
ALL A FLUTTER

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Dances

The April 6, 2024 Dance –Canceled. Plus Weekend with Preedy – Skiosky There will be a Mainstream dance on Saturday night. See Flyers for times.

The April 20, 2024 dance will have Glenn Raiha calling with Ron Woolcock cueing theme “Tax Day” Hobo Stew. Tom Mellinger, Rhonda Devine, Peter Fekter & Georgine Woolcock hosting.

The May 4, 2024 dance will have Glenn Raiha calling and Rochele Catt cueing. ‘May the 4th be with you!’ Ed & Lisa Currall will be hosting.

The May 18, 2024 dance will be armed Forces Day with Glenn Raiha calling and Mary Parsons cueing. Steve Dvorak will be the host.

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

You can find the Web site to sign up to be a host for our dances under Flutterwheels at: <https://www.olympiasquaredance.com/clubs>. It also contains info on the callers, cuers, and themes. You can also find the club Member Handbook, the member list, and the latest issue of All Aflutter in the same place.

Words from our President

Hi club members,
The last two months have had some great dances and lessons have progressed with fun. We started February with a wedding shower dance and no guests of honor (Tim and Kierina got sick). We had a great auction dance and raised a good sum for the roof replacement. The chili dance was well attended with many participants and three winning ladies: Becky, Teri and Kat.



Now looking forward, we have Dan Preedy and Mike Sikorsky calling their annual plus dance Friday to Sunday event. It falls on our first dance weekend, so come out and dance mainstream on Saturday, April 6th and enjoy some talented callers.

The third weekend dance is our hobo soup dance in honor of tax day earlier that week. Everyone contributes a can of veggies and the club provides the hamburger and Georgine to cook the soup. You'll enjoy the soup and the dancing. Bobbi and I are going to Hope, BC that weekend for a canoe festival. Thanks Tom Mellinger for filling in for us.

I've been happy with the big turnouts at our dances and at lessons - the more, the merrier is true. We've also enjoyed getting a like-new bike at the auction dance (thanks Peggy Smith for donating) and Bobbi got a new skirt with my winning ticket (thanks Etta Gramley for creating works of art). You never know what can happen at a dance!

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Caller's Corner



It's such an exciting time to be part of the square dance family at Lac-A-Do. Lots of great dances and lots of new dancers. I feel very blessed to be a part of the awesome success of our lessons and the addition of several new, enthusiastic dancers to the Flutterwheels. It is safe to say that square dancing has been resurrected from the ashes caused by the pandemic. It has taken lots of work and dedicated angels to get to where we are right now. Let's keep it going. I have heard from many of my fellow callers throughout the state and they always ask me “What's going on at Lac-A-Do and what is your secret. I tell them to come to the State Leadership Seminar in July where Nancy will be the Keynote Speaker and will present our program to anyone who cares to listen.

There are two special events coming this summer that I would like all of you to consider attending. The first one is June 23rd through June 29th at Circle Eight Ranch in Cle Elum. Tom Clymer and I will be doing our Plus-In-A-Week like we did last summer at Lac-A-Do. Not only that Ron and Georgine will be back from Texas and will be doing the rounds. If you are interested what in our program is about talk to me or Nancy for more details.



The second date is July 11-July 13th in Yakima WA. It will be the 2024 Washington State Square Dance Festival. It is going to be a great event starting on Thursday evening with a Trail In dance called by Adam Christman and me with Rochelle Catt doing the rounds. On Saturday of that weekend Nancy will be the Keynote Speaker for the Leadership Seminar being held in conjunction with the Festival. I am the Caller Program Coordinator for the Festival and I currently have 24 different callers signed up to provide you with a fun dancing experience. If you haven't signed up my question is "Why Not? If you have signed up, I look forward to dancing with you in Yakima.



Congratulations to Bobbi Bode winning this skirt made by Etta Jean. Thank you for your generous donations.

I have rambled long enough. Need to get this to Georgine so I don't miss the deadline. See you on the dance floor.

Glenn

Hobo Dance & Stew

Yes, it is that time of year AGAIN. Pay your TAXES...no money left for clothes (Wear last year's Rags...Bring a can of vegetables each for the Hobo Stew (no beets or sauerkraut) Bring something to go with it..crackers, bread, a dessert, or fruit. Have a great time dancing. We are expecting a big Mystery Caravan from another part of the State, so we will have lots of new dancers to join the fun.

Chili Cookoff

The Annual Chili Cookoff was successful as always. First place went to Becky Brewer, 2nd place to Teri Eagle, and 3rd place to Kat Hurd. Congratulations to the winners. There were 9 squares at the event. Thanks to all who participated.

Nancy's Notes

The shower for Tim Blackstad and his lovely fiancée, Kierina at our Feb 3rd dance was well participated in, however, they were both ill, and unable to attend, however, club members were so generous to them as they start their new lives together.



PS Promenade – April 5, 6, and 7.

The Flutterwheels gave up their dance on Saturday, April 6th so that nationally known callers Dan Preedy and Mike Sikorsky can host this annual Weekend Event. Most of the weekend is Plus dancing, but we have asked that the Saturday night dance is at the Mainstream Level so you can participate.

Clean the Hall – April 13th is our turn to clean the Hall this Saturday. We plan to meet around 1 p.m. Many hands make light work – and keep our Hall shiny and neat. You're welcome - whether or not you have joined a club yet.

Star Wars Day, Club Meeting and Our Anniversary Dance– May 4th Our Anniversary this year falls on

Star Wars Day: May the Fourth be with You! We'll have galaxies of fun. It's been 11 years since the Lacey Daisies and Grand Squares banded together to form this new club. Time to celebrate. There is a club meeting (with pizza) at 5:30 p.m. before the dance.

Travel to the Prairie Steppers Annual Chicken Dance and Dinner – May 11th Our club plans to travel to this big annual dance for our friends at the Prairies Steppers in Centralia. They serve a lovely chicken dinner and host a great dance. Glenn is the featured caller with Marie Wood, cueing. If you are planning on going please let Dan Bode know so they have a head count.

Armed Forces Day Dance – May 18th we'll celebrate our veterans in style!

In the Summer: Times and dates to be announced

We are planning a barn dance in a Real Barn.

We are co-sponsoring a dance to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of beautiful, historic Schafer State Park and its pavilion built for square dancing.

We will have root beer floats, a luau, and fund-raisers to benefit the Hall. We'll have dancing – Basic & Mainstream.

We usually have a club picnic – often at the Raiha's.

We hope to be wearing our spiffy club T-shirts at many of these events.

The numbers of new dancers that have joined our activity is mind boggling, and the envy of many so many different areas. Thanks to Nancy & her staff. Keep checking her emails for the latest numbers!!

Dues Dues Dues!!

Yes. It is Dues time For Flutterwheels, OASDI, Sou'Wester Council and the State Federation.

Per Ellen: It is time to renew your membership with the Flutterwheels Square Dance Club! The 2024-2025 renewal fees are:

Adult \$26 Youth \$11

If you are already a member of another dance club within OASDI, the additional fees to be a part of our club are: Adult \$5 Youth \$5

Please let us know which club you are a member of.

You can give us your membership payment at an upcoming dance (April 20th is the next dance). Or you can mail your check to:

Flutterwheels Square Dance Club
PO Box 14143
Tumwater WA 98511

Make your check payable to: Flutterwheels

We need to have all memberships paid by May 1, 2024. Let us know if you have any questions at 360-515-6810 or ellen.matheny@gmail.com

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 Annual Four Council Lollapalooza Dance held March 30, 2024 with Dave & Sharon Boggs calling and cueing at the Kitsap Square Dance hall was very successful. Next one will be in the Spring of 2025.

The next Sou'Wester Council meeting will be May 14, 2024 at Mountain View Church in Centralia. Flutterwheels are asked to bring refreshments. Please contact Dan Bode if you can help.

OASDI

The Memorial Day committee is well underway with planning with their meetings for the Memorial Day Campout and dance. They have quite a few new members to that committee but can always use your help. The flyer-registration form is out. If you would like to help, please contact Scott Parson at 360-890-6070 or email him at mpsplp@hotmail.com. The next Memorial Day meeting will be Saturday April 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm at Bill Pearson's home. For directions contact Scott at 360-890-6070 or Bill at 360-791-0172

The next OASDI meeting will be on Saturday May 11, 2024 at 10:00 am. Officers will be installed at the June 15, 2024 during the full membership meeting. At the last meeting, new officers were nominated and elected. They 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 help keep our hall running smoothly.

Washington State Federation

The state Federation nominated and elected the following to serve starting in September. They are Lane Johnston - President, Avery and Dee Lavair – Vice President, Darlene Jolly – Recording Secretary, Brett Kappenman – Corresponding Secretary, Marsh Sullivan – Treasurer. Congratulation to the new officers being installed and a huge THANK YOU to the outgoing officers.

Demo Dances

There will be two Demo dances. 1. St Martin's College on May 18th and the 2nd one is Relay for Life on June 22nd at 2:30. Contact: Audrey Pastore for questions at a.pastore1966@gmail.com

Birthday & Anniversary

Linda Mabey – April 16
Bev White –April 22
Yee Chak –April 22
Roberta Golden - April 23

Jutta Wabinga– May 4
Ashley Berthelsen – May 5
Anika Becker – May 9
Georgine Woolcock – May 15
Marc Denniston – May 17
Bobbi Bode - May 20
Ellen Matheny – May 20

Anniversaries

Brad & Sara Mahood – April 3
Scott & Mary Parsons – April 8

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 Wabinga sent get-well cards to: Wendy Hickey, Paul Steucke, Zoe Marr, Rob Leland, Mark Shermann and Theresa Lusby. A sympathy card was sent to Paul Taylor for the passing of his wife, Debbie Taylor, an excellent Cuer/teacher for the state of Washington and the National circuit.

New Members

The club would like to welcome back Dian Lacy.

We are glad to have you back and that you continue to enjoy our club and dance for years to come.

Auction at the February Dance

Our dance on Feb 17th had the theme "Country Auction" and was very successful and netted \$2000.00 for the roof fund. Congrats to those that worked so hard. We are over half way to the goal for a new roof.

Lessons

Lessons are going great! Nancy weekly review of lessons helps keep us up. (If you are not getting this email please contact her at 360-280-4187. They are also doing a Extra Lessons at the hall on Thursday April 4.th at 1:30 with Mark Dennison and Amy Lu Thompson.

Graduation of Basic students from the January class was successful, and now they are starting their mainstream class to be finished by Memorial Day Weekend.

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 with Rounds. Dance starts at 7:00PM.

July 11, 2024 Trail In Dance with Glenn Raiha and Adam Christman 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, by Central Area Council hosting at the Yakima Convention Center.

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 Convention)

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

US West – Pre-Convention
Kick Off Weekend April 19 & 20, 2024 in Spokane at the Western Dance Center.

US 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 these conventions: 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 for Saturday will be Nancy Raiha at 9:30am

Saturday. It is in conjunction with the Washington State Festival.

Calendar of Events

April 1, 2024 – April Fool's Day
April 5-7 – Preedy Skirosky Plus Weekend
April 6, 2024 - Flutterwheels Dance DARK.
April 15, 2024- Income Tax Day
April 20, 2024 – Flutterwheels Hobo Dance 7:00
April 22, 2024 – Earth Day
April 23, 2024 – Passover
April 26, 2024 –Arbor Day
May 1, 2024 – May Day
May 4, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance 7:00
May 5, 2024 - Cinco De Mayo
May 11, 2024 – Prairie Steppers Chicken Dance 7:00 with Glenn Raiha calling.
May 12, 2024 – Mother's Day
May 18, 2024 – Armed Forces Day
May 18, 2024 – Flutterwheels Dance
May 23, 2024 – OASDI Student Graduation Day 7:00
May 24-27, 2024 Memorial Day Campout –
Lac A Do Hall
May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day

Humor of the Month

The Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the squirrels had taken an interest in the Baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a waterslide on the baptistery and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week.

The Lutheran church decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creatures. So, they humanely trapped their squirrels and set them free near the Baptist church. Two weeks later, the squirrels were back when the Baptists took down the waterslide.

The Episcopalians tried a much more unique path by setting out pans of whiskey around their church in an effort to kill the squirrels with alcohol poisoning. They

sadly learned how much damage a band of drunken squirrels can do.

But the Catholic Church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.



HAPPY SPRING!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY