

# Mt. Baker Council Notes OCTOBER 2024

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The Freewheelers and Mt. Baker Square Dance Council present

## HARVEST HOEDOWN COUNCIL DANCE

Saturday, **October 26, 2024**  
2 pm - 5 pm

Caller: **Steve Noseck**  
Cuer: **Randy Preskitt**  
No experience hall caller: **Dave Harry**

Northshore Senior Center  
10201 East Riverside Drive  
Bothell, WA 90011



Mainstream, Rounds, Plus, raffles, and more...  
\$15 at door, 17 & under \$8, no experience \$10



<https://www.squaredancesattle.com/councildance>

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**MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2024-2025**

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**MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS**

- OCT 2 Council Meeting 7:30 PM Marysville School District Board Room  
4220 80th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270
- OCT 26 Fall Council Dance 2-5 PM Northshore Senior Center, Bothell

# New Dancer Spotlight

**Introducing Claire and Murray,  
January 2024 mainstream lesson graduates!**

144 miles. That's the furthest, **so far**, that Claire and Murray have traveled for an evening of square dancing. Why do they love square dancing so much that they're willing to log those miles and cross borders? For both of them, it's because they have so much fun and the people are very friendly and supportive. Claire, who has Seasonal Affective Disorder, said that square dancing has been transformational; each time she goes square dancing she feels great!



Back in September 2023 a friend encouraged Claire and Murray to attend a "no experience dance" and they were hooked. Shortly after that they began lessons. After graduation, they attended several lessons at another club, many strengthening classes, and began being angels for new dancers. Murray never expected to enjoy square dancing because he didn't think he had any dancing skills. He was proven wrong!

If you are new to dancing, Claire and Murray recommend that you explore taking lessons at more than one club, attend all the level dances you can, and don't worry about making mistakes .. just have fun!

Outside of square dancing, Claire and Murray enjoy hiking and exploring the Pacific Northwest. They have only been here 8 years so have a lot to catch up on. Thank you for joining our community Claire and Murray, and thank you for welcoming and helping new dancers by being angels!

# President's Message



This Year the Mount Baker Council paid for two Angel workshops that were held on August 17th at the Tri-Way Grange, and September 7th at the S. Lake Stevens Grange. A total of 49 Angels attended the workshops and Stephen Cole did an incredible job walking them through some key points to being an Angel! Not everyone could or should be an Angel!

Here are some excerpts from his “Angel Guidelines” The full document can be found on our website [WWW.SQDANCE.ORG](http://WWW.SQDANCE.ORG) Click on New Dancers, and look for the 2024 Angel Guidelines.

According to Stephen “We naturally fall into teaching the way we were taught, which doesn’t necessarily work for what new dancers need to learn today... The best Angels want to support the activity and help it grow. Angels that just want to “show new dancers how it is really done” cause more harm than help”.

“Everyone, students and Angels must dance their own dance. The best Angels lead by example. It’s okay to wait a couple of beats to let people figure out where they need to go. People learn from their mistakes. Let mistakes happen AND let people self correct. Pulling people through calls prevents learning Squares that crash create teachable moments”

“Any talking in the square while dancing creates learning interference. Side explanations/conversations are distracting at best and, at worst prevent learning. The 5th Amendment guarantees the right to remain silent. While dancing as an Angel respect the 5th amendment.”

Our Student Liaison, Lynnea Dunbar along with her assistants Bertha Davidson, Amber Cox, and Grace Maria worked diligently with the Class Coordinators last year to make all classes successful, coming up with a list of Best Practices for all to follow. Lets make this years lessons the most successful ever!

*Stephen Sworen*

# Valley Promenaders



**Come to Canada for weekly dancing in the daytime  
(DBD = Dance by Daylight 😊)**

**Phase II Rounds and Mainstream Square Dancing  
every Thursday in Aldergrove, BC at 3015 273<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Hearing Assist \*\* wood dance floor \*\* Do one or both sessions

**Only 11 miles north of Lynden\*\*Only 50 miles north of Mt. Vernon**

Thursday dance schedule starts Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>/2024:

11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Phase I & II Waltz lessons

1:00 to 1:15 p.m. social time/snack break (bring your own)

1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mainstream Dancing

**Wendy Krueger caller/cuer 778-878-4244 wkrueger@shaw.ca**



## *Happy Rounders*

### *Round Dancing*

**Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 pm**

**The Hayloft, Lynnwood**

**Cuer: Randy Preskitt**

We dance phase 3 & 4, and look forward  
to seeing new guests.

Larry Mercer, President-  
larry\_mercer02@outlook.com





## **FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS**

**PLUS LESSONS! TIME to LEARN!**  
**STEVE NOSECK Teaching & Calling**  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

**7:00 to 9:00 pm \$8 each**

Skagit Valley Grange 21273 Cook Rd, Sedro Woolley  
Don & Snookie Carlson 360-303-7516

## **OR-BETS Dance Club**

**Cuer: Karen Neverdowski**

Juanita Community Club  
13027 100<sup>th</sup> NE  
Kirkland, WA  
Info: 206 719-4473  
orbets@yahoo.com



**Round Dance**  
**Phases 2, 3 & some 4**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**



## **Cascade Crossfires**

*Plus Square Dancing*

**MONDAYS 7-9 PM**

**Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood**

**Caller: Stephen Cole**

*(For Oct it's the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th)*

**Don't Know Plus?**

**Come To Plus Lessons**

**Starting Oct 14th!**

*(Members come for the Dancing!)*

More Info: <http://cascadecrossfires.org>  
Cedar Valley Grange: 20526 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave W

425-435-8253  
Lynnwood, WA

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

# First Friday Fun Fest

**October 4th**



**No Experience Dance**

**No Partner Needed**



**Ages 8 years and Above**

**Dancing Begins at 7:30**

Dancing Dave will be teaching basic Square Dance Moves and Line Dances

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

## *Dancing Shadows*

*Oct. 5*

*All Round Dancing*

*Rochelle Catt*

*2,3,4 rounds 7:00-9:30*



*Oct. 19*

*All Round Dancing with  
Shawn & Wendy Cavness*

*Phase 4,5,6 workshop 5:00-6:45*

*Phase 2,3,4 Rounds 7:00-9:30*

*Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland  
For information call Cliff 425 478 5128*



# FREEWHEELERS

## OCTOBERFEST!

Rootbeer and Pretzel Social

Sunday Oct 6, 2024

Caller: Leo Catt

Cuer: TBD



6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

7:00 to 9:00 MS with Rounds

**Cedar Valley Grange**

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

Www.squaredanceseattle.com



**Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club**

**www.dudesanddolls.org**

Line Dancing: 7:00PM, Plus Dancing 7:30 PM

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

# October 11 Boot Scootin' Boogie Dance

Cowboy & Cowgirl Dance  
Line Dancing—No Rounds!



**CALLER: SCOTT COON**

**LINE DANCING: Lisa Weiser**

**Cedar Valley Grange 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood**





Juanita Community Club  
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

# JERSEY NIGHT

**Friday, Oct. 11**

7:30 pm Plus  
8pm Mainstream

Caller: **Dan Preedy**

Cuer: **Karen Neverdowski**



Hearing enhancement  
Credit Cards accepted



**Fern Bluff Squares**

Caller: **Rob Sax**  
Cuer: **Bob & Linda Berka**



# Harvest Dance

**South Lake Stevens Grange**

**2109 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE**

**Lake Stevens, WA**

Adults: \$10.00 Youth: (12-18) \$5.00

Children: (11 & Under) Free with adult



Facebook – Fern

**Saturday October 12, 2024**

Pre-Rounds 7:00 to 7:30pm

Plus 7:30 to 8:00 pm

Mainstream 8:00 to 10:30 pm



**FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS  
VISITING RAINBOW SQUARES**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2024**

*Guest Caller: Rob Gigsby  
Guest Cuer: Katie Marteny*

Plus Dancing 7:00 pm  
Mainstream & Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Meet and Dance with us at Ten Mile Grange  
6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

Skagit Valley Grange is Closed that week  
Robert & Hope Webster 360-682-5348 [wwbster@hotmail.com](mailto:wwbster@hotmail.com)

# RAINBOW SQUARES

**Mainstream the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays**

**Plus 7PM – MS 7:30-930 PM**

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**Oct. 12 – Special Guest Caller Rob Grigsby from  
California with Katie Marteny Cueing**

**Oct. 26 – Dark - for MBC Fall Council Dance**

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**Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA**

**\$8 Donation ~ Hearing Enhancement ~ Break After the Dance ~  
~ Experienced Clothing Sale ~ Contact: 360-961-7892**

## Happy Hoppers

Stilly Valley Center  
18308 Smokey Pt Blvd. (I-5 Exit 206)  
Arlington, WA 98223

Sunday  
October 13

# Western Hoedown

National Caller

**Hunter Keller**  
calling and cueing



Hearing  
Enhancement

[www.happyhoppers.org](http://www.happyhoppers.org)

Plus 6:00-6:30 Mainstream 6:30-8:30

# TRICK OR TREAT



Entry Donation  
\$9.00 per person



October 18, 2024

7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds

Caller - Steve Noseck

Mainstream Square Dance

Cuer - Karen Neverdowski

8:00-10:00 PM

## Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE, Snohomish WA 98296

[www.squarecrows.org](http://www.squarecrows.org) Info: 206-914-2253



Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30

Mainstream



# Glow Dance

Level Dance

## October 19th



Dave Harry calling  
&

Karen Neverdowski cueing



LET'S DANCE

We Now Dance the Third Saturday

**Students** this dance is for you, come practice your skills!

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

# ALL SPORTS DANCE

Skagit Squares



## October 19 2024

Gunter Monroe – Caller

Karon Neverdowski - Cuer

PRE ROUNDS 7:30 - DANCE 8:00 TO 10:00

MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER



# FREEWHEELERS

Crazy Hat & T Shirts

Sunday Oct 20, 2024



Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: TBD



6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds  
7:00 to 9:00 Plus with Rounds

**Cedar Valley Grange**

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredanceseseattle.com



**Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club**

[www.dudesanddolls.org](http://www.dudesanddolls.org)

Pre-Rounds: Phase 3-4 7:00PM, Plus Dancing 7:30 PM

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

**OCT 25**  
**PUMPKIN SPICE**  
**AND EVERYTHING**  
**NICE!**



**CALLER: SCOTT COON CUER: Shawn Cavness**  
**Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood**  
**\$10 suggested donation**



Juanita Community Club  
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

Friday, Oct. 25



# GHOULS 'N GALS



Costumes  
encouraged!



**LEVEL DANCE**  
Free for students

Caller: **Stephen Cole**

Line Instructor: **Lisa Weiser**

Hearing enhancement  
Credit Cards accepted

7:30 pm Plus  
8 pm Level Dance (moves 1 to 25-30)  
**LINE DANCING** between tips

## Happy Hoppers

Stilly Valley Center  
18308 Smokey Pt Blvd. (I-5 Exit 206)  
Arlington, WA 98223

Sunday  
October 27

# Nightmare at the Stilly

**Brent Mawdsley**  
calling and cueing



Hearing  
Enhancement

[www.happyhoppers.org](http://www.happyhoppers.org)

Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30

## Square Dance "lessons"?

Earlier this season I was involved in my first-ever square dance accident! One of my square mates and I ran into each other - hard. Hard enough that we both made noise (ooof), stopped briefly to assess our injuries, and profusely apologized to each other. It hurt. I know they hurt too, and it seemed worse for them due to a pre-existing injury.

I forgot all about it. I had a "sports injury" (bruise); time went by and it faded away, no big deal.

Months went by. Then recently I was approached at a dance and was told that they have been looking for me at dances, and were so glad to finally find me. It took me a minute to realize who it was, my fellow accident victim!

They'd been looking for me to check to see if I was doing ok, if I had recovered from our accident. There was no trace of blame, no complaining, just sincere concern for me.

Square dancing lessons are abundant. This was a lesson in graciousness. Look for the lessons and pay them forward, we could all use more lessons!

I'd love to hear about your lesson, drop me a note at [lynneadunbar@gmail.com](mailto:lynneadunbar@gmail.com). Maybe your lesson will appear in a future Council Notes!

**Lynnea Dunbar. MBC Student Liason**



### OCTOBER SPECIALS AT PETTICOAT JUNCTION DANCE SHOP

14523 HWY 99, LYNNWOOD

See our website for current hours:

[www.petticoatjct.com](http://www.petticoatjct.com)

425-743-9513

[friends@petticoatjct.com](mailto:friends@petticoatjct.com)

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
		1	2 MBC Meeting 7:30 Or-Bets <b>Fern Bluff, Fogcutters Lessons</b>
6 Freewheelers  <b><i>Shooting Stars, Square Crows Lessons</i></b>	7  Crossfires	8 Happy Rounders <b><i>ABlast, Dudes &amp; Dolls, Happy Hoppers, Rainbow Squares, Skagit Squares Lessons</i></b>	9 Or-Bets  <b><i>FB Lessons</i></b>  <b><i>No Fogcutters Lessons tonight</i></b>
13 Happy Hoppers  <b><i>SS, SC Lessons</i></b>	14 <b><i>Crossfires Lessons</i></b>	15 Happy Rounders  <b><i>AB,DD,HH,RB,SkS Lessons</i></b>	16 Or-Bets  <b><i>FB, FC Lessons</i></b>
20 Freewheelers (PLUS Dance)  <b><i>SS, SC Lessons</i></b>	21 <b><i>Crossfires Lessons</i></b>	22 Happy Rounders  <b><i>AB,DD,HH,RB,SkS Lessons</i></b>	23 Or-Bets  <b><i>FB, FC Lessons</i></b>
27 Happy Hoppers  <b><i>SS, SC Lessons</i></b>	28 <b><i>Crossfires Lessons</i></b>	29 Happy Rounders  <b><i>AB,DD,HH,RB,SkS Lessons</i></b>	30 Or-Bets  <b><i>FB, FC Lessons</i></b>



# r 2024

	Thu	Fri	Sat
etting )	<b>3</b> Valley Promenaders Aldergrove BC  <i><b>Samena Squares,            Freewheelers/            Whirlwinds, Whirly-            birds Lessons            Lessons</b></i>	<b>4</b> <b>Whirlybirds            (Level)</b>	<b>5</b>  Dancing Shadows
er ight	<b>10</b> Valley Promenaders Aldergrove BC  <i><b>SaS, WB, FW/WW            Lessons</b></i>	<b>11</b>  Dudes & Dolls  Samena Squares	<b>12</b>  Fern Bluff  Rainbow Squares
ons	<b>17</b> Valley Promenaders Aldergrove BC  <i><b>SaS, WB, FW/WW            Lessons</b></i>	<b>18</b>  Square Crows	<b>19</b> A-Blast <b>Whirlybirds            (LEVEL)</b> Skagit Squares Dancing Shadows
ns	<b>24</b> Valley Promenaders Aldergrove BC  <i><b>SaS, WB, FW/WW            Lessons</b></i>	<b>25</b>  Dudes & Dolls  <b>Samena Squares            (LEVEL)</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>COUNCIL            DANCE!</b>
ons	<b>31</b> Valley Promenaders Aldergrove BC  <i><b>SaS, WB, FW/WW            Lessons</b></i>		

# Mount Baker Council Minutes

## September 4, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Steve Sworen called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm at the Totem Middle School. Roll call of officers found all officers in attendance except Penny Curtis. All clubs were in attendance.

### **Guests in Attendance:**

Ken Frey, Gini Johnson

**Recording Secretary:** Penny Curtis 206-365-3186  
[rmbcrecsec@gmail.com](mailto:rmbcrecsec@gmail.com)

Jo Ann is Recording Secretary pro-tem. Please don't forget to email Penny your reports and/or leave your copy on the front table. There was one correction to the June minutes. Sammi Fredenburg gave the Area Delegate report. Penny's report given by Steve Sworen. Lynnea Dunbar moved the council fund two "Angel Workshops" in late August/early September at \$600. Motion seconded by Brooks Bennett. Motion passed.

The updated bylaws and standing rules have been uploaded to the website as drafts until I can upload ones with signatures which should be in by next meeting.

**Treasurer:** Dave Fredenburg 425-297-3210

[adfrede354@frontier.com](mailto:adfrede354@frontier.com)

Ending balance of \$78,593.93 thru June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Payments: \$100 to Rotary Club of Stanwood for the fair booth, \$78.70 to L&L Engravers for danglers, \$145 to Steve Sworen for expenses for Presidents Appreciation Dinner, \$35 to Marysville School district for facilities rental for May and June 2024.

Ending balances in checking of \$4200.96, \$20,890.36 in savings, \$10,795.92 in the 7-month CD, and \$42,969.69 in the 18-month. Total assets is \$78,856.93.at 9/4/2024.

The 7-month CD as renewed till 3/21/2025.

Bills: \$125.00 to Square Crows for July 4th caller, and business cards per bylaws, \$166.22 for council directory printing to Steve Sworen. Judy Corning moved to pay the bills, Oren Gaskill seconded. **Motion passed.** Steve announced he would like to propose a budget at the next meeting and stressed the importance of turning in all the expenses.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Tina Heide 360-651-1328  
[tinaheidehh@gmail.com](mailto:tinaheidehh@gmail.com)

I wanted to clarify the responsibilities of Delegates. Please remember it's your duty to share information you learn here at your club's Business meeting. If your meeting normally occurs before MBC minutes are sent out it's important you take notes. I noticed at a few of the business meetings I attended last year that little or no information was shared or it was inaccurate. Most of you do a great job. You've done it for years and most likely for many more. Important things to note: timelines, Council dance dates, special events, activities other than Dances, information from the Federation

**Area Delegate:** Brooks Bennett 206-9144632  
[brooksbennett79@gmail.com](mailto:brooksbennett79@gmail.com)

Fall federation meeting will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Centralia. I will not be available for that meeting and will be working at the Federation level on membership and insurance.

Brooks announced he was resigning at the end of this meeting and that he had an item for New Business.

**Area Nominating:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658  
[gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com)

No report.

**President's Report:** Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950  
[mbcprez@gmail.com](mailto:mbcprez@gmail.com)

Welcome back! We have had an incredible summer with so many farm dances, barn dances, hoe downs, state fairs, parades, and demo dances! Thanks to so many who have worked so hard these last few months to advance square dancing in our region! These next few months will determine our future for the next several years as lessons

are starting. If you are a plus dancer, consider taking Advanced lessons! If you are a mainstream dancer, try the Plus lessons. And all dancers, please Angel at all levels!

For our new delegates, your responsibility is twofold: to represent your club at the council, and to represent the council at your club. Please read through the Delegate packet to familiarize yourself with the workings of the council and utilize the directory to connect with each other.

**Vice President:** Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253

[lopann@aol.com](mailto:lopann@aol.com)

Brooks and I were able to attend John Hayes' Celebration of Life. The event was very well attended with many memories being shared. After the service we decided to attend one of John's favorite cafes (Acme Cafe) where he met with some of his classmates once a month. Some other dancers had the same idea. I was even able to give one of restaurant workers the program from the service. All who knew him will miss John. I will be discussing the Ila Williams Award at future meetings.

**Advisor:** Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487

[olgaskill@comcast.net](mailto:olgaskill@comcast.net)

Oren handed out delegate books for the new year.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Computer Coordinator:** Penny Curtis 206-365-3186,

[publicitymbc@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymbc@gmail.com)

I believe I have every club's lesson flyer and that the lessons list is correct. The level dance page is updated with everything I know about. I have all club's events entered into the MBC calendar except one. All the dances are entered into Where's the Dance for those clubs I enter for except for one. Please double check and let me know any updates or corrections.

Thank you to everyone for answering my emails. I am grateful everyone is getting on to the naming convention. I have a few flyers (thanks Claire) to upload. Thanks so much to Elisabeth King for stepping up to help me with website maintenance!

About Where the Dance entries....when you add an event that isn't on your dance schedule, I am really grateful if you remind me to enter these into the MBC calendar and to Where's the Dance. I am still sad about losing John. He was great at letting me know about all my errors on the website. Hard shoes to fill but it is great for someone to double check me.

**Council Dances: Fall Council Dance-Freewheelers**

The Fall Council dance hosted by the Freewheelers is Saturday, October 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Northshore Senior Center, in Bothell. Steve Noseck calling, Randy Preskitt cueing., Presale tickets are \$12 and \$15 at the door, \$8 for under 17. Format is two mainstream tips followed by 1 plus tip with rounds in between. There is a no-experience hall with Dave Harry calling. We will have raffle baskets and split the pot.

**Council Directory:** Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950  
[mbcpres@gmail.com](mailto:mbcpres@gmail.com)

The 2024-25 Directory is hot off the press. Please distribute them to your club officers.

**Council Notes:** Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950  
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For the Sept 2024 issue there were 360 copies printed for \$415.42 with 330 of those mailed for \$125.43. Our annual mailbox invoice will come due in October for about \$200. There will be an annual permit renewal due in March 2025 for \$320. There are still some outstanding balances from April-June 2024. Please send payment upon receiving the reminder bill.

Publishing costs for the 2023-24 season are as follows:

Receipts as of Aug 31, 2024	\$7256.00
Less printing, mailing expenses	(7187.11)
Total profit	\$68.89

average cost per copy: \$1.56.

Total profit will increase once outstanding invoices of \$658 are received so no need to increase ad fees at this time.

**Education/Leadership:** Stephen (Joyce) Sworen 425-308-3950  
[mbcprez@gmail.com](mailto:mbcprez@gmail.com)

I have handed out copies of “The Cycle of Square Dance Retention” presentation given by the keynote speaker at the annual convention, Nancy Raiha. The first suggestion was to do a free dance before lessons start and encourage everyone to come to lessons. Advertise, put posters in senior news, gyms, libraries, do outreach to folks who have dropped out, that you haven’t seen for a while. Do demos. Be very welcoming, let in late comers. Have friendly dancers talk to the new students during breaks, have angles get to know dancers. Food is festive. Keep students well informed about their future options. Help them envision taking lessons, how long are the lessons, what to expect. Offer partial scholarships, many club members are willing to donate for this. Offer free tickets to their first dance after graduation. Have nice name badges. Take pictures and post them on websites, around the hall, and on social media. Break up disaster squares. Walk thru a review before the lesson starts. Do a slower pace review. Follow up with those who miss a lesson: call, email, text. Your student coordinator is the most important person in this process. There are posters for you to take which are a list of the dance moves with check off boxes. Take one for each hall so students can see how far they have progressed. We had 16 participants at the first angel workshop.

**Footnotes:** Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304  
[sammi.98270@gmail.com](mailto:sammi.98270@gmail.com)

Welcome to the 2024/25 Mount Baker Council Square Dance Season! Footnotes reporting is a way we put our literary best foot forward to the rest of the State Federation dancers, and anyone else who stumbles across a copy. Use this opportunity to brag on your club and its awesome members. The first batch of articles have been rolling in to my inbox in the past week, and if you have yet to write yours up, please have it submitted to me by the end of the week. I tried contacting as many of you as I could for the September issue and wound up in some cases just grabbing your proposed lesson and dance schedules from the tables at the fairs and submitting those as your articles if I didn’t hear from you. Quite unfortunate, because if you had picnics or events, attended festivals or parades, lost members or any other things newsworthy that happened this summer, it goes unnoticed. If your Footnotes editors are short on content for your clubs at any month, have them check in with your officers and lessons coordinators and such, and see if something in their memories is noteworthy for the upcoming month’s issue. I’d like to have your articles submitted to me by the 6<sup>th</sup> of the month so I can get them formatted and submitted to Cyn-

da (or the new editor that will be replacing her) shortly after. Don't forget pictures; convert them to jpeg/jpg please! Let us know the event, date, who's in it, etc. I have the Council's info page going around. Please check your club's info, initial if correct or mark down any changes. Should changes come throughout the year, let Dave or me know and we will update and submit it. Thanks for your cooperation and your important contribution in the promotion of your club each month.

**Heritage Center:** Ellen Ostrum 425-308-9559  
ellenostrum@gmail.com  
No report

**Historian:** Position Vacant. Contact Steve Sworen if you are interested in taking over this position.

**Membership & Insurance:** Dave Fredenburg 425-297-3210  
[adfrede354@frontier.com](mailto:adfrede354@frontier.com)

In June all clubs sent their current membership to the state, and the state sent me the updated list. We have 476 members as of July. I handed out a list of all those who did not renew their membership. A \* means they were a student but did not join. Please review the list and consider inviting some of them to join or rejoin your club. Some are deceased, some are no longer dancing, and some have moved out of the area. But some may not have been invited to join a club this year. Report submitted by Steve Sworen.

**New Dancer Books:** Lynnea Dunbar 425-894-5312 [lynneadunbar@gmail.com](mailto:lynneadunbar@gmail.com)

We have updated the new dancer book for the 2024/2025 dance season. Books will be distributed in October/November. It is available on the MBC website on the "new dancer" page.

**Nominating:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com)

If you know of anyone in your club who would like to be more involved in the square and round dance world in our area, please let me know. As you are aware, our Council is in need of new officers for next year. The jobs are not hard and just require a few hours a month of your time. You need to be willing to attend a meeting one evening a month and do a little paperwork in between. Anyone can talk to me anytime for more information.

**Properties:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

If you have a question about what paperwork or supplies you have to go with your job in the Council, please see me. If you acquire anything new during the year or delete an item or two from your inventory, let me know so I can change the paperwork.

**Publicity & Promotion:** Position Vacant. Contact Steve Sworen if you are interested in taking over this position

**Fair Coordinator:** Bonnie Harry 425-773-9513  
[friends@petticoatjct.com](mailto:friends@petticoatjct.com)

- Our summer was a busy one! Thanks to everyone who came to dance and staff booths—the showing of devotion and passion for our activity was so very much appreciated! Our goal of being very visible as a dance community and fun pastime was achieved in a big way.
- We offered a free drawing for a set of lessons for 2, in a club that the winner chooses. We collected a total of 56 drawing forms (16 Stanwood, 30 Skagit, 6 Monroe Fair, 4 Monroe Street fair), entries were from locations Bellingham to Seattle! This is a good sign that learning square dancing is of interest to the public. The winner was a couple from Camano Island who are excited and will join the Skagit class. The other contacts have been sent a thank you note and have been told to watch for further information about upcoming lessons in their area. I am distributing the emails to up to 2 clubs in their vicinity.
- Stanwood Fair was the most intense! We had a booth for 3 days, demonstration dances each day, and a parade! Our booth was a little far from the traffic flow and the weather was very hot. Lots of people knew Dancin’ Dave or had been involved with the Stanwood Sashayers.
- Skagit. We had a booth for 4 days, and one demo dance on Sunday. There was more traffic to our booth and lots of onlookers took part in our dance session! New dancers from Skagit Squares, including young dancers, came to be a part of it, even though they hadn’t signed up for the event. Even the fair organizers were there watching intently.
- Monroe. The weather was terrible! We had 40 dancers and found places to dance undercover until the rain slowed. Miraculously we had audience participants join us, and we felt it was sparking interest! Once again, Jan Doran put together a wonderful square dance display in the Grange exhibit area and one couple came directly from that display to our booth outside to sign up for the drawing! Jan’s display “Learn to Square Dance at Your Local Grange” won 2 Awards of Merit, Quality of Display and Attractiveness of Display.



•Lynden. The Gaskills were once again instrumental in arranging this fair demo dance. They had a solid 3 squares dancing and were successful in handing out a lot of cards & flyers.

**Round Dance:** Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 [bekarl@whidbey.net](mailto:bekarl@whidbey.net)

Round of the Month for September 2024 is "Moonlight Shadows"

Chore: Dorothy Sanders

Music: "Shadows in the Moonlight" Capitol Record 4716 Ann Murray

Two Step: Phase: II + I (Fishtail)

Download: Amazon & I-Tunes & You Tube

Other Selections Were; "Cinnamon" & "Any Way The Wind Blows"

Rochelle Catt is the new State Round Dance chairperson.

**Round Tuit:** Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977 [kludlow57@gmail.com](mailto:kludlow57@gmail.com)

Last dance season there were 45 round tuits given out. Hoping to beat that number this dance season. Please remind dancers to put their club's name on the round tuit form.

**Scrapbook:** Claire Ball 425-206-8709 [ball.gordy@gmail.com](mailto:ball.gordy@gmail.com)

I have been transferring photos from scrapbooks into digital format. The books are so well and carefully done, I am taking a photo of each page. I will send copies to Penny for the website.

**Solo Coordinator:** Carol Harris 206-362-3734

[chskier@gmail.com](mailto:chskier@gmail.com)

No Report

**Ways & Means:** Carol Harris 206-362-3734

[chskier@gmail.com](mailto:chskier@gmail.com)

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Brooks Bennett moved Sammi Fredenburg be elected to the position of Area Delegate for the remainder of the term he just resigned. **Motion carried.**
- Lynnea Dunbar moved that 2025 mainstream graduates get free admission to the Spring Council Dance funded by the Council. **Motion carried.**
- Gini Johnson announced that the former Mount Baker Singles club is honoring John Hayes on November 23 with a free dance at the Skagit Valley Grange, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Dave Harry, the club caller for 33 years will be calling and Bob Berka cueing. Sponsored by Skagit Squares. Mt Baker Singles decided to close in June 2020. The pandemic caused us to halt plans for a final dance. With the passing of John, the last club board members decided it was time to belatedly celebrate Mount Baker Singles 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary while at the same time honoring John. Everyone attending will get a free raffle ticket for a chance to win one of many gift cards. John loved pie so, of course, pie will be served. John was at every council meeting probably since the first one. He was a member of Mount Baker's Singles from its beginning in 1984. He was president of the Mt Baker Council twice for a total of 3 terms. He and Rosie received the President's Award in 2007 and the Ila William's Memorial Award in 2013. We hope to see you at the dance! Everyone is Welcome!

## **DELEGATE REPORTS**

**A Blast:** Gary Faulds 206-618-8840 [gary.v.faulds@gmail.com](mailto:gary.v.faulds@gmail.com)

We start Advance lessons on Sept 9, Tuesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Plus dancers are welcome to come to our first lessons to see what Advance Dancing is all about. Adam Christman is calling our Oct 19 Advance Dance. We have changed our dance time to 1pm to 3:30pm so out-of-town dancers can dance with us, have dinner and go to Saturday evening dances in our area. Dances and lessons at the Triway Grange, 3509 Seattle Hill Road, Mill Creek.

**Cascade Crossfires:** Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946 [judyseatrvl@comcast.net](mailto:judyseatrvl@comcast.net)

We dance every Monday night at Cedar Valley Grange in Lynwood. We will be starting

lessons the 14th of October, so if you are ready for more moves than mainstream think about joining us. Stephen Cole is the caller. Time is from 7pm to 9pm.

**Dancing Shadows:** Cliff McCracken 425-478-5128

[Clisha59@gmail.com](mailto:Clisha59@gmail.com)

No report

**Dudes & Dolls:** Vicki Byers 425-359-3234

[bylynn@hotmail.com](mailto:bylynn@hotmail.com)

We had our annual campout to raise money for our mystery caravan and danced at several demos. October 11 is the “Boot Skootin’ Boogie” with Scott Coon calling and Lisa Weiser doing lines. 7pm lines, 7:30pm plus, 8pm mainstream dancing with lines. October 25<sup>th</sup> is our “Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice” dance, Scott Coon calling and Shawn Caveness cuing. 7pm pre-rounds, 7:30pm plus, 8pm mainstream dancing with rounds

**Fern Bluff Squares:** Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977

[kludlow57@gmail.com](mailto:kludlow57@gmail.com)

October 12, 2024 Caller: Robert Sax Theme: “Harvest Dance plus dancing at 7 pm pre rounds at 7:30 dance at 8:00

**Fidalgo Fogcutters:** Lois Cassidy 360-293-0181

[loisc3@gmail.com](mailto:loisc3@gmail.com)

The Fidalgo Fogcutters’ October 12<sup>th</sup> dance will be a traveling one as the grange is closed that week. We will be going to the Rainbow Squares dance. They are having a special dance with Rob Grigsby, a traveling California caller, Katie Marteny cueing. We’ll eat dinner at the Rusty Wagon across the street before the dance. [Plus Lessons are Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm at the Grange with Steve Noseck teaching and calling. Please note there will be no lessons on October 9.](#)

**Freewheelers:** Carol Harris 206-362-3734

[chskier@gmail.com](mailto:chskier@gmail.com)

Our lessons, in conjunction with Sky Valley Whirlwinds, will begin September 19, 2024 from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Tri-Way Grange in Mill Creek.

The cost is \$160 for 20 lessons with the Sept. 19 lesson being free. We dance first and third Sundays at the Cedar Valley Grange, with advanced rounds from 6:30 to 7:00 followed by the dance from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a plus tip at the end of our mainstream dances.

**Happy Hoppers:** Karen Hammontree 425-870-1632  
[kmtree99@gmail.com](mailto:kmtree99@gmail.com)

October 13 will have our first national caller. We will be hosting Hunter Keller for our caller and cuer for our "Western Hoedown" dance. Afternoon plus dance from 2pm to 4pm. Evening dance will be plus from 6:00 to 6:30pm with mainstream following from 6:30 to 9:30pm. We will caravan to Square Crows for their October 19<sup>th</sup> "Trick or Treat" dance. October 27 will be our "Nightmare at the Stilly" dance with Brent Mawdsley calling and cuing.

**Happy Rounders:** Larry Mercer 206-365-8095  
[larry\\_mercer02@outlook.com](mailto:larry_mercer02@outlook.com)

Happy Rounders will be dancing on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> in October. We will not dance on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Randy Preskitt is the cuer. We dance at the Hayloft, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. We dance phase 3 & 4 and look forward to seeing new guests.

**Mt. Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers:** Stephen Cole 206-769-4959,  
[stephen@isquaredance.com](mailto:stephen@isquaredance.com)

No report

**Rainbow Squares:** Lew (Oren) Gaskill 360-733-4487  
[olgaskill@comcast.net](mailto:olgaskill@comcast.net)

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2024 NW WA Fair Demo dance. We had 40 dancers enjoying the demo and handing out flyers and cards. Rainbow's October 12<sup>th</sup> dance will feature guest caller Rob Grigsby from California, and guest cuer Katie Marteny from Bellingham. Rob will call Plus from 7 to 7:30 and Mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. We will not be dancing at Ten Mile Grange on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> because we will be attending the MBC 2024 Fall Council Dance.

**Samena Squares:** Claire Ball 206-229-2708

[clairemball714@gmail.com](mailto:clairemball714@gmail.com)

Our annual dancing in the park at Kirkland waterfront was in August. Square Crows joined us.

October 11<sup>th</sup> is our “Jersey Night” mainstream dance with Dan Preedy calling and Karen Neverdowski cuing. October 25<sup>th</sup> will be our first dance with lines and is a level dance, “Ghouls and Gals” with Stephen Cole calling and Lisa Weiser cuing. Dancing at Juanita Community Center, 7:30pm pre-plus, 8:00 to 10:00pm square dancing with lines or rounds. The floor has been refinished and it is beautiful.

**Skagit Squares:** Linda (Bob) Berka 360-675-8691

[berkalw@whidbey.net](mailto:berkalw@whidbey.net)

Gunter Monroe is our new club caller. We will have light refreshments, coffee, and ice water at club dances. Bob Berka is now our second delegate to the council. Square dance classes will be handled by Sandra Fraizer and Barbara McDugle with Alice Smith guiding. Caller Dave Harry will be teaching. October 12 we will caravan to Fern Bluff Squares.

**Sky Valley Whirlwinds:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658

[gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com)

Classes, jointly held with the Freewheelers at the TriWay Grange, begin on September 19. The first lesson is free and the lessons continue for 20 weeks. Spyder Webb is the teacher/caller. Save the date Sunday April 6, 2025, for the annual Alzheimer’s Benefit Dance.

**Square Crows:** Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253

[lopann@aol.com](mailto:lopann@aol.com)

[Lessons are at Northshore Senior Center.](#) Please come angel on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30pm. Dances at Maltby Community Center with Karen Neverdowski cuing. Pre-rounds begin at 7:30pm. Our caller talent changes every month so be sure to come to our dances so you don’t miss your favorites. In October Steve Noseck is calling our “Trick or Treat” dance. Grab your costume and face paint and join us for some fun!

**Whirlybirds:** Sammi Fredenburg 360 359-2304

[sammi.98270@gmail.com](mailto:sammi.98270@gmail.com)

This dance season we have moved our dances to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Our dance on October 19<sup>th</sup> is the first level dance of the year. This is a chance to start introducing your students to caravaning. We look forward to dancing with you this season.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Ray Gallagher emphasized the importance of clubs & members to be positive.

- Gini Johnson. The former Mount Baker Singles club is honoring John Hayes on November 23 with a free dance at the Skagit Valley Grange, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Dave Harry, the club caller for 33 years will be calling and Bob Berka cueing. Sponsored by Skagit Squares. Mt Baker Singles decided to close in June 2020. The pandemic caused us to halt plans for a final dance. With the passing of John, the last club board members decided it was time to belatedly celebrate Mount Baker Singles 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary while at the same time honoring John. Everyone attending will get a free raffle ticket for a chance to win one of many gift cards. John loved pie so, of course, pie will be served. John was at every council meeting probably since the first one. He was a member of Mount Bakers Singles from its beginning in 1984. He was president of the Mt Baker Council twice for a total of 3 terms. He and Rosie received the President's Award in 2007 and the Ila William's Memorial Award in 2013. We hope to see you at the dance! Everyone is Welcome!

- Dave Harry said that at First Friday Funfest has a new format. From 7:30 to 9:30 all moves will be taught every month but from 9:30 to 10:30 more moves will be taught so that over 4 months all basic moves will be taught.

- Steve Sworen said to check out the Council Notes Page 5---we have the first ad from Canada!

- Sammi reminded us to continue to donate pull tops. George Broom's recycling business turns those into donations for kidney research.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **October 6, 2024** at 7:30pm  
 at Marysville School District Board Room, 4220 80<sup>th</sup> St NE Marysville,  
 WA 98270

Respectfully submitted,  
 Penny Curtis and Jo Ann Pyle  
 Recording Secretary

**Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council  
 Treasurer Report - Jun 5 thru Sep 4th**

		Due: 3/21/2025		12/21/2025				
		Checking	Savings	CD 7mo	CD 18mo	Total	Current Report	Jun 05 2024
Balance as reported on 06/05/24		\$ 4,559.96	\$ 20,889.84	\$ 10,663.92	\$ 42,480.21	\$ 78,593.93		\$ 78,593.93
<b>Plus deposits:</b>								
Savings Interest 6/28			\$ 0.16					
Savings Interest 7/31			\$ 0.19					
Savings Interest 8/30			\$ 0.17					
CD Interest 6/28				\$ 42.86	\$ 159.00			
CD Interest 7/31				\$ 44.45	\$ 164.92			
CD Interest 8/20				\$ 28.81				
CD Interest 8/30				\$ 15.88	\$ 165.56			
Subtotal Income::		\$ -	\$ 0.52	\$ 132.00	\$ 489.48		\$ 622.00	
<b>Less Payments</b>								
672	Rotary Club of Stanwood-Camano	\$ 100.00						
673	L&L Engraving - Dangles	\$ 78.70						
674	Stephen Sworen - Presidents Appreciation Dinner	\$ 145.30						
675	MSD #25 May Hall rental	\$ 17.50						
676	MSD #25 June Hall rental	\$ 17.50						
Subtotal Expense:		\$ 359.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 359.00	
							<b>Net Change</b>	<b>YTD since 6/5/24</b>
Balance as of 09/04/2024		\$ 4,200.96	\$ 20,890.36	\$ 10,795.92	\$ 42,969.69	\$ 78,856.93	\$ 263.00	\$ 263.00




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