SOUTHEAST AREA SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL

Maverick Monarchs
Pepper Steppers
Pikes Peak Plus
Royal Gorge Promenaders
Waggin' Wheelers

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A Note From the President's Desk:

Hello Council Members,

I hope 2025 is off to a great start and that you are taking advantage of the opportunity to square up often and connect with friends new and old.

It is terrific that the clubs in the Southeast Council are working to grow their membership. The Maverick Monarchs, Pepper Steppers, and Waggin Wheelers all started classes in January. Efforts to publicize lessons included printed flyers, newspaper advertising, notices posted to a variety of on-line and social media outlets, and yard signs.

The Monarch Mavericks were thrilled that their multiple outreach efforts resulted in 35 potential dancers showing up for their Open Community Dance. Classes started the following Thursday where 27 individuals made an appearance. Eighteen paid for lessons that night and several more joined the next week. A record breaker for the Monarchs.

The Pepper Steppers started their class with more than 18 new dancers, including several teens. Publicity for lessons was mainly by word of mouth. Their previous class included several youth who recruited their friends for this class. Pepper Stepper members also recruited new dancers and offered a ride to prospective dancers.

Waggin' Wheelers showed up in force and provided lots of good food for noshing during their open house. Twenty-eight new dancers attended and 22 returned for the first class. Always innovative in their outreach efforts, Jeff Palmer called while Chris and Julie Schlumpf and Lisa and Walt Bub demonstrated some moves on a local TV morning show. Club members put signs in their front yard on the weekends advertising the class. The club also placed an enhanced ad on the Gazette calendar, a local newspaper.

In an effort to provide some financial assistance for SEASDC clubs, the planning committee of the 2024 Colorado State Festival, led by Ken Tucker, SEASDC President, coordinated a silent auction of handmade goods.

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Caller's Corner

Behind the Mic with Hal Barnes: Some Thoughts on Maintaining Club Dancing Competence

The Problem

All clubs advertise their dance program: SSD, Mainstream (MS), Plus. Yet the actual dance ability is frequently significantly lower than the advertised program. This mismatch is a problem for both the callers and the dancers. The caller is not confident of which calls will cause breakdowns and the dancers hear calls they cannot dance. This article looks at the causes and possible solutions for this problem.

When a club has a regular club caller, that caller has the responsibility of maintaining the dancing competence. However, leaders of clubs which have predominantly guest callers may not realize that the responsibility of maintaining the dancing capability now falls to them. If no one is responsible, then the trend of lower dance competence is predictable.

Many clubs frequently hire guest callers. The art of being a good guest caller is to find the actual dance ability of the group and call a fun dance at that level. It is not the job of the guest caller to fix dancer problems or maintain the dance ability of the club. Guest callers try to determine the dance level without breaking down the squares. On the other hand, good callers want to expose the dancers to all the calls in a given program to provide a varied, entertaining dancing experience. Finding that balance is the art of being a good guest caller.

SPIN CHAIN THRU is a "poster child" of the problem

identified above. It is on the MS program but rarely, if ever, called at a MS dance because callers know there is a high risk of losing squares. PLUS callers tend to ignore it because it is a MS call and SPIN CHAIN & EXCHANGE THE GEARS is so much more popular. As a result, SPIN CHAIN THRU tends to be a major problem for both MS and Plus dancers due to lack of exposure.

Recently graduated classes can heighten this issue. With pressure to get them into the club too quickly, the class members rarely have enough floor time after being exposed to the calls to smooth out the rough edges and dance the calls properly. The club level drops a little to accommodate them and frequently there is no mechanism in place to bring it back up.

To be clear – we are not blaming the clubs and dancers for this problem. The callers and dancers combine to create a "spiral of death" for many calls. Here is how this happens. Consider the SPIN CHAIN THRU problem. Callers don't call it because they are afraid the dancers will break down. Dancers can't dance it because callers never call it, so they get no practice doing it. This results in SPIN CHAIN THRU rarely being called. The impact of this "call self-censoring" is that callers are not using a significant part of a dance program. The end result is less variety and less interesting dancing. This practice is on full display at festivals where callers cannot take any risks. We get fast, high energy, highly repetitious, low variety dancing.

Some Suggested Solutions

A workshop tip is the opposite of a guest caller tip. The guest caller tries to <u>avoid problem calls</u> and focus on those calls where the dancers are

The Rest of the Story

Caller's Corner, continued

Empower the guest callers – clubs can tell the guest callers that it is OK to do a quick walk through once or twice in a dance if they see general problem areas. This will not happen unless the club empowers the caller to do it. It will slowly improve the dance ability without turning the dance into a workshop.

Floor time for new class – After all the calls have been taught, class should have at least three dances for more floor time which provides more exposure and practice for problem calls. This is a great opportunity to encourage current club members to join the class. Some clubs advertise these final workshop dances to the public. There are two great advantages to this approach: improved dancing ability and better social integration between class and club.

Special workshop dance – When possible, have a special workshop dance on an off week to help improve the dancing level. Invite a popular caller and open it to the public.

Have a dedicated workshop tip — Some clubs on the East coast dedicate the second tip as a workshop tip to help improve the club dance level. Some clubs have a half-hour workshop before the dance. This is quite effective in raising the club dance ability over time provided the dancers support the workshop. Pikes Peak Plus in Colorado Springs has used this approach over a period of years to quietly raise the level without much fanfare. These solutions don't happen by themselves. They are the result of clubs developing a strategy and working with callers to maintain and improve the dancing competence for the advertised program. If your club has mainly guest callers, what is your plan for dance competence?

Hal Barnes, halbarnes32@gmail.com

A Note from the President, continued

The Council voted to direct auction proceeds to a dedicated Promotions and Education fund. The auction raised nearly \$1,000 that is now available to Southeast area clubs through our Grant program.

An application and details about how to apply for grant funding has been shared with club Presidents. Clubs are welcome to apply for reimbursement of up to \$200 for expenses incurred for classes taking place in 2025.



I urge clubs to share their experience in preparing for their current class. Talk about advertising, demo

It's great to see young people take up square dancing. Pepper Stepper youth recruited their friends to join in the fun.

dances, print advertising, social media, and other efforts they undertook to enlist new dancers. By learning from each other's successes and nice try's, we can all benefit and help grow square dancing.

See you across the square.

Sheila president@squaredanceseasdc.org

CHECK OUT THE NEW SEASOC WEBSITE!

https://squaredanceseasdc.org/

Thanks to Leslie Klusemire for all of her hard work to develop and maintain the website!

SEASDC News

HELP! Volunteers Needed

Thanks to Sarah Lang, who recently agreed to become secretary, we currently have only one position unfilled on the Southeast Area Square Dance Council. We are looking for an individual who can spare a little time to help the square dance community by serving as Vice-President. The job probably isn't as onerous as you might think. The Council meets four (4) times a year, always before one of our clubs dances, so following the meeting, we get to square up. That alone is a reason to volunteer!

Major responsibilities of the Vice-President includes presiding at Council meetings in the absence or incapacity of the President, keeping the Council Banner and flag, and coordinating the Tumbleweed Jamboree working with the host club to make dance arrangements.

I've been working with the Council for a little over a year now and I can tell you, they're a great bunch to work with. Our aim is to provide additional resources and information to support our member clubs, to help them grow and to improve square dancing. If you have questions about volunteering for the Council, please reach out to any Council member. If you are ready to volunteer, please reach out to me at 480-259-8036.

Hope to hear from you! Call or text any of us.

Sheila

Sheila Prior, President, 480-259-8036
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Craig Galler, Treasurer, 602-616-4253
Lisa Bub, Senior Rep to CSSDA, 719-373-8262
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Susan Swank, Bulletin Editor, 719-439-5683

SEASDC Guiding Documents Being Updated

After 2024 Council elections, the Southeast Area Square Dance Council had a completely new Board of Directors, with one exception. Many of the officers were fairly new dancers and none had served on the Council in the past. They noted that the SEASDC Constitution and By-Laws had not been updated in many years and found that much of the information was duplicated, outdated, or incorrect.

The Council has been working to make significant changes to the Constitution and by-laws, simplifying and clarifying language.

The revised documents have been sent to member Clubs for review and approval. Questions and suggestions are of course welcome.

In addition, the Council has created an Operational Manual that contains details on things not included in the Constitution and By Laws. Things like planning the State Festival, Southeast Swing, and Tumbleweeds Jamboree. Processes on website maintenance, publishing The Bulletin, annual audits, award programs, and other important information will be included. This document should provide significant assistance to future volunteers.

2025 Proposed Council Meeting Schedule

March 28 Colorado Springs

July 5 Pueblo

September 19 Colorado Springs

Attracting New Square Dancers

Attracting New Square Dancers: Lessons Learned

by Ken Tucker, President Monarch Mavericks

The Maverick Monarchs kicked off square dance lessons on January 16 for the first time in three (3) years. We had hoped to have a class in 2023, but turnout did not warrant a class, so we decided to skip 2023 and regroup for 2024. We learned from other clubs what worked



and what didn't.
Based on their experience, we focused on social media and printed

flyers to blanket nearby communities with information about our Open Community Dance on January 11.

We put flyers up at businesses and community gathering places, took out ads on Facebook, posted information on numerous community accounts, and paid for six (6)

weeks of ads in the Mountain Mail where we took

advantage of SEASDC's 501(c)(3) certification to receive a discounted rate.

also met



with newspaper staff who published an article on our upcoming class. Marketing efforts started in November and continued right up until our 'try it – you'll like it' dance.

Our efforts paid off! Thirty-five potential new dancers showed up for our community dance - a record breaker for the Monarchs. Lessons started the following Thursday and out of the 35 who originally showed up, 27 new dancers came to the first lesson (which was free) to try their hand at squaring up. We asked folks to tell us where they heard about the dance and were pleased to learn that each of our advertising venues was successful.



Dancers throughout the
Southeast Council enjoyed the
challenge of Eric Henerlau's
Super Plus Weekend in
Albuquerque. Show here,
they're all dolled up for the
Valentine's Day dance.
Reports say the Weekend was
tons of fun with mind-blowing
work.

Maverick Monarchs Andrith Davis and Michael Turley cued on Friday and Saturday.

The Promenaders are Back

Royal Gorge Promenaders Social Square Dance Club is Back!

by Susan Levy, RGP President

The NEW Royal Gorge Promenaders Social Square Dance

Club is now officially a part of the Southeast Area Square Dance Council. A group of dancers completed lessons in

August and the club held its first dance on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 with Hal Barnes as caller and a theme of: First Time. The first dance was a great success! With loving support from the Waggin' Wheelers, Pueblo Pepper Steppers, Monarch Mavericks, and many wonderful individuals, we had a fabulous inaugural dance with five squares of invigorated dancers. The original Royal Gorge Promenaders Square

Want more information on the classes or to become a member? Contact us at royalgorgepromenaders@gmail.com or send a text to

will be held every Monday for 14 weeks, beginning April

7th through July 14th. Hal Barnes is the instructor.



719-660-4817 or 719-371-0707.

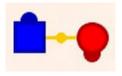
Dance Club existed for several decades and club officers are working to learn more about their history and heritage.

Over the past few months, the club has continued to host their dances and work to grow their membership. We are happy to report that we currently have 24 members and would love to have more! These members were all registered in one evening at our Sweetheart Dance on February 12,2025! Each member received a cute gift bag with a Royal Gorge Promenaders pocket-sized notepad, a honey stick, a snack baggie of healthy, crunchy munchies and sweet treats, and even a fortune cookie. All to show the club's love and appreciation to our new members. Additional new members joining at our March and April dances will be shown the same love as well!

We dance on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM to 9:00 with Plus at 6:30 and SSD starting at 7:00. We will be kicking off our next class with a free introductory dance beginning on March 31st. SSD classes

TAMINATIONS ..

A very helpful self-instruction tool for learning the moves of square dancing. It provides official definitions of the calls,



enables you to put each call in motion, and see it being danced symbolically by colored squares and circles on your screen. It's a free app for your phone (Android and iphone) and computer that's available via Google Play.

CSSDA Leadership (newly elected)

Presidents: Marshall and Molly Baines
Vice President: Ken Tucker
Treasurer: Marilyn Berg

Past Presidents: Dan and Elizabeth Romero

SEASDC Club News

Monarch Mavericks

The Monarch Mavericks had a very successful open house on Saturday Jan. 11th, where more than 50 people, including 35 new dancers, showed up for their community dance! There were six squares including prospective students and current dancers! They started a new class on January 16th with over 20 students. Lessons will run for 14 weeks. Visitors are always welcome! Regular dances are held in the American Legion Hut in Salida, 235 W 10th Street on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1:30-4:00, with pre-rounds at 1:00.



Members of the Monarchs spent a recent Saturday morning giving the Legion Hut their regular dance haunt a good cleaning.

Board Members:

President - Ken Tucker
Vice President - Craig Galler
Secretary - Holly Householder
Treasurer - Kim Kastens
Sr. Rep - Sylvia Armijo
Jr. Rep - Lil Bargas

Pepper Steppers

Pepper Steppers kicked off lessons on January 16th with Mike Bentley in the lead. They currently have 15 new dancers taking classes.

They have a fantastic new location at Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church. 3913 Sandalwood Lane, Pueblo, CO 81005. Pueblo Pepper Steppers welcomes all dancers to join them on the 1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons for Plus at 1:30 and SSD at 2:00 at their new venue.

Board Members:

President - Vacant Vice President - Vacant Secretary - Mike Bentley Treasurer - Denise Berens

Pikes Peak Plus

Pikes Peak Plus dancers continue to workshop skills each dance with Hal Barnes. They are especially proud that all dance attendees participate, showing their collective commitment to maintaining and extending their Plus skills. Dancers laugh together when things get challenging and celebrate their success. Some members have noted that these sessions have helped them dance successfully with a variety of callers when they travel and dance with other clubs across the US. Join us 2nd and 4th Friday nights at 6:30 for workshop and dance following at 7:00.

Board Members:

President – Cheryl Mahon
Vice President – Larylee Hitchens
Secretary – Janet Burns
Treasurer – Ron Ruckdeschel
Sr. Rep – Susan Swank
Jr. Rep - Vacant



Pepper Steppers showed up in force to steal their banner back from the Waggin Wheelers.

SEASDC Club News

Royal Gorge Promenaders

The Royal Gorge Promenaders Social Square Dance Club are dancing on the second Wednesday of each month 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at The Golden Age Center, 728 Main Street, Cañon City, CO, 81212. They begin with Plus from 6:30-7:00 and SSD 7:00-9:00. They will be kicking off their next class with a free introductory dance beginning on March 31st, 2025. SSD classes will be held every Monday for 14 weeks, beginning April 7th through July 14th. Hal Barnes will be the instructor.

Upcoming dances include: Wed, Mar 12, 2025 with Todd Albright calling and a theme of "Be Lucky All Month." Their April dance on April 09, 2025, will feature Ervin Wyatt calling and "April Flowers" as their theme. Come join them! Want more information on the classes or to become a member? Contact the club at royalgorgepromenaders.com or text 719-660-4817 or 719-371-0707.

Board Members:

President: - Susan Levy
Vice President - Larry Richards
Secretary - Debbie Jones
Co-Treasurers - Shellie Busetti and Candie Day

year's Tumbleweed Jamboree on April 19th. Dancers of all skill levels are invited! Come support our new dancers across the region! We dance 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays with Plus at 6:45 and SSD at 7:30.

Board Members:

Co-Presidents - Chris Schlumpf & Julie Schlumpf Vice President - Walt Bub Treasurer - Gayle Short Secretary - Lisa Bub Sr/Jr Reps - Vacant

Some Pepper Stepper History According to Barbara McPhaul

In the summer of 2012, the two Pueblo square clubs decided to merge. They were Leather & Lace and Buttons & Bows. There was a contest to name the new club, the name Barbara submitted was chosen and the two clubs became the Pepper Steppers.

Amazing factoid . . . there were something like 19 SEASDC clubs when Barbara became editor of The Bulletin in 2002.

Waggin' Wheelers

Waggin' Wheelers are currently conducting a SSD class with 20 new students and some folks returning to brush up on their skills. They kicked off this session of classes with an open house attended by 80 people despite snow requiring rescheduling the event. They will be hosting this



Members of the Waggin Wheelers got into the spirit of Mainstream at the Super Plus Weekend in Albuquerque.

Have a story or photos to share ... contact Bulletin editor Susan Swank at at newsletter@squaredanceseas dc.org

Let's Dance!

	FEBRUARY												
DATE	CLUB	CALLER/CUER	THEME										
2/1/2025	Pepper Steppers	Larry Marchese/Denise Berens	Super Bowl Dance										
2/7/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens											
2/8/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis/Michael Turley	Doo Dah Dance										
2/12/2025	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Mike Olivieri	Bring Your Sweetheart										
2/14/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Larry Marchese/Denise Berens	Sweetheart Dance										
2/15/2025	Pepper Steppers	Mike Olivieri	Valentine Dance										
2/21/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Allyn Riggs	In the Pink										
2/22/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	Black and White and Red All Over										
2/28/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/John&Karen Kerr	Mardi Gras Dance										
	N	MARCH											
3/1/2025	Pepper Steppers	Jeff Palmer	50/50 Arm Stretch										
3/7/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens											
3/8/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	50's Sock Hop										
3/12/2025	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Todd Albright	Be Lucky All Month										
3/14/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	DARK	Cruising the Caribbean										
3/15/2025	Pepper Steppers	Molly Blaney	Pot of Gold—Lottery Ticket Drawing										
3/21/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	DARK	Cruising the Caribbean										
3/22/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	47th Anniversary Dance/Club Colors										
3/28/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Denise Berens	Something on a Stick Day										

Still Dancing!

		APRIL					
DATE	CLUB	CALLER/CUER	THEME				
4/4/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Mitchell T					
4/5/2025	Pepper Steppers	Hal Barnes	Bring a Joke to Share				
4/9/2025	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Ervin Wyatt	April Flowers				
4/11/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes	Disco Night				
4/12/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Jeff Palmer	Earth Day				
4/18/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Mitchell T					
4/19/2025	TUMBLEWEED JAMBOREE!	International Dance Club, Colorado Springs					
4/25/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Denise Berens	Bunny Hop				
4/26/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	Can't-Wait-for-Spring				
		MAY					
5/2/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Debbie Steinkirchner/ Andrith Davis	Graduation				
5/3/2025	Pepper Steppers	Jerry Gilbreath					
5/9/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Denise Berens	National Lost Sock Day				
5/10/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	Flowers for Mom				
5/14/2025	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Loren Behm	Happy Mother's Day				
5/16/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Allyn Riggs					
5/17/2025	Pepper Steppers	Debbie Steinkirchner	14th Anniversary				
5/23/2025	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes / Andrith Davis	Grease-50's Dance				
5/24/2025	Monarch Mavericks	Molly Baines	Past Festival Outfits				
5/31/2025	Waggin' Wheelers	Bob Riggs/Denise Berens					

With Love, from our Square Dance Community...

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

-William Butler Yeats

Healing Prayers and Blessings:

- Roger Meston
- Ken Newberry
- Renee Barrell
- Linda Davis
- Bev Bentley



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

Adria Tuttle 719-948-5552 adriventum address to:

OR

Fran Worthington bfnworthington@aol.com.

Did you know ...

Square dancing developed long ago from a mix of English country dances and African American social dances. The typical formation is four couples in the shape of a square. However, all along the Appalachian Mountains it became popular to run square dance steps in large circle dances using as many couples as can fit on the floor. The Circle Dance often uses moves like the Right and Left Grand to continually have a dancer switch partners.

This gives everyone a chance to dance with everyone and often breaks the ice for folks a little nervous about meeting others and asking them to dance.

Want to learn more about square dancing? Read on . . . <u>Top Ten Things You</u>

.. <u>Top Ten Things You</u> <u>Didn't Know About Square</u> <u>Dancing</u>



SEASDC Meeting Minutes

Southeast Area Square Dance Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2025

Legion Hut, Salida, CO / Zoom

Attendees:

Craig Galler, President; Ken Tucker, Co-President; Sheila Prior, Treasurer; Syl Armijo, Maverick Monarchs Senior Rep; Lil Bargas, Maverick Monarch's Junior Rep; Lisa Bubb; Junior Rep to CSSDA and Waggin Wheelers Junior Rep; Walt Bubb, Waggin Wheelers Senior Rep and Waggin Wheelers Senior Rep; and Mike Bentley, Pepper Steppers Rep and Larylee Hitchens, Pikes Peak Plus Rep, via Zoom.

Welcome and Call to Order – President Craig Galler welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.

<u>Meeting Minutes</u> – Minutes from the October meeting were distributed via email after the last meeting. With no discussion, Ken made a motion to approve the minutes. Syl seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Sheila provided a written copy of the financials. Assets total \$18,847.72. Liabilities are \$4,272.73, with total equity of \$14,574.99. Grants are being tracked separately. Syl made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Craig seconded. Motion passed.

Craig suggested we collapse the savings account into either the money market or checking account as we are only making 4c to 5c per month. A suggestion to take out a CD was made.

ACTION: Craig research account options, including taking out a CD and report back next meeting.

<u>Congratulations to our Newly Elected SEASDC Officers</u> – Craig acknowledged and thanked individuals who ran for reelection in 2024; Sheila Prior, Treasurer and Lisa Bub, CSSDA Junior Representative. Leslie Klusmire resigned as Vice-President to spend more time developing club websites. Vice-President and Secretary positions are still open. Craig suggested he and Sheila trade positions as he is more qualified to handle financials and Sheila has more organizational leadership experience. Ken made a motion for Craig to become Treasurer and Sheila to step up to President. Syl seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION: Sheila to write letter to Glacier Bank to replace herself and Leslie with Craig and Ken as signatories on

the bank accounts.

ACTION: Craig and Ken complete paperwork at Glacier Bank.

SEASDC Constitution, By-Laws and Policies - Suggested revisions to the constitution and by-laws were distributed via email to Board members prior to the meeting. Revisions were significant and eliminated redundancies. Hall of Fame criteria were significantly revised. A draft Operational Manual has been developed but help is needed to finalize the document.

ACTION: Mike will talk to Adria Tuttle about Sunshine and Shadows procedures. Sheila will discuss with Leslie

Klusmire about the website and Susan Swank about The Bulletin.

ACTION: Sheila will add CSSDA Blue Book procedures to Operational Manual where appropriate.

<u>Secretary Vacancy</u> – Board members were asked to think about / solicit individual to serve as SEASDC Secretary. Make solicitation announcement(s) at club dances.

ACTION: Council members solicit for Secretary / make announcements at dances.

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Google Drive – Leslie set-up a Google Drive which will serve as a repository for SEASDC documents.

ACTION: Council members review Google Drive and make suggestions for changes. Provide documents for

posting.

<u>Insurance</u> – Abbi Palmer at CSSDA is the insurance representative. Dance venues, including Festival venues, should be identified when submitting paperwork.

<u>Canon City Club Update</u> – Ken, Mike, and Bev recently met with representatives of the Royal Gorge Promenaders to help them figure out requirements they need to fulfill to become a square dance club. They have draft by-laws and have a task list to complete. Progress has been very slow. RPG will not be recognized as a square dance club until they have fulfilled all new club requirements.

Club Updates – The Monarch Mavericks are holding an open community dance on January 11, with classes starting on the 16th. Pikes Peak Plus has 20 members and recently held elections. Pueblo Pepper Steppers start lessons on January 16 and hope to have more than two (2) squares of new dancers. Waggin Wheelers did a dance demo on Fox 21. They have an Open House, with a pot luck, scheduled for the 14th. Large signs containing a phone number for those interested in lessons were utilized. They were not as successful as hoped. Classes start the 16th with repeating lessons each week; Tuesday's lessons will be repeat on Thursday. Chris Schlumpf has been elected President, Walt Bub as Vice President, Lisa Bub as Secretary, and Gayle Short as Waggin Wheeler's Treasurer.

<u>Club Membership</u> – We need to provide CSSDA with information on active dancers per club, as well as a list of current officers. Dancers belonging to more than one club should not be counted twice.

ACTION: Ken compare club member lists to eliminate duplicate dancers.

ACTION: Sheila ask for new member lists from all of the clubs. Share with Lisa and Ken.

<u>Tumbleweed Jamboree</u> – The Waggin Wheelers will host the 2025 Tumbleweed Jamboree. They have selected April 19 as the dance date. Waggin Wheelers and Pueblo Pepper Steppers will go dark that weekend. Hall of Fame and the Lloyd Shaw award will be presented during the dance. We need a TJ coordinator since we do not currently have a VP.

ACTION: Lisa and Walt determine whether a workshop will be offered prior to the dance.

ACTION: Sheila revise Tumbleweed Jamboree flyers for 2025 and send to Lisa.

ACTION: Sheila send flyer to all SEASDC clubs and ask them to encourage new dancers to attend.

ACTION: Lisa apply for CSSDA grant for the Jamboree.

<u>Awards</u> – Nominations for the Lloyd Shaw Award are open until February 1. At this point, two (2) individuals are being submitted for the Hall of Fame. Ken is now the Chair for the Hall of Fame award.

<u>Southeast Swing Plans</u> – Southeast Swing will be held October 31 – November 1 at the Fairgrounds in Pueblo. Jet Roberts is calling and Mitchell Thompson cueing. RV camping is available on-site. Full hook-ups for \$45. A reduced rate has been secured at the Microtel. Halloween costumes are encouraged on Friday night. An email invite has been sent to all Colorado club Presidents. Ken has notified clubs in Arizona and South Texas.

ACTION: All Council members should promote Southeast Swing.

ACTION: Sheila send email invite to all State Festival attendees, as well as to surrounding states dance

organizations.

<u>Leadership Program</u> – Mike suggested the Council develop a leadership program to get new volunteers. Ken believes CSSDA may have materials available that would be helpful in such a program. Larylee suggested a mentorship program be developed.

ACTION: Ken research leadership materials available from CSSDA.

ACTION: Council consider developing a mentorship program for new Council members.

<u>Grant Program</u> – SEASDC grants will be available to help clubs recruit new members. An anonymous donor is making funding available for dancers, callers and cuers.

ACTION: Craig revise grant application form and send to Sheila to distribute to clubs with information about grant

funding.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of CSSDA is April 19. SEASDC should meet at least two (2) weeks prior.

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

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Prior, President



SEASOC BALANCE SHEET

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

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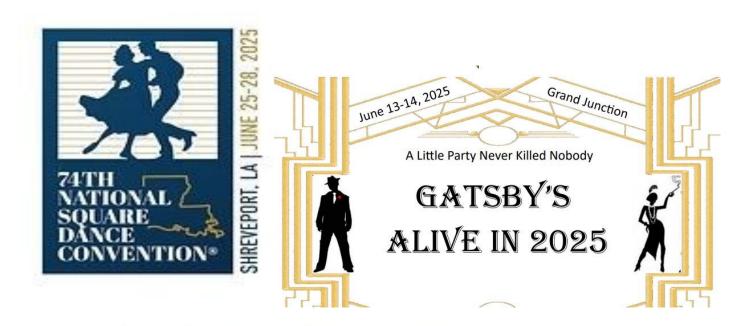
SEASDC is a 501(c)(3) organization that reports on a cash basis. Liabilities are shown only for reference and Council reporting purposes

PREVIOUS YEAR CURRENT YEAR DIFFERENTIAL

ASSETS		
SEASDC Operational Cash	\$ 5,055.29	
State Festival Cash	\$ 6,939.86	
SEASDC Savings	\$ 2,600.08	
SEASDC Money Market	\$ 4,252.49	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 18,847.72	
LIABILITIES		
SEASDC Unconditional Grant for		For Council reporting purposes Grants are earmarked funds
dance education and promotion	\$ 802.80	and are treated on this Balance Sheet as a Liability
2024 CSSDA State Festival Share	\$ 3,469.93	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,272.73	
EQUITY	\$ 14,574.99	

Upcoming Festivals

Register Now ... Flyers Follow



The Southeast Area Square Dance Council invites you to

Southeast Swing

October 31 - November 2, 2025

Creative Arts Building, Colorado State Fairgrounds
Pueblo, Colorado









Saturday, April 19, 2025

International Dance Hall Colorado Springs





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Calling

Jeff Palmer & Debbie Steinkirchner

Schedule

12:45 – 1:30 New Dancer Workshop

1:30-4:00 - SSD

Dance Fee

Let's Square Up

\$10

International Dance Club 2422 Busch Avenue, Colorado Springs

The Workshop provides a great opportunity for new dancers to improve their skills. All are welcome. Come join us!

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International
caller Jet
Roberts has
more than 50
years of
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is sure to
provide a great
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we'll be dancing on a wooden floor. Mitchell and
Chelsea Thompson
are our featured
cuers. With more
than 20 years of
cueing
experience, they
are a true joy to
dance to.



Dance Schedule

Friday

7:00-10:00 Halloween Dance

Saturday

9:00-12:00 Rounds/SSD/Plus Workshops

1:30-4:00 Plus/SSD/Rounds

6:30-10:00 Rounds/Southeast Swing

Sunday

9:00-11:00 Trail Out Dance

Wear a fun Halloween costume

on Friday night.

Visit our website to learn more.



Registration Fees

Early Bird – by 7/30/25 - \$60 Pre-Reg – 8/1 to 10/1/25 - \$65 On-Site Reg - \$75 1 Day Pre-Reg – by 10/1/25 - \$40 1 Day Reg - After 10/1/25 - \$55 Youth (18 and under) – Free Credit card fee - \$5

Camping

Full-service RV camping is available at the Fairgrounds for \$45/night. Contact Ava at (719) 404-2049 to make your reservation.

Hotel Accommodations

Book a room at the Microtel Inn & Suites located at 3343 Gateway Drive in Pueblo by calling (719) 569–5274.

Southeast Swing Registration Form

Dancer#1:	Dancer #2:		
Address:			
Phone:	Email:		5 - 13 to
# of People Registering:	Registration Fee(s) Enclosed: \$	Today's Date:	

Payment by check: Please make check payable to "SEASDC". Mail your check, along with your completed registration form to: Lynn Boone, P.O. Box 1156, Salida, CO 81201.



University Center is located on 12th St. between North Ave. and Elm St.

FAQs

Dorms: Bunk beds

Campus provides bed linen only

Two Dorm suites share bathroom

Camping: Self-contained units only

Meals: Full package only

Hotel Maverick:

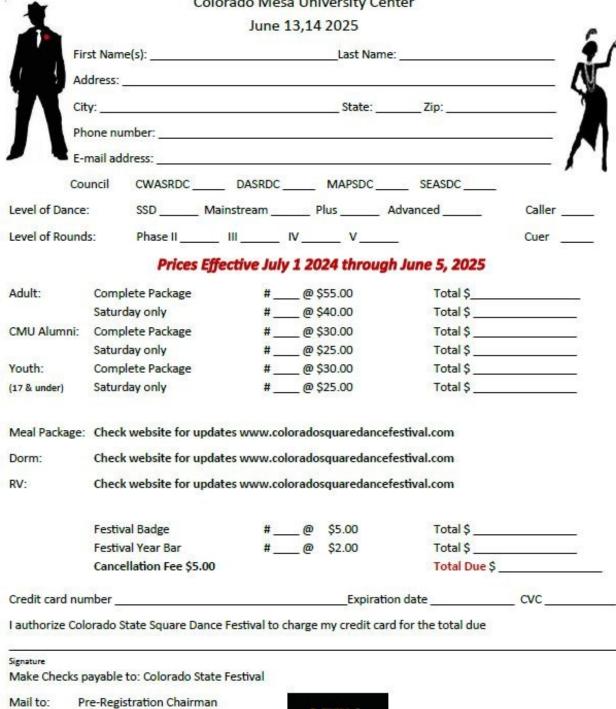
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Dancing: All Dancing on wood floors



Colorado Mesa University Center



P O Box 1171

Grand Junction, CO 81502-1171

970-434-3543



Square Dance Attire requested at evening activities

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74th National Square Dance Convention® Shreveport Convention Center - June 25-28, 2025 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana Register online at 74nsdc.com Come Dance on the Wild Side

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More information available at www.74nsdc.com

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56th Peach Promenade





Buddy Weaver San Diego, CA

August 22 & 23, 2025 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



Randy & Lorraine Pratt
Albuquerque, NM

Friday - Mainstream with Plus Tips

7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Pre-Rounds

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Buddy Weaver & Colorado West Area Callers

Pre-Registration Requested By: August 15, 2025

Pre-register to enter drawing for free admission.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Phase III & IV Workshop - Pratts

Mainstream Workshop - Mike Lee

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Phase II Workshop – Pratts

Plus Workshop - Pat McBride

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Mainstream Dance - Buddy

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Plus Dance - Buddy

6:30 p.m. Pre-Rounds - Pratts

7:15 p.m. Grand March

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Buddy - Mainstream with Plus Tips

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Address			Peach Promenade	Committee	
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