

# Big Sky News Monthly Newsletter

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## *Announcement*

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Very small newsletter. Everything is at a standstill due to COVID-19. Be safe and we will let you know when dancing resumes.

Questions/comments/suggestions for the Big Sky News contact me at: [David.Hinds@MontanaSquareDancing.com](mailto:David.Hinds@MontanaSquareDancing.com)

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### **Editor Commentary**

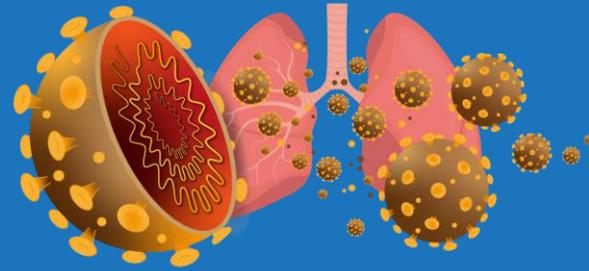
**Dave shares some thoughts  
State Festival - CANCELLED  
Knothead Dance**

## *A note from the Editor*

As you know many dances have been cancelled due to COVID-19. The State Festival – Cancelled, the Nationals in Spokane WA – Cancelled plus many many more in areas around us. We do have a shining star, for now, and that is the Knothead held in West Yellowstone Labor Day weekend which this year is the weekend of Sept 5 – 7, 2020. We are all hoping by that time we are back to some sort of “normal”. Hmm, what will be the new normal?

Send your comments to [BSN@MontanaSquareDancing.com](mailto:BSN@MontanaSquareDancing.com)

David Hinds



Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) affects the respiratory system.



# Montana State Festival

The 2020 Montana State Square Dance Festival is officially “CANCELLED”.

It is with deep regret that we officially announce the cancellation of the 2020 Montana State Square and Round Dance Festival in Helena, Montana, May 22 -25, 2020.

This decision is based on our concern for the health and safety of our attendees. After many discussions and hopes that the current pandemic would be light and short-lived, the Helena Last Chance Squares along with the Montana State Square and Round Dance Committee, determined that this decision is the best for the welfare of all.

If you have already signed up and paid to attend, you will receive an email or phone call in the next few weeks to determine if you want to hold your attendance for when Helena can host the state square and round dance festival again or if you would prefer to have a full refund. For any questions on refunds, you can email [vckaiser@gmail.com](mailto:vckaiser@gmail.com) or phone Cathy Kaiser, the treasurer for the Montana State Square Dance for Helena, at 406-439-1616.

At this time, the next Montana State Square and Round Dance Committee meeting is in West Yellowstone during the Knott Head Jamboree on September 5-7, 2020. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, not just the committee officers; and we would love to see participation from all square dance clubs in Montana! It's a great way to stay connected and informed. Information will be provided on the future Montana State Square and Round Dance Festival after this meeting. We hope the Knothead Square and Round Dance is far enough out that it will be safe to dance again. Until we can see you in a square, stay safe and healthy!

Virgil Kaiser

President, Helena Last Chance Squares and Montana Sate Square and Round Dance



# Knothead, West Yellowstone – Labor Day Weekend

We are hopeful this dance will continue. Please take a look at the flyer below and plan your back to dancing weekend.

**Dates: September 5, 6, 7, 2020**



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## Knothead Square & Round Dance

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2020 Featured Caller  
Darin Keith  
Bosie, Idaho



2020 Featured Cuers  
Susan & Larry Sperry  
Billings, Montana

### Program Schedule

#### Saturday, Sept 5

- 12-1 pm Registration
- 1-4 pm Mainstream- All Callers
- 7pm Pre-Rounds
- 8pm Mainstream/Plus Tips

#### Sunday, Sept 6

- 10am Round Workshop
- 1-2:30pm Mainstream Dance
- 2:30-4pm Plus Dance
- 7pm Pre-Rounds
- 8pm Mainstream/Plus Tips
- After Party Follows

#### Monday, Sept 7

- 10am Trail Out Dance

Union Pacific Dining Hall  
220 Yellowstone Ave West  
West Yellowstone, MT

**Knothead Jamboree**

With great regret and lots of "how to continue" the KNOTHEAD JAMBOREE will be going to an all callers format, like USA West, in 2021. With the loss of dancers and the cost of doing business this is a last attempt to keep this dance alive. We are the last surviving "Knothead" dance left in the US. Please register and help us keep this dance alive. It is a fun venue to dance in and meet again all of our friends we see once or twice a year. The dance schedule has not been decided yet but we will make sure Rounds, Mainstream and Plus will be equally represented, depending on the callers and cuers who sign up to help us out.

**We appreciate your advance registration which helps in the planning of a great event. If you want to call or cue please pre-register so we can get you on the schedule**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a caller or cuer please indicate below

Are you willing to Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to Cue: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees: Make checks Payable to Knothead Jamboree

Solo - \$30 Couple - \$60

Whole Family: give us a call.

**SEND TO:** Shirlye Kuykendall, C/O Last Chance Square, PO Box 616, East Helena, Mt 59635

Accommodations: For lodging information visit:  
[www.westyellowstonechamber.com/sleep](http://www.westyellowstonechamber.com/sleep)

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