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**WHAT'S INSIDE?**

Spring is here and with it comes a new line-up of square dance conventions across the country. Page 29 has a listing of many of these. If we do not have your State Association/Federation convention dates please send it to the editor. We will be happy to list that for you at no charge.

P22. Keeping Fit and setting goals. Two of our square dancers on opposite parts of the country are reaching goals and setting records. Read about George Naas, 60 plus year old dancer from Golden, CO and Mark Hudspeth from Alcoa, TN as they share their stories with us.

P23. Did You Know? Lane Johnson tells how we can promote our clubs by using the internet and social media. Reprinted here with permission of FOOTNOTES, and the author.



**THANK YOU** to the following for their contributions to this edition of USDA NEWS.

**The Roving Camera**—Judy Taylor, Marilyn Schmit, Frank Hunter and Bina Krebsbach.

**Special Articles**—Page 22. Keeping Physically Fit. George Naas and Mark Hudspeth

Page 23 –Did You Know? Lane Johnson

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If you have information that you think would be of interest to other dancers, please send it to me—[usdanews@usda.org](mailto:usdanews@usda.org)

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**PRESIDENTS****MESSAGE****LPaul & Sally Schmidt**

We know it has been a wild winter for many of you, so we hope that – if March roared in like a lion – that it indeed went out like a lamb. Let us all hope for gentle April showers that bring beautiful May flowers across our beautiful country.

We would like to start our report with a special thank you to Tony and Diana Rock, Eastern Region Vice Presidents, for hosting us in Pittsburgh in late January for our 2019 Winter Executive Committee Meeting. While we had a few snow showers and cold weather (at least cold for us Californians), we all got in and out safely between the worst winter of the storms! We enjoyed joining local dancers for a special square dance hosted just for us, and found time to appreciate some of the local eateries and sights. We would also like to thank the entire Executive Committee for a productive and efficient meeting – we reviewed the status of all USDA programs and planned for the USDA-sponsored activities held in conjunction with the annual National Square Dance Convention.

Speaking of the National Convention, are you going to Atlanta this year? We are looking forward to a wonderful convention on June 26-29 hosted by the “Peach Pits” team! USDA is sponsoring several education sessions including the USDA-sponsored Dancer Insurance Program, using Social Media to square dancing, A Toolkit for Club Leaders, and Club Incorporation. Check the program book for days, times, and locations. USDA is also hosting the best After Party at the convention: Friday night in the Mainstream Hall with the Ghost Riders Square Dance Band! And if you are able to arrive a little early, join us for our Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, June 26, at 1:00 PM in the Waverly Hotel. All dancers are welcome – this is your chance to learn about the United Square Dancers of America, the only national dancer association organized by dancers, operated by dancers, for dancers! Check out our website at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org).

It is our honor to serve as president of this outstanding organization that supports dancers at the club, regional, and state levels across the United States.

Live Lively, Square Dance! We hope to see you soon in a square.

*LPaul & Sally Schmidt*

THE USDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSING FOR A GROUP PHOTO AT A DANCE  
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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



**Larry W. Dunkel**

Well, it is officially “Spring”, which means that ole man winter needs to pack it up and move on. Here in Tennessee we tell a lot of folks to move away from here and suggest that California is the place they oughta be.

I love the Spring season for many different reasons. Warmer weather is always at the top of my list along with longer daylight hours. I begin to see things that have been dull and lifeless for the past few months begin to show signs of life again. Dead looking grass and trees are showing brilliant shades of green and even the blue skies are showing a richness that has been missing. Our parks and recreational area that have been deserted are once again full of children running and playing, young couples strolling along the river banks holding hands and enjoying each other’s company. It is a little too early to think about going to the lake yet, but we know now that it is just a few weeks away. Of course everything has two sides and while I have been reflecting on the positive points there are some things that are not quite as enjoyable. The sound of lawn more engines can be music to your ears as long as it is not your lawn mower. Have you ever noticed that the “honey do” list seems to grow as the warmer spring weather arrives? Windows need washing, the shutters need a new coat of paint , bushes are beginning to need a trim and the list goes on and on.

Spring also signals the beginning of a new convention season. A place where we make new friends, renew old friendships, attend seminars and panel sessions in order to educate our self on areas of square dancing that we may not be familiar with and of course, we dance to the finest callers and cuers in the world. Be sure to support your local state convention, visit a nearby state convention and by all means attend the National Convention.

There are a few comments in this issue about the USDA Winter Meeting in Pittsburg toward the end of January. Our Eastern Region Vice Presidents were responsible for making the arrangements for this meeting and coordinating it with everyone else. Tony and Diana Rock did an outstanding job in doing just that. They even arranged to slip us in between a couple of mean winter storms and we were greatly appreciative of that. We have two such meeting a year and when your group is as spread out as the Executive Committee I always look forward to seeing them again. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers working together on your behalf. This was my first trip to Pittsburgh and I must say Tony and Diana made it ROCK.

We want to tip our hat to our Plains Vice Presidents, Mark & Bina Krebsbach. Their article is on page 6 and I assume that you started reading from the front cover and are working your way toward the back cover. Since you are reading this article before getting to page six I am not going to repeat their comments, but I will tell you that in the past four months they have danced in 30 states. That is a lot of dancing and a lot of traveling. I checked with Joy Vaccari, our Traveler Program chairperson to see if this was a record. Joy did not have access to our records at that time, but she felt certain that it probably was the most states visited in the shortest amount of time. This completed their quest for attaining their second time around banner and they have started a “third time around”.

A couple of years ago while assisting at our Showcase of Ideas display I had the opportunity to talk to a gentlemen and picked up on the fact that he and his wife did travel and enjoyed dancing in other areas. I suggested they should join our Travel Program. He wanted to know why, so I mentioned a few things and he said, “what in the \*#@#% would I do with more banners and dangles?” Now I will admit that I am not always a man of strong will-power and it took everything I had to keep from answering his question. If you are not familiar with the program check it out on our website [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org). And, if you need help on what to do with your badges and dangles, don’t hesitate to ask me. I think I can help.

*Until next time.....Larry D*



## EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Tom & Tina Wilkins, USDA Central Region VP

We have enjoyed several dances in our region this winter. We attended the General Butler Bash in Carrollton, Kentucky in January. This was a great dance with callers Jack Pladdys, Tom Davis, Wes Dyer and Mark Patterson. In February, we attended a Mardi Gras Ball, complete with King & Queen in Biloxi, Mississippi with caller Tim Tyl. We also attended the Heart of the Smokies in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee with callers Terry McGill, Alan Hall, Mark Foster, Travis Cook, and Bill Salley.

In January we attended the final planning meeting for the 68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta this June. We were able to see everything worked on the last 4 years come together and this will be one not to miss! Every detail of every day has been planned to give you the most enjoyment possible. If you have not already registered, make sure to do so before May 1<sup>st</sup> as the price will increase.

The 65<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention was held February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Daytona Beach. It was an action-packed weekend, with some dancers even dancing on the beach.

We are planning to attend the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi State Festival in Pearl March 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.



**Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events in our region you won't want to miss:**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> the 59<sup>th</sup> Ohio State Convention ***Dance to the Moon and Back*** in Aurora.

May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> the Kentuckiana Square Dance Associations 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby City Festival  
***Lets Dance Around the World*** in Shepherdsville.

May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup> the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dance Convention ***Palmetto Promenade***  
in Columbia.

See you across the square somewhere,  
Tom & Tina Wilkins

## EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Mark & Bina Krebsbach, USDA Plains Region VP

Greetings from CHILLY North Dakota,

Bina and I just recently returned from a 25 day, 16 state square dancing drive about that finished dancing in all 50 states the 2<sup>nd</sup> time around, and got a start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> time around, and visited all of our 13 assigned states in the Plains Region. It has been a busy and fun time. As of this writing we've danced in 30 states in the past four months.

Stepping off the plane in Honolulu to attend the Hawaiian State Festival, we instantly realized it was warmer in Hawaii than North Dakota, 127 degrees warmer as a matter of fact!! We are looking forward to more drive abouts in the coming months.

The more we travel square and round dancing, the more I realize there are many great benefits received by participating in this wonderful activity. We think one of the most blessed benefits is being associated with the most wonderful and greatest people that are on this earth.



Dancing in Hawaii with Ken Bower



Dancing in a barn with the Foxy Squares in Wind Lake, WI



Dancing with the Yellow Rockers in Roselle, IL.



Dancing with the Double Nickel Square Dance Club at the Will Rogers Senior Center in Oklahoma City, OK



Dancing with the Silver Stars in Batavia, New York



Hope to see you across the square.

God's blessings and much love,

Mark & Bina Krebsbach



## EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

**Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Eastern Region VP**

Greetings from our home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! One of the highlights of the new year was the privilege of hosting the USDA Executive Committee Winter Meeting here in the Burgh. Fortunately, Old Man Winter was kind to our 28 guests and held back on the worst of the cold and snow until they all returned back home. We had a very productive two days of meetings as we prepared for the Annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting and was also able to squeeze in some sightseeing and a little bit of Pittsburgh history with a visit to the Heinz History Center. We would like to give a big shout out to our local Western Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation for putting together a fantastic special dance to welcome the USDA Executive Committee to Pittsburgh. They went above and beyond the call of duty and it was greatly appreciated. It never ceases to amaze us when we see the level of dedication that is found within the square dance community. It is truly both an honor and a humbling experience to be part of such a talented team.

We did have an opportunity to escape our extreme cold weather for 3 weeks as we visited Florida where we were able to dance at the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention at Daytona Beach. We were excited to represent USDA while wearing our USDA outfits and visiting with both old and new friends. It was especially nice to connect up with former USDA Presidents Jerry and Donna Robey.

This quarter we are emphasizing the need for each of the Eastern Region Affiliates to send delegates to the Annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting. You may be asking, "Why should I attend the annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting?" The answer is simple. Dancers and Delegates attending our Annual USDA Board of Director's Meeting are given an opportunity to understand how the USDA operates. This puts them in a better position to understand the assistance the USDA can provide to the USDA's affiliates and to the square dance community. Delegate input, both formal and informal, helps the USDA to better address the issues facing the square dance community in a manner desired by the square dance community. If you are planning to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> NSDC in Atlanta, why not plan to arrive early enough to be a delegate for your association and learn firsthand what USDA is all about? Contact your affiliate president for sign up information.

**The next USDA Annual Board of Directors meeting will be held in:  
Atlanta, GA Wednesday June 26, 2019 before the 68th NSDC  
Renaissance Weaverly Hotel  
2450 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA, 64105 in Grand Ballroom 1 & 2  
Delegate check in start at Noon. Meeting starts at 1 PM**

It is a pleasure to serve the square dance community as USDA Vice Presidents of Eastern Region and as the USDA Educations and Publications Coordinators. Please feel free to contact us regardless of what region you are in with your needs for educational materials. Check out the full list on our website: [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org)



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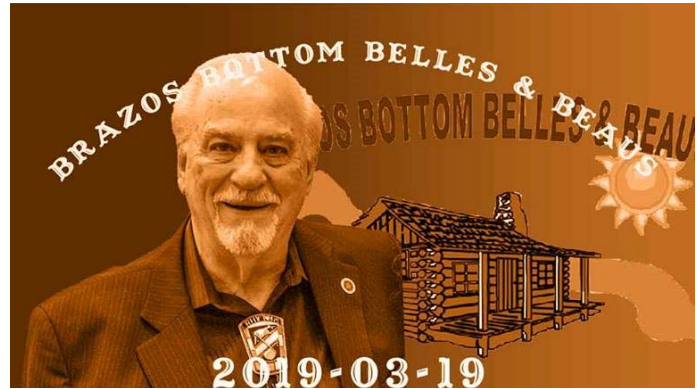




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HEY LOLLIES—CALLER RANDY DOUGHERTY



KATY PRAIRIE PROMENADERS—KATY, TX



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# ARE YOU DANCING UNINSURED?

## REAL FACTS ABOUT THE SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE PROGRAM

### THE BASICS:

Every square dance organization needs General Liability and Accidental Medical Expense coverage while conducting and sponsoring dance activities. As closely as safety rules are followed, accidents can and will happen. This insurance program, especially designed for USDA dance groups, provides Accident Medical insurance, which helps protect club members from financial loss due to a covered accidental bodily injury, and Liability Insurance, which protects the club and its members and association officials from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents which may develop into litigation against members and dance organizations.

### PERIOD OF COVERAGE:

The insurance year is January 1 through December 31. Coverage becomes effective for individual clubs under the policy on the day the application and premium for insurance is received by the USDA Insurance Coordinator. There is no pro-rate provision. This is necessary due to the large administrative expense of maintaining different policy dates.

### OUR DANCE FACILITIES

#### LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Limits of Protection: \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence (subject to a \$100 property damage deductible per claim) while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. \$100,000 limit for damage to premises rented to you.



**Pat Inglis**  
USDA National  
Insurance Coordinator



### DANCER MEDICAL INSURANCE WHAT IS COVERED?:

Accidental bodily injury sustained by an insured person while participating in dancing activities sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization

### WHO IS COVERED?:

Club members will be insured while participating in any regularly scheduled and sponsored dancing activity worldwide, including group travel (10 or more club members) in a vehicle commercially licensed for transportation of passengers and operated by a person holding a valid operators license for such vehicle, while being transported to or from a covered dancing activity.

### LIMITS OF COVERAGE:

\$10,000 Usual and Customary Accident Medical Expense, including Dental (\$10,000), Accidental Death Benefit (\$10,000), Accidental Dismemberment Benefit (loss of one hand, one foot, sight of one eye).

### BUT I HAVE MY OWN MEDICAL INSURANCE!

Coverage provided is excess to any other valid and collectible medical insurance covering the same accident. Coverage provided for covered medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the accident up to \$10,000 for all eligible expenses as stated in the policy.



### OUR DANCE FACILITIES

#### WHO IS COVERED:

The club and its members while participating in club or organization-sponsored and supervised dancing activities. Liability coverage applies in the United States, its territories or possessions, and Canada.

### QUESTIONS OR CLAIMS? CONTACT:

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# USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

WOW, a lot of action for USDA insurance since I last wrote about what was happening with our insurance program. I have just finished enrolling the last batch of enrollments I received from one state and with those enrollment all requested certificates have been delivered!!! This is a first in the 12 years I have been handling USDA insurance. This is wonderful progress for our program and much of its success goes to our insurance chairmen who “jumped on board” and participated with enrolling their clubs through our renewable portal. The developers will be reviewing our system and making some changes they see need to be done and, also, some of the suggestions that have come from you as you used the program.

With all that being said, here are a few reminders. You need to keep submitting in written form the class rosters. This is important and submissions should be done ASAP after the class begins; insurance coverage is a bonus given to us by Markel for our students and not to insure the class ASAP does a disservice to our students. You can add additional members to a club through the portal by following the same procedures as you used when enrolling members. Once done, send a copy of the new roster (which you receive immediately after ending the submission) to me along with payment. You can, also, request new certificates of insurance through the portal by following the same procedures as when you entered your club’s facility needs in the facility section. One important point is not to delete any information under facilities as this information needs to remain there for when enrollments are done in 2020. You will not get the new certificate as quickly as you get a new roster but if you let me know you have entered the request, I will send as quickly as I can manage.

I encourage any insurance chairmen who have not tried the portal to give it a chance. Using it next year for enrollments will be a breeze as you will only have to update the information that is shown. However, keep in mind that use of the portal is optional and someone will always be available to help you when you need help.

Around the time you receive USDA News it will be close to time for the National Convention in Atlanta. I will be having two insurance seminars with, hopefully, a slide presentation about our renewable program. Also, at that time and at our USDA meeting on Wednesday you will be able to meet the new insurance coordinator Pam Kidwell along with her husband Jim from San Diego, CA who will be assuming the position of USDA National Insurance Coordinator at the end of June. After almost 12 years of being responsible for our clubs’ insurance needs I am backing out of this position. I have honestly enjoyed the work involved in managing this program. To provide a piece of paper to an insurance chairman and hear the gratitude from the chairman is rewarding in itself. I have made many friendships, mostly over the phone, with some chairmen and have had the pleasure of meeting a few at the conventions. At this point I don’t think I will miss the work involved but definitely miss the conversations both on the phone and in e-mails.

I’m glad that I got a year to work with the new renewal portal and I envy Pam Kidwell the years ahead with the improvements to come and working with Bollinger.

Many blessing to everyone – see you in Atlanta!

Pat Inglis

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**LADIES and GENTLEMEN!** Please keep all body parts inside, fasten your seat belts and get ready for the ride of your life.

**THE 68TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IS GOING INTO MOTION!**

**June 26-29, 2019**

**Atlanta, GA**



**Your First Convention?**

**IT'S MORE THAN JUST A DANCE!**

***Come Dance &  
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**BEST ADVICE** – Pace yourself. Do not try to dance every tip. **IT'S MORE THAN JUST A DANCE!**

**SECOND BEST ADVICE** - Read every issue of National Squares Online e-Magazine. Each issue contains different information and is the most complete and informative source of what to do.

**HOTELS:** The “Peach Pit Team” has put together something that we have not seen in a L O N G time. Hotels with free parking. A convention centre with free parking if staying at a convention hotel. If not, a parking pass is available for \$25.00. Don't dilly dally if you have not gotten your hotel yet. They are filling up fast. Remember we already have 3200 dancers pre-registered and many more will come.

**EDUCATIONAL ?** Remember, it is more than just a dance! The 68th NSDC Education Committee is made up of several distinct areas of interest. There will be Panels & Seminars, Roundtable Discussion, Workshops & Clinics, the “Create It” Sew & Save Program, Showcase of Ideas displays, the National Square Dance Convention Archives Display, a Fashion Show and much, much more.

**The Keynote Address** is a “must see” as Tony Oxendine presides “....Lead, Follow, or “Get Out of the Way”. Tony is known worldwide for his outstanding calling, but he is just as entertaining as a speaker. Join him in the John Williams Ballroom at 10:45 Friday morning.

**YOUTH HALL.** Caller Steve Holzhausen has put together a new and exciting program for our younger dancers. The Program features a different Theme each day and an After Party every night.

**SOLO PROGRAM.** Hesitant about attending the convention without a partner? Approximately 500 dancers without partners have preregistered so you will not be alone. Stop by the registration desk and pick up a “Ask Me to Dance” ribbon and watch for the announcements of a SOLO Reception and some Fun Dances.

**TOURS.** The Peach Pit Team has done an excellent job of arranging a variety of tours. Atlanta and the state of Georgia is rich in history and a world of other interesting points of interest. Visit [www.68nsdc.org/tours](http://www.68nsdc.org/tours) for a complete listing of available tours.

Did you know that each of our National Conventions are organized and operated by a group of amateurs that volunteer to spend about 4 years of their lives to make this event something special for our dancers. No one gets paid for their service. So when you see one of the workers, be sure to thank them and tell them how much we appreciate their service.

This is also true for our callers and cuers that pay their own way and give their time and talent for our enjoyment. We have a fantastic group of callers and cuers that many of us would never have the opportunity to dance with if it were not for the convention. They also deserve a great big **“Thank You”**.

The information listed on this page was taken from the official web-site “[www.68nsdc.org](http://www.68nsdc.org)” and the National Squares Online e-Magazine listed there. Please refer to those sites for complete details.

***The 68th National Square Dance Convention is the square dancers “Party of the Year”. Y'all Come Now, Ya Hear!***

## USDA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year the United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers' organization – awards a merit-based scholarship to a student in the amounts of \$1000.00 and \$500.00.

Donations are needed to continue making these scholarships available. You can make a donation in memory of a fellow dancer, in honor of a special occasion, or simply because you support youth square dancing. USDA is a 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which qualify for tax deduction status.

*Youth Advisor: Dan Reedy—email: [usda.youth.advisor@usda.org](mailto:usda.youth.advisor@usda.org)*

## USDA HANDICAPABLE PROGRAM

The USDA Handicapable program is monetary in nature, consisting of allocating monies toward the registration fee for eligible Handicapable dancers to attend the National Square Dance Convention. The only requirement is that they must be a Handicapable dancer and a member of a Handicapable club. Any Handicapable club in the United States may apply for these funds. In order to apply for funds, a club contact person must complete the application form and send it to the USDA Handicapable Committee chairperson

The **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP** and the **HANDICAPABLE PROGRAM** are two programs where we depend on donations to continue to help these dancers. We are a 501 ©(3) Public Charity, which qualifies for a tax deduction status. Refer to our website [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) for more details on donations and the forms required.

There is another way can help USDA without using your money. The Amazon Smile Program will donate 1/2 of 1% on most of your purchases. This program does not cost you anything, but the donation comes from Amazon which has given \$1245,651,081.04 s of Feb. 2019.

We are not asking you to join Amazon, but if you are already a member and not donating to a charitable fund we would like to ask you to consider telling Amazon you would like to be a SMILE member and they will then donate to USDA in your behalf. Again, let me repeat that this does not change your account in any way. If square dancers across the country would allow Amazon to donate this small amount it would then add up and we would be able to provide more programs and more assistance where needed.

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## THE ROVING CAMERA



Dell Uptagrove, Oregon Federation of Square Dance & Round Dance Clubs, received our Centennial Award in Sept. 2017. He just recently a Quilt of Valor along with local caller K C Curtis. Both men are Navy veterans.

USDA enjoyed a wonderful evening of dancing with the Western PA Square & Round Dance Federation.



Beautiful River View



USDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—WINTER MEETING IN PITTSBURGH—JAN 2019



Our Gracious Host  
Tony & Diana Rock





*USA West Boise, ID*  
*August 15, 16, 17, 2019*  
*P O Box 455*  
*Nampa, ID 83653*

Cut the Diamond



In the Gem State

If you haven't been to SW Idaho, you may not be aware of all the activities available, not to mention some awesome Square & Round Dancing starting with a Trails End Dance Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup> and picking up momentum as the weekend starts with the first day of Showcase of Rounds at 9AM August 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be five dance halls (MS thru C1 & Round Dance) and an education room. We will also have exhibition dancing throughout the weekend with performances by The River City Riders, Heritage Dancers and Colorado Dancers. After parties nightly 10 – 11 PM. It is sure to be a fun packed weekend. **Online Registration:** [www.idaho.usawest.net](http://www.idaho.usawest.net)

If you have never visited the Treasure Valley of SW Idaho there is no end to attractions and activities making it an excellent vacation spot! Some brief highlights you may find of interest include:

Basque Markets, Hike Table Rock, Boise State Athletic activities, Idaho Botanical Gardens, Wine tasting and Bike along the Greenbelt, Float the Boise River, Paddle Board at Quinn Pond, spend a day at the Boise Whitewater Park, or if you enjoy sampling microbreweries, we have Payette Brewing, Boise Brewing, Barbarian Brewing or Lost Grove Brewing. We are also blessed with many wineries. Winter can find you 16 miles north of Boise skiing at Bogus Basin! A little further northwest of Boise you can experience miles of outstanding white-water rafting. Come and see what we have to offer for making a great dance weekend into a memorable vacation for the whole family. You may even want to take a trip to Hells Canyon - which is 400 feet deeper than The Grand Canyon!

The dance halls will only be closed for dinner break, offering most of us more dancing than our feet are happy about! I always look forward to dance festivals as an opportunity to spend time with friends I have made on the dance floor and having the opportunity to dance to some of the best callers and cuers that the US has to offer. Every time you travel to a dance function you can make even more friends from around the world.

We have planned to have free parking available on the city bus line, about 8 blocks from the Grove Center where the Thursday, Friday and Saturday dancing will be held. You can purchase a bus pass for \$10 at the Albertson Market not far from the Grove Center. This pass provides unlimited riding privileges.

There are numerous restaurants and shopping attractions around the Grove Center if you want to experience some of the local attractions within walking distance. The Grove will have available a coffee bar and various food items throughout the day. We want your time with us to be an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

The Trail End Dance Wednesday evening will be held at the Boise Valley Square Dance Center, 6534 West Diamond Street, Boise.

The Mountain View RV Park is south of the Grove Center, and very close to the Square Dance Center.

We hope to see you across a square and have had very good response to our registrations, so you are sure to see many of your dance friends, make many new dance friends, dance to an astonishing lineup of callers and cuers with the bonus of seeing one of the most beautiful tree-filled landscapes the state has to offer. Please come join us and enjoy the experience!



## USA West Square Dance Convention 2019

"Cut the Diamond in the Gem State"

Registration Form

August 15 - 17, 2019 Boise, Idaho

[www.idaho.usawest.net](http://www.idaho.usawest.net)

Please print clearly

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check box if you wish us to send you RV Information.

☐ Check box if you DO NOT want to receive email announcements about USA West 2019.

**Registrations are non-transferable.** A \$5.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes. Effective January 1, 2019 registration is \$70.00 fee per Person.

*As of June 1, 2019 (e-mail confirmation only, no ribbons will be mailed out)*

Where will you be spending your dancing time? Please check all that apply.

Squares: ☐ Mainstream ☐ Plus ☐ A-1 ☐ A-2 ☐ C

Rounds: ☐ Phase 2 ☐ Phase 3/4 ☐ Phase 4/5 ☐ Phase 5/6

Program Information -- Are you a (check your expertise).....

☐ Caller ☐ Cuer ☐ Educator

☐ Part of an Exhibition Group that would like to perform during the Convention

\*\*\*\*Please go to our website at [www.idaho.usawest.net](http://www.idaho.usawest.net) and fill out a caller/cuer, etc. form or please check this box ☐ if you would like to have a form mailed to you.\*\*\*\*

First Name	FOR BADGES	Last Name	Subtotals
Adult: _____	_____	_____	.00
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Shirt: Style _____ Size _____	Style _____ Size _____	Price _____ @ _____	
15 oz. coffee mug or 17 oz. Stainless Steel Travel Mug (see reverse)			\$ 23.50
Round Dance Syllabus: (cut off July 14, 2019) USB Flash Drive			\$ 8.00
No Refunds/Cancellations after July 14, 2019			
Total (U.S. Currency only)			
Paid by: <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card			
Credit Card: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard			
Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____ Exp. Date _____/_____/_____			
Name on Card: _____			
Signature: _____			

HOTEL INFORMATION IS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.  
PLEASE CONTACT HOTEL DIRECTLY TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATIONS.  
NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE CONVENTION.

Return this form, with payment to:

USA West Square Dance Convention 2019 / PO Box 455 / Nampa, ID 83653

If you have additional questions, please call (208)505-7272

Convention Use Only:

Reg #:

Date Rec:

By Whom:







# 60<sup>th</sup> WISCONSIN Square & Round Dance Convention August 9, 10 & 11, 2019



Madison Marriott West Convention Center  
1313 John Q Hammons Dr.  
Middleton, WI 53562

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**Friday: 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm**

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60<sup>th</sup>  
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**Hunter Keller**

**Register Now!**



Scott & Brenda Deal  
General Chairmen

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Central NW	South East	South West	Wolf River
<b>CIRCLE ALL YOUR PREFERRED DANCE PROGRAMS</b>			
Mainstream	Plus MS DBD	Plus DBD	High Energy
Phase II + Bonus Rds	Phase III Rds	Phase IV Rds	
Advanced	Challenge	Contra	C/W Lines
<b>Is this your first Wisconsin Convention?</b>		Yes	No
<b>BE A FASHION SHOW MODEL</b>			
Register before <b>May 1, 2019</b> to be considered for modeling			
Name:			
Name:			
<b>GET YOUR NAME IN THE SOUVENIR BOOKLET</b>			
For \$1 per line you can have your names published in the Souvenir Booklet's "Best Wishes" pages. Enter amount under Fee for Best Wishes. The deadline is <b>June 1, 2019</b> . Attach additional names			

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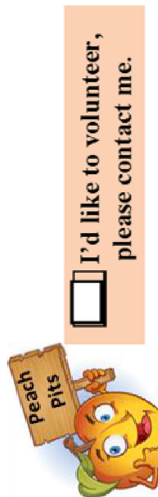




# 68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®

## "Come Dance & Explore Georgia in 2019"

Registration Form  
June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2019 Atlanta, Georgia  
Online Registration - [Website68nsdc.com](http://Website68nsdc.com)



**Please Print**  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations are non-transferable.**  
Youth born after June 29, 2001 \$30.00  
A \$10.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.  
Prices will increase May 1, 2019 to: \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 29, 2001.  
Registrations received after April 30, 2019 will receive e-mail confirmation only.

For badges		First Name	Last Name	Subtotals
Adult:	Adult:	DOB	/ /	\$
Adult/Child:	Adult/Child:	DOB	/ /	\$
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Program Book w/Daily Schedules (\$20.00 after 4/30/2019)				@ \$15.00
Syllabus: <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra				@ \$10.00
Syllabus on USB Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra				@ \$10.00
Both Syllabus and USB Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra				@ \$16.00
Cookbook - "Georgia Cookin' On My Mind"				@ \$12.00
Wednesday Special Event, "John Berry" Dinner & Show				@ \$49.00
Wednesday Special Event, "John Berry" Show ONLY				@ \$25.00
Parking Pass, if NOT staying at Convention Hotels or RV Park, 4 days				@ \$25.00
Magnet for Badge, pins are provided Free of charge				@ \$2.00
RV Camping (4-night minimum) ALL campers MUST register. You will receive a profile form when your payment is received. <b>To camp together, arrive together.</b>				
# Nights @ \$35.00				\$

**No Refunds or Cancellations After April 30, 2019**  
\*(U.S. Funds) Total Due: \$  
\*\*TOURS - Please complete separate Tours Order Form and submit payment.

☐ Check Enclosed # ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ensure expiration date is after July 2019) Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: Bob & Virginia Walker E-mail: [registration@68nsdc.com](mailto:registration@68nsdc.com)

For Convention Use Only  
Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment Processed/Check \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify at which Dance Program you intend to spend most of your dance time:  
Squares: ☐ New dancer ☐ M ☐ P ☐ DBD ☐ Hex ☐ HI Energy ☐ Low Energy  
☐ A1 ☐ A2 ☐ C1 ☐ C2 Rounds: ☐ 2/3 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 5/6  
Other: ☐ Clogging ☐ Contra ☐ Line Dancing/Western ☐ Handicapable  
Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certification Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Visit our website for more information on our Education Program, Seminars, Clinics

### HOUSING

Select your hotel online at: [www.68nsdc.com](http://www.68nsdc.com) select "Housing" Tab for a direct secure link to the Hotel Booking Module.

Selected Hotel Online? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If NOT Selected Online, Complete the Entire Housing portion of this form below:  
Housing Required? ☐ YES ☐ NO Please Circle Room Nights Needed:

Sa	S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	S

Hotel Preference (hotel codes on back): 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box: ☐ One Bed (1-2 people) ☐ 2 Beds (2-4 people)  
☐ Wheelchair Accessible Room ☐ Special Needs Room:

Shared Rooms or Same Hotel, registrations must be mailed together in the same envelope.

Same Hotel as: \_\_\_\_\_

For Assignment in Block Housing - Requests are due by Jan 1, 2019.

Block Housing (10-25 rooms) E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Block Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To guarantee your room reservations, you must provide a credit card number and pay a \$3.50 processing fee. Payment for the room will be charged at check in.

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Card ☐ American Express

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ensure expiration date is after July 2019) Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Leader Name to be programmed \*Go to [www.68nsdc.com](http://www.68nsdc.com) to update your profile\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Badges Required for entrance to all convention activities; Dressy Casual attire allowed until 6:00 pm. PROPER DANCE ATTIRE is Required after 6:00 pm for all Dancers.

Return completed form with payment to:  
68NSDC, P.O. Box 441, Dillard GA 30537





### Instructions for Registration (left front side of form)

1. Print legibly all names, address, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by June 29, 2019 – discounted price) to ensure correct registration.
2. Correctly enter all amounts in the Subtotals, including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amounts for all other materials. Calculate the Total and include credit card information, check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 68th National Square Dance Convention® and return it with the Registration Form. Do Not Send Cash. No Single Day Registrations.
3. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. No refunds after April 30, 2019.
4. Important! Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedules will not be available separately at the Convention. Most dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
5. **TOUR FORM AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete the Tour Order Form and mail directly to: 68th National Square Dance Convention®, P.O. Box 1120, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 or email to [tours@68nsdc.com](mailto:tours@68nsdc.com). For Tour information and Order Form go to [www.68nsdc.com](http://www.68nsdc.com) and click "TOURS".
6. Airport Shuttle Services can be booked online. Visit our website [www.68nsdc.com](http://www.68nsdc.com) and click "TRANSPORTATION".

**CAMP GROUNDS: No Bus Service available from Campgrounds.**  
**FREE Parking Pass for Cobb Galleria Centre**

30/50 amp. Electrical service w/water. Dump station onsite. **\$35 night** 9 mi from Galleria  
**RV Camping.** Indicate RV Camping on your Registration Form, and enclose the required fees (four-night minimum) to cover the nights that you intend to stay. RV camp sites will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. All sites have 30 & 50-amp electrical service with water. Free Onsite dump station. If you plan to camp together, you must arrive together. For more information, contact RV Vice-Chairman, Ralph & Viv Taylor, email to [rv-camping@gc@68nsdc.com](mailto:rv-camping@gc@68nsdc.com). **No dry camping permitted at convention center or convention hotels.**

### Instructions for Housing (right front side of form)

1. The 68th NSDC Housing Committee is pleased to offer **website online access for housing reservations**. If you book your room online, check the box provided on front side of this form.
  2. If you **DO NOT** reserve your room online:
    - a. Complete the entire housing portion on the right side of the front of this form. This form must be received by April 1, 2019 to receive the 68th NSDC contracted room rates.
    - b. Only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request on the front of this form. Please list all room occupants. (The Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.)
    - c. Indicate three (3) choices of hotel preference by specifying hotel code number. Also, be sure to indicate 1 or 2 beds. Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis according to availability.
  3. Shared Room or Same Hotel Requests can be made through the online site OR forward registrations together in the same envelope.
  4. All Block Housing requests staying in the same hotel are due by **January 1, 2019**, include the name and telephone number of Block Leader to [housing@gc@68nsdc.com](mailto:housing@gc@68nsdc.com).
  5. **Hotel Reservations:** Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and a **\$3.50 non-refundable processing fee**. Your credit card will NOT be charged for the room in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check in. Ensure expiration date is after July 2019.
  6. **Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation from the 68NSDC via email or mail. A Hotel confirmation will be sent after July 1, 2018. If you do not receive your confirmation within 21 days, please contact the Housing Committee by email at [housing@gc@68nsdc.com](mailto:housing@gc@68nsdc.com).
  7. **Hotel Changes:** After receiving Hotel Confirmation, if you need to modify your hotel reservation you must contact the 68th NSDC Housing Committee, [housing@gc@68nsdc.com](mailto:housing@gc@68nsdc.com).
  8. **Hotel Cancellations:** Your confirmed hotel will assess a one-night room/tax charge for cancellations received less than 72 hours prior to arrival.
  9. **Hotel Early Departure:** An early departure fee may be charged unless the 68th NSDC Housing Committee [housing@gc@68nsdc.com](mailto:housing@gc@68nsdc.com) is notified less than 72 hours prior to a change in the planned stay.
- Come Dance & Explore Georgia! Come Early or Stay Late! The Peach Pit Board of the 68th National Square Dance Convention® is committed to making our Convention fun and a memorable experience for you. Please email us if you have a concern or suggestion.*  
 Angie & Louis McClure, General Chairman, [genchair@68nsdc.com](mailto:genchair@68nsdc.com).

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 68NSDC, P.O. Box 441, Dillard GA 30537

### Map of Hotels



Code	Hotel Name	FREE Parking at Hotels & Galleria Centre *Hotels Require 4 Night Minimum - Wed. - Sat	Standard King	Standard /Queen 2 beds	Suite King	Distance
1*	Renaissance Waverly (Headquarters)		\$145	\$145		Connected
2	Sheraton Suites (Caller/Cuer) (Pet Friendly)			\$149	\$149	Skywalk
3	Embassy Suites			\$160	\$155	2 Blocks
4	Hampton Inn & Suites		\$149	\$149		2 Blocks
5*	Hyatt Place (Pet Friendly)			\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
6	Courtyard by Marriott, Atlanta Cumberland		\$144	\$144		0.4 mi
7	Marriott Atlanta Northwest at Galleria (Vendor)		\$143	\$143		1.1 mi
8*	Wyndham – Atlanta Galleria (Pet Friendly)			\$144	\$164	2.8 mi
9	Courtyard by Marriott – Windy Hill	No shuttle services available.	\$164	\$144		3.1 mi

**NO BUS PASS AVAILABLE.** All hotels, except #9 Courtyard by Marriott – Windy Hill, offer **Free Hotel** shuttle service to the Galleria Centre.

**FREE PARKING** at Hotels and Galleria Centre for attendees **staying at a Convention hotel listed above or at the RV Park. All others can purchase a Parking Pass for a one-time \$25.00 fee or pay a daily fee at the gate.** Weekly Parking Pass can be purchased at Registration Desk or preorder on front of this form.



**Pre-Registration**  
**69<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**Spokane, Washington**  
**June 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2020**  
**Keeping the Vision Alive in 2020**

Register now for the 69<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®. Your early registration helps defray costs and gives you free admittance to the Saturday evening Pre-Convention Dance on February 9, 2019

Please complete the form below and send it along with your credit card info or check payable to:

**69<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**4511 Bittersweet Lane**  
**Lansing, MI 48917**  
**Email: [reg2020@comcast.net](mailto:reg2020@comcast.net)**

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Internal use only)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Thank you for your support!**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid (U.S. currency only) \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If born after June 17, 2002 \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 cancellation fee per registration – No refunds after April 30, 2020**

This form and registration rate is void after February 9, 2019

Credit card (circle one): MC VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: / \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Statement Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a dance leader please Check all that apply:**

**MS ☐ Plus ☐ Adv. ☐ Challenge ☐ Cuer 2 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 5/6 ☐ Contra ☐ Clogging ☐ C/W Lines ☐**

*Proper square dance attire required after 6:00 p.m. for all dancers.*

(Internal Use Only) Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pre – Registration**  
**70<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® • Jackson, Mississippi**  
**June 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2021**  
**Dancing Fun in 2021 in the “City with Soul”**

Register now for the 70<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®. Your early registration helps defray costs and gives you **FREE admittance** to the Saturday evening Pre-Convention Dance on March 28, 2020.

Please complete the form below and send it along with your credit card info or check payable to:

**70<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**5252 McIngvale**  
**Hernando, MS 38632**  
**Email: [register70@yahoo.com](mailto:register70@yahoo.com) • Phone 901-412-8140**

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ribbon \_\_\_\_\_ (Internal Use Only)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid (U.S. currency only) \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If born after June 23, 2003 \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit card (circle one): MC VISA Discover # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Statement Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a dance leader, please circle all that apply: MS Plus Adv. Challenge Cuer 2 3/4 5/6 Contra Clogging C/W Lines**

Convention Badge required for entrance to all convention activities. Dressy casual attire allowed until 6:00 pm. Proper dance attire required after 6:00 pm for all dancers.

(Internal Use Only) Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Special Report

### Keeping Physically Fit

#### George Naas, square dancer from Golden, Colorado, Finishes First in Rowing

In the Crossfit games one of the exercises is the marathon row, which is 26 miles, 240 yards or 42,500 meters. You could not stop to take bathroom break. You had to row nonstop.

Somebody at a local Crossfit gym came up with the bright idea to see how well the people in his gym could do the marathon row. The news soon spread and about 2,200 Crossfit gyms around the world decided to give it a try. One of the gyms was Crossfit Clout in Lakewood—my gym. I was in the 60-and-up crowd. I thought that I could probably do pretty good, so I gave it a try. My strong suite is that I can push myself beyond what should be my limits. I also knew that I would be going against men who were for the most part between 10 to 16 years younger than me. I just rowed like my life depended on it and closed my eyes so that I would not be looking at how many meters that I was rowing in a specific amount of time.

The next day when I went to Crossfit Clout I was shocked to see everybody in the gym clapping and staring at me. Sue, the owner of Clout, said, "You don't know what you did, do you?" I said, "No". She said, "George, out of the 900-plus men in the 60 and up crowd you finished number one!"

I was famous for about a week. I made the national Crossfit Facebook page and soon had better than 80,000 congrats from all over the world. I guess it proves anybody can be famous for a little while.



#### Mark Hudspeth, President of the Wagon Wheelers square dance Club in Alcoa, TN

##### A man on a mission.

Having big goals has always been important to me. At the age of 10, I was the best newspaper delivery boy on two wheels. I played sports in high school and marched in the high school band. I joined the Air National Guard and they helped me stay fit. I ran the AF Fit Test in under 12 minutes until my 30's. As I focused on family and career my weight gained and my speed went down. By the time I retired in 2012, I could barely get the 1.5 miles under the required 15 minute cutoff.

By 2016, I maxed out at 300 pounds. My cholesterol was at dangerous levels and I feared I may not live to be 50. I made my New Year's resolution to change my lifestyle and I lost 50 pounds within 4 months.

I ran the Knoxville marathon an hour faster than the previous year. With my weight continuing to drop and feeling invincible, I set a new goal. I wanted to run a marathon in all 50 states for my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

My biggest accomplishment while running for my ultimate goal was completing a full MM series of 8 marathons in eight days. I earned the coveted Titanium award for 30 marathons in a calendar year and an Ironman. Lost a total of 85 pounds and this past January I reached my goal of running a marathon in 50 states. My new goal is to reach 100 marathons. I currently have completed 63.

Reflecting back, I had no idea running was going to lead to building so many new friendships. Much like square dancing, I didn't know I would meet so many wonderful people. I have been blessed to have met legendary callers, cuers and dancers. What use to be hard, now is as easy as breathing. Not only do you get to spend quality time with new friends, you gain all the rewards of better health.





**IF A REAL MAN HAD AN  
UMBRELLA IN HIS DRINK  
IT HAD BETTER BE  
RAINING**



**REAL MEN DIDN'T  
WEAR PINK  
(Except square dancers  
and golfers)**

**A REAL MAN'S HOME WAS HIS CASTLE .....until his wife got home from work.**

I WAS JUST WONDERING..... I never expected that I would reach the age that I am now, but here I am. Not only have I reached the ranks of "senior citizen" I am one of the top seniority members. Jokes that I use to tell about old folks, in their 60's and 70's are no longer funny. Not only am I surprised that I have reached this age, but how quickly I got here.

Looking back over my life I have seen so many changes and many of you can relate to this also. I would occasionally get to go spend a weekend with my cousins that lived in the city and things were quite different there then they were in the country. They had buses with a pole sticking out the top to connect with a power line that gave them the energy to go. That pole would often come lose from the overhead wire and the bus would stop and the driver would get off the bus and put it back in place. And then there was the Kay's Pony Cart. A horse pulled ice cream wagon, ringing a bell to let the kids know he was on their street. What a treat. We didn't have that in the country. I remember the telephone party line that we shared with seven other families. When the line was clear we made the call by asking the operator to call this numer, or if you were known in the community just tell the operator you need to talk to Aunt Sally. Of course you had to stand close to the phone as it was a big box fastened to the wall. Now we carry the phone in our pocket, use it for our camera and our computer. It is called a "smart phone" which make me really mad.

With all that I have seen and done over the past almost century, there are still a lot of things that I may still be wondering about when I leave planet earth. Not that I really care, but who did let the dogs out? One thing that really bugs me and I can't seem to get an answer on is why eggs come packed in a flimsy carton, but batteries are secured in a plastic that's tough as nails. Why? And where is Waldo?

Why is abbreviated such a long word and why do the needles for lethal injections have to be sterilized? I bought some lemon juice the other day and the label says it was made with artificial flavor added. Why? My dish washing detergent is made with real lemons. Why do we put buildings side by side and call them apartments? Ever wonder what happens to that extra penny when you tell someone you will give them a penny for their thoughts and the give you their two cents worth?

Why do all the flavors of fruit loops taste the same and why does the Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle little star have the same tune? You just tried to sing those two songs, didn't you?

And they one question that is on everyones mind right now is what does this page have to do with square dancing? I am wondering the same thing. But the one thing I would really like to know before I pass on is, What is Victoria's secret"?





## DID YOU KNOW...?

### ("Tech" Tips for promoting your club using the Internet and Social Media)

Lane Johnston

lanej@chessmenkastle.com

... there's probably a "solution" out there somewhere for every problem we face as square dancers? Sometimes the "solution" already exists but is obscured from view. The fact that a solution already exists for a particular problem just gets lost in the hustle bustle of everyday life...or perhaps a "not in my backyard" attitude prevents a known solution from gaining the traction and attention it deserves.

The "Snowgeddon" that occurred this past month in the Pacific Northwest, resulting in many canceled dance events, highlights the fact that successfully getting the word out to everyone who might be affected by a dance event cancellation is not guided by a well-defined, or easily achieved, policy or process.

You might reasonably conclude....that's a problem! So what's the solution?

"Oh, I know" (says **Problem Solver #1**), "let's post a cancellation notice on Facebook (or Twitter, or Instagram)." Really? Aside from the fact that many dancers (believe it or not) do not have a Facebook (or Twitter, or Instagram) account, many who do (have an account on one or more these platforms) check them infrequently. Many who check their accounts, even frequently, don't have their notifications preferences set in a way that guarantees they'll see a post about a particular dance cancellation they may have planned to attend. Even if a dancer specifically looks for a cancellation notice, there's no guarantee they'll find it quickly, if at all. Does anyone truly believe this approach, alone, is sufficient? How naïve.

**Problem Solver #2** takes a different approach. "Let's send a mass email to everyone on our mailing list and ask them to help spread the word." Many of the same problems mentioned above (with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) are equally problematic when it comes to email communications. Not every dancer (believe it or not) has an email account. Not every dancer who has an email account checks their email often. Not to mention how annoying it is, for those who do check email often, to receive multiple forwarded emails, and be repeatedly reminded of "cancellations" for dances they did not even plan to attend. How tiresome.

**Problem Solver #3** favors posting a notice on their club's website...or was that on their council's website...or maybe it was on the State Federation website...or...perhaps we should just send a notice to any/all of the several grassroots "newsletter" providers in the state. I'm confused already. My head is spinning. The club didn't post its dance in the first place on any (or certainly not all) of the websites or newsletters mentioned...or did they? So why would they bother posting a cancellation now, and on which site(s) would they post it? Could it be posted independently, or would they have to request that a webmaster or newsletter author to intervene and post a notice on their behalf? How complex.

Then, of course, there's always the fallback solution favored by **Problem Solver #4**...just post a notice on the dance hall door stating "Tonight's Dance Is Canceled Due to Inclement Weather". How thoughtful.

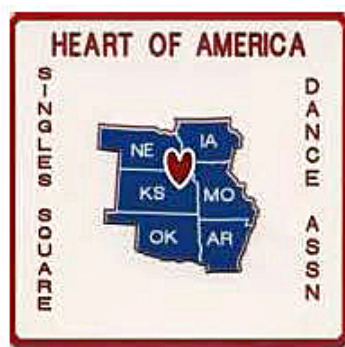
The result is an unhappy, chaotic, default approach to scattergun as many of the above "solutions" as one can muster, all at the same time, and hope for the best. How daunting, yet still not very effective. Anecdotal evidence confirms Solution 1, for certain, did not work...and resulted in dancers showing up at an empty parking lot and dark dance hall last week. (And there wasn't even a Solution #4 sign on the door, either). How could we do better?

Consider this Problem Solution (which already exists!) Post all dance events (including dances, workshops, and classes) on the only website currently designed with built-in functionality to deal with cancellation notices. *WheresTheDance.com* allows you to post events, flyers, and even CANCELLATION NOTICES, independently (that means on your own, without the need of a webmaster to post it for you). Posting a cancellation notice (including posting a reason for said cancellation) takes only seconds to achieve for any authorized representative (anyone who volunteers for a club or council, or is assigned by same, to be a *WheresTheDance* editor). Dancers do not need to establish an account. Dancers can access the website 24x7 from any platform (desktop PC, tablet, iPad, smartphone). Canceled events don't simply get "deleted" and disappear from the event list. They will, instead, be instantly highlighted on the website with a large, red "CANCELLED" stamp across the face of the original post (so dancers don't have to guess if someone forgot to post the dance in the first place). And dancers wouldn't have to search club or council Facebook, Twitter, Instagram accounts, or personal email account... or club Websites, council websites, or the State Federation website to see if the dance they'd planned to attend is still happening or is canceled. Dancers would only have to go to one place, *WheresTheDance.com*, and enter two bits of search criteria (the center point of search, e.g. Sumner WA, and a radius around that center, e.g. 50 miles) to see who's got dances scheduled, and which ones (if any) have been canceled. How refreshing.

While it may take "an act of Congress" to get anything done in this country, the author hopes club, council, and State Federation leadership in Washington will take the initiative and necessary steps to accept this solution. Failing that, hopefully the dancers themselves will hold leadership accountable.

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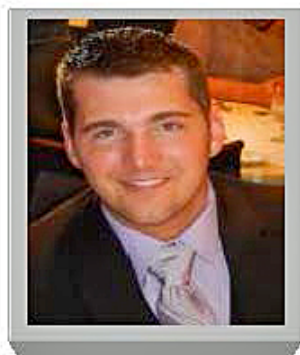


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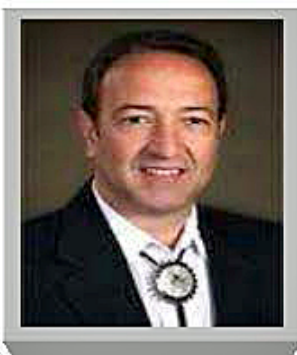
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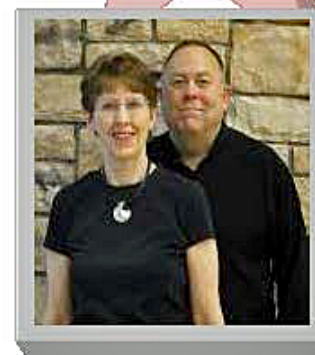
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Marie Pavlovic – (440) 983-7578  
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807 N. Missouri Ave.  
Roswell, NM 88201  
<http://www.festival.nmsrda.org/>  
Info: Karen Clements 505-228-1617  
gypsy113@msn.
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Slina, KS 67401  
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Kathymm785@gmail.com|
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St Cloud, MN 56301  
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M. L. Mills Conference Center  
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Gatlinburg, TN  
[www.tnsquaredance.org/convention](http://www.tnsquaredance.org/convention)
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1313 John Q Hammonds Dr.  
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[www.wisquaredanceconvention.org](http://www.wisquaredanceconvention.org)  
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[www.idaho.usawest.net](http://www.idaho.usawest.net)  
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