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President's Message



Hello Square Dance Friends, time to kick off a new year! Angela and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2016 ASSDF Presidents! We personally feel that this is an Honor, not a task!! Picking up the gavel after Brenda, is going to be a tough act to follow, due to the amazing job she has done! Luckily she will be around to guide us! We are looking forward to the upcoming year and making it our goal to build relations, Comradery and members for all Arkansas clubs.

Good news, we have a new club in Malvern, our dear friend Bill Strawn was teaching. They are currently having classes on Sunday afternoons, not sure who will be replacing Bill yet, but let's all do our part to help support this club!

The ASSDF has 3 positions that are currently not filled. They are; Secretary, Treasure, and the 2016 Fall Dance Chairman. Please contact myself or Angela if you are interested.

The growth of the Modern Square is up this past year, and we want to see it continue to grow, so let's make it happen!

We would love to see all of you at the upcoming special dances!

On a sadder note, we would like to offer everyone our condolences in the passing of our dear friend/Caller Bill Strawn! What a tragic loss for The Square Dance Community! Bill was loved by all who knew him! The Maverick Mixers plan on carrying the torch and will still be dancing with the help of fellow callers Gene Gancarczyk, and Phill Morehouse.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve all of you! Angela and I hope to see you in our square soon. ☺

*Scott & Angela Blackshear
President – 2016*

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Virgil Fleming, Jay King, Melton Luttrell. & Ken Bower

FROM THE EDITOR



The New Year is always a time for reflection on the past and a time for considering what the future holds for us. This past year a lot of words were directed towards discussions revolving around where the ASSDF is now and what the future holds. With those thoughts in mind, here are some New Year's resolutions for the ASSDF and all Arkansas dancers.

First and foremost ... we all need to resolve to dance as often as possible. Dance is what we are and it is what we must do.

Second and related to the first ... resolve to support not only your own club and its dances but other clubs and dances in Arkansas. We are one big dance community and need to prove that to ourselves and others.

Third ... resolve to look beyond the state of Arkansas. There is nothing more exciting and invigorating than to dance with new people and new callers. That energy will boost the level of our dancing enjoyment. It will also, when we return to our home clubs, allow us to transfer that energy to our fellow Arkansas dancers and add to their dancing enjoyment.

Fourth ... resolve to be a more active square dancer. Not by dancing. But by participating in the running of your club and your statewide organization the ASSDF. Believe it or not ... the more active you are in the organization of both your club and the ASSDF, the more you will appreciate, and be appreciated by, the people you dance with. Remember ... you only get out of things what you put into them.

Fifth ... resolve to make your voice heard and be a part of the changes coming to our dance community and the ASSDF. Everyone needs to participate in discussing, voting, accepting, and implementing the changes. The time for wishing for the past or for ignoring reality is over.

Finally ... resolve to support your Modern Square. (I have to put this plug in.) We need articles, spotlight ads, dance ads, booster ads, updated information, etc. etc. etc.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Fred Fisher



Education & *Publicity*

If you didn't read J.K. Fancher's message in the November Modern Square, you should read it NOW. Especially the last paragraph. I would not dare changing it, merely emphasize it. In reference to using fewer calls; the fact is, creative callers should be and are able to challenge (not C 1, 2 or 3) dancers with the "Basic-50" calls with no limit to the variety and without yielding to the pressure of push to plus.

Another advantage to using a "Basic-50" or "Club-50" program is the fact that today, we only offer our square dance product once a year. (Can you imagine an automobile dealer that sold new cars only in September?) Using a basic-50 program would allow us to introduce our product in September AND January.

"Sustainable square dancing" is the rubric that Jerry Story is using in his home state, Iowa. His position is that by teaching fewer calls more thoroughly, retaining dancers in the entry program for a longer period and exposing them to a broader range of call applications will provide greater success.

Hey dancers, try Left Square Thru (# 28 on Callerlab Basic program) from a half sashayed position.

Perhaps – maybe - a condensed teaching order method is the approach that will sustain our square dance activity.

I urge your club board and/or your caller to consider it.

Gordon & Sue White

Answers to November's Quiz....

01. Amos Moses	I. Alligator Stomp [line dances]	10. Callerlab	L. Established definitions for calls
02. Circle Left, Circle Right	K. First night	11. Visiting Couples	D. Traditional square dancing
03. Henry Ford	F. Revitalized square dancing in the 1920's	12. Phase III	M. Round Dancing
04. Benjamin Lovette	J. Greenfield Village	13. Bear (Miller)	N. Accredited Caller Coach [2014]
05. Roy Rogers	H. S D caller Decca label #226; Feb. 1942	14. 2016	P. Des Moines, Ia. NSD Conventiunon
06. "Pappa"	C. Lloyd Shaw Foundation	15. 15,000 dancers	Q. 1950 Santa Monica, Ca
07. Bob Osgood	G. Sets in Order	16. Touch 1/4	R. Formally Curly Cue
08. Dosado.com	E. Popular website	17. Precursor to computers	O. Vinyl [Records]
09. Virginia Reel	A. Contra	18. Very challenging	B. Spin Chain & Reverse Circulate the Gears



Blue Bells & Beaus



The Many Faces Of Bill Strawn



January 11, 1945

November 29, 2015

*Rest
in
Peace*



*We will
never forget
you!*



With love, Carolyn Birdsong

WHERE IS THE DANCE TONIGHT?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Sprmes Village	Little Rock Royal	
2nd	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Royal Texarkana Rose Bud	Little Rock
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5th	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Little Rock	Harrison Little Rock



"Special Events"

JANUARY 2016

8th Levis & Lace

Start Time – 7:00

Location – First Baptist Church, 7402 Albert Pike, Royal

Chili Winter Night Dance

Caller - Gene Gancarczyk

14th Diamond Squares

Start Time – 6:30

Location – Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa La., Hot Springs Village

Graduation Dance

Caller – Gordon White

21st Diamond Squares

Start Time – 6:30

Location – Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa La., Hot Springs Village

Open House Dance

Caller - Gordon White

23st Pistols & Petticoats

Start Time – 6:30

Location – St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2201 S. Culberhouse, Jonesboro

Cerebral Palsy Dance

Caller - Boyce Brownbarville

FEBRUARY 2016

Start Time –
Location –

Caller -

MARCH 2016

9th Twirling Funtimers

Cookie Time Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller - Jay Wright

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

APRIL 2016

8th Heber Springers

Spring Special Dance

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Tim Tyl

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

13th Twirling Funtimers

April Showers Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Ron Wise

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

MAY 2016

11th Twirling Funtimers

Spring Fling Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Philip Moorehouse

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

JUNE 2016

8th Twirling Funtimers

Roll Your Own Sundaes Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – “Cherokee” Bill Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

JULY 2016

13th Twirling Funtimers

Watermelon Splash Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – James “Jammer” Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

AUGUST 2016

10th Twirling Funtimers

“Hot & Dry”

Ice Cream Floats Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller - Doug Mallory

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

SEPTEMBER 2016

14th Twirling Funtimers

Autumn Fest Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Dave Roush

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

OCTOBER 2016

5th Twirling Funtimers

Club Anniversary Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Pat Christe

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

14th & 15th

ASSDF Fall Festival

**Location – Betty’s Big Country Dance Hall
102 Crystal Palace Dr.
Caddo Valley**

NOVEMBER 2016

9th Twirling Funtimers

Red, White & Blue Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller - “Cherokee” Bill Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

DECEMBER 2016

14th Twirling Funtimers

Holiday Celebration Party Dance

Start Time – 6:00

Caller - James “Jammer” Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

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Where are your special events?

Order of Listings for Special Events Section

Date, Club Name, Dance Name, Start Time, Caller, Location

Please notify the *Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events (up to one year in advance) with all information included as listed above. The earlier all information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

National Square Dance Convention®

2016 - June 22 - 26 - Des Moines, Iowa

2017 - June 21 - 24 - Cincinnati, Ohio

2018 - June 27 - 30 - Kansas City, Missouri

2019 - June 26 - 29 - Atlanta, Georgia

Levis & Lace Dance



Club Reports

BLUE BELLES & BEAUS

Searcy

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

I sure hope that you were one those that helped us ring in the New Year with our Black Light New Year's Eve Party!!!

We certainly have had fun this past year. Our new members are amazing. We graduated 9 and they're all so enthusiastic; looking to keep learning and support the club and square dancing. Some of the highlights of this past year were our Hawaiian dance in May, our swim party at Robert and Cheryl Shavers, our Western dance was a blast. The Halloween dance that we co-hosted with the Heber Springers was a huge success. And we raised another \$200 for the Wounded Warriors Fund at our Blue Banner Military Dance. (I sure hope you have a subscription to Modern Squares, as that's the only way you'll get to see our fabulous pics!)

Speaking of the Modern Squares . . . we are hosting our Subscription Dance the first Thursday in January. Entrance to the dance is free when you subscribe for a year. That way you can either see what's happenin' from the book that comes in the mail or have it handy on your phone or iPad all the time.

Birthday greetings go out to Bessie Grumbine on January 31st.

On a sad note, all the members of the Blue Belles & Beaus send their sincere condolences to Bill Strawn's family and his "square dance family". He will be sorely missed.

We've already started another square dance class, so if you know of anyone who wants to learn and has Thursday's free from 7 – 9pm, have them come to the Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St., Judsonia AR. Make sure you call ahead regarding the weather. 501-724-3930

Hope to see you in a square in 2016!!!

Jeanne

CONWAY ROUNDERS

Conway

The CHA CHA class that started in October is just finishing. All of the couples in the class are amazed at how far they have come in just 8 weeks. They have completed all of Phase III and are starting in to Phase IV. Fred and I are so pleased with their progress. On the 17th of December we had a “graduation” and Christmas Dance with them and the regular club members. What fun we all had!

On January 21st we will start the New Year with a Foxtrot beginner class. If you have ever wanted to Round Dance here is your chance to get your feet dancing to a new rhythm.

On a sad note ... The Round Dance community has lost another great cuer. Bill Buck of Louisiana has passed away. He and Martha had a wonderful gift and they expressed it so well with their choreography. We will always have their dances to remember them by. We know that he is, once again, dancing up a storm with Martha in heaven!

Cathy Fisher

DIAMOND SQUARES

Hot Springs Village

December was a sad month for our square dance community. As I write this, we are preparing to go to Bill Strawn's funeral this afternoon. All of us will miss him behind the mike and around our squares. Such a good man ... gone too soon.

Diamond Squares is planning a special dance on Thursday, January 14 to celebrate the completion of our first new dancer program of this season. The evening will include some of Caller Gordon's party dance fun stuff along with Mainstream dancing. There will be special refreshments and a festive atmosphere. Y'all come join in the fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate with our new dancers.

Thursday, January 21 we will have an open house dance for all, as we kick off our second new dancer program. We are excited to be able to offer a second program in this dance season. Recruitment is ongoing. Today Gordon went to Hot Springs Village Newcomers Coffee (along with about 20 representatives of other HSV activities.) With so many competing activities, competition is keen to attract participants. Announcements will go out to the newspapers over the next few weeks. Our current new dancers have been talking it up to their friends, and several couples who were not able to continue in the fall are planning to

come back in January. If you know of potential dancers in the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village area, please spread the word. Join us on January 21 to help us show the newcomers how much fun it is to dance in a square. We dance Thursdays, 6:30 pm, at Coronado Center, 150 Ponderosa Lane, Hot Springs Village.

Sue White

HEBER SPRINGERS

Rose Bud

Greeting from the Heber Springers. Welcome to another year of great square dancing. Our club, which now dances in Rose Bud, had a good year. Several new members were added to the roll. Teresa Holly and Wilma Sanders worked really hard organizing special dances, keeping our dance hall decorated and money in the bank. Our caller Ron Wise made great steps in learning how to be an outstanding caller. The whole club pulled together when we were down. Thanks to all of you for this exemplary effort. Special thanks go out to the officers who served the club in such a great fashion. Now we face another year with new officers, and I am sure some great square dancing.

January is really different from all the other months. One is that it starts a new year. It brings new hope and new resolutions. It gives us a new start in getting our lives in order. Who knows what this year will bring to each of you? Some people start the New Year with joy and happiness while others make lists of things they hope to accomplish. I imagine each of us will step on the scale or look in the mirror and tell ourselves something needs to be done. The roads will be slick with ice, and the cold wet rains will keep us indoors, all this in fun, for it is just another January.

The club elected several new club officers for 2016. Roger Skipper and his new wife Lueen will serve as president. Wanda and Larry Adams, vice President. James and Ellen Hindman, treasurer. Teresa Holly, secretary. Bob Hall, reporter, and Joyce Shaw, historian. Thanks to all of you for accepting this responsibility.

January Birthdays: Joyce Shaw the 18th and Rhonda Sullivan the 13th. Paul & Dee Williams anniversary the 25th.

Let's have another wonderful year of dancing. We have been having some great visitors. They are what make dancing fun and keeps the clubs going. Happy New Year!

Robert Hall

Levis & Lace wish all of you a very happy & blessed New Year.

Our square dance family has lost one of our own. Bill Strawn was & will continue to be an integral part of our lives. We have so many memories that will be kept alive by all our pictures, videos & our hearts. Bill was a personal friend to our group, so we were with or talked to him weekly. Because of the support he gave our club, from painting the gym, helping in below freezing temps with our Christmas float, being an elf, helping us with expo dances, dancing with us, filling in for Gene, etc., he was presented a certificate as an honorary member of our club. He was a faithful, loving friend **who** showed us many times how much he cared. We will miss you, Bill, you rascal. I know you are having fun while wait on the rest of us for a huge square dance. Your memory will be a comfort to all of us. It will make us laugh, make us cry, & make us miss you, but most of all make us grateful that you were in our lives. Our condolences go to Carolyn Birdsong & his family. Bill's funeral was a unique, loving, remembrance of him. Laughter & tears abounded. Just like Bill would have wanted it.

The Three Amigos Dance will go on as planned. It will be a tribute dance to Bill Strawn. This was his baby, & he had great plans for it to be a semiannual dance in the years to come. I am hoping we can keep that tradition going. Gene & Phil Moorehouse will do an awesome job. So, ya'll come, & we will have a wonderful time Let's honor Bill & the other Two Amigos by turning out strong.

Our lessons are going very well. Gene is doing a fantastic job. Some of the students are coming to Friday night dances. They are such a great addition. We are looking forward to them dancing with us a lot.

We are still planning on our Chili Winter Night in Royal dance on January 8th. Please come. We will feed you well & dance your socks off. We love you all & are looking for a time of good fellowship.

Two of our favorite girls who have been sick were back with us to dance. Betty Hopkins & Judy Schaffner were dancing & laughing Friday night. So glad they are back.

Bill Strawn's birthday is on the 11th, & John Boy Miller's on the 29th. John Boy lives in Texarkana & Bill is in heaven, so our yellow rocks will have to be sent through the air. But we love you two.

Please come & dance with us. We need each other even more during sad or stressful times. You might call ahead. We are dancing the 3rd Friday

night, since we will cancel the dance on New Year's Eve. Let us know if anyone else is dancing. Love to all.

Phyllis Keeney

MAVERICK MIXERS

Little Rock

The Maverick Mixers are starting the New Year with a very heavy heart. Bill Strawn, the heartbeat of our club, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 29. Bill leaves a modern square dance void that will not soon be filled. On behalf of his square dance family, we thank you for your support during this time.

But just as one song ends, another will begin. The first dance of the new year will be a dance that Bill was so instrumental in organizing. The Three Amigos dance will take place as scheduled, but one very dear amigo will be calling the songs from Heaven. We would love for you to join us at the Legion Hut on Mann Road in Mabelval on January 2. Phil Moorehouse and Gene Gancarczyk will call a fantastic dance. We will be dancing from 7 to 10. Admission will be \$10 at the door.

We know that the holidays are behind us and it's time to focus again on square dancing. The Maverick Mixers will still be dancing. At this time, no permanent caller has been chosen. There are tentative plans that Gene Gancarczyk and Phil Moorehouse might be filling in. Maybe we can get Craig Fletcher behind the microphone too. So there are surprises and fun in store for the Maverick Mixers.

Thank you for sharing 2015 with us. We are looking forward to seeing you in our squares in 2016. We hope you and your family enjoy health, wealth and good times this year.

Please continue to remember the Sixties Swingers and the Maverick Mixers in your prayers.

We will miss you, Bill.

Lanita

Bill Strawn

1945 - 2015



Loved



Remembered



The Maverick Mixers



We hope everyone had a joyous Christmas season and Happy New Year!

Pistols & Petticoats would like to thank all of you Square Dancers who have come out and danced with us in 2015. We appreciate you and invite you to all come and dance with us every chance you get.

That reminds me that it is time for our United Cerebral Palsy Dance. It will take place on January 23rd on Saturday at 6:30 till 9:00pm. We need all of you to make this happen. We will take donations at the door, Also we will have a pot luck and all the trimmings that go with it. We will have silent auction tickets to sell. You might win a special gift. We want all square dancers to come out to help also all the Callers we can get to make this United Cerebral Palsy dance special. It's all about the Children as well as having a good time.

We don't want to forget our January birthdays: Raymond Baker 14th, Unia Williams 15th, Barbara Grotts 19th, and Bonnie Hallett 29th.

Linda Bland

The holidays and New Year are supposed to be happy times, but sadly, that was not the case for the 60's Swingers or the Maverick Mixers, with the untimely death of Bill Strawn, who called for both clubs.

Well over 100 dancers from across Arkansas, with their badges on, were at his funeral. Several gave him a big “THANK YOU!!” before the casket was closed for the last time. Callers Phil Moorehouse and Gene Gancarczyk, along with Debbie Wilder Merkel, daughter of the late “Wild Bill” Wilder, gave eulogies telling how much Bill Strawn had meant to them. There was even a PowerPoint presentation of all the memories. Folks were literally laughing and crying at the same time. But despite the mourning, it was truly a celebration of his life, and what he did for square dancing. Bill's favorite singing call was “Pink Cadillac”. Everyone, young and old alike, enjoyed it so much. “The Three Amigos Ride Again” Dance is to be on Saturday, January 2, 2016, at the Mabelvale Legion Hut. There will be an “empty chair” in memory of Bill Strawn. While he has gone on to “The Eternal Square”, Bill Strawn, along with all the others who have passed, are sorely missed but will never be forgotten.

Lee Connor and Aloise Medlock share the New Year's birthday yellow rocks for January.

Several members continue to deal with various health issues, including this Reporter. I'll still be able to prepare club reports, but will likely not be able to dance again until possibly sometime in April. Thanks and yellow rocks go to Ginny Short for keeping me in the loop on club news.

With it now being the dead of winter, an El Nino weather pattern could mean anything for Arkansas, from severe storms, flooding rain, or a winter storm with snow and ice. We obviously will be cancelled if winter weather is in the area. There is also a possibility that we may have to change dance locations in 2016. Details on that aren't known at this time. Please contact Jerry and Ginny Short at 501-888-8013 for updates on any last minute dance changes or cancellations. In the meantime, I hope that everyone can start the New Year right while gathering yellow rocks, and dancing.

Daryl Stout

TWIRLING FUNTIMERS

Mountain Home

We are in the winter doldrums for at least the next two months two months. No 'special dances' are scheduled in January or February because of weather conditions and the distances our dancers and Callers must travel. Our schedule still calls for regular Club dances to be held on each Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Van Matre Senior Activity Center in Cooper Park in Mountain Home, Arkansas. And, even those are subject to Mother Nature's mercies and cooperation. We also continue to have lessons, workshops or Pre-Rounds in the open hour between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

As always we welcome all who come to dance with us. However, as is the case most anytime, call and make sure we're dancing before you leave home.

We hope you had a blessed Christmas and we look forward to a prosperous and bountiful New Year. May this be the year that we see the long awaited rebound in our activity.

Craig & Karen Grothaus

TWIRLING LARIATS

Little Rock

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Happy New Year! 2016? I'm still waiting for time travel.

Yellow rocks to our January babies: Tonia Hofmeister (3rd), Bobbye Jones (7th) Lee Connor (25th) and Bill Lehman (29th) Anniversary: Paul & Connie Backstrom (14th) and Ken & Dean Talley (29th).

We have had a very rough time of it lately: Carolyn Cullins lost her son James, we lost the *Maverick Mixer/Sixty Swingers* caller Bill Strawn and Cliff Taylor lost his mother, all within a month.

It is every parent's worst nightmare, to lose a child. We are supposed to go before our children. But when they go first, it is devastating. I have seen Carolyn Cullins suffering with the news of her son James' illness. The highs and lows and then the loss. Inadequate words I know but I am so sorry for your loss Carolyn and join your square dance family in prayers for you and your family.

What can I say about the loss of Bill Strawn? It is a blow to square dancing and square dancers. It has also hit some of us smack dab in the

heart. Bill had a wonderful voice, was totally crazy sometimes and always lots of fun! His Red Wing, Trashy Women and Pink Cadillac were some of the dancers' favorites. He also loved to square dance and would add to the fun in any square he danced in. I imagine he's still calling with his good buddy Bill Wilder in Heaven. Bill, we'll love and miss you forever!

May God Bless Cliff Taylor and his family for the loss of his Mama. I lost my Mama in February and we never get over losing our Mamas.

The Twirling Lariats will be dark January 1st so we can go to The Three Amigos Ride Again Dance at the Hut the 2nd (7pm -10pm). Gene Gancarczyk and Phil Moorehouse will be calling. The third amigo (Bill Strawn) will be missing in body but with us in spirit.

On April 29th, Dave Towry & Tim Tyl will call together at the hut.

We will be dark the 1st, but are dancing the 15th & 29th. Plus lessons 6:30 to 7:30, square and line dancing 7:30 to 9:30. We have a great crowd, lots of fun, and give really good yellow rocks! Come on over and dance to Dave!

Carolyn Birdsong

Square L Round Thanksgiving Weekend Dance Wagoner, Oklahoma





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Order of Directory Listings Club Name, Type & Level of Dancing, When, Location, Club Contact, Caller			
Type of Dancing		Level of Dancing	
S	Square	BS	Basic
R	Round	M	Mainstream
L	Line	P	Plus
O	Open to couples & singles	A	Advanced
		2-6	Round Dance Phases

BELLA VISTA

Kingsdale Squares S-M/P Mondays 7:00p.m.
 Riordan Hall, 2 Riordan Drive

Contact – Bill Allen **Caller** - John Eubanks
 33 Newquay La., Bella Vista, AR, 72714 (479) 876-5066

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Circle Up Squares S-M/P Thursdays 6:30p.m.
 Hug Chevrolet, 407 East Main

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 19408 US Highway 271, Spiro, OK 74959 (479) 462-2317

CONWAY

ConwayRounders R-2/3/4 Lessons ____ Thursdays 6:30p.m.
Club Level_ Thursdays 7:30p.m.
Salem United Methodist Church, 1018 Salem Rd.
Contact - (501) 428-9026 **Cuer - Cathy and Fred Fisher**
47 Hays Hill Rd., Conway, AR, 72032 conwayrounds@yahoo.com
ConwayRounds.com

HARRISON

Stardusters S-M CALL FIRST Sundays 4:00p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Capps Rd. & Arbor Dr.
Contact - (870) 741-6345 **Caller - J.K. Fancher**
407 Skyline Drive, Harrison, AR, 72601

ROSE BUD

Heber Springers O_S-M/P 2nd & 4th Fridays 7:00p.m.
Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36W
Contact - Theresa Holley (501) 592-2600 **Caller - Ron Wise**
390 Woodvine Trail, Higden, AR 72067 or Bob Hall (501) 250-5170

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

Diamond Squares O_S-M Thursday 6:30p.m.
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Maverick Mixers S_L_O 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays 7:00p.m.
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Mabelvale Legion Hut, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
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