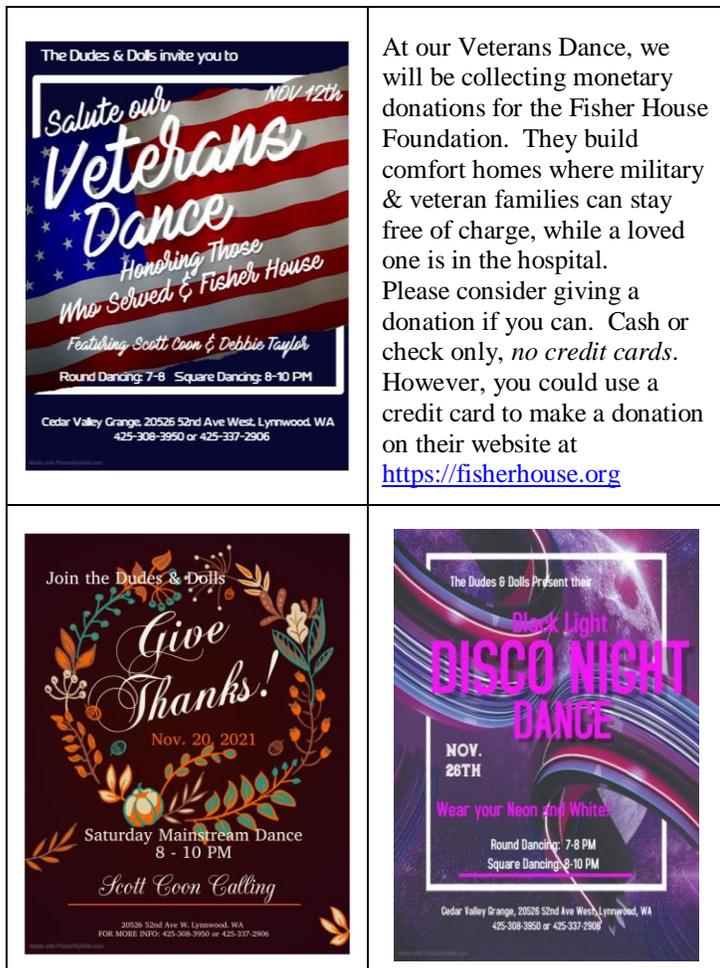
Basic lessons are every Tuesday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm through December 14<sup>th</sup>. We have more women than men, so we are asking some of our awesome male Angels to consider coming to one or more lessons.

Additionally, to reward our Angels (and to showcase what MS dancing looks like while the student dancers are arriving) we have a MS dance for a half-an-hour prior to the start of every lesson. The Angels' MS dance time is from 6:20pm - 6:50pm.

We are sending out a gigantic thank you to all those people that support the Dudes & Dolls' lessons. Your time and effort make this club outstanding. We couldn't do it without you! You are the best!

## Dudes & Dolls Mainstream Dances

Our flyers for November:



At our Veterans Dance, we will be collecting monetary donations for the Fisher House Foundation. They build comfort homes where military & veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital. Please consider giving a donation if you can. Cash or check only, *no credit cards*. However, you could use a credit card to make a donation on their website at <https://fisherhouse.org>

## Who's Your Corner?

How I became involved with Square Dancing:

When I learned that square dancing is taught in English all over the world, I knew I had to investigate. I love to travel and square dancing was the ideal activity for a solo woman to meet people in a safe and fun environment.

I lived in Monroe at the time and learned that a new club was starting up to serve rural Snohomish County. It was 2004 and Stephen Cole was teaching at the Fern Bluff Grange, thus the name of our new club. Since we were new and small, everyone pitched in to do the necessary chores of decorating, set up, kitchen, entry donations, Split the Pot tickets and final cleanup. We also raised funds with car washes, offered homemade cookies and coffee at the Smokey Point rest stop and sold fireworks.

In 2006 I went to New Zealand and was quickly adopted by the lovely and generous dancers I met while visiting clubs on North Island. An interesting point I learned while there was that the clubs were run by the callers. A caller, Ian Small, and his partner became particularly good friends, and while they were traveling abroad and would be in my "area" (San Francisco), he offered to call at my club. The Fern Bluff Squares welcomed them, of course, and hosted them while they toured the Pacific Northwest.

The Mt. Baker Council learned that an "international" caller would be in the area during the Fall Council Dance and suggested our club host the dance that year. The dance was well attended, and Ian did a fabulous job and introduced some new combinations that were welcomed by the dancers. Hearing the calls in a British accent (although a little confusing at first) made the dancing even more appealing.

After dancing solo for three years, I had the good fortune of meeting a partner who also enjoyed traveling and dancing so we joined the Dudes and Dolls, which happened to be a couple's club at the time. We've danced in many of the United States, including Hawaii, as we've traveled. We've also danced in New Zealand and Germany and on several cruise ships. Square dancing has been a very rewarding activity for me.

By Carol Hammer

## Thanks for your help on this newsletter!

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Who's your corner?



Carol Hammer