

## SOUTHEAST AREA SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL CLUBS

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Pepper Steppers  
Pikes Peak Plus  
Royal Gorge Promenaders  
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## From the President's Desk

Hi dancers!

We just finished another successful year for the SEASDC clubs. Our clubs are growing and we are all excited. Currently there are 2 new SSD/New Mainstream classes going on. One is sponsored by the Pueblo Pepper Steppers in Pueblo and the other by Waggin' Wheelers in Colorado Springs. There is even a whisper going around that we could have another class in the spring with the Royal Gorge Promenaders (*spoiler alert: a new class is now scheduled-check page 10 for more information*).

We have round dance classes going on in Colorado Springs and Canon City. Our future looks bright with the growth of our clubs. All our members are striving hard to improve and grow square dancing in our area.

We have a new Executive board to start the year 2026. They are:

- President: Ken Tucker
- Vice President: Andrith Davis
- Treasurer: Kim Kastens
- Secretary: Sarah Lang
- Bulletin Editor: Susan Swank

- Sr. Reps: Walt & Lisa Bub
- Jr. Reps: David & Susan Swank

I am pleased to announce that Sarah Lang, Susan Swank and Walt and Lisa Bub are staying on the team. We have a great group of volunteers. You can never have too many volunteers. Speaking of volunteers, please see my article about being a volunteer on page 8.

As we move on into the year, please check all the dance schedules. We have some very exciting dances at all our clubs. We have excellent and knowledgeable callers, so pick a time and come visit us. At most of our dances we will have a small workshop to add the necessary calls to get all our SSD dancers up to the New Mainstream level. Also, during the plus portion of the dance, we will work on those new calls for the New Plus. We look forward to the challenge of learning the new calls.

Ken Tucker

Keep up with all things square dancing on the SEASDC website  
<https://squaredanceasdc.org/>

# 76th National Square Dance Convention

## 76th National Square Dance Convention and RVing: Time to Plan Your Trip to Loveland, June 2027 and More!

Hi square dancing friends, Terry Brubaker here with lots of information for you about upcoming National Square Dance Conventions (NSDC) and related events.

About us briefly: Marcia & I have volunteered to be on the team that is organizing the NSDC coming to the Loveland Colorado area in June of 2027. We anticipate hosting around 2,800 dancing friends from around the USA and other countries as well. Marcia and I are serving as the convention Vice Chairs for RV and Camping and our duties include lots of meetings with the entire working team headed by Art & Lilly Harden as General Chairmen. This puts us in a position to take in a lot of good information. So...

Here are some fun events to schedule on your calendar along with logistical Tips. I'm putting these in what I consider to be the order of importance (and are actually reversed chronologically) to add to your "Must Do" list.

On June 23-26, 2027 we host the 76th National Square Dance Convention (76NSDC) in Loveland, Colorado. This is an absolutely do-not-miss event, and will be the 9th National Convention for Marcia & I.

**Tip 1:** If you are not yet registered, go online and do so as soon as possible. Access to reserved blocks in the convention hotel and those hotels very close by will be opened up on a first-come first-served basis in the order of registration. There are already 967 advanced registrations in place to include folks from Australia, Britain and Canada. Register at <https://76nsdc.com>

If you want to attend the Loveland Festival in 2027 and stay in your RV, there are a number of area

campgrounds that are reasonably priced. However, one is much closer to the dance venue than the rest.

**Tip 2:** Reserve an RV spot at the Loveland RV Resort immediately; it will fill up quickly and reservations are open now. Go to the website to see a link to this and other area camping sites and for a lot of information on all of the area campgrounds.

**Tip 3:** Pay close attention to the notes and the dates when reservations can be made. Go to: <https://76nsdc.com/accommodations/> and scroll down to the RV section.

This year, just 5 months from now, on June 24-27 the National Square Dance Festival is being held in Waco Texas. These festivals are loads of fun and this one will be a great "warm up" to our own Colorado Festival the following year. Also, it is much closer in travel mileage than many previous events.

**Tip 4:** Sign up on line and attend! Go to: <https://75nsdctx.com/>

**Tip 5:** if you are an RV person, camping information can also be found on the event web site; make your camping reservation soon.

Just one weekend before the NSDC in Texas, June 17-19, the National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA) in Texas is holding their big event which they call a "Camporee". Marcia & I attended the similar one in Shreveport last year and it was a lot of fun, and we are going

Are You Registered Yet?  
June 17 thru 19, 2026  
Belville, Texas

Check this out!

ALL NSDCA New Members

\$50.00 Discount on 2026 CAMPOREE

Hurry and get signed-up for the 68th Annual NSDCA Camporee being held in Texas. In addition to getting your official NSDCA (pin) badges free, we would like for you to take \$50.00/couple - \$30.00/single off your camporee registration fee for the upcoming 2026 Wild West camporee, being held at the Coushatta Recreation Ranch in Texas. (June 17, 18 & 19, 2026)

Need additional information contact: John & Dolly Ide  
(352) 208-5980

this year to the Texas event as well. So, if you are an RV person, this Camporee will give you a second reason to go to Texas this June. Go to their web site, download the flyer and registration form, and sign up. Do it here: <https://nsdca.org/camporees.php> Note that on the registration form, there is an extra \$20 charge for non-members. This is for a one-year membership which you will need to include. However...

*Tip 6:* If you have never attended one of the organization’s Camporees, they are then offering a \$50 discount for first time attendees! Just make a note of this on the bottom of the form and deduct \$50 from the final amount! So, just to be clear: pay an extra \$20 to join, but then save \$50, resulting in actually saving \$30 while also getting a free one-year membership!

A brief aside about joining the NSDC and getting to know new people who love both camping and square dancing: Here is an excerpt from the organizations most recent newsletter written by their board member Tricia: “We enjoyed 11 potluck dinners at the Camporee, which really brought everyone together and made the week so special. We also met Marcia and Terry Brubaker from Colorado Springs, who are the camping chairpersons for the 2027

National Square Dance Convention in Loveland, Colorado. In October, Neal and I



New Friends! Terry and Marcia Brubaker with Tricia and Neal Chartier

attended a wedding and decided to drive up to visit Marcia and Terry for dinner — just one of the many bonuses of attending Camporees: you make friends from all over the country who quickly start to feel like family. I’m also thrilled to share that we’ve welcomed 35 new members to NSDCA so far this year! Let’s keep up the great work finding new members and sharing the fun of camping and square dancing.”

*Tip 7:* A final great idea... the next opportunity coming up soon to both RV and square dance will happen this March 20-22 at Spring Fling in Cortez. Free dry camping is allowed in the venue parking lot. Down load the flyer and come dance with us there! See the flyer here: <https://CSSDA.org>

Park your RV & Square ‘em up!  
Terry & Marcia Brubaker

**It’s Time to Get Registered!**

**57th Peach Promenade**

**August 21-22, 2026**

Learn more and register at  
<https://peachpromenade.org>

October 30 – November 1 2026

# SOUTHEAST SWING

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<https://squaredanceasdc.org>

# Caller's Corner

## Ch...Ch...Ch...Changes

by Mike Bentley

I've been wrestling with several ways to write this article on the upcoming changes to the Mainstream and Plus dance programs. However, there are big blocks of dance history, philosophy and politics that are part and parcel of the changes taking place on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. How much of those big blocks is important? The answer is "It depends."

Here's the executive summary. For existing SSD dancers, the changes are few and easy to incorporate into club workshops at a dance. For existing Plus dancers, there are some existing Advanced calls to be learned. Club workshops through the year or dedicated workshop sessions may be required.

History: Dance leaders have been trying to simplify the learning path to Square Dancing at a club for years. Callerlab, the international caller's organization, has been working with its membership to the that end. SSD, Social Square Dancing, is one result of that effort, making its debut just after the Covid shut down ended. Even with all the work, the program needed some tweaking.

Philosophy: With the existing Mainstream Dance card at some 70ish moves, it took nearly six months of lessons to get through the program. Then the dancers needed additional floor time to perfect their dancing. The result was a significant number of folks getting discouraged and leaving the activity. Sad. With a set of fifty movements (calls) the lessons could be condensed and floor time afterward far less to achieve good dancing.

Politics: While the fifty moves allowed new folks to get dancing quicker, some old favorites liked by existing dancers were dropped. Enter politics. How do we

work with new dancers, the lifeblood of Square Dancing, and yet have challenging dances for the existing folks? There's no perfect answer, but here's where the changes come in.

New Mainstream: Very much based on the existing SSD program with the loss of "Circle to a Line" and the addition of "Spin the Top". The "Tag the line" family is filled out. Existing Mainstream dancers will find the change little problem to adapt to. SSD dancers will find the change to be minimal as well. Workshops during dances to introduce the new movements will bring everyone up to speed. Dancers just learning will have "Spin the Top" and the Tag family incorporated into the lesson plans. Circle to a Line will remain as part of SSD until September 2026 and will be taught in lessons.

Plus: Here's where the big changes take place. The existing list is expanded to 50 calls. Some taken from the old Mainstream list and a few included from the old Advanced List.

Mainstream additions: "Circle to a Line", "Cloverleaf", "Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave", "Do Paso", "Eight Chain" family, "Pass to the Center", "Walk Around" and "See Saw", "Thar" family and it's associated calls, "Spin Chain Thru", "Turn Thru", and "Walk and Dodge". These should be familiar to Plus dancers as "old Mainstream" calls.

Advanced additions to "new Plus": "Clover and anything", "Pair Off", "Partner Hinge", "Partner Tag", "Pass to the Sea", "Quarter Thru" family, "Scoot and Dodge" and "Triple Trade".

These will be taught in work shops at the club level starting soon.

See Ya on the dance Floor!

Mike Bentley

# CallerLab Mainstream Program (New)

1. Arm Turn Family
  - a. Right/Left Arm Turn
  - b. Allemande Left/Right
2. Bend the Line
3. Box the Gnat
4. California Twirl
5. Cast Off 3/4
6. Centers In
7. Circle Family
  - a. Circle Left/Right (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Full)
  - b. Circle of 4 Left/Right (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Full)
  - c. Single Circle Left/Right (1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Full)
8. Circulate Family
  - a. Couples Circulate
  - b. (Named Dancers) Circulate
  - c. All Eight Circulate
  - d. Single File (Column) Circulate
  - e. Box/Split Circulate
9. Courtesy Turn
10. Dive Thru
11. Dosado
12. Double Pass Thru
13. Extend
14. Ferris Wheel
15. First Couple Go Left/Right, Next Couple Go Right/Left
16. Flutterwheel / Reverse Flutterwheel
17. Fold / Cross Fold
18. Grand Square
19. Half Sashay Family
  - a. Half Sashay
  - b. Rollaway
- c. Ladies In, Men Sashay
20. Hinge Family
  - a. Single Hinge
  - b. Couples Hinge
21. Ladies Chain Family
  - a. Ladies Chain / Ladies Chain 3/4
  - b. Four Ladies Chain / Four Ladies Chain 3/4
  - c. Chain Down the Line
22. Lead Right/Left
23. Ocean Wave Family
  - a. Step to a Wave
  - b. Dosado to a Wave
  - c. Single Circle to a Wave
  - d. Alamo Style
  - e. Balance
24. Pass the Ocean
25. Pass Thru
26. Promenade Family
  - a. Couples Promenade
  - b. Single File Promenade
  - c. Star Promenade
  - d. Wrong Way Promenade
27. Recycle (From Waves Only)
28. Right and Left Grand Family
  - a. Right and Left Grand
  - b. Weave the Ring
  - c. Wrong Way Grand
29. Right and Left Thru
30. Run / Cross Run
31. Scoot Back
32. Separate Family
  - a. Separate
  - b. Separate Around 1 or 2 to a Line
  - c. Separate Around 1 or 2
- and come into the middle
33. Slide Thru
34. Spin the Top
35. Split Two
36. Square Thru / Left Square Thru
37. Star Right / Left
38. Star Thru
39. Sweep a Quarter
40. Swing
41. Swing Thru / Left Swing Thru
42. Tag the Line Family
  - a. Tag the Line (In / Out / Left / Right)
  - b. Fraction (1/4, 1/2, 3/4) Tag
43. Touch a Quarter
44. Trade Family
  - a. Couples Trade
  - b. (Named Dancers) Trade
  - c. Right/Left Hand Trade
  - d. Partner Trade
45. Trade By
46. Turn Back Family
  - a. U-Turn Back
  - b. Backtrack
47. Veer Left/Right
48. Wheel and Deal
49. Wheel Around / Reverse Wheel Around
50. Zoom

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# CallerLab Plus Program (New)

1. (Anything) & Roll
2. (Anything) & Spread
3. Acey Deucey
4. All 8 Spin the Top
5. Chase Right
6. Circle to a Line
7. Clover and (Anything)
8. Cloverleaf
9. Coordinate
10. Crossfire
11. Cut the Diamond
12. Diamond Circulate
13. Dixie Grand
14. Dixie Style to an Ocean Wave
15. Do Paso
16. Eight Chain Thru/Eight Chain 1, 2, 3, Etc.
17. Explode & (Anything) (From Waves Only)
18. Explode the Wave
19. Fan the Top
20. Flip the Diamond
21. Follow Your Neighbor
22. Grand Swing Thru
23. Linear Cycle (From Waves Only)
24. Load the Boat
25. Pair Off
26. Partner Hinge
27. Partner Tag
28. Pass the Sea
29. Pass to the Center
30. Peel Off
31. Peel the Top
32. Ping Pong Circulate
33. Quarter Thru / Three-Quarter Thru / Grand Quarter Thru / Grand Three-Quarter Thru
34. Relay the Deucey
35. Scoot & Dodge
36. See Saw
37. Shoot the Star/Shoot the Star Full Around
38. Slip the Clutch
39. Spin Chain & Exchange the Gears
40. Spin Chain the Gears
41. Spin Chain Thru
42. Teacup Chain
43. Thar Family
  - a. Allemande Thar
  - b. Allemande Left to an Allemande Thar
  - c. Wrong Way Thar
44. Track 2
45. Trade the Wave
46. Triple Scoot
47. Triple Trade
48. Turn Thru
49. Walk and Dodge
50. Walk Around the Corner

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## Who is CallerLab?

We are an international organization of square dance callers. Our mission statement is *"To foster the art of square dance calling, and improve caller skills"*. We fulfill this mission by providing guidance and education, certifying caller coaches, maintaining standardized lists of calls and definitions, and generally promoting the square dance activity.

Learn more at [CALLERLAB – International Association of Square Dance Callers](#)

# Square Dance News

## A FEW Club Photos Wanted

In the last edition of The Bulletin, we asked you to post any fun photos that Bulletin readers might enjoy. We are happy to report that most clubs have started posting photos; some have posted LOTS of photos. The Google sites were originally set up for club to post photos for potential inclusion in The Bulletin. There are simply too many to choose from, so we've changed directions.

The club Google sites can now be used by the club to post whatever photos they want for their own use. A



Group photos are great news-letter photos. This one provided by the RPG.

new site has been created specifically for photos to be used in The Bulletin. It's called "The Bulletin". Post any photos that are Bulletin worthy into the following folder <https://photos.app.goo.gl/uuaQ9pFyonYNZnXe9>

Post your club photos to the appropriate club site by clicking a link below:

- [Monarch Mavericks](#)
- [Pikes Peak Plus](#)
- [Pueblo Pepper Steppers](#)
- [Royal Gorge Promenaders](#)
- [Waggin' Wheelers](#)
- [SEASDC](#) — for Bulletin photos only

## Colorado State Square Dance Association (CSSDA) Update

The Colorado State Square Dance Association held a quarterly meeting on January 24, 2026 via zoom. This meeting was hosted officially by the Southeast Area Council, but due to weather and convenience issues, all participants chose to meet online rather than traveling to Salida.

This group of volunteers from across the state work to promote and support square dancing in Colorado. CSSDA has a website so if you haven't ever checked it out, go to <https://coloradosquaredance.com> to learn more. Following are some highlights from the meeting.

A big shout out to Ervin Wyatt who has worked on our state website for some time. Despite recently moving to South Carolina, Ervin is going to continue to work with our website! Thank you Ervin!



Art and Lilly Hardin, the 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention chairpersons, reported that the Pre-Convention planning session and dance recently held on January 9-10 was a great success! There were 180 dancers present at the Friday benefit dance and over \$6,000 was raised. There were 220 dancers at the Pre-Convention dance held on Saturday. Have you registered yet? It's time!

Did you know that CSSDA has a Youth Initiative? Ken Tucker is chairman of a new committee working to recruit and support our growing number of youth and college-aged dancers around the State. Ken was part of an effort to support youth dancers in the Southeast area, resulting in SEASDC giving a scholarship to a college bound dancer last year. The CSSDA Youth Initiative is designed to provide college scholarships and support these dancers to attend the Colorado State Festival. We have seen a growing number of younger dancers at recent state festival and college-aged dancers usually don't qualify for youth rates. As a new initiative, the beginning budget for this effort is small, but the committee is working to raise both awareness and funds. Work is also underway to establish an Instagram page to attract new young dancers. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, contact Ken Tucker for more information on how to get involved!

# Get Involved: Volunteer

## Volunteerism: A Crucial Part of Square Dancing

by Ken Tucker

A volunteer, as described by Webster, is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

We have hundreds if not thousands of volunteers in square dancing. Every dance, jamboree or festival you attend has many volunteers just to make things work. The golden rule for volunteering is to treat volunteers (and those you serve) as you would want to be treated, emphasizing respect, clear communication, reliability, and making them feel valued.

There are basically 2 types of volunteers. They would be the leader and the team worker. The leader is someone who inspires and influences others to work together towards a common goal, focusing not just on direction but on empowering individuals, fostering growth and leading by example with integrity and empathy. The three most important roles of a leader are motivator, communicator and uniter. This individual might not actually go out and do the task, but it takes someone who can step back and let the workers do their jobs without interference unless those individuals ask for direction or help in another way. As a leader a person must learn to accept what the worker does in his or her own way if the task is completed as designed.

A team worker uses strong communication skills, is an active listener, and develops and maintains credibility with colleagues. These are individuals that can work alongside others to complete the task within a given time. These individuals are the backbone of any activity. Without these individuals, nothing would ever be accomplished. The golden rule in team working is "there is no I in team."

Volunteers are a special group of individuals that take time away from their normal routines to help get things done. All individuals are different and need to be understood to work together. We all have our strengths and weaknesses and once those are defined then that can help determine what role is best for ourselves. As a volunteer you are not paid monetarily but the feeling of success and joy of completing a task is and can be very rewarding.

I encourage you to volunteer, even on a very slim scale, to start. Learn what it takes to help your organization, council or club. You will see what a difference it can make to help others and get our activity, square dancing, back to where it used to be.

I hope to see you across the square soon,

Ken



# SEASDC Club News

## Monarch Mavericks

The Monarch Mavericks are ready to swing into a new year of dancing and fun! They report that they are starting the year off with 56 members. At this point no new classes or special events are planned. Join them at a dance soon!

Regular dances held at:

American Legion Hut, Salida, CO

2nd and 4th Saturdays

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. - Pre-rounds

1:30 to -2:00 p.m. - Plus

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - SSD with Rounds

President: Ken Tucker

Vice President: Andrith Davis

Secretary: Dianna Lucas

Treasurer: Kim Kasten

Sr Rep: Sylvia Armijo

Jr Rep: Lillian Bargas

## Pikes Peak Plus

Pikes Peak completed a plus call with 31 students in December with a great graduation dance. With many of those students joining PPP, there are currently 47 Members. Hal Barnes has been the club caller since the club formed in January of 2022 and the board is so thankful for all of his dedication to our club. This year Hal has decided to call one dance per month so we will be welcoming some new callers. Come dance with us soon and meet our newest plus dancers.

Regular dances are held at:

International Dance Club, Colorado Springs

2nd and 4th Fridays

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Workshop

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Plus w/ rounds between tips

President: Susan Swank

Vice President: Larylee Hutchins

Secretary: Janet Burns

Treasurer: Ron Ruckdeschel

Jr./Sr. Rep: Debby Cason

Communications Coordinator: Terry Brubaker

## Pueblo Pepper Steppers

The Pueblo Pepper Steppers report that they had a good turnout for their New Year's Eve Dance with Molly Blaney. They filled the floor with 5-6 squares and had dancers from clubs around our area. They currently have 42 members and are kicking off a new class on January 17th with a chili supper and open house. They club has some fun things planned for 2026 including several clothing swap dances so clean out those square dance clothes closets!

Regular dances are held at:

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church

3913 Sandalwood Lane, Pueblo, CO 81005

1st and 3rd Saturdays

1:30 to 2:00 p.m. - Plus

2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - SSD

Co-Presidents: Sarah and Ron Lang

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Mike Bentley

Treasurer: Laura Roth

Senior Rep: Mike Bentley

Junior Reps: Gene & Denise Berens



*High spirits at a recent Pikes Peak Plus Dance*

# SEASDC Club News, *continued*

## Royal Gorge Promenaders

The Royal Gorge Promenaders began the year with 26 members. On December 10, 2025 they graduated 9 new dancers and they recently included round dancing for the first time! They hope to add more round dancing so watch for updates. They are proud of their successful food drive which collected almost 100 pounds of non-perishable food on graduation dance night! The club's 1 year anniversary will be celebrated on February 11, 2026. The club will be hosting a community dance on Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 to 8:30 PM with Hal Barnes calling. Our next class will begin the following Thursday night, March 5th, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Please have interested students check our website: RoyalGorgePromenaders.com. at the news tab: <https://royalgorgepromenaders.blogspot.com/>

Spread the word! For more information about Royal Gorge Promenaders and their history and successful first year as a newly reformed club and their history, see the article on page 11.

Regular dancers are held at:  
Golden Age Center  
728 Main Street, Canon City  
Second Wednesday of each month  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - SSD

President: Susan Levy  
Co-President: Ken Tucker  
Vice President: Larry Richards  
Secretary: Amanda Peck  
Treasurer: Candie Day  
Senior Representative: Susan Levy  
Junior Representative: Stephanie Timothy

*Pueblo Pepper Stepper students are enjoying their time on the floor.*

## Waggin' Wheelers

The Waggin' Wheelers are excited to kick off the new season with a great leadership team at the helm! The board is grateful for their dedication of each leader and all they do to keep our club thriving. Club membership continues to be strong with 75 paid members so far.

Lessons officially began on January 13 after an open house and chili dinner on January 6<sup>th</sup> and a short delay due to snow. Instructors are Jeff Palmer and Debbie Steinkirchner. They are teaching the updated Mainstream dance program, to give the new dancers an early and exciting preview ahead of its official rollout in September. It's shaping up to be a fantastic season!

Regular dances are held at:  
International Dance Club  
2422 Busch Ave, Colorado Springs  
First, Third and Fifth Fridays  
6:45-7:30 Plus  
7:30-9:00 SSD

President: Chris and Julie Schlumpf  
Vice President: Walt Bub  
Secretary: Lisa Bub  
Treasurer: Gayle Short



# RPG Celebrates One Year of Square Dancing

## Royal Gorge Promenaders First Year Back

by Susan Levy, RPG President

In August 2024 several square dancers who had taken a square dance class taught by Hal Barnes in Cañon City, Colorado decided to move forward and revive the Royal Gorge Promenaders Square Dance Club. We had encouragement and guidance from Hal and Elaine Barnes, and others in our loving square dance community throughout the formative months.

Many thanks to the Barneses, the Berenses, the Bentleys, Ken Tucker, Andrith Davis, and Bob and Allynn Riggs for the many questions that they answered for us, and for clues to unique problem-solving challenges we encountered!!!

We knew we had some background heritage of clubs that had existed in this area previously. We knew a few of those dancers who remain in the area. We knew we could create a new square dance club based on our roots (*and our gumption*). We completed the basic requirements, joined SEASDC, and held our first dance as an official Club on February 12, 2025!

Mike Olivieri was the caller at our “Bring Your Sweetheart” dance, and wonderful guests from each of the

SEASDC clubs made the night memorable. With 41 dancers we had five squares on the floor.

An amazing 24 charter members joined that night!! Two



*RPG graduated 17 students from their first class in July 2025. Nine graduated in a subsequent class that fall. A new class is currently being planned for the Spring.*

callers, one cuer and their spouses, joined our club initially. Caller Mike Bentley and Beverly, Cuer Denise Berens and Gene, and Caller Mike Olivieri and Janet all became supporting members of the Royal Gorge Promenaders along with numerous other wonderful Square Dancers!!!

Other charter members include Bill and Shellie Busetti, Candie and Cody Day, Craig Galler, and Deborah Jones. Then, the Lang family from Pueblo added five members to our founding member list: Ron and Sarah, Naomi, Winston, and Jedidiah (our youngest charter member).



*Forty-one area club dancers attended the inaugural dance of the Royal Gorge Promendaders.*

Boon McReynold (*our oldest charter member*) rounds out the list along with Jack and Anita Little, and Sheila Prior, with Larry Richards, Ken Tucker, and club president Susan Levy completing our roll-call for the 21st century.

Suddenly, we found ourselves the NEWEST Square Dance club in the Colorado Southeast Area, and very likely in all of America!!!

Soon, Hal Barnes taught our first club-sponsored class in the Spring and Summer of 2025. We graduated 17 students on July 14, 2025.

Then, we followed that with our second club-sponsored class taught by Michael Turley in the Fall of 2025 and graduated 9 more students!



*The second class offered by RPG saw nine students graduate in the Fall of 2025.*

Pearl Ivey, our youngest member, recruited her mom Stephanie Timothy to be a student for our fall class. Stephanie graduated and jumped right into Club management and became our Junior rep to SEASDC. They both have great ideas to contribute to our club, thank you so much Stephanie and Pearl!!!

We have been blessed to have the loving guidance and assistance of many Square Dance Angels from all of the Southeast area clubs, and we are thankful that each gave their time to help our students and new dancers.

**We are now actively recruiting students for our Spring 2026 class!** Ken Tucker and Candie Day will be the instructors, with coaching and guidance from callers as needed.

Originally, we decided to have one dance per month during our formative years, with our sights on expanding

to two dances per month, eventually. We opted for midweek dances since Wednesday was a great night for Hal to teach our initial class in 2024, and it was a more available night for him and for other callers to call our club dances. We also considered it best to avoid having our dances on days and nights that might conflict with dances of our sister Southeast area clubs. When someone asked if we would include round dancing, that seemed to be a far distant goal.

Before one year elapsed, we surpassed those benchmarks, scheduling two dances in a month twice in 2025, and two in 2026. On August 16 of 2025, the second dance was a special Purple Heart Dance that was fun and successful! Loren Behm from Oklahoma called and was the MC for 5 other callers. Twenty-seven new dancers from the entire Southeast area earned a Purple heart dangle.

Denise Berens began a round dance class in in the fall of 2025. The Pueblo Pepper Steppers and the Royal Gorge Promenaders co-sponsor this class jointly. It is not a large class, but the students love it and are progressing well!!! Denise cued round dancing for our Christmas dance in 2025, and our Valentine's Day Dance/ First Anniversary dance February 12, 2026!!! In the Royal Gorge Promenaders spirit, we did not wait, we took action!!!



*Historic handmade square dance figurines made from corn husks and given to the Promenaders by Barbara McPhaul.*

We are still a new club, and we are still small, but we reach out to the square dance community. You may find Royal Gorge Promenaders as visitors to the Monarch Mavericks, the Waggin' Wheelers, and the Pueblo Pepper Steppers when you least expect them to be there!!

Promenaders have been spotted at dances in Englewood at the Kilowatt Eights and in Castle Pines at the Sunflower Squares, as well as visiting the Rolling Wheels in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.



*RPG dancers, and those from other area clubs, attended the National Western Stock Show and performed a demonstration dance.*

At least three Royal Gorge Promenaders were seen at the Cripple Creek Fall Festival on October 4, 2025. They were Pearl Ivey (currently our youngest dancer at 10), Amanda Peck, and Ken Tucker.

The Royal Gorge Promenaders were also well represented at the January 2026 National Western Stock show demonstration dance. Pearl Ivey, Stephanie Timothy, Ken Tucker, Gene and Denise Berens all attended and had fun!

As we look forward to August 12th we will celebrate Royal Gorge Promenaders heritage month, and we are asking for articles and memorabilia about the previous renditions of historic Royal Gorge Promenaders and any historic information about the Royal Gorge Bridge dances. If you have anything to

contribute, please send it to [RoyalGorgePromenaders@gmail.com](mailto:RoyalGorgePromenaders@gmail.com), or call club president Susan Levy at 719-660-4817.

What are our plans for the future? **MORE AND BETTER.** We look to enrich our club and its members, to set and achieve several important immediate goals, while ensuring our long-term objectives continue to connect our rich past with our exciting new crew. We realize that all of that is facilitated by our wonderful members, and members of our sister clubs, and the square dance community at large. A Royal Thank-You to all who have helped us make such wonderful achievements in one short year of existence!!!

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## RPG Supports Food Bank

The Pantry of Freemont is an appreciative beneficiary of the Royal Gorge Promenators community support efforts. RPG held a very successful food drive and gathered 94 pounds of pantry items which were then donated to help neighbors in need at a time when the support was critically needed.

### Don't Just Dance, Call!

There has been a resurgence in recent years to teach more people to become square dance callers. As elders of the tradition have retired or passed away, they've left behind a void, and a wealth of folk dancing knowledge needs to be passed on to younger generations before it is lost forever.



If you're interested in learning to call, talk to one of our great local callers who can provide

### Another Reason to Square Dance . . .

The Mayo Clinic encourages Square Dancing: it burns a lot of calories, strengthens bones, and helps the cardiovascular system.

# Square Dance Revival Time

## It's Time for a Square Dance Revival!

by Leslie Klusmire

Square Dance Revival! is a new non-profit on a mission to bring square and round dancing back to life. We're focused on helping clubs become more welcoming, more fun, and more attractive to new (and younger!) dancers — while spreading the word that modern dancing is joyful, social, great exercise, and for *all* ages. Over the next few months, we'll be sharing practical training materials and resources to help clubs shift their culture toward fun, friendship, and belonging — the stuff that actually keeps people coming back.

Our podcast launches February 17 with Hunter Keller. We're diving straight into the big question: *What does square dancing need to do to survive and grow?* These are honest, real, straight-up conversations we need if we actually want square dancing to have a future.

Upcoming episodes feature people who are actively making things work:

- The Lang Family — attracting under-25 dancers and keeping them dancing
- Allan Hurst (Callerlab Marketing Committee) — revived multiple clubs in the Sacramento area, annual speaker at CallerLab
- MIT's Tech Squares — why college clubs matter
- Adam Christman — caller and owner of Rhythm Records
- Justin Russell — Callerlab Vice President
- Ted Lizotte — Callerlab President
- Tony Oxendine
- The Rocky Mountain Rainbeaus — Colorado's largest club, and one of the most successful clubs in the US

On April 26, we'll be filming round dancer interviews at the Colorado Round Dance Association's Spring Dance, similar to the square dance interviews we filmed with the Pepper Steppers. These will be part of our national social media campaign to introduce modern square and round dancing to people who've never experienced it. We're excited to be working with Denise Behrens, who is helping connect us with round dance callers and dancers for upcoming podcast episodes and interviews.



And this is just the beginning. If you care about the future of square and round dancing — and want to be part of building something new, welcoming, and joyful — join the Revival! [squaredancerevival.org](https://squaredancerevival.org)

## Did You Know . . . .

A new study comparing country dancing with walking and stretching suggests that the demands that dancing places on the mind and body make it unusually potent at slowing some of the mental changes of aging, an effect not seen in those who walked and stretched. In the study, the dancers practiced increasingly intricate country-dance choreography, with the group shaping itself into fluid lines and squares, with each person moving from partner to partner.

Square dancing involves constant movement along with quick directional changes that work together to keep the body in shape and in balance. It is also excellent mental exercise as the dancer recalls and executes the caller's instructions, moving from one formation to another as they are "called out". But you don't do it all by yourself; the teamwork of learning together, to good music, makes it an enjoyable social activity as well.

Read the full story in the [Tallahassee Democrat](#).

# Dancing and Dementia

## How Does Dancing Reduce Dementia?

from [HelpDementia.com](https://www.helpdementia.com)

Dancing reduces the risk of dementia through a unique combination of physical, cognitive, and social benefits that together promote brain health and resilience. Unlike many other forms of exercise, dancing simultaneously engages multiple brain functions—motor skills, memory, coordination, rhythm, and emotional expression—creating a powerful, multimodal workout for the brain.

At its core, dancing is a physical activity that increases blood flow throughout the body, including the brain. This enhanced circulation delivers more oxygen and nutrients to brain cells, supporting their health and function. Physical exercise, including dancing, stimulates the growth of new neurons and strengthens connections between existing ones, particularly in the hippocampus, a brain region crucial for memory and learning. This neurogenesis and improved neural plasticity help maintain cognitive abilities and delay the onset of dementia-related decline.

Beyond the physical aspect, dancing requires continuous mental engagement. Learning and remembering dance steps, coordinating movements with music, and adapting to changing rhythms challenge the brain's executive functions such as attention, planning, and problem-solving. This mental stimulation acts like a workout for the brain, building cognitive reserve—the brain's ability to compensate for damage and maintain function despite age-related changes or disease.

Dancing also enhances balance and coordination, which are important for preventing falls and maintaining independence in older adults. Exercises that improve these skills, such as dance, yoga, or tai chi, have been linked to better brain health because they require

complex motor planning and sensory integration, further stimulating neural networks.

Social interaction is another critical factor. Dancing often takes place in group settings or social environments, providing emotional support, reducing feelings of loneliness, and lowering stress and anxiety. These social and emotional benefits are important because chronic stress and social isolation are known risk factors for cognitive decline and dementia. The joy and emotional expression involved in dancing release neurotransmitters like dopamine and endorphins, which improve mood and may protect brain cells from damage.

Moreover, dancing integrates mind and body in a way that few other activities do. This mind-body connection helps regulate stress hormones and promotes better sleep, which is essential for brain health. During sleep, the brain clears out toxins linked to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, so better sleep quality indirectly supports cognitive function.

In summary, dancing reduces dementia risk by combining aerobic exercise, cognitive challenge, motor coordination, social engagement, and emotional well-being. This holistic approach stimulates brain plasticity, supports memory and executive function, improves physical stability, and fosters a positive mental state—all of which contribute to a lower likelihood of developing dementia as people age. The complexity and enjoyment of dancing make it a sustainable and effective way to keep the brain active and healthy over the long term.



# SEASDC Meeting Minutes

## SEASDC Meeting 1/17/2026

Meeting called to order at 11:04

### Present:

Walt & Lisa Bub, Senior Reps for SEASDC, Sec & VP of WW (on Teams); Ken Tucker, President SEASDC, President MM, Co-President RGP, CSSDA VP; Susan Swank (& as proxy for David Swank, 2nd junior rep) Junior Reps to State; Debbie Cason, Rep from Pikes Peak Plus; Susan Levy, Senior rep from RGP, President RGP; Andrith Davis, VP SEASDC, MM VP; Denise & Gene Berens, Rep from PPS; Syl Armijo, Senior rep from MM; Lil Bargas, Jr Rep, MM; Leslie Klusmire, webmaster for MM, PPS, and SEASDC; Kim Kastens, Treasurer SEASDC, Treasurer MM; Stephanie Timothy, Jr Rep RPG; Sarah Lang Secretary SEASDC, President of PPS (& Proxy for Mike Bentley, Senior Rep)  
Meeting minutes from October were accepted.

Ken gave the treasurer's report and brought materials to pass along to the new treasurer.

Special Elections because of resignations from Sheila Prior and Craig Galler:

Elections for Vice President

- Ken nominated Andrith Davis for the remaining term (he asked three times)
- Lil nominated Leslie Klusmire
- No discussion
- Andrith was elected Vice President 7/5

Elections for Treasurer

- Ken nominated Kim Kastens for two years (asked 3 times)
- With no other nominations, Kim Kastens is the treasurer (motion passed)
- Kim Kastens will be added to the SEASDC bank accounts

Motion for Walt to move to Senior rep

- Seconded
- Unanimously approved

Susan & David were nominated as reps to SE council

- Motion and seconded
- Approved unanimously

President Nominations

- Ken was nominated (Motion and seconded)
- No other nominations (asked three times)
- Ken was unanimously approved as the new President

Online Communication:

Discussion of Zoom or similar for our meetings for people who cannot make it:

- Question of cost was raised
- Leslie Klusmire offered to allow us to use her personal account, even if she isn't present, because she can make someone else the host.
- Leslie will give Sarah Lang her sign in information so she can host the meetings

Southeast Swing update & discussion

- Come next time prepared to discuss
- Lessons learned & items for discussion for next time:
  - We need one set of instructions for volunteers-send a final copy so volunteers are not confused

- Flyers should include information about which building to go to.
- Flyers should include costs for just Friday or just Saturday, or just Sunday (and Friday & Saturday should be less than Saturday)
- We need to discuss concerns about schedule & flow (length of breaks)
- We should not take criticisms too seriously since criticisms were few.
- Mike Bentley is doing sound and will come in ahead of time to make sure it will be good.
- Some members have already previewed the venue, but we need to return to plan how we'll lay out the space (including a table for nationals)
- Financials: We made \$986 at the 2025 SE Swing (including \$132 from the wood raffle, and \$85 from 50/50.) Have Michael Turley ask people to participate in 50/50.
- Ken paid \$45 to state to rectify our information with the state.
- Contracts for caller & cuer have been finished
- If you dance outside of the SE area, have Andrith give you flyers for this to promote the event. (This is everyone's job!)
- Andrith and Lisa will advertise in New Mexico
- The flyers can be downloaded from SEASDC website.
- Susan Swank needs flyers to take to Texas & South Carolina
- Think about volunteering for next year (snacks, water, decorations, registration, table-sign up for shifts) (SIGN UP GENIUS?)

#### Bridge Dance

- Susan Levy offered to investigate and return to report on logistics, costs, etc.

2026 Nominations Suggestions for Lloyd Shaw and Hall of Fame (to be passed out at Tumbleweed on May 2 at IDC, hosted by PPS)

#### 2029 State Festival

- Ken checked UCCS, who wouldn't allow Ken to come and see them and they didn't have the venues that met our qualifications and are not willing to sign a 3 year contract.
- Does anyone know of a venue in Springs? (Be thinking of places)
- Qualifications: three halls (minimum) — preferably opens up to one BIG room, 3 year contract
  - Colorado College
  - Debby Cason volunteered to check out the CC campus
  - Ken will give her specifications

#### Storage Unit Discussion

- To store SEASDC items (tubs, flags, etc.)
- Keep a list of what is in the unit
- Three places in Salida were considered (options were \$65-75/month)
- We already have a shelving unit and lock
- MM and SEASDC could go in on this
  - Monarch Mavericks has a large fan that requires storage too
- Debby made a motion to rent an approximately 5x10 unit in Salida for up to \$75/month, and Susan Swank seconded it, with the cost sharing with MM details to be discussed once we see how much their share of space would be. Unanimously approved.
- Ken made a motion that **Andrith Davis** go to look at the Salida storage facility and sign the paperwork to rent the unit. Debby seconded. **Kim** agreed to go along to make payment arrangements.

## Bulletin Update

- Susan Swank reported the bulletins would go out in February
- **All** clubs must send these to Susan:
  - email addresses
  - special events, including graduation pictures with Susan
  - Articles: If you have topics or something you'd like to write about, share it with Susan.
  - Ken or Andrith might include a small article
- **All** clubs: put photos in the Google Photos drive (but be selective so we don't run out of storage)
- Susan proposed more frequent, smaller emails to the list (monthly blast)

## Reports from Reps:

- Pikes Peak Plus:
  - Graduated 30 people from Plus lessons
  - discussion of bringing in national callers and should we try to coordinate & share, and could we do a trail in/trail out that follows state/national events (**Susan S** will talk to Art & Lily about this).
  - Andrith pointed out that we need to plan this far enough in advance that clubs won't cancel callers.
  - Gene & Denise have contact information for lots of callers.
- Royal Gorge Promenaders:
  - Graduated second class with 9 graduates
  - Hal donated for seed money for RGP
  - They hope to host a spring class
  - If you know of anyone, they're looking for students

- There has been discussion of wanting to change their dances to Saturdays (what if Promenaders danced in the evenings?) Would dancers attend two dances on a Saturday? Sundays or 5th Saturdays are possibilities. This might not go anywhere.
- They're working on 2027 Tumbleweed
- PPS
  - We have an Open House/ Trial dance & chili dinner today.
  - We're offering T/R lessons this year to see how it goes.
  - Our NYE dance with Molly went well.
- MM
  - No news
  - 3-4 squares/dance
- WW
  - Just started their new class with 18 dancers. They hope to finish before Tumbleweed.
  - Twelve single women (angel challenge)

SEASDC Dues- Everyone brought dues and forms. We agreed to remove members' physical addresses from the SEASDC form.

- Send your membership list if you didn't bring it.
- Upload to Google Docs. Put them in the 2026 Members folder. **Ken** will send the link to the folder.

## Other Business:

Remove Craig Galler from SEASDC Bank information

- **Ken** will do this. (Motion approved & seconded, and approved.)
- Workshop before Tumbleweed TBD (Are we offering a workshop beforehand?) **PPS** needs to discuss

- 53rd grant for lessons due in March
- If you know any HS Senior or college freshman for a scholarship, tell them to apply for the USDA scholarship

- We need to give the reps two weeks
- Next SEASDC meetings: April 11 in Salida, July 11 in Salida, Oct 3 in Pueblo

2027 Tumbleweed

- **RGP** will discuss hosting 2027 Tumbleweed and report back

Syl motioned to adjourn, seconded, approved  
Meeting ended at 12:53

Respectfully submitted  
Sarah Lang

Council Meetings

- State Meeting: April 25 or 26, July 25 or 26, October 24 or 25



**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**

Renee Barrell - recovery from surgery

Lisa Bub - recovery from surgery

Dylan Clark - Illness

Elise Holden - Illness

Ken and Pam Newbury - Move to Wisconsin

Janet Ruckdeschel - recovery from surgery

**In Memoriam with grateful memories**

Condolences to the family of Jan Rogers

Condolences to Anita Goertzen on the death of her father

If you know of a dancer who would appreciate a card, please send their name and address to:  
 Adria Tuttle 719-948-5552 [adrlyntut@gmail.com](mailto:adrlyntut@gmail.com) OR  
 Fran Worthington [bfworthington@aol.com](mailto:bfworthington@aol.com).

# Let's Dance!

## CLUB WHEN's and WHERE's

Maverick Monarchs	Pikes Peak Plus	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Waggin Wheelers
American Legion Hut 235 W. 10th Street Salida	International Dance Club, 2422 Busch Avenue Colorado Springs	Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church 3913 Sandalwood Lane Pueblo	Golden Age Center 728 Main Street Canon City	International Dance Club 2422 Busch Avenue Colorado Springs
2nd and 4th Saturdays 1:00-1:30 Rounds 1:30-2:00 Plus	2nd and 4th Fridays 6:30-7:00 Workshop 7:00-9:00 Plus with rounds between tips	1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30-2:00 Plus 2:00-4:00 SSD	second Wednesday of each month 6:30 to 8:30 SSD	First, third and fifth Fridays 6:45-7:30 Plus 7:30-9:00 SSD

## FEBRUARY DANCE CALENDAR

DATE	CLUB	CALLER/CUER	THEME
2/6/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens	National Wear Red Day
2/7/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Hal Barnes	Superbowl Dance
2/11/2026	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Mike Olivieri	Valentine's Day & First Anniversary Dance
2/13/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Denise Berens	Sweet heart Dance
2/14/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	Sweetheart Dance
2/20/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/TBD	
2/21/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Mike Olivieri	Square dance Clothing Swap
2/27/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Bob Riggs/Denise Berens	Tooth Fairy Dance
2/28/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	Black and White

## MARCH DANCE CALENDAR

DATE	CLUB	CALLER/CUER	THEME
3/6/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens	
3/7/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bear Miller	
3/11/2026	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Mike Olivieri	Luck of the Irish
3/13/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Denise Berens	
3/14/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Hal Barnes	50's Sock Hop
3/20/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Larry Marchese/Denise Berens	Wearin' O' the Green
3/21/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Debbie Steinkirchner	
3/27/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Debbie Steinkirchner/Allyn Riggs	Super Hero Dance
3/28/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Michael Turley	48th Anniversary—@ Salida Community Center

# Keep Dancing!

## APRIL DANCE CALENDAR

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>CALLER/CUER</i>	<i>THEME</i>
4/3/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Mitchell Thompson	Good Friday
4/4/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Hal Barnes	Easter
4/8/2026	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Bob Riggs	April Showers
4/10/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/David Smith	Pawsome Dance for Pets Bring Pet Food Donation
4/11/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Mike Olivieri	Wild West
4/17/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Mitchell Thompson	National Cheese Day
4/18/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Jeff Palmer	
4/24/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Larry Marchese/Denise Berens	Earth Day
4/25/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Bob Riggs	Can't Wait for Spring

## MAY DANCE CALENDAR

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>CALLER/CUER</i>	<i>THEME</i>
5/1/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Denise Berens	Wearing of the Pastel
5/2/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Mike Olivieri	<b>Tumbleweed Jamboree IDC Colorado Springs</b>
5/8/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Hal Barnes/Andrith Davis	Mother's Day Dance
5/9/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Pat McBride	Flowers for Mother's Day
5/13/2026	Royal Gorge Promenaders	Mike Olivieri	Let Freedom Ring
5/15/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/TBD	
5/16/2026	Pueblo Pepper Steppers	Bob Riggs	15th Anniversary
5/22/2026	Pikes Peak Plus	Larry Marchese/Allyn Riggs	Paper Airplanes
5/23/2026	Monarch Mavericks	Molly Baines	60's Hippie Dance
5/29/2026	Waggin' Wheelers	Jeff Palmer/Andrith Davis	

# Upcoming Special Dances & Festivals

## Spring Fling 2026

March 20th - 22nd

Montezuma County Annex Building  
107 N. Chestnut Street  
Cortez, CO

Print a reg form at:

<https://CSSDA.org>

## Tumbleweed Jamboree



May 2nd

IDC, Colorado Springs

Watch for more information to  
come!

## Quadra Dangle Memorial Day Weekend Laramie, WY



May 22, 23, 24, 2026

3905 Grays Gable Road  
Laramie, WY

Print a reg form at:

<https://CSSDA.org>

CRDA's

## Spring Dance

April 26th, 2026  
2:00-4:00 PM

International Dance Club  
2422 Busch Ave  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

For more information, contact Denise  
Berens at (719) 242-5568



May 14-17, 2026

Civic Center  
400 West 4th Street  
Truth or Consequences, NM

Learn more and register at

<https://www.nmsrda.org/state-festival/>



Learn more and register at: <https://mapsdc.coloradosquaredancefestival.com/>

### 75th National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>



Learn more and register at:

<https://75nsdctx.com>

**June 24-27 2026**  
**DIAMOND JUBILEE**



Learn more and register at

<https://usawestutah.com>



## 57<sup>th</sup> Peach Promenade

August 21-22, 2026

Learn more and register at:

<https://peachpromenade.org>



## HUNTSMAN WORLD SENIOR GAMES

October 5-8, 2026

St. George, Utah

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October 2nd & 3rd, 2026

PAA - Performing Arts Academy

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October 30 - November 1 2026

# SOUTHEAST SWING

COLORADO STATE FAIRGROUNDS  
1001 BEULAH AVENUE  
PUEBLO

TONY OXENDINE, CALLER

PETER & CHAMA GOMEZ  
CURERS

Learn more and register at:

<https://squaredanceseadc.org>



### 76<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup>

June 23-27, 2027 Loveland, CO

Learn more and register at:

<https://76nsdc.com>



CRDA's

# Spring Dance

April 26th, 2026  
2:00-4:00 PM

International Dance Club  
2422 Busch Ave  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

New Dancers: \$15/couple, \$8/single  
CRDA Members: \$20/couple, \$10/single  
Non-Member: \$25/couple, \$13/single

For more information, contact Denise Berens (719) 242-5568



# 57<sup>th</sup> Peach Promenade



**Dan Nordbye**  
Mesa, AZ

**August 21 & 22, 2026**  
**Grand Mesa Middle School**  
**585 31 ½ Rd**  
**Grand Junction, CO**

Sponsored by the Colorado West Area  
Square & Round Dance Council  
[www.PeachPromenade.org](http://www.PeachPromenade.org)

[Peach Promenade Square Dance](https://www.facebook.com/PeachPromenadeSquareDance)

Questions? Call 970-245-5624 or email  
[PeachPromenadeGJ@gmail.com](mailto:PeachPromenadeGJ@gmail.com)



**Peter & Chama Gomez**  
Loveland, CO

### Friday - Mainstream with Plus Tips

7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Pre-Rounds  
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Dan Nordbye & Colorado West  
Area Callers

Pre-Registration Requested By:  
August 15, 2026

On-line Pre-Registrations will Close on  
August 19, 2026

Pre-register to enter drawing for free admission.

### Saturday

9:00 a.m. Phase III & IV Workshop – Gomezes  
Mainstream Workshop – Mike Lee  
10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Phase II Workshop – Gomezes  
Plus Workshop – Pat McBride  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Mainstream Dance – Dan Nordbye  
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Plus Dance – Dan Nordbye  
6:30 p.m. Pre-Rounds – Peter & Chama Gomez  
7:15 p.m. Grand March  
7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Dan - Mainstream with Plus Tips



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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

### DONATIONS ARE PER PERSON

	<u>PRE-REGISTRATION</u>	<u>AT DOOR</u>
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 _____

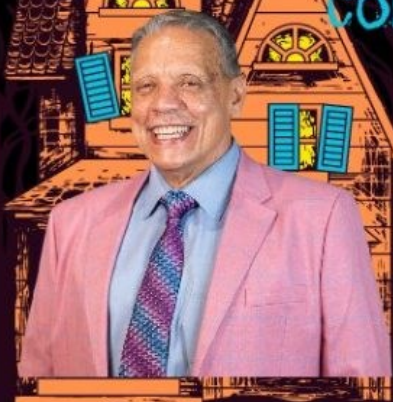
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October 30 - November 1 2026

# SOUTHEAST SWING



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Partner's Last Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Names & DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you want to opt out of email sharing. Email addresses shared only with the NEC for upcoming National Square Dance Convention® information.

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$70 each x **until 1/11/2026** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth born after June 27, 2010 \$30.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Processing Fee \$3.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ **(Payable to 76NSDC Inc)**

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Card Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE HELP US PLAN!**

**Please CIRCLE all that apply.**

Dancers: SSD Only, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds ( ), Handicapable, SOLO

Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Education Presenter topic: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Registering by Mail: 76 NSDC**

**358 Blue River Pkwy Unit E-307, Silverthorne, CO 80498**

**or Email to: [registration@76nsdc.com](mailto:registration@76nsdc.com)**

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2027. **This form and registration rate is void**

**after Jan 11, 2026.** Registration Long Forms will be mailed in November 2025 for selection of hotel or RV park and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on Jan 11, 2026.

**DANCE IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES**

(Internal Use Only) Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_