Big Sky News Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

Here we are! 2020! Can you imagine. Square Dancing has changed over the years and I look forward to what 2020 will bring. Will it be some new innovation? Some new move(s)? Or how about popularity of Square Dancing going up 100%., Now that would be cool.

Questions/comments/suggestions for the Big Sky News contact me at:David.Hinds@MontanaSquareDancing.com

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Live Lively .

Square Dance !

Editor Commentary

Dave shares some thoughts State Festival Club reports *Billings Great Falls Hamilton *Helena *Kalispell *Libby *Lolo *Miles City ...Plains

*=No Updates

A note from the Editor

Welcome to 2020. I need help from the contributors of Big Sky News. Again this month I only have 3 inputs from the clubs. I've waited a bit but I need to get this out. I am aware that our holidays take your time but at this point we are already midway in the "dance season" and dancers need to know what you are doing. So how about it? Can we make February a banner month? I hope so.

We only have 4 months left before the Montana State Festival in Helena.

Nationals this year in Spokane Washington. Are you going? We will not have Nationals this close for a number of years. Currently Montana only has 36 attending. Georgia has 40 and they are about 2,200 miles further away!



Send your comments to BSN@MontanaSquareDancing.com

David Hinds





Montana State Festival

We will continually have a space here for the Montana State Festival. Look for breaking news or any other great tidbits that the chair would like to share.



Get Ready!

The state festivals are probably one of the best dances you'll ever attend. Meet up with old friends and make new friends. Dance till your feet are numb and still go back for another day of dancing. Take advantage of the guest callers and cuers for the event and if your lucky be the Best Square on the floor! Do some unique dancing from outside, on a glacier, or maybe a downtown event and you might even earn that special badge letting everyone know that you survived"

Check out the

Festival Registration Form

on the next page!





Caller/Cuer - A

Washington native, Don has been fortunate to have traveled world-wide calling square dances. He has called in

Donnie & Marie Wood

England, Australia, Mexico, Canada, The Caribbean, as well as

the United States. He became interested in calling as a young boy, when his club caller asked him to do a singing call at a club dance. Several Years later, while he was in the service, he and his wife started dancing in New Jersey and the calling attraction began again. Music had always been a large part of his life, as over the years Don had been playing and singing in several bands and in church choirs, so the transition to square dance caller seemed to be a natural progression. Recently Don and his wife Marie were awarded the Almond F. Parker award, Washington State's most prestigious award for a caller couple. Don calls Mainstream through Cl and is the club caller for 3 local clubs. **Fhe Lacey Daisy's and Capital Singles** Square Dance Clubs of Olympia and the Praairie Steppers Square Dance Club in Centralia, WA. He is also co-owner and producer/recording artist for Lou-Mac Records, recording many popular square dance tunes.

Registration Form Please Print

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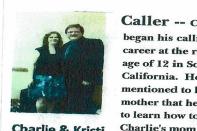
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Solo__ Couple__ Family __

Amount Enclosed

Make check payable to Last **Chance Squares** P.O. Box 616 East Helena, MT 59635





Charlie & Kristi Robertson

square dance caller and arranged lessons. Square Dancing and square dance calling soon became a huge part of Charlies life.

Caller -- Charlie

career at the ripe old

age of 12 in Southern

mother that he wanted

to learn how to call.

began his calling

California. He

mentioned to his

contacted a local

Over the Last 30 years Charlie has been privileged to travel the world calling dances. Charlie enjoys calling all levels from Basic through C1. He is known for his energetic style and creative choreography. Charlie has been a featured recording artist on several square dance record labels, for Lou-Mac Records, he recorded several songs that he is very proud of including the first and only true "Square Dance Rap" song. In 2008, Charlie realized a dream by joining several life long friends and becoming an owner and producer for Finetune and **Goldwing Records.**

In 2004, Charlie signed a recording contract with KMA Records in Nashville and completed his first CD. The CD includes all original country songs.

ALL EVENT PRICE Counte Solo Family

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Pre May 1	\$60	\$30	\$70
Post May 1	\$80	\$40	\$90

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

\$8	\$20
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Family consists of: Parents & Children

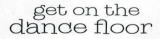
NO REFUNDS - After May 1

Squares Dancers Bring Your Club Banners

Dry Camping at no Charge

Cannot be on School Grounds before 4:30 pm on Friday

Must Leave schools grounds by noon on Monday



49th Annual Montana State Square & Round Dance



East Helena, Montana East Valley Middle School 400 Block of Kalispell Ave. May 25-26-27-28,2020

Program Schedule

Friday-May 22 4:30 -RV Parking 5:30 - registration 8 to 10:30 pm - Trails In Dance Mainstream & Rounds All Callers/All Cuers

Saturday-May 23 9:00-10:30 am: Phase 2, 3, 4 Rounds 10:30-Noon: Mainstream 1:00-2:00 pm: Phase 3, 4, 5 Rounds 2:00-3:00 pm: Mainstream 3:00-4:00 pm: Plus 4:00-5:00 pm: "A" Level 7:00-7:30 pm: Pre-rounds 7:45 pm: Grand March 8:00-10:30 pm: Mainstream & Plus 9:00pm: Round Showcase 10:30 pm: 2021 After Party

Sunday-May 24

9:00-10:30am: Phase 2,3,4 Rounds 10:30-Noon: Mainstream 1:00-2:00pm Phase 3, 4, 5 Rounds @:00-3:00pm: Mainstream 3:00-4:00pm: Plus 4:15-4:45 pm: State meeting 7:30-8:00pm Pre-Rounds 8:00-10:30pm Mainstream & Plus 9:00 pm: Round Showcase 10:30pm: Caller/Cuer after party

Monday- May 25 9:00-11:00 am : Trails Out Dance **All Callers/All Cuers Mainstream & Rounds**



Club Report Yellowstone Square Dance Council – Billings

by Ann Hindley

No input for Jan 2020



Club Report Great Falls



by Joann Yates

Lots of changes in 2020 for the Dudes 'n' Dolls. Joann Yates is our president and Ed Bandel is the VP. They got together and found a new location for the Dudes 'n' Dolls to dance! It has a beautiful wooden floor, a nice stage the for callers and cuers to work from, easy parking, heated and cooled environment! You can't ask for anything more. So where is it?

> Sons of Norway Hall 1314 7th St S Great Falls, MT 59405

The calendar for January is as follows. (subject to change due to attendance and weather)

Jan 11th, Alternating MS/Plus dance w/rounds 7:00 - 9:00 pm Jan 25thth-Regular dance 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Lessons (set 2) start on12 Jan

Jan 12th, Sunday evenings @ 4:00 - 6:00 Jan 19th, Sunday evenings @ 4:00 - 6:00 Jan 26th, Sunday evenings @ 4:00 - 6:00

All dances are held at the Sons of Norway Hall, 1314 $7^{\rm th}$ St. S.

Be sure to check out MontanaSquareDancing.com website for the latest flyers and online schedule.

Any questions please call Joann @ 406-799-1071 or George @ 406-799-1070

Happy New Year everyone!



Also,

If you have any questions regarding our club and dancing, please contact David at 406-799-1715 or by email at <u>david.hinds@montanasquaredancing.com</u>.

We would love to have you join our dances or workshops anytime.



Club Report Hamilton

by Dee Terrill Moenich

Boots & Calico Square Dance Club

January:

Sat 4th- 7:00 - 7:30 pre rounds 7:30 - 9:30 Ray Dunbar will be calling Mainstream

Sat 11th-7:00 - 7:30 Plus level, 7:30 - 9:30 Ray will call Mainsteam Round dance music provided by Don Scheline as always

Sat 18th 7:00-7:30 Pre rounds **HAWAIIAN PARTY DANCE!!** 7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream called by guest caller **EDDIE FIELDS** of Salmon, Idaho Bring munchies!!!

Sat 25th 7:00-7:30 Plus level, 7:30 - 9:30 Ray Dunbar calling Mainstream

Boots & Calico dances at the Golden Age Center, 5th & Baker streets in Hamilton. We have a nice wood floor and a good sound system. Spectators are always welcome! Dancers are \$6 for the evening.

For more info, call Ray Dunbar at 370-4414





Club Report Helena

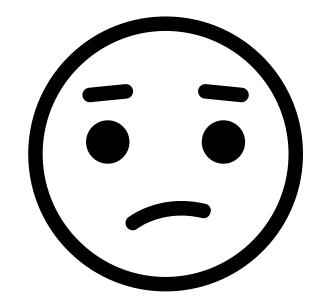
by Cathy Kaiser





Club Report Kalispell

by Roger Jones





Club Report Libby

by Jo Wilson





Club Report Miles City

by Lynn Strobel

No input for Jan 2020



Lynn and Judy Strobel

Prairie Stars

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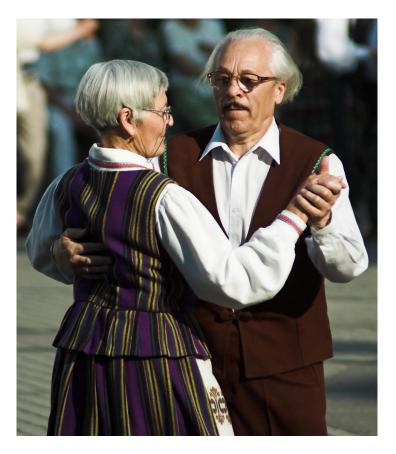
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Club Report Lolo

by Debby Ernst





Club Report Plains

by Darlene Jolly

The **"MONTANA MAVERICKS"** December 7 dance featured Gary Baker calling & Lorrie Lane cueing. We had 4 guests from Kalispell & the rest Mavericks. Fun time was had by all.

Our class is coming along nicely. 2 of our re-treads are gone back to Oregon for the winter, but planned to take lessons there &then return here about the end of March. The other 3 are doing very well. Lorrie thinks she'll have them at least shown the full Mainstream program before she goes for knee surgery in January. Michael Murray, one of our dancers, will keep them going while she is gone. We'll hope she is back before the end of March as his license runs out then. Should be fun!! Thanks Michael for doing this for us.



October thru May we dance the first Saturday in Plains at the Sr. Ctr.- 2^{nd} Saturday June, & September at the Sr. Center & 2^{nd} weekend of August is our campout in Ronan. The Sr. Ctr is behind the VFW (which is clearly seen from the main street). It is on the block behind it & facing the same direction) – so come & join us.

Any questions call Darlene at 826-8951.

