

Mt. Baker Council Notes SEPTEMBER 2024

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Susan Morris receives the Parker award at the State Festival!

The Parker Award is presented annually to a member of the Folk Dance Federation of Washington who has done an outstanding job of teaching and promoting folk dancing as a wholesome recreation of young and old alike. It is named after Almon Parker, the first president of the Federation, and is awarded at the State Festival by the previous recipients, who were Tom and Chris Clymer. Susan started dancing in 1995, and calling in 1997. She has taught 26 sets of Mainstream lessons for various clubs, 10 sets of plus lessons, and authored a newsletter for 11 years. As a member of Mount Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers Association she held all offices except treasurer. She has been active with the Pacific Northwest Teen Festival, and in many committees. In 2018 she was elected to the Callerlab Board of Governor where she was Chairman of the Women in Calling Committee.

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2024-2025

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sept 4 Council Meeting 7:30 PM Marysville SD Transportation Room
4302 134th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270
- Oct 26 Fall Council Dance 2-5 PM Northshore Senior Center, Bothell

New Dancer Spotlight



This month we spotlight Sharon Loesch and Anne Singleton who are recent graduates of **PLUS** Dancing!

Anne found out about square dancing from Robin King who invited her to a First Friday Fun Fest at a Scout meeting (they are both Boy Scouts leaders).

Her advice for new dancers is don't let mistakes ruin your fun! Everyone makes them and you'll learn the patterns eventually. Attending dances and getting lots of practice is the key. What she likes about square dancing is the people! Everyone is very encouraging and friendly - it

makes learning so fun! And she always enjoyed all forms of dancing. You get to exercise without feeling like it's exercise! Her hobbies are getting to know people by going on walks together, watching old movies and dancing with them! I also enjoy reading classics like Jane Austin, making homemade candles from our own beeswax, soap making, and putting up produce from our garden.

Sharon found out from a flyer that circulated through Sultan School District! Her advice is: don't be scared, have courage to try something new, ask for help when stuck on a particular dance move. She likes the mental challenge of learning something new and the friendly and inviting dancers that make up the Mt Baker Council! Her hobbies are gardening, baking, hiking, long walks, reading, road trips, live sporting events, and pets!

This may be the year that you try PLUS Dancing!

Fidalgo Fogcutter lessons start on Sept 18 (see page 10)

Cascade Crossfire Lessons start on Oct 14 (see Page 8)

President's Message



I had the great fortune of attending the Washington State Square Dance Festival in Yakima this July with over 400 other dancers! It was more than AMAZING! It was in an air-conditioned facility with wood dance floors! There were halls for Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Rounds, and Clogging. There were 25 squares the first night, because that's all the floor could hold!

Thursday night we danced for 3 hours, Friday we danced for 10 hours, and Saturday we danced for 8 hours due to the keynote speaker and the banquet. No, I did not dance for all 21 hours, even I had to sit out a few tips to pace myself! I even saw Grace Maria sit out a tip or two!

There were 27 different callers and 14 different cuers to dance to! Next year it will be the same weekend at the same place. Make your plans now! Plenty of hotels and camping nearby.

I also saw eight of our recent graduates were there perfecting their skills among the almost 100 MBC members! Way to go MBC!

Nancy Raiha of Olympia was the keynote speaker for the Leadership portion and her topic was "If you don't build it, they won't come. A practical guide to building your square dance program"

There were over 160 attendees, and over one-fourth were from OUR Council! Lots of great ideas, and you can check out her presentation on our website under About MBC> Student Coordinators.

It has been a busy summer with so many Parades, Fairs, Demos, Pig Roasts, Hoe Downs, Barn dances, farm dances, and more! Thanks to all who participated! And now its time to get back to Dancing!

- Consider taking Plus or Round dance lessons this year!
- Take a trip to Canada for Thursday Dancing!
- And please be an ANGEL to all new dancers!

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 273rd Street**

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

Only 11 miles north of LyndenOnly 50 miles north of Mt. Vernon**

Thursday dance schedule starts Sept. 5th/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



Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest



September 6th

No Experience Dance

No Partner Needed

Dancing Begins at 7:30



Ages 8 years and Above

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

With Eastside Plus

Sept. 7 Steve Noseck

Randy & Marie Preskitt

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

Pre rounds 7:00-7:30

Plus 7:30-9:30

*Sept. 21 All Round Dancing with
Rochelle Catt*

Phase 2,3,4 7:00-9:30 no workshop

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

FREE ANGEL WORKSHOP

Sponsored By Mount Baker Council

Led by Stephen Cole

September 7 1-4 PM

South Lake Stevens Grange

2109 103rd Ave SE, Lake Stevens

Mainstream Dance to Follow! 4-6 PM

OR-BETS Dance Club

Cuer: Karen Neverdowski

Juanita Community Club

13027 100th 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.

Happy Hoppers

Stilly Valley Center

18308 Smokey Pt Blvd. (I-5 Exit 206)

Arlington, WA 98223

**Sunday
Sept. 8**

Crazy T-Shirt Dance

Terry Halley calling



Katie Marteny cueing



Hearing
Enhancement

www.happyhoppers.org

Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(For Sept it's the 9th, 16th, 23th and 30th)

**Welcome Back to a New
Dance Season**

**Tell your Friends
Lessons Start**

Next Month, Monday Oct 14th

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

425-435-8253
Lynnwood,WA



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

*Friday
Sept. 13*



UNDER THE BIG TOP

STEVE NOSECK calling

KAREN NEVERDOWSKI cuing



Hearing enhancement
Credit Cards accepted

**7:30 - 8 pm Plus
8 - 10 pm Mainstream
Rounds between tips**

Samena Squares
will be dark on
September 27



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

No Experience Dance 7:30 to 9:30

Line Dancing and Square Dancing

SEPTEMBER 13 LYNNWOOD COMMUNITY DANCE

Bring your friends to try Square
and Line dancing for free!

(Free to all new dancers, \$10
Donation for all others)



CALLER: SCOTT COON *Line Dancing: Lisa Weiser*
Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream the 2nd or 4th Saturdays

Caller/Cuer Couple Brent & Therese Mawdsley

September Dance Only 7:00-9:00 PM

Sept 14 – "No Experience Dance" Square Dancing,
Line Dancing & Circle Dancing.

\$5 Adults, \$3 Youth Under 18

Bring your Family and Friends and learn how much fun
it is to dance!

Sept 28 – DARK – NO DANCE – Winthrop!

Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

Contact: 360-961-7892



FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS

PLUS LESSONS! TIME to LEARN!

STEVE NOSECK *Teaching & Calling*

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Beginning on September 18

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

Skagit Valley Grange

Don & Snookie Carlson 360-303-7516



FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS

SEPTEMBER 14th

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

STEVE NOSECK

BOB BERKA

1:30 – 2:00 Pre-Rounds Ph 2 – 4

2:00 – 4:00 Plus with Rounds

Pizza After Party!

Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Road, Sedro Woolley

Robert & Hope Webster 360-682-5348 webster@hotmail.com

Fern Bluff Squares

Caller: Rob Sax

Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka



Facebook –
Fern Bluff
Squares

Bandana Welcome Back Dance



South Lake Stevens Grange

2109 103rd Ave SE

Lake Stevens, WA

Adults: \$10.00

Youth: (12-18) \$5.00

Children: (11 & Under) Free with an Adult

Saturday September 14, 2024

Pre-Rounds 7:00 to 7:30pm

Plus 7:30 to 8:00 pm

Mainstream 8:00 to 10:30 pm



FREEWHEELERS

Happy Days, 50's dance

Sunday Sept 15, 2024

Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: TBD



Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelerssquareddance@gmail.com

www.squareddancesattle.com

6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

7:00 to 9:00 MS with Rounds
9 pm Plus tip



Caller - Gunter Monroe

September 20, 2024

Cuer - Karen Neverdowski

7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds

Entry Donation

Mainstream Square Dance

\$9.00 per person

8:00-10:00 PM

Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE, Snohomish WA 98296



www.squarecrows.org Info: 206-914-2253

**Kickoff
Dance**

Skagit Squares



September 21 2024

Gunter Monroe – Caller

Bob Berka - Cuer

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

MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER

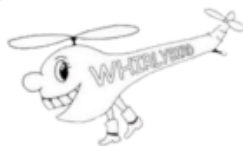
1401 Cleveland St, Mt Vernon

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30

Mainstream 8pm

Come One Come All and Dance Carnival



September 21st

Dave Harry calling

&

Karen Neverdowski cueing



We Now Dance the Third Saturday

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

Happy Hoppers

Stilly Valley Center

18308 Smokey Pt Blvd. (I-5 Exit 206)

Arlington, WA 98223

**Sunday
Sept. 22**

Pirate Dance

Andy Garboden calling

Katie Marteny cueing



**Hearing
Enhancement**

www.happyhoppers.org

Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM



Sept 27



Friday Night Football!

Wear Your Favorite Jersey

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

Sky Valley Whirlwinds

Fall into Dancing

September 28



6PM Rounds 6:30 Plus 7-9 Mainstream

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Caller: Leo Catt

Cuer: Shawn Cavness



PETTICOAT JUNCTION DANCE SHOP

14523 HWY 99, LYNNWOOD

See our website for current hours:

www.petticoatjct.com

friends@petticoatjct.com

425-743-9513



Happy Hoppers 2024 - 2025 Dance Schedule

September 8

Crazy T-Shirt Dance
Terry Halley/Katie Marteny

September 22

Pirate Dance 
Andy Garboden/Katie Marteny

October 13

Western Hoedown 
National Caller
Hunter Keller/Hunter Keller
Plus 2-4pm
Plus 6pm/Mainstream 6:30-8:30pm

October 27

Nightmare at the Stilly
Brent Mawdsley/Brent Mawdsley

November 10

Salute Our Vets 
Craig Abercrombie/C. Abercrombie

November 24

Share Our Blessings
Student Level Dance
(canned food drive)
Leo Catt/Rochelle Catt

December 8

Toys for Tots Dance 
Steve Edlund/Krista Baird

December 22

DARK- Happy Holidays

January 12

Winter Wonderland  
Scott Coon/Katie Marteny

January 26

Black & White Level Dance
Student Level Dance
Spyder Webb/Karen Neverdowski

February 9

Disney Dance 
Vance Morrison/Marie Wood

February 23

Hooray for Hollywood
Stephen Cole/Katie Marteny

March 9

Shamrock Shuffle 
National Caller
Gary Winter/Gary Winter
Plus 2-4pm
Plus 6pm/Mainstream 6:30-8:30pm

March 23

Hawaiian Nights
Adam Christman/Adam Christman

April 13

Jelly Bean Jumble 
Steve Noseck/Rochelle Catt

April 27

Happy 68th Anniversary Dance
Glenn Raiha/Marie Wood 

May 11

Pretty in Pink
Brett Kappenman/Kyle Quande

May 25

DARK- Memorial Day

June 8

Strawberry Dance 
National Caller
Patty Greene/Alison Hampton
Plus 2-4pm
Plus 6pm/Mainstream 6:30-8:30pm



www.happyhoppers.org

Stilly Valley Center

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

2nd & 4th Sunday

Plus w/rounds 6-6:30pm
Mainstream 6:30-8:30pm
Hearing Enhancement available

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1	2 	3 Happy Rounders	4 MBC Me 7:30 Transport Building
8 Happy Hoppers <i>Shooting Stars Lessons Start</i>	9 Cascade Crossfires	10 Happy Rounders <i>Skagit Squares Happy Hoppers Lessons Start</i>	11 Or-Bets <i>Fern Bluff Lessons Start</i>
15 Freewheelers <i>S.S. Lessons</i>	16 Cascade Crossfires	17 Happy Rounders <i>ABlast Dudes & Dolls Lessons start</i> <i>SkSQ HH Lessons</i>	18 Or-Bets <i>Fogcutters L Start</i> <i>FB Lessons</i>
22 Happy Hoppers <i>Square Crows Lesson Start S.S. Lessons</i>	23 Cascade Crossfires	24 Happy Rounders <i>Rainbow SQ Lessons Start</i> <i>AB, DD, SkS HH Lessons</i>	25 Or-Bets <i>FB, FC Lesso</i>
29 <i>SS, SC Lessons</i>	30 Cascade Crossfires		

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	Thu	Fri	Sat
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ns	26 Valley Promenaders Aldergrove, BC SaS, WB FW/WW Lessons	27 Dudes & Dolls	28 Whirlwinds

Mount Baker Council Recommended Code of Conduct

Square dancers on a whole tend to be a very friendly bunch, but many people have boundaries that we need to recognize, personal space that they do not wish to be invaded. No one should be made to feel uncomfortable at a dance. The days of “Yellow Rock” (square dance lingo for a hug) being called by a caller are on the way out, so be considerate of your fellow dancers, and practice restraint.

A certain amount of touching is required to perform most square dance calls. The guidelines are as follows:

Never have a grip on another dancer. Your hand-hold should always be loose so that either party can let go. A light touch is the key. Do not lock thumbs, as this may make it difficult to move to the next call. Use a light forearm touch for allemandes and any other move requiring a forearm grip.

A courtesy turn might include touching the partner's waist/back. If your partner has a hand behind her back, that is a signal that you should take it rather than touch her waist.

Swings are optional and can be vetoed by either party. If your partner in the swing is not mirroring your swing positioning just before entering the swing, then skip the swing. Don't force it. If your partner is approaching you with their arms up in a 'swing position' then you can assume they want to swing. Some women prefer not to twirl after a swing. They will let you know by wearing a pin that says “do not twirl” or simply by keeping their arms down after the swing.

It is okay to assist/direct another dancer with words or a very gentle touch. Never push or pull another dancer. This includes lead/follow dances. **Do not try to guide another square dancer physically** except via a (loose) hand hold. Instead, simply let the people who do have hand contact help, or you can point, or whisper something verbally (e.g. the ending formation).

Since square dancing is a social activity which involves touching, occasionally some people (usually men-let's be honest) will try to take advantage. Also, some men and women both may be open to finding a partner for dancing and possibly a social relationship. Common sense, common courtesy and The Golden Rule should guide all interactions.

All social interaction should be of the form of an '**offer**' and '**response**'. If you offer someone a handshake or a hug and they hold back, respect that and withdraw. If you repeatedly ask someone to dance (or go out after the dance) and they decline, assume they are not interested and move on.

Certain behaviors exceed the bounds of appropriateness, but go unchallenged because the victim is unsure of what's considered normal in this community, or doesn't know how to react. In some cases, the perpetrator may not even be aware of his or her error. For the benefit of those who are unsure and those who repeatedly offend, here is a partial list of things which are not acceptable at a dance or in lessons:

Pokes, tickling, or butt slaps

Staring at a woman's breasts or behind

Non-accidental breast touching-when it happens often or lingers

Derriere groping or butt-patting

Rude comments on someone's appearance, even if meant to be complementary

How to Handle Violations of the Code of Conduct

By being very clear in our expectations, we hope to simply avoid most problematic behavior. However inevitably there will be complaints, and thus we need a policy for addressing those complaints.

It is certainly appropriate to point out to someone that they've done something you found uncomfortable. If this is one of those situations where the perpetrator actually was unaware of his/her actions, then your words may end up benefiting the entire commu-

nity. And even if he/she was fully aware of what he/she was doing, being told that his/her behavior has been noted may discourage its repetition. You might say something like “You are bending my wrist until it hurts” or “I’m not comfortable with the way you always stare at me.” If you don’t feel comfortable doing this, or you do not wish for a confrontation, you simply need to bring the issue up with a club officer.

The club officer will meet privately with the person violating the rules, making it clear that the behavior is unacceptable, and making it clear what the next level of response is. This private discussion does NOT need to get bogged down with determining guilt, because even if the person is innocent, he is only being asked to make a small adjustment to allow another dancer to feel safe and to follow the stated code of conduct. The conduct-breaker may be asked to avoid dancing in the same square as the complainant for some time (e.g. months to a year). If the conduct-breaker wishes to make an apology and the target is willing to hear it, that could be arranged, if appropriate. If the alleged conduct-breaker is unwilling to do what is requested (ignoring the question of guilt) that may be grounds for escalation by the club.

In addition to the private talk, the club will also make a general announcement reminding everyone of the code of conduct described here. This is just one more way we can be very clear what our standards are. This code of conduct should be presented during lessons, and should be announced at regular intervals (probably annually).

Club Response

The Council or individual clubs should discuss levels of response to violations of the Code of Conduct, See document “Club Response to Violations”.

Mount Baker Council Minutes

June 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Sworen called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers found all present. Roll call of clubs found all present.

Guests in Attendance:

Gordy Ball, Samena Squares; Dawn and Zephan Schroeder, Freewheelers; Ken Frey, Bertha Davidson, and Dwight Mallott, Happy Hoppers; Curtis Maza, Square Crows.

Recording Secretary: Melody Scalzo 425-339-8440 rmbcrecsec@gmail.com

Called for corrections to April minutes. The report for Nominating Committee read " We need volunteers to fill the positions of Recording Secretary and Area Nominating/Nominating." This has been corrected to read " We need volunteers to fill the positions of Recording Secretary and State Nominating/Council Nominating" for clarification.

The Council is in need of someone to store the portable stage, which has been kept at Ron and Gailyn Ploeg's property for several years. Please contact Steve Sworen to find out more if you may be able to take it.

Brooks Bennett suggested that Sammi Fredenburg be empowered to make a bid (at the Spring 2024 Federation meeting) for Mount Baker Council to host the Spring 2026 State Federation meeting. It would give us a timely opportunity to showcase the venue and the preparations for our 2027 State Festival.

You can sign up to volunteer at sqdance.org/demoevents, click the black box, and fill out the form.

Elections were held for the 2024-2025 Mount Baker Council Board. Results as follows:

President – Steve Sworen
Vice President – Jo Ann Pyle
Recording Secretary – Penny Curtis
Corresponding Secretary – Tina Heide
Treasurer – Dave Fredenburg
Area Council Delegate – Brooks Bennett

Delegate to the State Nominating Committee – Geri Johnson
Advisor – Oren Gaskill

Treasurer: Dave Fredenburg 425-297-3210 adfrede354@frontier.com

Dave went over the financial report (see attached). Bills were reported & delegates agreed to pay. Accepted as presented.

Corresponding Secretary: Tina Heide 360-651-1328 ti-naheidehh@gmail.com No report

Area Delegate: Brooks Bennett 206-9144632 brooksbennett79@gmail.com

Motions from previous meeting:

2026 meetings will be hybrid zoom meetings. At this meeting, 2 out of 11 elected delegates were present, 2 were absent, 7 were substitutes.

A new club, led by Lane Johnston, is developed and being held at Ocean Shores. Clamdiggers will be in Southwestern Council. This is our State's first official "kindred" club, which is caller-led, run by one person, no board. And is the first official SSD club in our state.

A storage unit has been rented in Yakima for the 2024 State Festival. It will hold the clogging stage, sandwich boards, equipment. Accountability and inventory will be needed. Price is \$100/month.

Officers for next year are Lane Johnston, President; Avery Lavar, Vice President; Darlene Jolly, Secretary, Marcia Sullivan, Treasurer, and Brett Kappenman, Corresponding Secretary.

Report on 2023 State Festival: 356 in attendance including 75 solo, 1 family registration; 3 youth, 45 VIP's, 25 callers; 15 cuers. 127 meals were purchased. 200 were at the Youth Festival this year.

13,000 hits to the State Web Pages, including Council Clubs, Footnotes, Festivals. The State Web site is updated the last week of each month.

Annual Reports: Unless you have a current 501c letter, do not regard your club as a charity. If you do and you dissolve, you need to account for where funds are going. Most clubs are too small to incorporate. Most clubs are 501c7. See June Footnotes for an article from Doug Schafer.

Footnotes: Cynda had sent out Footnotes to 1,622 emails. Only 682 opened the link. 357 opened the flip book. 270 readers and average read of the document was 37 seconds. Valuable information is in there. This has been published for 75 years. Cynda Clark is resigning at the end of this next year, June 2025. This will provide up to a year of training for someone who can step forward.

The XP's reported they are considering recommending a state festival every 2 years. No one has stepped forward for a 2026 Festival, leaving it in the hands of the State Federation.

The Youth Coordinator is stepping down.

Bylaw changes: 2 years for officer terms, 24-25 season 1 year term, 25-26-27 two-year terms going forward.

Festival Registrations – due to ADA, hearing enhancement must be made available. Consider putting a box on the registration form asking if it is needed. Brett Kappenman will have additional information. He is looking into if Bluetooth for hearing aids is possible.

Motion was made and approved for a companion website. The <http://squaredance-wa-pics.org> website was officially adopted as a “companion” website to the official <http://squaredance-wa.org> Square & Folk Dance Federation of Washington State website. Cost is \$400 per year, or comes to 50 cents a year per dancer. There is a separate folder or page for each council. Lee Burkhart submits pictures for our council.

A caller/cuer scholarship fund has been established as a memorial to Don Wood and Debbie Taylor. A \$100 reimbursement to the caller or cuer lab for the first year only. And a \$150 scholarship once every three years. Motion was made to form a scholarship, not to implement yet, passed, 11-5, the five wanting more into.

A committee will be established.

Motion for renaming the McNutt Award to McNutt/Taylor award. Discussion reflected many great callers and cuers have passed away, McNutt was the first and history of this award, a concern that this may set a precedence for future losses. A scholarship fund is already in process. Failed 2-15.

Boots and Laces are folding this year.

Heritage Center, Joshua Strickler is working with Ellen regarding the contract of the Heritage Center. We are in year 19 of a 30-year contract.

The Mount Baker Council put in a bid for the 2027 State Festival. The bid was accepted.

Area Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

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President's Report: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcprez@gmail.com

Thank you all so much for an outstanding year! We had some very successful dances, and some challenges along the way. I was proud to see clubs working together and helping each other out. There were some great changes made, and even more great changes in the works for next year. We have a lot of summertime activities to advertise to our communities, so please sign up and dance, and get the word out about Square Dancing!

Lastly, thanks Mel for all your hard work thee last two years! And we are looking forward to working with Penny!

Vice President: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253 lopann@aol.com

The Freewheelers will host our Council dance in the Fall of this year and Fern Bluff Squares will be hosting in the Spring of 2025. The Square Crows will be in the Fall of 2025. The Crows' Council dance will be on October 4th at the Northshore Senior Center.

Now is the time to start thinking about nominations for next year's Ila Williams award. You have all summer long to think about whom you may want to nominate. Please send any applications to either Brooks or myself.

The Festival committee is working on the 2027 State Festival and are looking at venues.

Advisor: Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net

Please turn in your delegate packets so they can be updated for next year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny (Harland) Curtis 206-365-3186

publicitymbc@gmail.com No report

Council Dances: Fall Council Dance-Freewheelers

The Fall Council dance hosted by the Freewheelers is on Saturday, October 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Northshore Senior Center, in Bothell. The caller is Steve Noseck and the cuer is Randy Preskitt. Presale tickets are \$12 and at the door are \$15. 17 and under are \$8. There will be 2 mainstream tips followed by 1 plus tip with rounds in between.

Council Directory: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcprez@gmail.com

The new Directory will be available at the September meeting.

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbccouncilnotes@gmail.com

No report

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

As of June, we have **67 newly graduated mainstream dancers and 60 new club members (some joined multiple clubs)**. This includes one new graduate from Freewheelers/Sky Valley and one from Fern Bluff. There are current students at Whirlybirds and Skagit Squares.

Class coordinators and other club representatives are meeting 6/8 to review the latest graduate feedback, plan the angel workshops, ensure no level dance conflicts exist, develop a plan to address gaps in level dances, and review our best practices.

Footnotes: Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com
Thank you to all who contributed during my rookie year. It does have a learning curve and I believe we have a format down for next year. You'll hear from me in early August regarding your reports for September dances and classes, as well as you mentioning a highlight or two from your summer.

Cynda Clark is retiring at the end of next year, and if anyone is interested in this position, please contact her. Her contact information is in Footnotes. Software is provided by the State Federation.

Please inform your graduating students of the Footnotes link.

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 ad-frede354@frontier.com No report

New Dancer Books: Lynnea Dunbar 425-894-5312 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

You can find the handbooks on the website on the "new dancers" page. We'll update them for the 2024/2025 dance season.

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

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

Thank you for updating your Properties records and giving them back to me. I will update your records with any changes you have made and you will receive an updated copy at the September meeting.

Publicity & Promotion: Penny (Harland) Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com No report

Fair Coordinator: Bonnie Harry 425-773-9513 friends@petticoatjct.com

Here is a quick rundown of our exciting fair line up.

STANWOOD-CAMANO FAIR Aug 2, 3 & 4 1 demo dance per day @ 2pm

SKAGIT FAIR, Mount Vernon Sunday Aug 11th 1 demo dance at 2PM
NORTHWEST WA FAIR, Lynden, Saturday Aug 17th, 1 demo dance 4PM
EVERGREEN STATE FAIR, Monroe, FRIDAY Aug 23rd, 1 demo dance
5:15-6:45pm

We will have information booths at the Stanwood Fair for 3 days, the Skagit Fair for 4 days, and the Monroe Fair during our demo dance.

We will be in the Stanwood Parade on Sat, August 3rd, too.

These all need volunteers, thank you everyone!--

Please sign up online on the Council website: www.sgdance.org,

Or contact Bonnie Harry 425-743-9513, friends@petticoatjct.com

Or, Northwest WA Fairgoers contact Lew Gaskill **360-303-6070** or olgas-kill@comcast.net

Round Dance: Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 bekarl@whidbey.net
Round of the Month for June 2024 "Falling In Love"

Chore: Stella & Peter Tennant

Music: "Falling In Love" Don Williams

Two Step: Phase: II + II (strolling/vine & Fishtail)

Download: Amazon & I-Tunes & You Tube

Other Selections Were: "Kiss Me Quick & Blue Clear Sky"

Round Tuit: Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977 kludlow57@gmail.com

No report

Scrapbook: Claire Ball 425-206-8709 ball.gordy@gmail.com

No Report

Solo Coordinator: Carol Harris 206-362-3734 chskier@gmail.com

No Report

Ways & Means: Carol Harris 206-362-3734 chskier@gmail.com

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Festival '27 Update-Our bid was submitted to and approved by the State Federation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynnea Dunbar- Motion that the council fund two “Angel Workshops” in late August/early September. The funds requested will cover all costs (hall, callers, advertising) and is estimated at \$600. To encourage attendance, these workshops will be offered at no cost to participants.

This request is based on unanimous request of the class coordinators of all our mainstream clubs. The feedback we received from new dancers support the need for these classes. Motion seconded by Brooks Bennett. Motion passed.

A new teen club, to be named the Shooting Stars is forming. More information will be available in September.

DELEGATE REPORTS

A Blast: Gary Faulds 206-618-8840 gary.v.faulds@gmail.com

A Blast has completed A2 lessons. We are continuing Advance workshops on Tuesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the Triway Grange with Spyder Webb for as long as we have a square to give our new Advance dancers practice and give other Advance dancers a chance to dance.

We are also planning on starting A lesson on Sept 17 on Tuesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

A Blast September's dance will be called by Bob Jervis on September 21. We have changed our dance time to 1pm to 3:30pm so our out-of-town dancers can dance with us, have dinner and go to the Saturday evening dances in our area. We dance at the Triway Grange (3509 Seattle Hill RD, Mill Creek, WA).

Cascade Crossfires: Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946 judyse-atrvtl@comcast.net No report

Dancing Shadows: Cliff McCracken 425-478-5128 Clisha59@gmail.com

No report

Dudes & Dolls: Vicki Byers 425-359-3234 bylynne@hotmail.com

No report

Fern Bluff Squares: Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977 kludlow57@gmail.com

No report

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Lois Cassidy 360-293-0181 loisc3@gmail.com

September 14th marks our first dance of the season. We will continue to dance on Saturday afternoons each month at the Skagit Grange on Cook

Road. Pre-Rounds with Bob Berka at 1:30 to 2:00. Steve Noseck will call Plus from 2:00 to 4:00 with rounds between tips. We will be having different "After Partys" after each dance. September's will be Pizza at the Grange. Hope to see you there.

Freewheelers: Carol Harris 206-362-3734 chskier@gmail.com

Our first dance of the new season is a 50's mainstream dance on Sunday, September 15th, with Spyder Webb calling.

Our lessons, in conjunction with Sky Valley Whirlwinds, will begin on 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
The Happy Hoppers hope you had a wonderful summer, with lots of great dancing. Join us on September 8 for a Crazy T-Shirt Dance with Terry Halley calling and Katey Marteny cueing, and on September 22 for our Pirate Dance with Andy Garboden calling and Katey Marteny cueing.

Our first Double Dance of the season will be on October 13, we welcome back National Caller Hunter Keller calling and cueing a Pirate Dance. Plus dance from 2-4. Brent Mawdsley will be haunting a Nightmare at the Stilly on October 27.

Our Sunday evening dances feature plus dancing from 6-6:30; Mainstream with Rounds from 6:30 – 8:30.

The Happy Hoppers lessons move to Tuesdays from 7-9pm beginning on September 10. Vance Morrison will be our lesson instructor.

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-365-8095 larry_mercer02@outlook.com

Happy Rounders will be dancing on all Tuesdays in September. 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

Our group is sponsoring the popular THURSDAY NIGHT Summer Dances from June 6th through August 29th (except NOT on July 4th) at the Juanita Community Club, 13027 - 100th Ave NE, Kirkland, 7-9pm. Member callers will rotate through the summer. \$8 donation. Mainstream practice! Stay connected, Make new friends, stay in shape! Flyers available.

Stephen Cole is starting a new pilot project for new caller training. Starting with Zoom sessions to cover some of the academic side of calling first. Then, the new callers will progress with calling to dancers. If anyone is interested (or might be interested in being part of the next cohort), contact Stephen Cole, stephen@isquaredance.com.

Rainbow Squares: Lew (Oren) Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgas-kill@comcast.net

Rainbow's next dance will be on September 14th and will be a "NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY" DANCE with Brent Calling squares, line dances and circle dances. Bring your family and friends!

We will go DARK on Sept 28th to attend the Winthrop Barn Dance.

Rainbow's beginning Square Dance Lessons will start on Tuesday, Sept. 24th with Wendy Krueger teaching.

Samena Squares: Claire Ball 206-229-2708 clairemball714@gmail.com

No report

Skagit Squares: Linda (Bob) Berka 360-675-8691 berkalw@whidbey.net

The Skagit Squares MS summer class will graduate on September 3, 2025. We start our next set of MS lessons on September 10, 2025 at the Mount Vernon Senior Center at 7 pm with Dave Harry teaching.

Our "Kickoff Dance" will be held on Saturday, September 21, at 7:30 for pre-rounds and 8 pm for MS dancing at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Gunter Monroe will be calling and Bob Berka will be cueing.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

Sky Valley Whirlwinds are not sponsoring dances during the summer. Our September dance will be on September 28, 2024 with Leo Catt calling and Shawn Cavness cueing. The times of our dances are changing to pre-rounds beginning at 6:00 pm, Plus dancing at 6:30 pm, and Mainstream from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Thank you to all who supported us during the past year. We are looking forward to another successful year of dancing. Joint lessons with the Freewheelers will begin on Thursday, September 19 with Spyder Webb, the teacher/caller.

Square Crows: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253 lopenn@aol.com

No report

Whirlybirds: Sammi Fredenburg 360 359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com

Thank you to all the clubs for a great dance year. We appreciate all the clubs that visited us this year. We loved having you at our hall. Also, a shoutout to all the clubs that hosted us this year; your dances were amazing.

We were eight for eight on capturing caravan banners this year!

Hot off the press: the Whirlybirds are moving our Mainstream Dance night to the third Saturday of each month starting in September.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **September 4, 2024** at 7:30 PM.

Location: Marysville School District Transportation Building
 4302 134th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Scalzo

Recording Secretary

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council

Treasurer Report - June 6th

Due: 8/21/2024 12/21/2025

	Checking	Savings	CD 7mo	CD 18mo	Total	Current Report	Aug 02 2023
Balance as reported on 05/01/24	\$ 4,288.46	\$ 20,889.67	\$ 10,619.83	\$ 42,330.85	\$ 78,128.81		\$ 82,379.37
Plus deposits:							
Savings Interest 5/31		\$ 0.17					
CD Interest 5/20				\$ 91.14			
CD Interest 5/31			\$ 44.09	\$ 58.22			
SDFW Club dues and MBC Members dues	\$ 560.00						
Subtotal Income:	\$ 560.00	\$ 0.17	\$ 44.09	\$ 149.36		\$ 753.62	
Less Payments							
668 MSD #12 Agr Hall rental	\$ 17.50						
669 Publicity: Skagit Fair Booth Space	\$ 175.00						
670 SDFW Dues for Council & Clubs	\$ 85.00						
671 OvrPayment Return [Rainbow Squares]	\$ 11.00						
Subtotal Expense:	\$ 288.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 288.50	
						Net Change	YTD since 8/2
Balance as of 06/05/2024	\$ 4,559.96	\$ 20,889.84	\$ 10,663.92	\$ 42,480.21	\$ 78,593.93	\$ 465.12	\$ (3,785.44)



Susan is not the only recent recipient of the award! In 2021 Steve and Leslie Noseck were presented the award by Glen and Nancy Raiha. Steve started dancing over 40 years ago, and three years later he started calling. He has called in more than 5 states and in Canada, and has taught people how to dance Basic up through Advanced, and calls at various festivals, council dances, and National Conventions. He has been a member of Callerlab for over 41 years, and served on various committees. He has been instrumental in teaching many new callers, ensuring their education continues after the classes are over. Steve and Leslie continue to promote square dancing in so many ways, and were a key component of the state festival in 2021 hosted by the Mount Baker Council in 2021.

Dave and Bonnie Harry received the award in 1996, and there is not enough room in this issue to tell of all that they have done before the award, or what they have done since then! How many classes has he taught, clubs has he called for, festivals, demo dances, parades, festivals, no experience dances? And of course the First Friday Funfest, the largest monthly dance in the state!

We are truly blessed in the Mount Baker Council to have such leadership! Thank you Susan, Steve & Leslie, and Dave and Bonnie!

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The Froesehiders and Mt. Baker Square Dance Council present

Harvest Hoedown

Caller: Steve Noseck
Cuer: Randy Preskitt

Where: Northshore Senior Center
When: October 26, 2024

Time: 2 - 5 pm



UPDATE!
No experience necessary
Ball upstairs with Dave
Harry calling!

Majestics, boards, plus and more.
Suggested donation: Presale \$12, Active \$200 \$45
Youth (17 & under) \$4

Northshore Senior Center
10000 East Riverdale Drive
Bellevue, WA 98008

