

Flutterwheels



Square Dance Club

Welcome to the Flutterwheels!

We're happy you have joined our club! The Flutterwheels Square Dance Club is made up of people with various backgrounds who enjoy dance, music, exercise, fun, and most of all, the friendships made through square dancing. Besides hosting dances, we celebrate holidays, have picnics, and work together on various projects. We become like a second family as we work and socialize together often.

The Flutterwheels Square Dance Club was established in 2013 when two square dance groups, the 53-year-old Lacey Daisys club and the Grand Squares, a 30-year-old club, combined. Members of those first clubs helped build the original hall on donated land in the early 1960's and again in 1995 after a fire devastated the original building. We are proud of our long heritage.

We hope the information included here will help you understand how the club works and what our responsibilities are, so you will be comfortable participating in whatever you most enjoy.

Sincerely,

Dan Bode

Flutterwheels President

Member Opportunities

LESSONS:

ANGELING: As experienced dancers your help at lessons is invaluable. New learners are always more successful if several people in their square are competent and able to perform the calls.

Those experienced dancers are called 'Angels.' An added benefit is that as an Angel you will be able to review calls for free as you participate with the new learners.

SNACKS: Anyone is welcome to bring snacks to lessons. If the snack is not needed that night, it may be saved for later in the week.

TIDYING UP: Following lessons the hall needs to be cleaned by clearing litter, putting the chairs on the tables and sweeping the floor. Bathrooms and the kitchen are also cleaned each night. Instructions are posted.

DANCES:

HOSTING: Hosts arrive early to set up the water, start the coffee, and put out the serving products and any foods they may have brought. They greet the dancers at the door and put out refreshments club members bring to the dance. If there is a theme, the hosts can decorate the hall. During the dance, they monitor the refreshments and coffee/water. Following the dance, the hall is cleaned as above. All club members are welcome to help so the hosts are able to dance as well. It is recommended that experienced hosts pair with new hosts the first time.

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Sign up sheets for hosting can usually be found by the sign in table at lessons or Flutterwheels dances. You can also view available hosting times on the Flutterwheels Dance Plan at <http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/flutterwheels.html>; and email nraiha@comcast.net to volunteer to host a dance.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP. Names of current members are posted at <http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/flutterwheels.html>. Contact one of the club officers for contact information.

SNACKS: Finger food is brought courtesy of the club members to share with the dancers. Instead of a sit-down potluck, food is out all evening for 'grazing.' Sandwiches, chips, cake, cookies, veggies, and fruit are some ideas, but the only limit is the cook's imagination.

50/50 TICKET SALES: 'Split the Pot' tickets are sold at every dance. Half of the proceeds go to the winner, half goes to the club. One dancer, often someone unable to dance, can collect ticket sales at the check-in table. The treasurer will bring the tickets and 'pot.'

**The treasurer or their designee is responsible for sign-in sheets and entry fees at the door.*

ORGANIZATIONAL:

CLUB MEETINGS: All members are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings. Meetings are generally held bi-monthly, and are announced by email.

COMMITTEES: A variety of opportunities arise during the year, ranging from Memorial Day breakfast to Picnic Chairman. Watch for information via email.

President: Dan Bode (360-791-0990)

dansblues@msn.com

The president presides over the club meeting, and makes announcements at the club dances introducing the callers, cuers and guest clubs.

Vice President: Tom Mellinger (360- 264-7296)

Onyxknight14@gmail.com

The VP presides at the club meeting if the president is unavailable and helps the president as an advisor. If the president is unable to fulfill their duties, the VP will take over as president for the remainder of the term.

Secretary: Jutta Wabinga (360-459-1724)

wabingajutta@gmail.com

The secretary records minutes at the meeting and distributes them to the general membership, as well as taking care of all correspondence for the club.

Treasurer: Ellen Matheny (360-515-5810)

ematheny@centurytel.net

The treasurer deposits the funds received by the club at dances, and pays all bills including the caller, cuer and rent to OASDI. The treasurer also collects membership dues and orders badges for members.

NOTE: The above officers form the board for our club. They handle decisions between meetings and report back to the general membership at the next club meeting.

Lesson Coordinator : Nancy Raiha (360-438-1284)

nraiha@comcast.net

OASDI Delegates: Ellen Matheny (360-515-5810)

ematheny@centurytel.net

Pete Murray (360-459-1724)

pjmurray@sprynet.com

Delegates attend OASDI meetings to represent and vote in the best interest of our club. They share information between the club and OASDI.

Council Delegate:s Tom Ritchie (360.402.7420)

tsritchie2@gmail.com

Dan Bode (360-791-0990) dansblues@msn.com

Delegates attend the Sou'Wester Council meetings to represent and vote in the best interest of our club. They also share information between our club and the Council.

Callers:

Glenn Raiha (360-438-1284) graiha@comcast.net

Tim Blackstad—currently on break for dances

Cuers:

Mary Parsons (360-943-4178)

marycuier@live.com

Ron and Georgine Woolcock. (360-789-8657)

rbghwoolcock@gmail.com.

The club also uses a variety of guest callers and cuers.

Other Related Organizations

Olympia Area Square Dance, Inc. (OASDI) is the organization that owns and operates Lac-A-Do Hall. They are responsible for keeping the hall rented and in good repair. A body of elected dancers serves on the OASDI Board, and each Lac-A-Do dance club is represented by two delegates at the meetings.

Besides maintaining the hall, OASDI sponsors a couple of events per year. The major fund raiser is the Memorial Day Weekend and Campout. The proceeds are used to pay Lac-A-Do's property tax and insurance for the year. The second event, the New Year's Eve Dance, is co-sponsored with one of the other clubs who help with hosting.

Square Dance Clubs in OASDI, 2023*:

Flutterwheels (Mainstream)

Olympia Do Si Do (Mainstream)

Square One (Plus)

Double A (A -1 and A-2)

The Sou'Wester Council is a regional organization that acts as a liaison between the twelve clubs in our region (from Olympia and Shelton to the north, Aberdeen to the west, and Longview to the south) and the State Federation. Each club sends two delegates to Council meetings where decisions are made. During the year, the Council sponsors 5th Saturday dances, publishes bi-yearly calendars, serves on a variety of state committees including representation on the Washington State Federation (below), and maintains history for the clubs in our region.

The Washington State Federation of Square, Round, and Folk Dance is an organization of the eleven different Councils from the state of Washington. An elected board of directors keep the State Federation functioning. The Federation serves the dancers by publishing a monthly online newsletter, printing a state directory of all Washington club dance details, and supplying clubs with a secondary insurance for dancers.

In addition, the State Federation maintains the Heritage Center in Spokane which houses all Washington square dance memorabilia, sponsors a yearly State Festival in June and as well as an Educational and Leadership Weekend in July and bestows a number of awards for leadership and service.

Related Web Sites

Olympia Area Square Dance Inc. (OASDI) [http://
www.olympiasquaredance.com/](http://www.olympiasquaredance.com/)

Washington State Federation
<http://www.squaredance-wa.org/>

Video Square Dance Lessons:
[https://www.videosquaredancelessons.com/
lessons/](https://www.videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/)

Taminations Animated Squares
<https://www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations/>

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First Saturday

Pre-Rounds

7-7:30 pm

Mainstream

7:30 PM—9:30PM

Third Saturday

B-51 then Mainstream

7:00 PM—9:30PM

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