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24K Gold Rush State Festival!

A Big Thanks to All Who Made This Festival a Resounding Success!

Our featured caller, a talented and energetic, **Hunter Keller**, wowed us with his choreography, amazing voice and range of singing styles and kept us laughing with his jokes. Our cuers, graceful and skillful **Doug and Leslie Dodge** taught new skills and had us twirling. Our fantastic local callers and cuers were outstanding and fun to dance with. The **State Festival Committee** worked hard to achieve their main goal of making an accessible and fun dance for every level of dancer. And they succeeded masterfully. 397 dancers attended, many just graduating from classes and a good number of young folks

twirled around with us.

The Trail In Dance on Thursday drew 18 squares, starting the festival off to great start and igniting the weekend. Thank you **Waggin Wheelers!**

A full list of those volunteers contributing to one of the best festivals ever is included with this newsletter. All hail to **Ken Tucker** who fearlessly led the Committee through the storm and brought out the sun this weekend. And the air conditioning was perfect—so important.

'This is one of the smoothest festivals I've ever seen. Great job everyone!'

- Roger Chappelle

Thank you Barbara McPhaul

After decades of service, our talented and dedicated newsletter editor, Barb McPhaul has stepped down from service. Please let Barb know how much you've appreciated her tireless work. SEASDC Vice President Leslie Klusmire and Treasurer Sheila Prior helped get this one out. Susan Swank has volunteered to pick up the reigns from Barb and will be our newsletter editor from now on. Please send all submissions to susan.swank@gmail.com — Thanks Susan!



Lloyd Shaw Award: Hal and Elaine Barnes



Dr. Lloyd Shaw will forever be considered the father of modern square dance. For more than 30 years he led this movement from Cheyenne Mountain School in Colorado Springs and spread it around the world through his teaching, books and his dancers. The Lloyd Shaw Memorial Award is intended to recognize people in the Southeast Area Council who have made significant contributions to the betterment of the dance activity we all cherish.



Maverick Monarch's President Ken Tucker presented Hal and Elaine Barnes with the Lloyd Shaw Award during the SEASDC's Tumbleweeds Dance in Salida on April 1.

Hal grew up in Colorado Springs and started dancing in 1964 when his parents started a club for Jr. High and High School students called the Pikes Peak Promenaders. Hal's dad, Lee Barnes, taught the lessons and called for the group. At that time, there were many clubs and callers in the Springs: Waggin' Wheelers (Harold Palmer, Jeff Palmer's dad), Country Two Steppers, Skyline Squares (Fred Staben), Eagle 8's (Spencer Yates), and Mountain Swingers (Fred Staben and later Gregg Anderson).

Elaine grew up on a ranch in northeastern Colorado. When Hal and Elaine met in college, she enjoyed country dancing – foxtrot and jitterbug – but did not square dance. When they began dating, they made a deal: she would learn square dancing and Hal would learn foxtrot and jitterbug. She had a career as an elementary school teacher specializing in reading.

Hal began calling in 1965 and called for the PPP club. They held many exhibitions, including the State Festival, Pikes Peak, and Bust Rodeo Parade. His caller heroes were Frank Lane (Estes Park) for his smooth dancing and interesting choreography and Don Franklin (Denver) for his high-energy vocal style. The Springs was a great place to dance in the summer, with Monday night dances outside on the Broadmoor terrace and Wednesday nights in Acacia Park. As a H.S. senior, Hal did his history project on the history of square dancing. Dorothy Shaw allowed him to use her personal dance library as a resource for the project. Hal's

family was honored to be invited to dance with the Shaw Fellowship each year, a reunion of the Cheyenne Mountain dancers. His family went to the National Convention in Dallas in 1965, which was eye-opening for a new high school dancer.

Hal went to Engineering school in Boulder and called for the Calico and Boots (C&B) club there. At that time, Bob Riggs was calling for the Aggie Haylofters in Fort Collins. He met Elaine at a C&B dance when her dancing friends dragged her there. Elaine and Hal were married in 1971 and lived in Boulder while he finished school. One summer, Paul Kermiet hired Hal to call for a kid's week at his Lighted Lantern Dance Camp on Lookout Mountain.

The couple moved to Pittsburg (graduate school) then Chicago for Hal's first job before returning to Parker in 1981 to work for Martin Marietta as an engineer. He called dances everywhere they lived. While in Parker, he was the club caller for Red Hot Country Plus and later one of the callers for Fiddlesteppers. Frank Lane had a club in Boulder at that time. Hal and Elaine have always loved dancing together and regularly traveled from Parker to Boulder to dance to Frank.

In 1987, the two took a work transfer to the Washington, DC, area. It was supposed to be for one year but turned into 25 years. Hal called for Belair Square Cats Club, Southern Marylanders Club, and Waggin' Wheel Square Dance Camping DC area. After retiring from Lockheed Martin after 32 years as an engineer in 2015, Hal and Elaine moved to Rocky Ford for three years and then to the Mountains near Salida. Hal called some dances in Denver for a while, but the 3.5-hour drive and overnight stay could not be justified. Hal calls within two hours of home, including Pikes Peak Plus in Colorado Springs, Pueblo

Pepper Steppers, Monarch Mavericks in Salida, and Timberline Toppers in Frisco. Hal says he is fortunate to be the club caller for Pikes Peak Plus in the Springs. During COVID, when all dancing was shut down, Hal and Elaine bought a large shed delivered on a truck, which they turned into a small dance hall, where lessons and workshops were given.

Hal and Elaine say the square dance community has always treated them well. In December 1998, their daughter Allison was paralyzed in a car accident. The callers and dancers in the Baltimore-Washington area put on a benefit dance for them, allowing them to get their first wheelchair van for her.

Hal's goal has always been to provide the kind of dancing he most enjoys as a dancer: smooth dancing and exciting choreography with a variety of music and calling styles. In 2015, Hal received the 50-year calling award from Caller Lab. However, his most cherished award is a plaque from the Belair Square Cats with the following inscription:

In appreciation to Hal Barnes on his 40th anniversary as a square dance caller, June 2005. You have inspired and encouraged many to enjoy the beauty of Square Dancing through your smooth and creative calling style. The square dance community is grateful for your many years of dedication. Presented by the Belair Square Cats.

Elaine has attended almost all the dances Hal has called over the years. She is Hal's biggest fan and his most honest critic. Hal says Elaine is far more difficult to impress than most dancers, but he keeps trying.

THANK YOU HAL AND ELAINE!



**2025 State Festival in Grand Junction June 13 & 14th
REGISTER NOW— Instructions Attached**



Dancing with the Aliens - NM State Festival

A sizeable number of Colorado Square and Round Dancers attended the New Mexico State Festival in Roswell, New Mexico. Monarch Mavericks' Andrieth Davis's daughter Tamara Mendoza is President of the New Mexico Square Dance Association.



Past Lloyd Shaw & SEASDC Hall of Fame Awards

Lloyd Shaw Awards

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| 1998 | Harold Palmer* |
| 1999 | Fran and Gladys Stagg** |
| 2000 | Bill and Alma Cash** |
| 2001 | Ralph and Jane Scanga |
| 2002 | Gregg and Carole Anderson |
| 2003 | Rene' Hall |
| 2004 | Cliff and Darlene* Howe |
| 2005 | Dave* and Jacque Williams |
| 2006 | Dick and Fran Henry** |
| 2007 | Dave* and June Westfall |
| 2008 | Otis Russell* |
| 2009 | Jerry Cash* |
| 2010 | Gene and Elnora* Lorje' |
| 2011 | Melissa 'Missy' Wilson-Causey* |
| 2012 | Karen Stills |
| 2013 | Debbie and Ron* Steinkirchner |
| | No nominees in 2014 or 2015 Michael |
| 2016 | Turley and Andrith Davis |
| 2017 | Roy* and Doris Ratzlaff |
| 2018 | Jeff and Debbie Palmer |
| | No nominees in 2019, 2020 |
| 2021 | Sylvia Armijo, Lilian Bargas, Christine Mondragon |
| | No nominee |
| 2022 | |
| 2023 | Gene and Denise Berens |
| 2024 | Hal and Elaine Barnes |

* Deceased

** Both deceased

SEASDC HALL OF FAME

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|------|---|
| 1990 | Pappy and Dorothy Shaw** Dean and Helen Serena** |
| 1991 | Larry* and Eileen Perotti Dick and Fran Henry** |
| 1992 | Maurice and Lou Maddock** Zeb Bean* |
| 1993 | Harold and Ruth Wilson** Bill and Sheila Bishop |
| 1994 | Clair and Marty Miller** |
| 1995 | Pat Fellion* Terry* and Vicki Cathcart |
| | No inductees in 1996 and 1997 |
| 1998 | Howell and Norma Poucher |
| | No inductees in 1999 |
| 2000 | Bill Hill and Lee Davison** |
| 2001 | Gene and Elnora* Lorje' |
| | No inductees in 2002 and 2003 |
| 2004 | Rod and Pam Gaunt |
| 2005 | Lenny and Merry Grandy** |
| 2006 | Harold* and Ila Palmer Jeff and Debbie Palmer |
| 2007 | Bill and Alma Cash** Henry 'Spike' Cowlshaw |
| | No inductees in years 2008 thru 2016 |
| 2017 | Barbara McPhaul |
| | No inductees in years 2018 thru 2023 |

The SEASDC Hall of Fame was organized to honor those dedicated square and round dancers who gave of their time to serve the offices of club, council, and state levels.

With Love, from our Square Dance Community...

"There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't met."

-William Butler Yeats

**Wedding Congratulations and Much Happiness to
Waggin' Wheelers Ben & Eileen Johnson!**

Healing Prayers and Blessings:

- ☼ Kevin Abernathy — surgery
- ☼ Bob Riggs - hip surgery
- ☼ Allyn Riggs—surgery
- ☼ Leslie Cummins—back surgery
- ☼ Debbie Palmer — surgery
- ☼ Bill Worthington — knee surgery
- ☼ Ron Ruckdeschel — knee surgery
- ☼ Boon McReynolds — surgery
- ☼ Janet Oliveri
- ☼ Bear Miller—knee surgery
- ☼ Jim Pointon — surgery
- ☼ Roger Meston—ALL Leukemia
- ☼ Marcia Brubaker -- knee surgery
- ☼ Nancy Bowser—broken hand
- ☼ Joe Sawtel—Fall

In Memorium: with grateful memories and much empathy...

David Reid—Pepper Steppers
Ken Kendall —Pepper Steppers
Harley McDowell —Pepper Steppers
Scott Amspoker—Beloved Caller from New Mexico
Debbie Palmer—brother passed
Renee Barall—brother passed
Dylan Clark —father passed

If you know of a dancer who would appreciate a card, notify and send name and address to:

Adria Tuttle 719-948-5552 adrlyntut@gmail.com OR

Fran Worthington bfworthington@aol.com

2024 State Square Dance Festival Committee

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

- Chairman – Ken Tucker
- Vice Chairman – Gene & Denise Berens
- Scheduling callers in each hall – Jeff Palmer/Debbie
- Cues schedule – David Starr
- Registrations - Bev Bentley
- Treasurer – Shelia Prior
- Sound – Roger Schappell
- Coordinated ceremonies - Mike Bentley
- Caller/cues room – Linda Davis
- Secretary – Mike Bentley/Nancy Browser
- Publicity/Public Relations Chair - Andrith Davis
- Webmaster – Leslie Klusmire
- Solos Chairperson – Sylvia Armijo
- Decorations – Leslie Benschling
- Hospitality – Debbie Steinkirchner & Gene Lorjes
- Camping – David and Susan Swank
- After Party – CSSDA
- Vendor Coordinator – Ken Tucker
- Special caller – Mike Olivieri
- Featured caller – Hunter Keller
- Facebook – Ben Johnson

COLORADO STATE SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL GATSBY'S ALIVE IN 2025

June 13 & 14, 2025

Friday - Saturday

Featured Caller



DEE DEE DOUGHERTY-LOTTIE

[COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY](#)

(University Center)

1455 N. 12th Street

Grand Junction, CO 81501

GOOGLE MAP IT



Featured Cuers



LARRY & SUSAN SPERRY

For more information: Pat & Wanda McBride

970-434-3543

Email: pandapw3138@gmail.com

GOOGLE LODGING MAP



↓ [Festival Website Here](#) ↓



↓ [Pre-registration Form](#) ↓





55th Peach Promenade



Mike Seastrom
Tarzana, CA

August 23 & 24, 2024
Grand Mesa Middle School
585 31 ½ Rd
Grand Junction, CO

Sponsored by the Colorado West Area
Square & Round Dance Council

www.PeachPromenade.org

[Peach Promenade Square Dance](#)

Questions? Call 970-245-5624 or email
PeachPromenadeGJ@gmail.com



John & Karen Herr
Larkspur, CO

Friday - Mainstream with Plus Tips

7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Pre-Rounds

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Mike S. & Colorado West Area
Callers

Pre-Registration Requested By:

August 15, 2024

Pre-register to enter drawing for free admission.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Phase III & IV Workshop – John & Karen

Mainstream Workshop – Mike Lee

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Phase II Workshop – John & Karen

Plus Workshop – Pat McBride

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Mainstream Dance – Mike S.

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Plus Dance – Mike S.

6:30 p.m. Pre-Rounds – John & Karen

7:15 p.m. Grand March

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Mike S.- Mainstream with Plus Tips



Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____
Phone _____

Make Checks Payable To:
Peach Promenade Committee
P.O. Box 1171
Grand Junction, CO 81502

DONATIONS ARE PER PERSON

PRE-REGISTRATION

AT DOOR

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|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Complete Dance Package (Includes all dances) | (Number) _____ @ \$35.00 _____ | @ \$40.00 _____ |
| Friday Evening Dance Only | (Number) _____ @ \$14.00 _____ | @ \$16.00 _____ |
| Round and/or Square Dance Workshops Only | (Number) _____ @ \$14.00 _____ | @ \$16.00 _____ |
| Saturday Afternoon Dance Only | (Number) _____ @ \$14.00 _____ | @ \$16.00 _____ |
| Saturday Evening Dance Only | (Number) _____ @ \$18.00 _____ | @ \$20.00 _____ |

Total Enclosed \$ _____



73rd National Square Dance Convention®

Baird Center - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024
400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203
A Great Convention, In a Great City, On a Great Lake
Register online at 73nsdc.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
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73rd NSDC
7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Payment Processed _____
 Check# or Ref # _____
 Reg Form 02/20/24

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Phone 2: _____
 Email*: _____

*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

| First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES | | Subtotals |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Adult | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. Adult | _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. Adult/Youth | _____* DOB ___/___/___ | \$ _____ |
| 4. Adult/Youth | _____* DOB ___/___/___ | \$ _____ |
| 5. Adult/Youth | _____* DOB ___/___/___ | \$ _____ |

- Magnet for Badge** (pins provided free) # _____ @ \$ 2.00 \$ _____
 - Program Book & Daily Schedules** (\$25 after 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
 - Round Dance Syllabus** - **USB Drive** or **Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024)** # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
 - Print copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/24)** # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
 - Sew & Save Book** - **USB Drive** or **Digital Download** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 - Cookbook** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
 - Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers"** # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____
 - Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing** # _____ @ \$ 3.00 \$ _____
- Total \$ _____**

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))
 Check Enclosed Cash (In Person) Credit Card

Name on Card: _____

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____

Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____

Expiration Date: _____

- ## INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM
- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com.**
 - Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
 - If you have already PRE-REGISTERED** using our short form, please complete this form also. Enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and **enter \$0 (zero)** in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
 - If not pre-registered**, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
 - Registration fees:** Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
 - Prices will increase May 1, 2024** - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40.
 - Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
 - Registrations are non-transferable.**
 - No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations.**
 - A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. **No refunds after April 30, 2024.**
 - Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
 - If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order **payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC** with this form. Do not send cash.
 - If registering by email, omit payment information on form** You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
- TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 73nsdc.com/tours**
- DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.**
- ___SSD ___Mainstream ___Plus ___Advanced ___Challenge ___Hex
 ___Contra ___Lines ___Rounds ___Handicapable ___Solo ___Veteran
- Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm.
 Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
 Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 73rd NSDC Convention badge is required for entrance to all convention activities**
- HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE**
- Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

Name: _____

More information available at www.73nsdc.com

| HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1st | Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests. | \$169.00+tx |
| 2nd | Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 No discounted parking | \$169.00+tx |
| 3rd | Fairfield Inn & Suites 710 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., Milwaukee No discounted parking | 169.00+tx |
| 4th | Doubletree by Hilton Milwaukee 611 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI No discounted parking | 169.00+tx |
| 5th | Springhill Suites Milwaukee Downtown 744 Vel R Phillips Ave. No discounted parking | 169.00+tx |

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/22 S 6/23 M 6/24 T 6/25 W 6/26 T 6/27 F 6/28 S 6/29 S 6/30

Additional arrive early? ___ or stay late nights? ___ Total nights requested ___

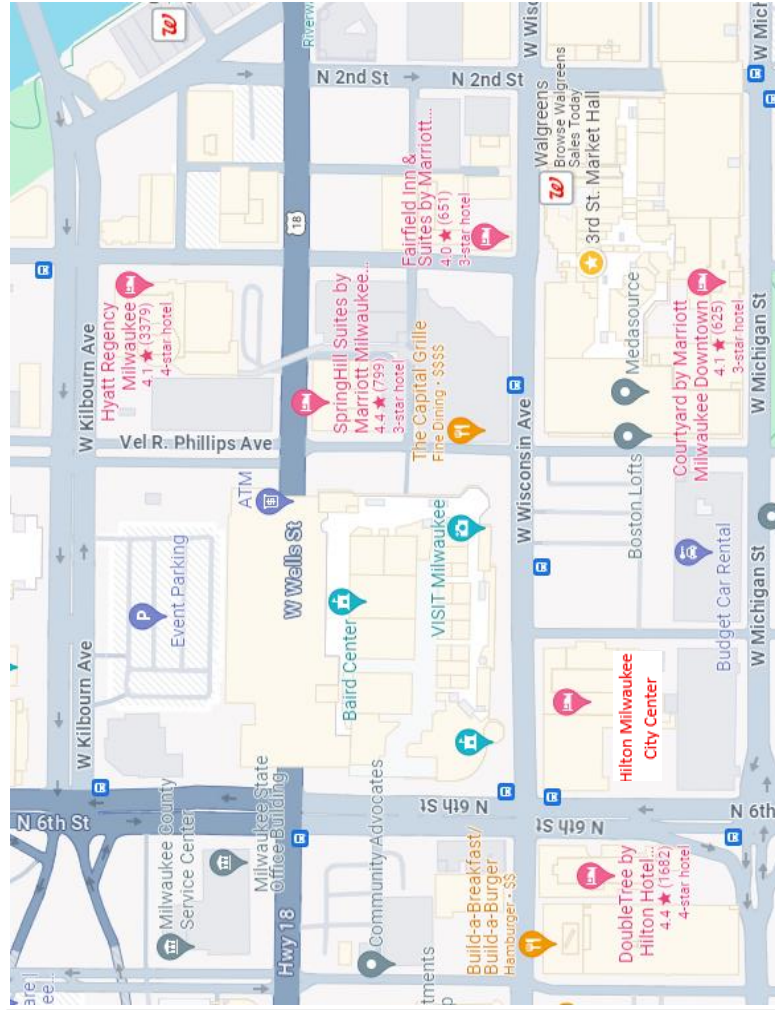
Room request: ___ Single ___ Double ___ Queen ___ King ___
 ___ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75)) ___ Handicap Accessible

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here:

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

No airport shuttle services provided. There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available for the short ride to downtown.

Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and **no later than May 20, 2024**. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees **in the order of convention registration**. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You **must be registered** for the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: housing@73nsdc.com. Convention registrations will be verified.



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

The 73rd NSDC will not be holding or making camping space reservations. Below is a list of area campgrounds. There will be no shuttle service to or from campgrounds.

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| WI State Fair RV Park 6 miles from Baird Center | https://wistatefair.com/wsfp/rv-park/ (Full & partial hookups) |
| Jellystone Park Caledonia 18 miles from Baird Center | https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/ (Includes a waterpark) |
| Cliffside County Campground 22 miles from Baird Center | https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground (No full hookups.) |
| Country View Campground 29 miles from Baird Center | https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/ (Full & partial hookups.) |
| Jefferson County Fair Park 50 miles from Baird Center | https://www.jcfairpark.com (Full & partial hookups.) |
| Reserve America Online campground reservations | https://www.reserveamerica.com/ |

Southwest Area Square Dance Council Meeting Minutes

The SEASDC Council met on May 18 at the First Congregational Church in Pueblo. Members in attendance included Leslie Klusmire, Acting President and Junior Rep, Maverick Monarchs; Lisa and Walter Bubb, Junior Reps, SEASDC and Wagon Wheelers Rep Proxy; Craig Galler, Senior Rep, SEASDC; Sylvia Armijo, Senior Rep, Maverick Monarchs; Linda Davis, Jr. Rep, Pepper Steppers; Susan Swank, Senior Rep, Pikes Peak Plus (via zoom); and Sheila Prior, Treasurer

Guests in attendance included Ken Tucker, 2024 Festival Chair; Mike Bentley, Immediate Past Secretary; Bev Bentley, Immediate Past Treasurer/Festival Registrar; Barbara McPhaul, Past Bulletin Editor, Gene and Denise Berens, Immediate Past SEASDC Presidents, Christine Mondragon; Lil Bargas, Boone McReynolds

Call to Order – Acting President Leslie Klusmire welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

Where We Are Recap – Leslie advised that we now have a different Board than we did at the first of the year. We have had two resignations and need a President and Secretary. Barbara McPhaul has retired as Bulletin editor so we need a new editor. Leslie volunteered to do the layout, but needs help with getting articles. She advised that we had a contract for High Country Weekend but cancelled it for numerous reasons.

Sheila asked why all officers turned over last year when the bylaws say half should change each year. Ken said that if they had a volunteer for any position, whether it was due for election or not, they allowed that person to run. As they had volunteers for all of the positions, the entire Board changed. Sheila asked if an experienced officer would consider being an advisor to the new Board. Ken said if we get word out that help is needed, experienced people will show up to provide assistance. Mike said he'd be happy to help the new Secretary.

Craig Galler said he is willing to run for President. Walt nominated Craig as President. Gene seconded. Motion passed. Senior rep position now needs to be filled. Sheila nominated Walt as Senior Rep. Syl seconded. Sheila

suggested that since Craig is President and she's Treasurer, to avoid any appearance of impropriety, that Leslie should remain the other signer on the bank account.

Board of Directors Guide – Sheila advised that she's putting together a guide that will contain information from all of our guiding documents into a single document. She is finding some discrepancies that will have to be addressed at some point. Once the draft is done, it will be distributed to current and former Board members for their input.

Club Contacts / Communications – Craig has been attempting to gather contact information for officers of each of the clubs. Several clubs have experienced a change in officers. Some positions are still vacant.

We need to that information for numerous reasons.

Non-Profit Status – Mike Bentley has submitted the draft paperwork to become a 501C3 to ensure all of the information is complete and correct. The final application needs to be filled out and submitted, along with a \$100 check. We will need to upload the recent constitution and by laws, and register with Sec of State for change in designation. We are currently a 501C7.

Treasurer's Report – The budget was distributed along with the meeting invitation. At this point, Sheila said we have a negative budget because we do not have enough income without High Country Weekend to support our expenses. The budget contains only \$75 in revenue from the State Festival as that is what is in the state festival budget. It is anticipated revenue from that event will be significantly higher than \$75, therefore covering the loss. SEASDC will receive 100% of the silent auction revenue if we identify a special fund into which it will be placed. After further discussion, Craig made a motion to accept the budget. Walt seconded. Motion passed.

Expense Claim Form – Sheila advised she's developed an expense claim form for SEASDC that individuals should use to submit for reimbursement of expenses.

January Meeting Follow-Up – Discussed the possibility of meeting four (4) times a year to coincide with the state meeting schedule. Craig made a motion to meet four (4) times per year and Walt seconded. Motion passed. If we continue to meet more frequently, the constitution and by-laws will need to be changed.

Craig said the state has requested officer elections and terms of office run from September to September vs. January to January. After discussion, the Board opted to pend this topic.

Tumbleweed Jamboree – Craig reported that the Tumbleweed Jamboree was a success this year. Held April 27, there were six (6) squares of dancers. The State Association met at the Community Center prior to the dance. They reviewed and approved grant requests which now go through a second round of approvals before being awarded.

Ken said the Council needs to identify a host club, date, and location for next year's Tumbleweeds Jamboree. Lisa volunteered the Waggin Wheelers to host and will help coordinate the event. We may want to have a workshop prior to the dance if we have a good number of new dancers.

State Festival Update – Ken provided an update on this year's State Square Dance Festival. At this point 271 have registered. Doors will open at noon for dancers. A team meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, after which time set-up and decorations will be completed. Small water bottles will be provided for the Callers. Water stations will be available for dancers. There will be a solo meet and greet both days. The dress codes have been determined and will be posted to the web. Requests for donations for the silent auction have been made at all the clubs. Schedules will be posted on big electronic screens. Mike Bentley is confirming speakers for the evening events and is coordinating hearing assistance. Bags have been received and Bev Bentley is coordinating stuffing of the bags. Roger Schappell is providing all of the sound equipment and handling set-up. A first aid kit will be available at the registration desk. Gun rules must be posted at the reg desk. A decision to pay local cuers / callers will be made after the event. Awaiting the cuer schedule. Venue has been fully paid. We will owe for staff time of the person(s) in the building during the event. T-shirts have been distributed. Andrith and Michael have promoted the Festival and dances throughout Colorado and the surrounding states. Friday evening will be the Gold Rush song by Jeff Palmer and Debbie Steinkircher.

Silent Auction – SEASDC is allowed to retain all of the silent auction money provided we identify it as going to a particular fund. After discussion, Sheila made a motion that a Promotions and Education fund be identified. Craig seconded. Motion passed.

High Country Weekend - Discussed when and where to host the next High Country Weekend. After discussion, it was decided to try to get the event on the calendar for October. We need to work around a Round Dance Festival and the Cortez Fling. Denise volunteered to work with Gene to identify

potential locales in Pueblo. Sheila and Craig will work on locales in Colorado Springs. Leslie, Ken, and Syl will work on identifying two (2) callers. Denise, Michael and Andrith will be solicited as cuers. Being a 501C3 should get us a better deal. We need to move quickly in order to pull a fall event off. There were 125 dancers in attendance in 2024, which was a higher than normal attendance.

The Bulletin – We need to identify an individual to take over as editor of The Bulletin. Barbara said she's happy to assist. Ideally, we would distribute the newsletter to the club Presidents who would pass it on to all of their club members. Junior and Senior Reps will be asked to submit club news for inclusion in The Bulletin. Getting the information is always the hardest part according to Barbara. In the meantime, Leslie and Sheila will take the lead on the next issue.

Adjournment – With no further business, Syl made a motion to adjourn. Craig seconded. Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Prior, Treasurer*

State Festival Meeting May 10th, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Ken Tucker @ 12:33 p.m.

Attendees: Ken Tucker, Gene & Denise Berens, David & Susan Swank, Mike Bentley, Linda Davis, Shelia Prior on zoom and Andrith Davis on zoom.

Ken went over the agenda that was passed out and several things were discussed such as:

Our total sign up so far is 259 people at last count.

What time callers and cuers might show up. Nothing was determined at this time, but Ken asked if we should have someone close to the doors that knows all the callers and cuers to let them in prior to letting in dancers if needed.

What time to open the doors for dancers. We are looking at opening the doors to everyone at noon.

Getting pricing on caller/cuers room goodies. Andrith brought up that we really didn't need to worry about that. Most callers and cuers brought their own stuff since we all have different dietary demands. She suggested that we have some honey packets, small water bottles on ice and some Kleenex in the room.

Cuer room was discussed and at the present time we will have a limit amount of time that is will be open. Jeff previously let the callers at his meeting know this could happen due to not much participation of volunteers to man the room.

Getting prices on Klondike bars for Saturday afternoon. Everyone agreed that if it is affordable we look at doing something like this. Andrith brought up it has been done at one of the Albuquerque festivals and was a big hit.

Solo meet and greet. We were asked by the state association to try something. What we are going to do is have a meet and greet for all solo dancers each afternoon. That way maybe most can find a partner for at least that evening dance. Syl is working on an announcement.

50/50 raffle tickets. Seemed to go over well with the attendees and Shelia said she thought we had some already for the SEASDC. She is going to check.

Dress for Friday night – Andrith reminded us that it will be a western theme with saloon girls. “Prospector Pete” night.

Dress for Saturday night – Andrith reminded us that it will be a bling bling night. Wear all the gold and glitter. The idea of “Pete Strikes it Rich.”

Auction – Shelia brought up that she needs a volunteer from each club to gather items that are going to be donated to that person to finally get them to Shelia. This is a homemade item only in our auction. Susan and David volunteered to do it for the Waggin’ Wheelers and Pikes Peak Plus clubs.

Shelia is working on getting the schedules so they can be printed out for the dancer’s bags. Andrith brought up that she has the SEASDC printer and between them they can get them printed out.

Ken brought up that the college will have each of the schedules on big screens in each hall and the foyer so dancers can see what is going on where and when.

Mike brought up that he is ready for each night’s opening ceremonies. He is going to email out to all individuals concerned when they get their chance to talk. We are intentionally dividing up the long Saturday night ceremonies so dancers will not have to stand so long each night before dancing starts.

David and Susan brought down the bags to be stuffed for the dancers from Art and Lilly Hardin.

Other concerns were:

Andrith asked about equipment availability – Roger Schappell has all the equipment that we will need after talking to Jeff Palmer.

Andrith brought up having a First Aid kit at the registration table – she volunteered to bring one. Also, her daughter Tamara Mendoza, the New Mexico State Festival Chairman, donated some small Kleenex packets and hand sanitizer that we can have out for people that need or want to use those.

Susan asked about checking with the Chamber of Commerce on getting an updated list of restaurants to put into each dancer’s bag. Gene volunteered to get with the chamber on that.

Gene has already contacted State Farm about items to put into each dancer’s bag.

Gene and Ken have been in contact with the Thunder Zone to attempt to get a discount or a free non-alcoholic beverage to put into each dancer’s bag.

Hearing assist was asked about. David and Susan will check into what the Waggin’ Wheelers have, and Gene and Denise said the Pueblo Pepper Steppers had one as well.

Denise brought up about paying the cuers if we make enough money. It was mentioned that it is on the list to pay the local callers and cuers if we make enough money.

We will have a state festival meeting on Friday June 14th @ 9:00 a.m. at the venue to make sure we are good to go for the day. We could use all on the committee members to be there to help get things going, decorating, setting things up, carrying items in, hanging banners from all clubs along with numerous other things.

Items to add to the website:

- Cues Schedule
- Auction items and where the proceeds will go.
- Single meet and greet.
- The time the doors will be opened for the dancers.
- Dress code for each night.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m. by Ken Tucker

| DATE | CLUB | CALLER/CUER | THEME | |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| June 1 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Molly Baines Blaney | Honoring Father's Day |
| June 7 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis | Natl Donut Day |
| June 8 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | Bob and Allyn Riggs | |
| June 13 | Thu | TRAIL IN DANCE | Jeff, Roger, Bear, Pat & Mitchell | |
| June 14 | Fri | COLORADO STATE | FESTIVAL | |
| June 15 | Sat | COLORADO STATE | FESTIVAL | |
| June 21 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens | |
| June 22 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | Mike Olivieri (Community Center) | Fiesta Time |
| June 28 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis | Hello Summer |
| June 29 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Hal Barnes | ALL PLUS Dance |
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| July 5 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis | Red, White and Blue |
| July 6 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Bob Riggs | America the Beautiful |
| July 12 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis | Patriotic |
| July 13 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | Molly Baines Blaney | Happy Campers |
| July 19 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Debbie Steinkirchner/Denise Berens | |
| July 20 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Debbie Steinkirchner | Pot luck social |
| July 26 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Hal Barnes/Denise Berens | BeachPart |
| July 27 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | Jeff Palmer/Hal Barnes | 46th anniversary |
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| Aug 2 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis | Funny Tee Shirt |
| Aug 3 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Michael Turley | School supplies/church |
| Aug 9 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis | Birthday Bash |
| Aug 10 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | Bob and Allynn Riggs | Summertime Picnic |
| Aug 16 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Jeff Palmer/TBD | |
| Aug 17 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Molly Baines Blaney | Ice cream social |
| Aug 23 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens | |
| Aug 24 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | TBA | |
| Aug 30 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Bill Heinke/Denise Berens | Black & White night |
| Aug 31 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | DARK (Labor Day Weeked) | Sports Night |
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| Sept 6 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis | Birthday Dance |
| Sept 7 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | TBA | Donations/food bank |
| Sept 13 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Debbie Steinkirchner | End of Sumer |
| Sept 14 | Sat | Monarch Mavericks | Mike Olivieri | TBA |
| Sept 20 | Fri | Waggin' Wheelers | Mountain Magic!/Denise Berens | Birthday Dance |
| Sept 21 | Sat | Pueblo Pepper Steppers | Mike Meachum | |
| Sept 27 | Fri | Pikes Peak Plus | Mike Olivieri/Andrith Davis | Autumn Leaves |
| Sept 28 | Sat | Monarch Maverick | Monarch Mavericks | Fall Colors |

| CLUB | LOCATION | TIME | CALLER/ CUER | CONTACT |
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| Monarch Mavericks | American Legion Hut 235 W 10th St Salida | 1:30-2:00 Plus 2:00-4:00 SSD Rounds between tips | Various callers Andrith Davis cueing | Ken Tucker monarch.mavericks @yahoo.com |
| Pikes Peak Plus | International Dance Center 2422 Busch Ave Colorado Springs | Workshop 6:30 Plus 7:00-9:00 | Hal Barnes | Cheryl Mahon cheryl@mahon.us pikespeakplus @outlook.com |
| Pueblo Pepper Steppers | First Congregational United Church of Christ 228 W. Evans, Pueblo | 1:30 –2:00 Plus 2:00-4:00 SSD Rounds between tips | Various callers | PuebloPepperSteppers DanceClub@gmail. com |
| Waggin' Wheelers | International Dance Center 2422 Busch Ave Colorado Springs | Plus 6:45 p.m. SSD 7:30-9:00 2 rounds be- tween tips | Jeff Palmer | wagginwheelers@gmail. com |