
ALL A FLUTTER

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Dances

The June 1, 2024 Dance with Glenn Raiha calling Cuer is Mary Parsons. The Theme is "Summertime and the Livin' is Easy". Hosts are the Club members at 7:00.

The June 15, 2024 dance will have Glenn Raiha calling with Rochelle Catt cueing. Theme is "It's a Barn Dance" hosted by Kathy & Lloyd Holcomb starting with Pre-Rounds at 6:30 dance at 7:00, at Larry Hanna's barn at 174 Middle Fork Rd Chehalis WA. 98532. It is the white barn & silo off the Middle Fork Rd on the right just before you cross the bridge.

The July 6, 2024 dance CANCELED for the 4th of July Weekend. ENJOY!!

The July 20, 2024 dance with Glenn Raiha calling and Ron Woolcock cueing. Theme is "Square Dance Traditions". Club members are the hosts. Dancing starts at 7:00 pm.

Also on the same day, we are co-sponsoring a dance at Schafer State Park near Elma from 3-5.

(See Nancy's Notes below)

ALL DANCES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!! PLEASE WATCH FOR EMAILS FROM NANCY RAIHA

The Web site to sign up to be a host for our dances is: <http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/clubs>. It also contains info on the callers, cuers, and themes. It also has the club handbook and signup for hosting.

Words from our President



Hi Club friends,

We're just days after the Memorial Day camp/festival and I'm still reminiscing about the fun, laughter, food and dancing that we enjoyed. We had a

great turnout and some wonderful callers and cuers. My legs were sore from all the dancing but we had hours of fun. Hope you feel the same.

Kudos to Glenn and Mary for the super program of dance, to our club volunteers who helped with many tasks but especially Monday's breakfast, and to all the folks who helped erect the tents the weekend before and tear them down last Monday. We also have some new members join us recently - welcome to our club.

One more item: thanks to our officers who were elected or re-elected last month. Deb Ferrell became a Co-president with me and Mark Denniston is our Vice-president. Jutta Wabinga and Ellen Matheny are continuing in their Secretary and Treasurer roles. Thanks so much. Plus thanks to Tom Mellinger and Bobbi Bode for the good work they did.

See you at a future dance,

Dan Bode
360-451-1832

Caller's Corner



Memorial Weekend was a huge success, as always, with lots of fun and laughter from everyone who was there. I truly enjoyed seeing all of our new dancers beginning their journey into the square dance world.

Congratulations once again to the 60+ new dancers we put on the dance floor this past season.

Square dancing is like a lot of activities in that you need to continually practice to become more proficient. Everyone will have that chance, throughout the summer months, with our Monday or Thursday workshops. We will have something for everyone from Basic to Plus so come join in the fun and strengthen your dance skills.

For those of you that may like a new challenge, consider coming to Plus-in-a-Week at Circle 8 Ranch from June 23-30. Tom Clymer and I will again be teaching the Plus Program moves. If you are a

proficient Mainstream dancer or have taken Plus before this experience is a great opportunity to be exposed to Plus and hone your skills. Ron and Georgine will be joining us again this year to provide rounds. Don't miss this fun week of dancing and socializing with your dancing friends. It is a great opportunity to meet new dancers from different parts of the state.

And of course, you have already heard about the State Festival occurring July 11-13 at the Yakima Convention Center. The fun begins with a Trail In Dance that will be called by Adam Christman and me with Rochelle Catt doing the rounds. There are already 350+ folks signed up so don't be a "wish-we-had" and sign up now. There is still time. This year we are using all WA State callers (along with a few Canadians) to provide us with some great dancing. We will have a Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced hall along with a hall for Round Dancing and one for Clogging.

This year we have combined the Festival with the Leadership Seminar. The Keynote Speaker on Saturday morning will be Nancy, who will be sharing our lesson program and how we have become so successful bringing in new dancers. Make sure you attend this session on Saturday morning and show your support for Nancy.

If you have some spare time, take a look at this YouTube video from the Chairman of Callerlab. Let me know what you think once you have watched it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUaSEOLbyvE>

That's all I have for now. I am looking forward to seeing you all this summer as you take advantage of the various dance opportunities that are available to you.

Glenn

Nancy's



Notes

Wow, it's June. We have a great workshop planned each week of the summer – some Thursdays and some

Mondays. I hope you have the color-coded schedule on your refrigerator door. We can all keep our dancing sharp and support each other. Workshops at Lac A Do Hall for the Summer

Plus: 6:00, Basic: 6:45, Mainstream: 8:00.

Monday June 3
Thursday June 13
Thursday June 20
Monday June 24
Monday July 1
Thursday July 11
Monday July 15
Thursday July 25

I can't tell you how Memorial Day Weekend touched my heart. It was so great to see so many of our new dancers. I still haven't had time to go through my spreadsheets and count, but I think we graduated about 60 Mainstream dancers through the year. And there are an additional 25 or so who graduated from Basic and most of them plan to dance through the summer or start again in the fall. We have lots of new members – probably due to your smiling faces at lessons. Be sure to welcome them. AND remember that we support ALL of the clubs at our Hall. Let's dance with everyone! Don't forget the Do-Si-Do's are sponsoring a Raise the Roof Dance with Mike Sikorsky on Saturday, June 8th. There is a BBQ dinner before the dance to support the Hall. It should be great fun.

And, yes, the Flutterwheels have some other fun things planned for the summer. If your garden is exploding, bring a bouquet to our Welcome Summer dance on June 1st. On Saturday July 20th, we are helping to sponsor an afternoon free square dance for the Centennial Anniversary of Schaefer State Park near Elma – a big square dance destination in the 1950's. We will meet back at Lac-A-Do in the evening – for your picnic dinners and shared desserts and the Flutterwheels dance to celebrate our square dance heritage starting at 7:00.

We hope you are registered for the State Festival. I can't believe the great line-up of callers and cuers.

During the summer we will have root beer floats, a luau, and fund-raisers to benefit the Hall. We hope to be wearing our spiffy club T-shirts at many of these events.

Editor's Note: The numbers of new dancers that have joined our activity is mind boggling, and the envy of many in so many different areas. Keep checking Nancy's emails for the latest numbers!!

Sou' Wester Council

Plans continue for the State Festival to be held in Yakima Convention Center on July 12-14, 2024. If you can help in any way, please contact Co – Chairs Kay Mahan at 206-612-1781 or Gene Currier at 360-427-3261. They can always use some help. This is sponsored by Sou'Wester Council and the State Federation. Registrations forms are available at the hall or Online at www.squaredance-wa.org.

The next Council meeting will be September 10, 2024.

Sou'Wester Council will be hosting the State Federation meeting on October 12, 2024 at Lac A Do Hall and this will coincide with the Do Si Do's 75th Anniversary dance in the evening.

There will be a Council dance November 30, 2024 at the Hoquiam Elementary with Leo Catt calling and Marie Wood cueing starting at 7:00. Cost is \$8.00 a person.

OASDI

The Memorial Day committee reported that the weekend was successful!! They had pie auction and a basket raffle, great food, lots of dancing and everything was Fun! We made an estimate of \$11,000.00 before the bills are paid. The wrap up meeting for this year will be Saturday June 1 at 10:00 at Bill and Charlette Pearson's home. Next year's chairman will be announced soon.

The next OASDI meeting will be on Saturday September 21, 2024 at 10:00 am. New officers are Eric Metsch – President, Bob Knudson – Vice President, Marc Denniston- Secretary and Muoi Nguy – Treasurer. Congratulations to the new officers, but more importantly THANK YOU to the retiring officers. There are also other committees that also need help without being the chair. Talk to Eric Metsch at 253-468-3262 to see where you can help the most to keep our hall running smoothly.

Demo Dances

There will be Demo dances this summer at the Relay for Life on June 22nd at 5:00. Signup sheet at the hall. We need a minimum of 8 dancers. Contact: Audrey Pastore for questions at a.pastore1966@gmail.com

Birthday & Anniversary

John Ho – June 22
Lisa Metsch - June 26
Mark Sherman - July 7
Bob Faires – July 10
Wayne Rey – July 27
Gordon Allen – July 29

Anniversaries

David & Maria Stock – June 8
Lloyd & Kathy Holcomb – June 17
Steve & Leanne Dvorak – June 24
Eric & Lisa Metsch – June 25
Glenn & Nancy Raiha – June 26
Craig & Kristi Wheeldon – June 29
Bradleigh & Husband Dvorak - June 30
Pete & Claudia Murray – July 14
Christina & Tony Donato – July 23

Please be sure that Georgine (gwoolcock48@gmail.com) has your birthday & Anniversary information so that we can acknowledge you on your special day!!

Sunshine

Jutta sent get well cards to: Tom Ritchie, Roberta Golden, Audrey Pastore, Kim Andersen and Glenn Raiha. No Sympathy cards were sent.

To have Jutta send a card to someone, please send her an email at wabingajutta@gmail.com. Her phone number is 360-819-7633. It would be helpful if you could give her an address.

New Members

The club would like to welcome Becky Brewer, Teri Eagle, Jennessa Randall, Charlie Kowallis, Francis Chapin, Barbara Shelman, Jennifer Becker Taylor, John & Cheryl Tafejian, Mike & MaryLou Shannon, Monica Ranger, Gary & Linda Barker, Robert Hill, Candi Sponberg, and Angelica Bayless.

Jennifer sent a wonderful note to Nancy and it is worth sharing: “We had a great time at the Memorial Weekend, and we are so glad we joined the Flutterwheels. Everyone so was nice. THANK YOU FOR NOT LETTING ME DROP OUT, I am so glad I didn't quit.”

We are glad to have all of you join us and hope that you have a wonderful experience and continue to enjoy our club and dance for years to come.

Matilda's Adventures

I understand that Matilda the Chicken, our Club Mascot, has a new home. She was won by the Evergreen College Dancers and was part of the Basket raffle. So they are now her Foster parents so we will see what wonderful sights she will see this coming Summer and Fall.



Jamie LeDuc, Jasper Shaler & Angelica Bayless
Photo courtesy Nancy Raiha

Lessons

Lessons are completed for this year. Congratulations to all who completed the classes. Enjoy the dances this summer and plan on being an Angel in the fall. Cards are available at the hall to hand out to friends and acquaintances to have them join you in September 12th for the Free night, and Sept 19th for the first lesson.

Future Events

Future State Festival:

July 10, 2024 the first of the Trail In Dances will be a Plus dance at the Yakima Square Dance Hall in Moxee with Dan Preedy & Steve Noseck calling. Dan Bailly with Rounds. Dance starts at 7:00PM.

July 11, 2024 Trail In Dance with Glenn Raiha and Adam Chrisman with Pre Rounds with Rochelle Catt at the Yakima Convention Center starting at 7:00PM

71st Washington State Festival and Leadership Seminar July 11 thru July 13, 2024. Sou'Wester Council is hosting at the Yakima Convention Center. Signup sheets are available in the hall or Online

72nd Washington State Festival will be July 14-15, 2025, hosted by Central Area Council at the Yakima Convention Center with Joe Saltel from Texas as featured caller.

Future National Conventions:

The 73rd National convention will be in June 26-29, 2024, in Milwaukee WI at the Baird Center. (see the Footnotes Newsletter at www.squaredance-wa.org for more information and registration forms on all National Conventions)

74th National Convention will be June 25-28, 2025, in Shreveport LA

75th National Convention – June 25- 27, 2026 in Waco Texas.

Future Canadian Convention

23rd Canadian National Festival – July 17-20, 2024
Calgary, Alberta

BC Festival on July 31 & Aug 1 & 2, 2024 in Langley BC.

Future US West Convention

USA West Convention – July 23-26, 2025 in Spokane WA at the Spokane Fair and Expo Center with lots of RV parking. (This convention is only held when the National convention is east of the Mississippi River.) Info on this convention: See Jen at: generalchair@washington.usawest.net

Leadership Seminar

55th Leadership Seminar will be July 11-13, 2024 and is set for Yakima Convention Center. The Keynote speaker will be Nancy Raiha at 9:30am Saturday. It is in conjunction with the Washington State Square Dance Festival.

Calendar of Events

June 1, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance 7:00
June 14, 2024 - Flag Day
June 15, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance – Larry’s Barn
7:00 pm
June 16, 2024 – Father’s Day
June 19, 2024 – Juneteenth National Holiday
June 20, 2024 - Summer Solstice
June 23-30, 2024 – Plus In A Week – Circle 8
July 1, 2024 – Canada Day
July 4, 2024 – Independence Day
July 10, 2024 – Trail In Dance - Yakima
July 11, 2024 – Trail In Dance Yakima Convention
July 12 -13, 2024 – Washington State Festival &
Leadership Seminar – Yakima Convention Center
July 20, 2024 - Dance at Schafer Park 3:00 – 5:00
July 20, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance 7:00

Story of the Month

I Am the Flag of the United States of America

I am the flag of the United States of United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world’s tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America’s halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth, and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.
When I am flown with, my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.
I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped- I am saluted.
I am loved- I am revered.
I am respected – and I am feared.
I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.
Guam, Okinawa, Korea, and KheSan, Saigon, Vietman, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi know me.
I was there.
I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets, of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it’s done by those whom I’ve served in battle – it hurts.
But I shall overcome – for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness to all of America’s finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldiers, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I AM PROUD!!

Author Unknown

