

Mt. Baker Council Notes APRIL 2024

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**April 6, 2024
1 PM- 4 PM**

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Guest Callers and Cuers***

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2023-2024

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

April 6th	ALZHEIMERS Dance 1-4 PM	Juanita Community Center
April 10th	Council Meeting 7:30 PM	Marysville School District Board Room 4220 80th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270

President's Message



Thank you so very much for reading this!

For years, I never read the President's message, as I went straight to the calendar and the ads to see who was calling where and when. And I never read the Mount Baker Council Minutes. For those of you who don't know what they are, check out pages 17-27. (Melody Scalzo does an incredible job putting them together, so please let her know that you appreciate all that she does. I sure do!) This was the original reason this monthly booklet was published and distributed, so that all council members knew what was going on in our council.

By you reading this, it means that you are concerned about Square Dancing, and want to see it grow and improve in our area. With that being said, please consider running for a leadership role in your club or the council. Please also read my **President's Report** on Page 18 about leadership, and Tina Heide's article on the next page!

One of the most frustrating things for me to see at dances is dancers sitting out because they don't have a partner, usually a left handed dancer, sometimes referred to as a "Boy". I really appreciate those who have stepped up to learn the other side.

For those brave souls who would like to try to learn to dance both positions and never have to sit out a tip again, Dudes & Dolls will be hosting a "Dance the Other Side" workshop of 4 lessons in April and May. Since they also need right hand dancers or "Girls", this is a good opportunity for new dancers to get more floor time! See www.sqdance.org or www.dudesanddolls.org for more info. See you here, there, or in a square!

Stephen Sworen

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHERE ARE YOU ??

Do you know that a Club must have a full board of officers to operate.

Do you know that Clubs have been forced to disband, not because they don't have a lot of members but due to a lack of leadership.

Lets dispel some of the myths of being an Officer:

You have to be a perfect dancer. (Nope)

You have to know everything about Square dancing. (Never)

You have to have leadership experience. (Nada)

It takes all your time. (Not so)

What it does take:

Caring about others

The desire to be part of a Community that is friendly, safe, and fun.

Selfish enough to want those people, that place, to be there when you show up to dance.

SPECIAL SKILLS that can help:

If you've wrangled children and lived.

If you've had money left at the end of the month.

If you kept a Bowling league, Scout troop, Baseball team from imploding.

If you can bite your tongue and shake your head at the same time. (Gold star)

All joking aside. We have reached a conundrum, Those 20 people that have carried your club for the last 5 - 10 years are burned out, aged out, and moved out. If you want your club to continue;

Stand up!

I can guarantee you will find a supportive group of people that will help you succeed.

Corresponding Secretary Tina Heide



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14523 HWY 99, LYNNWOOD

See our website for current hours:

www.petticoatjct.com

425-743-9513

friends@petticoatjct.com

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.



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(For April it's the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)

Full Plus Dancing

More Info: <http://cascadecrossfires.org>

Cedar Valley Grange: 20526 52nd Ave W

425-435-8253

Lynnwood, WA



Dancing Shadows

With Eastside Plus

April 6th Steve Noseck

April 20th Rounds Only



Round Dancing

With

Leo Urquhart & Kayleigh Johnson

4/5 rd workshop 5:00-6:30

2/3/4 rounds 6:30-7:30

Plus 7:30-9:30

Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland

For information call Cliff 425 478 5128

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest



April 5th

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

“No Experience Needed Dance”

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7-9 pm

“Free Dance”

Caller DAVE HARRY

Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1410 Cleveland

Info: rosie@valleyint.com

Skagit Squares



Mid-stream SQUARE DANCE

Saturday, April 6, 2024

7-9 pm Moves thru 8 weeks

Caller DAVE HARRY

Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1410 Cleveland

Info: rosie@valleyint.com

Skagit Squares



FREEWHEELERS

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206.367.9219

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredancesseattle.com

LEVEL Dance

Sunday April 7

April Showers

Caller: Rob Sax

Cuer: Leo Urquhart

Plus Dance

Sunday April 21

Disney!

Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: Leo Urquhart



**6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds
7:00 to 9:00 Dance with Rounds**





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

APRIL 12th Hobo Stew Dance

We've paid our taxes, only stuff for Hobo Stew Left! Please Bring Cans for our food drive!

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

GARDEN PARTY

Friday
April 12th

Cuer:
Rochelle Catt

Caller:
Leo Catt

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

Dark on April 26th
Dance with us at
Dudes & Dolls





FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS

SATURDAY APRIL 13

"Hop into Spring"



Stephen Cole calling

Bob Berka cueing

1:30-2:00 Pre-Rounds Ph 2-4

2:00 – 4:00 Plus with Rounds

Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Road Sedro Woolley
Robert & Hope Webster 360-682-5348 rwebster@hotmail.com

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30

Mainstream 8pm

A Day at the Farm



April 13th



Dave Harry calling

Level Dance

Karen Neverdowski cueing



Join us for a Social Gathering from 6:30-7:15pm

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream on 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Plus - 7PM, MS 7:30-9:30 PM

APR 13th - "We ♥ Disney"

Brent & Therese Mawdsley

Caller / Cuer Couple

APR 27th - "Viva Mexico!"

Ten Mile Grange - 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

Hearing Enhancement 72.9 MHz ~ Finger Food Following the Dance

~ Experienced Clothing Store Open

Contact: 425-501-3185

Come Join the Fern Bluff Squares



Teddy Bear Picnic LEVEL

19th Anniversary Dance

Saturday, April 13, 2024



Pre-Rounds start at 7:30pm

Mainstream at 8:00pm

Entry Donation \$10.00

South Lk Stevens Grange

2109 103rd Ave SE

Lake Stevens, WA

**Caller Robert Sax
Cuer Bob & Linda Berka**

Happy Hoppers

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

Sunday
April 14

Aloha Dance

Andy Garboden calling
Leo Urquhart cueing



Hearing
Enhancement

www.happyhoppers.org

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



HAWAIIAN NIGHT

Friday, April 19, 2024

Caller - Stephen Cole Cuer - Karen Neverdowski

7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds

Entry Donation

8:00-10:00 PM Mainstream

\$9.00 per person



Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club
8711 206th St. SE, Snohomish WA 98296



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

Spring
Level
Dance



Skagit Squares



April 20. 2024

SCOTT COON, Caller

Bob & Linda Berka, Cuer

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

MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER

Light Refreshments

Info: 360 424-4608 www.skagitsquares.org



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

April 26th

73rd Anniversary Dance

**FEATURING THE DYNAMIC
DUO OF SCOTT COON &
BRENT MAWDSLEY! WITH
SHAWN CAVNESS CUEING!**



Wear Black and White and celebrate with us!

Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Sky Valley Whirlwinds

Plus Plus Plus

April 27

2:00 – 4:00 PM



Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Caller: Stephen Cole

Sky Valley Whirlwinds

Hawaiian Bliss LEVEL

April 27

7:00–10:00 PM



Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Caller: Spyder Webb Cuer: Shawn Cavness

Happy Hoppers

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



Sunday
April 28

Anniversary Dance

67 Years

Scott Coon calling
Leo Urquhart cueing

www.happyhoppers.org



Hearing
Enhancement



Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1 Cascade Crossfires	2 Skagit Squares (No Experience) Lessons: ABlast Orbets	3 Or-Bets Fidalgo Lessons: Fe
7 Freewheelers Lessons: Dancing Shadows	8 Cascade Crossfires HH Workshops	9 Happy Rounders Lessons: AB, OB, Skagit Squares	10 MBC Me 7:30 Or-Bets Fidalgo Lessons: FB
14 Happy Hoppers Lessons: DS	15 Cascade Crossfires HH Workshops	16 Happy Rounders Lessons: AB, OB, SK SQ LH/RH Workshop	17 Or-Bets Fidalgo Lessons: FB
21 Freewheelers (Plus) Lessons: DS	22 Cascade Crossfires	23 Happy Rounders Lessons: AB, OB, SK SQ LH/RH Workshop	24 Or-Bets Fidalgo Lessons:FB
28 Happy Hoppers Lessons: DS	29 Cascade Crossfires	30 Happy Rounders Lessons: AB, OB, SK SQ LH/RH Workshop	

2024

	Thu	Fri	Sat
rn Bluff	4 Dancing Shadows Lessons: Fern Bluff Freewheelers/ Whirlwinds Whirlybirds <i>Samena Mainstream Strengthening Dance</i>	5 Whirlybirds (Level)	6 Skagit Squares (LEVEL) A-Blast Dancing Shadows & Eastside Plus
eting)	11 Dancing Shadows Lessons: FB, FW/ WW, WB <i>Samena Mainstream Strengthening Dance</i>	12 Dudes & Dolls Samena Squares	13 Fogcutters Whirlybirds (LEVEL) Fern Bluff (LEVEL) Rainbow Squares
	18 Dancing Shadows Lessons: FB, FW/ WW, WB <i>Samena Mainstream Strengthening Dance</i>	19 Square Crows	20 A-Blast Skagit Squares (LEVEL) Dancing Shadows
	25 Dancing Shadows Lessons: FB, FW/ WW, WB <i>Samena Mainstream Strengthening Dance</i>	26 Dudes & Dolls	27 Rainbow Squares Whirlwinds Plus Whirlwinds (LEVEL)

But wait... there's more... next page...



Fern Bluff Squares

Ed's Annual Apple Dance & Brisket Potluck

Entry Donation \$10.00



Saturday, June 15, 2024

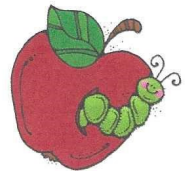
Potluck 1:00 – 2:00

Dance & Rounds 2:30 – 5:00pm

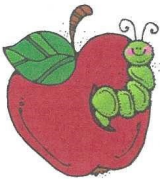
**Stephen (Laura) Cole Calling
Bob & Linda Berka Cueing**



**Ed's Apple Barn
13420 399th Ave SE
Sultan, WA 98294**



Additional Info: Kim 206-383-4977



Mount Baker Council Minutes

March 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Sworen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers found all present. Roll call of clubs found Dancing Shadows, Happy Rounders and MBTCCA absent.

Guests in Attendance:

Gordy Ball, Samena Squares; Ken Frey, Dwight Malott, Bertha Davidson, Happy Hoppers; Steve Noseck, Fidalgo Fogcutters; Robert Reichle, Amber Cox, Dudes & Dolls; Dave Harry, Whirlybirds.

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

Called for corrections to January minutes. Correction noted that the Vice President and Area Delegate were absent at the January meeting; Roll call of clubs corrected to reflect that Happy Rounders, Mt. Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers, and Square Crows were absent. Minutes were corrected and accepted as corrected.

The shopping bags promoting square dancing were given (20 per club) to all the clubs that were interested. They will be for sale by your club to raise money for the club.

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 tinaheidehh@gmail.com

No report

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

The Winter Federation meeting was held by Zoom on January 27th. I attended along with a small number of other MBC dancers and I announced details of our Spring Council Dance. Recently I received the minutes of that meeting.

I mentioned in February that we (Mount Baker Council) had announced our intention bid for the 2027 State Festival. I had stated to the Federation that we would have further information at the Spring Federation meeting now scheduled for May 11th in Spokane. After the actual date of the May meeting was clarified I recognized that due to a prior commitment I would not be able to attend that meeting. I am recommending to President Sworen that he appoint someone familiar with the Washington Federation meetings and procedures to represent us there and offer that body the available information about our proposal for 2027.

A number of other items in the minutes of the January meeting deserve mention:

- the Federation is solvent, with an asset value of more than 115 thousand dollars;
- the bylaw proposals for “two-year officer terms” and to add “kindred clubs” will go out to clubs with the voting packets for the next officer term (already received);

- the schedule for Education & Leadership 2024 (at the same time as the State Festival) is posted on the Federation website;
- the Spring 2025 meeting will be held on Saturday May 31st in Yakima;
- the Federation voted to have a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting for Spring 2026, MBC may be interested in this;

There is much more to read there but I won't do so now. If you'd like a copy please contact me.

As a reminder: You can save up to \$20 per person by remembering to register for the State Festival before April 1st! Forms and complete information are posted at the Federation website (<https://festival.wasdf.org/>) and in the Footnotes online magazine.

Area Nominating: Kim Ludlow 206-3834977 kludlow57@gmail.com

If you're interested in representing square dancers at the State Federation level, now is the time to contact Kim for more information.

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

The Poet T.S Eliot once said "April is the Cruellest month." For us as a council, February was the cruelest month. We lost two pillars of our council with the passing of Lorna Barnhart and Debbie Taylor. I would like to take a moment of silence to honor them and remember their families at this time.

March is a Very Important month for our council! We are holding our Spring Council dance on Saturday, March 30 from 2-5 Pm at the Totem Middle School in Marysville. The school is only 1 mile from the freeway (Exit 199), and it is less than 30 miles from every club in our council except Rainbow Squares! With over 600 members in our council, I am hoping that more than half will turn out, and make this the second largest dance in the state this year (next to the State Festival in July)!

I am also hoping that all of our newly graduated students will be there, and to help them out, the Dudes and Dolls are having practice dances every Tuesday in March, and the Happy Hoppers are having Mainstream Strengthening Workshops on March 18 & 25.

AND to bring out even more dancers, there will be a no experience hall for all of your friends, families, coworkers, neighbors, enemies, etc, etc, etc!!!

Dave Harry challenged the First Friday Funfest group this last week to have more in the no experienced hall than in the Mainstream hall. Let's beat his challenge!

March is the time to start looking at new leadership. For our council, and for our clubs. I am hoping for this next year that every leadership position is filled by someone who wants to be there, not just someone who took the position because no one else wanted it. Get to know your club members, and their strengths, and encourage them. I would not be here today if it were not for those four people who came up to

me and said: "You would make a great President". I don't know how much Doug paid them, but...

And it's okay to share the load! Samena Squares have Co Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries. Dudes & Dolls and Happy Hoppers also have co vice Presidents. Let's not burn out our best assets, our members.

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

Upcoming Council Dances are the Dudes & Dolls on March 30th of this year. Other details have already been announced and published so I won't repeat those here. It's gonna be fun. The Freewheelers will host in the Fall of 2024, Fern Bluff Squares will be hosting in the Spring of 2025 and the Square Crows in the Fall of 2025.

The Square Crows are having some difficulty coming up with an appropriate time and date but hope to have that soon. Once we get the date figured out, we will be 'off to the races'.

Advisor: Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net No report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

publicitymbc@gmail.com No report

Council Dances:

Spring '24 Council Dance-Dudes & Dolls

Dudes & Dolls are hosting the dance March 30, 2024 at Totem Middle School, 1605 7th St, Marysville, WA from 2-5PM. The theme is 'Fun on the Floor in Spring of '24'. There will be Mainstream with a Plus tip or two. There will be a national caller, Mike & Janet Olivieri from Colorado. With the passing of our beloved Debbie Taylor who will be greatly missed, Shawn & Wendy Cavness will be cueing. Presale tickets are \$12 and at the door they will be \$15. Tickets are available now available at the door when attending Dudes & Dolls dances, Mt Baker Council Reps for each club, and several Dudes & Dolls members. If you have not purchased your ticket, please do so and encourage members of your clubs to get them. Let's make this dance a serious return for square dancing! We need to get more than 1/5th of Mt Baker Council Members to come to this dance! It is time to ask those who don't square dance yet, family, neighbors & friends to come try it out! Let's revive the activity we love and fill our dance halls once again.

We are having a 'No Experience' Hall where Dave Harry will be calling. 'No Experience' entrance fees will be at the door at \$10/adult \$5 for youth. They will then receive a purple wristband to wear.

Dudes & Dolls will have a Special PLUS Trail-In dance Friday, March 29, 2024 in conjunction with the council dance, at Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood, WA with Mr. Mike Olivieri calling and Shawn Cavness cueing. Higher

rounds begin at 7PM with PLUS starting at 7:30. Come on out PLUS dancers for a great night of dancing, fun & fellowship!

Fall '24 Council Dance-Freewheelers

Council Directory: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcprez@gmail.com No report

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

Printed 435 copies of the Notes at \$502. Mailed 425 copies at a cost of \$155. I am preparing to send out a bill next week for January-March Council Notes to be sent out via email. Thank you

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

2024 State Festival Combined Leadership Event – The theme is “Dance More in ‘24” with the Trail-In Dance on Thursday evening, July 11th. This dance is included in the State Festival Ticket you have purchased. The State Festival & Leadership Conference will be held at the Yakima Convention Center, 10 North 8th St, Yakima, WA from July 11-13, 2024. The Early Bird cost is \$75/person thru March 31, 2024. On April 1 it will go to \$95/person. Some of the clinics being offered are:

Remote or Zoom Calling by Dave Boggs for all the callers & cuers out there.

No Experience Fun Fest Dance Night by Dave Harry

Club Officer Breakout Sessions for each board position for support and questions.

Keynote Speaker will be Nancy Raiha. She will speak on promotion and publicity and getting students into lesson classes and retaining them as club members. She is incredibly gifted in this area.

The same sessions/classes will be offered on both Thursday & Friday so you can still go to your favorite caller or cuer and attend a class that interests you without missing anything. There will be no featured caller or cuer this year, but the committee has elected to have callers and cuers from all over the State of Washington participating. Any callers & cuers who have not registered and would like to participate please contact Glen Raiha.

You can register on the State Festival Website: festival.wasdf.org. or please stop by the 2024 State Festival table set up at the Spring Council Dance for Ladies & Men's shirts, earrings & registrations/payments or information on accommodations in the Yakima area. Credit cards, cash & checks will be accepted.

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

Thank you for your submissions, I'm glad many of you have submitted your reports already. It helps me if you need to update a report you've already submitted to indicate so in the subject line; it can be confusing when a number of reports come in from the same club and I'm trying to determine the most recent information.

A gentle reminder that what you submit and what is printed may not be the same

thing. Information that multiple reports submit that is repeated, like council dances, is edited by Cynda or myself. I do my best to leave the heart of your message intact. Stay safe everyone!

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 No report

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

The student liaisons will soon be distributing handbooks to the new dancers that started lessons in January/February. You can find the handbooks on the website.

Exciting news! As of the end of February we have 49 newly graduated mainstream dancers! This has resulted in 46 new club members, including some students that have joined multiple clubs. But wait, there's more! We have two more classes graduating in March. Please welcome and congratulate all the new dancers in your square!

Second rounds of lessons are well in progress at Whirlybirds, Skagit Squares, Fern Bluff and Freewheelers/Sky Valley. There are approximately 37 new dancers taking lessons, including a big turnout at Skagit Squares! Several recent graduates are now angels at their own clubs and traveling to other clubs to angel, we love seeing this.

In April, the student liaisons and class coordinators will have their second annual meeting. They will review all of the new dancer feedback and discuss opportunities for improving the new dancer experience. We'll also review and coordinate next seasons level dances to ensure there aren't any scheduling conflicts. Another agenda item is to determine if we will pursue offering "Angel Workshops".

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

Several of the Officers of the Mount Baker Council have served the limit this year. If you are interested in contributing by serving on the Council, contact Kim for more info.

Properties: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com No report

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

STANWOOD-CAMANO FAIR Aug 2, 3 & 4 1 per day plus Parade

SKAGIT FAIR, Mount Vernon Sunday Aug 11th at 2PM.

NORTHWEST WA FAIR, Lynden, Saturday Aug 17th, 4PM

EVERGREEN ST FAIR, Monroe. Hoping for 2 performances between Aug 23 and Sept 2nd.

My budget for fair dangles may be slightly understated with more performances and a push for lots of dancers at Stanwood. I will let you know the quantities needed as the Monroe details surface.

Until now, we've had one color for the fair dangle. Straw-vote; I am considering making a variety of colors so that dancers may choose a different color for each year they participate, but leaving the "years" off, so that nothing goes to waste by becoming outdated. Is this good? Do we limit it to one dangle per dancer per summer, or, will it get out of hand if they can have one at each fair?

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

Round of the Month for March 2024 "Life Is A Slow Dance With You"

Chore: Erin & Scott Byars

Music: "Slow Dance" by Michael Peterson CD being Human

Waltz: Phase II + II (hover & Interrupted Box)

Download: Amazon & I-Tunes & You Tube

Other Selections Were; "Af En AF & Rock Paper Scissors"

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:

ByLaw Changes-Section 3 of the Preamble states "no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual".

Oren Gaskill moved to amend the Preamble of the ByLaws, Section 3 to include the phrase "except as specified in the By-Laws and/or Standing Rules." Seconded by Skip Fuller. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Penny Curtis moved that the MBC spend \$425 for \$100 entry fee to Stanwood fair parade and \$325 for a booth for all 3 days. Cookie Frey seconded. Motion passed. Penny Curtis moved that the MBC spend \$175 for a booth for Skagit Fair for August 8 -11. Joe Bahr seconded. Motion passed.

Penny Curtis moved that the MBC allow a budget for up to \$200 for reusable signage for fair booths. Cookie Frey seconded. Robert Reichle moved to amend the amount to \$300. Alyshia Main seconded. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Thoughts on Lessons and Level Dances-Dave Harry

At the present time most of the clubs in MBC either start lessons in September or January. That is not a good road map to success. To give you an example of what I'm talking about: I like the Chex mix that Costco offers. So, the first year the store had it, I bought a box in November. I bought a box in December, then I went to buy a box in January and it wasn't available, and it didn't come back until the following Nov. As square dancers we have created that same scenario for our prospective customers. We promote our activity year 'round but only offer to sell our product twice a year-- September and January, and if they don't get in a class in that two-to-three-week window they are out of luck! We also only offer a one size package, so those that don't have time for twenty weeks or so either never start the classes, or they drop out and may not consider coming back. The best way to help solve this problem is to have the clubs stagger their starting month, so that we at least have lessons starting in September, October, November, January, February, and March. Now this creates a problem in the way that we currently structure our level dances. So instead, we should consider monthly destination or plateau dances with a specific list of movements that is used at that dance each month, similar to The First Friday Fun Fest. That first plateau should be reachable with four weeks of lessons. The next plateau should be about eight weeks in and so on. This way there is always a dance available to students no matter when their class started, and a destination dance for those students that hit a brick wall in their learning process or for those who would like to re-enter at some point in the future. By doing this we could also offer a quick weekend class that would take a new dancer from, say, First Friday Fun Fest, to the next tier.

DELEGATE REPORTS

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

A2 2 lessons are on Tuesdays, 7:30pm to 9:30pm at the Triway Grange with Spyder Webb. All A dancers are welcome to come to refresh their Advance dancing with us.

A Blast Dances are 11am to 1:30pm at the Triway Grange. Our next dance will be called by Steve Noseck on April 6th and by Bob Jervis on April 20th. We also have a special A Dance with Adam Christman on May 18.

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

Lessons are over so now it's just fun dancing.

We are still having 5, 6 or more squares every Monday night. If you want to polish up your moves Crossfires is the place to do it. Stephen Cole makes it fun for all. We dance at the Cedar Valley Grange in Lynnwood 20526 52nd Ave W; WA 98036

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

No report

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

All Tuesdays in March continue with 'practice dances' 7:15 to 9:15. We have a group using the downstairs of the hall and parking can be challenging so we moved it to 7:15. Everyone is welcome, Scott Coon will be leading the way and helping to polish some of those rough edges to boost your confidence.

Fri Mar 8th Luck of The Irish - Mainstream with Lines Scott Coon, caller, Veta Blakesley, Line Dancing 7 to 7:30 lines 7:30 to 8:00 plus , 8 to 10 Mainstream

Fri Mar 22nd Popcorn, Peanuts, and Crackerjacks – Level dance with Rounds Scott Coon, caller, Leo Urquhart, cuer 7 to 7:30 pre rounds 7:30 to 8:00 plus 8 to 10 Mainstream

Fri Mar 29th 7:00pm - 10:00pm Trail in Plus Dance, Mike Olivieri calling, Shawn Cavness cuing

Sat Mar 30th 2:00pm - 5:00pm Totem Middle School Fun on the Floor in Spring 24, mainstream and no experience necessary floors, Mike Olivieri and Dave Harry callers, Shawn and Wendy Cavness cueing

Fern Bluff Squares: Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977 kludlow57@gmail.com No report

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

The April 13th Fidalgo Fogcutter Saturday afternoon dance will have Stephen Cole calling and Bob Berka cueing. Pre-Rounds are from 1:30 -2:00 and Plus dancing with Rounds is from 2:00-4:00. Come up early to enjoy the tulip fields. Steve Noseck continues to keep our Plus skills sharp on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm. Join us at the Skagit Valley Grange on Cook Road. We caravan to the Freewheelers on April 21 for their Plus dance.

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

In light of losing our beloved Debbie Taylor, Leo Urquhart has agreed to be our cuer. Sunday, April 7th, is our April Showers dance with Rob Sax and Leo.

Sunday April 21st, is our Disney plus dance with Spyder and Leo.

Sunday, May 5th is our Fiesta level dance with Vance Morrison and Leo. There will be experienced clothing for sale.

We dance 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 cktree@frontier.com

We are continuing to have strengthening workshops on April 8th and 15th. These are held at Totem Middle School in Marysville.

Our first dance in April is on the 14th with the theme of "Aloha" dance. We will be having Andy Garboden calling with Leo Urquhart cueing. Dancing will start with plus from 6 to 6:30 followed by mainstream from 6:30 to 8:30. We will be serving light snacks. We dance at the Stilly Valley Center in Arlington.

April 28th is our "Happy 67th Anniversary" dance with Scott Coon calling and Leo Urquhart cueing. Come help us celebrate our anniversary. We dance at the Stilly Valley Center in Arlington. Pre-rounds start at 6 with mainstream from 6:30 to 8:30.

Friday March 29th we will be caravanning into the Dudes and Dolls for their trail in plus dance to the "King of Country" George Strait dance.

We look forward to seeing you at our dances

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

Happy Rounders will only be dancing on the third and fourth Tuesdays in April. 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 No report

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

April 13th will be our ever popular "I Love Disney" dance with Brent calling all Disney tunes. We will welcome Dudes & Dolls and Samena Squares into this dance.

On April 27th Rainbow will feature our "Viva Mexico" dance and we welcome the Happy Hoppers to this dance.

Rainbow Squares dances at the Ten Mile Grange at 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden. We dance Plus from 7 to 7:30 PM with Mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. We serve refreshments after the dance and the experienced clothing shop will be open both dances.

Samena Squares: Lorna (Lee) Barnhart 425-820-4188 leebarnhart061@gmail.com

Samena Squares dances only once in our hall in April. Leo Catt will be calling our dance on April 12th. Rochelle Catt will be cueing. This will be our "Garden Party". It should be a lot of fun. Normally we will be dancing on April 26th. But we will be caravanning to Dudes and Dolls that night for their 74th Anniversary Dance. Brent Mawdsley and Scott Coon will be calling this Dance. We have a second caravan in April. We will be caravanning to Rainbow Squares for their We (heart) Disney dance. Brent Mawdsley will be calling and Theresa Mawdsley will be cueing.

Samena Squares dances at Juanita Community Club at 13027 100th Ave NE in Kirkland. We start at 7:30 with 30 minutes of Plus dancing following at 8:00 with our Mainstream dance from 8:00 PM to 10:PM. Look forward to dancing with you.

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

Skagit Squares has a new slate of officers to lead the club this year. Many fun events are in the planning as well as guest callers. The club will have a new caller for the square dance year 2024-2025 starting in September. John Corrigan has been our caller for 26 years so the membership is moving into a new phase of "projecting forward" for the club. Come dance with us as we begin to get accustomed to a new caller. We look forward to lots of fun and great dancing.

Note: TBA Callers for Skagit Squares for the months of April and May will soon be announced.

April 20 the club presents their "Spring Fling" Dance that will be a "LEVEL" dance. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Sky Valley's April dance is April 27, 2024. The theme is Hawaiian Bliss with Spyder Webb calling and Shawn and Wendy Cavness cueing. This is a level dance for all students to enjoy! Shawn begins the evening with higher level rounds at 7:00 pm and then cueing to the floor level at 7:30 pm. The Mainstream level dance is held from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. Also on April 27, there is a PLUS dance from 2 to 4 pm with Stephen Cole calling.

Our new class together with the Freewheelers is going well with 2-3 squares every Thursday evening with Spyder Webb, the teacher/caller. Our newest members are enjoying being angels at these lessons.

The Annual Alzheimer's Benefit Dance is on April 6, 2024 at the Juanita Community Center from 1 to 4 pm. This dance is by donation only with all proceeds going to the UW Foundation for Alzheimer's Research. We hope to see you there to support this very important benefit dance. You can obtain more information from Joe Bahr – 206-310-5627 or by going to the website remembertodance.org. Thank you for your support!

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

- Graduation report: 11 students graduated, 9 joined our club and two others joined different clubs. Thanks for everyone's support for our lessons and at our New Dancer Dance on February 25th.
- We had fun on our joint caravan with the Whirlybirds to Fern Bluff Squares on February 10th.
- April is said to be the cruelest month, or maybe just the busiest. We're "looking forward" to caravanning to Skagit Squares on April 20th and to Pi-R Squares on April 27th.
- Our next dance is March 15th – Friday Night at the Movies featuring those stars of the stage, Steve Noseck & Karen Neverdowski.
- April 19th will be our Hawaiian Night dance with Stephen Cole and Karen Neverdowski.
- On May 17th we'll have Adam Christman calling and Karen Neverdowski cueing at Square Crows 50th Anniversary dance titled "All that Glitters is Gold!"

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

Our caravanning has been very successful this year, great evenings out of dinner and dancing. In addition to the First Friday Fun Fest on April 5th, bring your new students

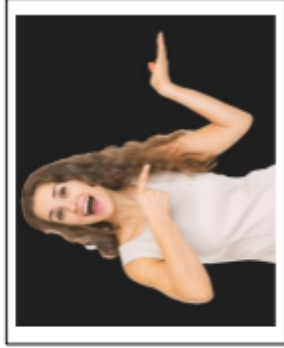
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