



# Big Sky News Monthly Newsletter

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

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## *Announcement*

Ahhhh, here comes winter! The crisp air, sledding, and of course a great time to get into a nice warm hall and do some dancing. Break out the hot chocolate – here we come!.

Last month I mentioned an opportunity. With no takers I want to try again. At the USA West Convention visiting with a Caller, Andy Garboden, and he was telling me about the Alzheimer's Benefit Dance that he and Joe Dehn do. It's been done in Washington for the last 11 or 12 years and want to promote this to all 50 states. If you or your club are interested, please contact me for details.

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

Dave

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## *A note from the Editor*

A little thinner this month. Looks like everyone is going to hold off for next year.

Look out for those last minute Christmas dances and of course New Years. Everyone that is traveling this season be safe, enjoy your travels, family and friends. We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor soon.

Any ideas? What can we add to BSN to make it better? Your idea is important – send me an email and let's see what we can do

As a reminder, the Big Sky News will NOT be emailed out. Please visit Montana Square Dancing to download or read online.

David Hinds



## *This space is reserved!*

Hey, I thought I'd make some space for the President of the State Board to comment. So here it is.

Didn't get an input this month but I think next month for sure...

# “Square Dancing! Friendship to Music”

# 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.



*When did this happen?*

Here is a picture of our State Festival that I found online. Who can tell me the location and the year of the dance?

Only one! Congratulations Kayrn Hamilton – Helena State Festival 2015 in East Helena. .

*Check out the Festival Registration Form on the next page!*



**48TH MONTANA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL**

MISSOULA, MT  
MAY 24-27, 2019



**Onsite Camping Information**  
Free dry camping will be available in the school parking lot  
Please help us leave the area in even better shape than we found it.



**Alternative Lodging**  
Super 8 Brooks St  
406-251-2255

FairBridge Inn & Suites  
406-251-2665

Brooks Street Motor Inn  
800-538-3260

Sleep Inn  
406 543-5883

KOA Campground  
406-549-0881

Jim and Mary's RV Park  
406 549-4416

Square Dance Center & Campground,  
406-273-0141  
Lolo, MT 59847

**Map**



**Directions**  
From Interstate 90  
Take Exit 101 - Reserve Street  
South to Brooks St  
Northeast on Brooks St to South Ave  
East on South Ave past high school  
South on Bancroft to the parking lot.

From Highway 93 South  
Highway 93 becomes Brooks Street  
Northeast on Brooks St to South Ave  
East on South Ave past high school  
South on Bancroft to parking lot.

**Contact Information**  
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**2019 Montana State Square & Round Dance Festival**

**"STARS and STRIPES"**



**WE WANT YOU!! To Join Us**

**May 24-27, 2019**

Sentinel High School  
901 South Ave W.  
Missoula, MT

**Featuring**  
**Caller:**  
Scot Byars  
Sacramento, CA

**Cuer:**  
Barry & Bobbie Bartlette  
Lolo, MT

**Biographies:**  
**Caller: Scot Byars**  
Scot began dancing at the early age of 6, and was calling by his early teens in the San Francisco Bay Area. He was club caller for a teen club, a pre teen club, and an adult club with 25 squares.

Between growing up and moves up and down the state of California, Scot has continued teaching new dancers as well as calling for dances, festivals and intro nights. He has been a full time caller since 2003 and estimates he has taught over 3000 people to square dance. Scott continues to call for 5 active clubs in the Sacramento area still finding time to call for dances and festivals in California and nearby states.

**Cuer: Barry & Bobbie Bartlette**  
Barry began square dancing in 1979, started calling in 1980, and cueing in 1982. He was a club caller in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana as he transferred with his hydro-electric career. Bobbie began dancing in the late 50s as her dad, Ray Granger learned to call. She took a few years off to chase children to activities returning to dancing in 1990. Barry and Bobbie met in 1996 at the State Festival in Billings, MT and became a team, dancing and teaching soon after. In 1998, when Ray passed away, they began co-managing the Square Dance Center & Campground in Lolo, MT. Barry is the staff caller at Lolo. They teach square and round dancing and choreograph rounds.

**Lunch & Snacks available at school or on your own**

**Program Schedule**

**Friday Evening**  
All Caller - All Cuer  
Mainstream with Rounds  
7:00 - 10:00 pm

**Saturday Morning**  
Phase 2+ Workshop & Teach with Barry & Bobbie  
9:00 - 10:30 am  
Mainstream Workshop with Scot  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Lunch Catered or On Your Own  
12:00 - 1:00 pm

**Saturday Afternoon**  
Surprise Badge Dance with Barry  
1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Plus Workshop with Scot  
2:30 - 4:00 pm  
Advanced at floor level with Scot  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Saturday Evening**  
Pre-Rounds with Barry  
7:00 - 7:30 pm  
Grand March  
7:45 pm  
Mainstream & Plus tips with Scot  
8:00 - 10:00 pm  
After Party  
With Last Chance Squares  
10:00 pm

**Rest well! There will be lots more fun Sunday and Monday!**

**Program Schedule**

**Sunday Morning**  
Phase 3+ Workshop and Teach with Barry & Bobbie  
9:00 - 10:30 am  
Plus Workshop with Scot  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Lunch Catered or On Your Own  
12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Sunday Afternoon**  
Mainstream Dance with Scot  
1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Plus Dance with Scot  
3:00 - 4:30 pm

**State Meeting**  
4:45 - 5:45 pm

**Sunday Evening**  
Pre-Rounds with Barry  
7:30 - 8:00 pm  
Mainstream & Plus tips with Scot  
8:00 - 10:00 pm

**Monday Morning**  
All Caller - All Cuer  
Trails Out Dance - Mainstream  
9:30 - 11:00 am



**Thanks for joining us!**

**Registration Form**  
Includes festival bar if received on or before April 15, 2019

PLEASE PRINT

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of adult dancers \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Family (2 adults, 2+ youth) \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**If postmarked after April 15, 2019 \$40 per adult, \$85 per family**

Camping available **after** 4:00 pm on school grounds. Dry camping. No charge. First Come, First Served. Wagon Master will assist you.

Planning on camping onsite? \_\_\_\_\_  
Size and type of RV \_\_\_\_\_

Caller? \_\_\_\_\_  
Cuer? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send registration to:**  
MASRD  
PO Box 1463  
Lolo, MT 59847

**Make checks payable to:**  
MASRD

# Club Report

## Yellowstone Square Dance Council – Billings

by Ann Hindley

Greetings from the other side of the state!

We survived another N.I.L.E. invasion; no cattle pens or used bedding piles in front of the hall this year, just a whole lot of parked trailers. Our dancers were determined though, so we parked where we could and enjoyed our dancing in spite of it all.

We contributed half a square toward the support of the local medical community this month. Thankfully Lorraine, Peggy, Diane and Barb are all recovering now. We pray for their continued progress and look forward to having them back soon. We miss them!

Unfortunately, this is also the time the snowbirds are leaving in droves. We'll miss them, too, but wish them happy dancing even in that nasty hot weather.

There's still plenty of dancing going on around here. With Larry coming north now and then and Hunter filling in, the Silhouettes will be dancing more than their usual twice a month this winter. Hunter's Tuesday workshop/dances are proving to be challenging but very interesting, educational and just plain fun. Checkerboards on Thursdays and the Plus dances on Saturdays are very well attended, and dancers are also happy that Contradance Billings has increased dance nights to twice a month.



Coming up we have our annual all callers Christmas Dance on December 8 and the New Year's Eve dance and breakfast with Lynn on December 31. In the new year, we're looking forward to the Plus Day in Forsyth with Lynn and the Checkerboard Squares Spring Dance with Lynn and Larry on March 19. It's not too early to mark your calendars for the Spring Dance in Cody, also with Lynn, on April 26 and 27.

We wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas season with safe travel, family fun and plenty of dancing for all!

# Club Report Great Falls

by Linda Wallace

We hope that everyone is enjoying the holiday season and can spend it with friends, family and dancing.

The Dudes N Dolls will be having a busy December with a Plus dance on December from 7-9pm, December 8th is our Christmas Dance and Graduation for our beginner class. We will have a pot luck at 6:00 followed by our graduation ceremony for our 8 dancers and then our dance from 6:45-9:00.

We will have our New Years Eve dance on December 31st from 8-Midnight with a Pot Luck starting things off.



Hope everyone has a safe and good New Years Eve. See you in 2019.

# Club Report Hamilton

by Dee Terrill Moenich

Boots & Calico Square Dance Club did not have much to report this month. Hopefully next month we will catch up. Meanwhile if you need to contact somebody please call Ray Dunbar at 370-4414.



# Club Report Helena

by Bonnie Hamilton

Helena Last Chance Square Dance club had a fun Halloween dance party with prizes for best costume and best carved pumpkin. Our upcoming schedule in December includes a dance on December 1st beginning at 7 pm and December 15th is our Christmas party and pot luck beginning at 6 pm. Events are at Broadwater Elementary School gym. If you're in Helena, come join in the fun!

Thanks, Cathy Kaiser



# Club Report Kalispell

by Roger Jones

Arrg---I didn't get an input from Kalispell for the Nov.  
issue of the Big Sky News

Next Month..



# Club Report

## Libby

by Jo Wilson

We will start beginning square dance classes on Sunday, October 21 from 6 – 8 p.m. Classes will be held at Libby Elementary School, Brown Pod, at the corner of Education Way and Ski Road in Libby. Marvin Speck from Troy, MT is our teacher for the class.

Our dance in November will be on November 24 with Adam Christmas, calling and Priscilla Higdon, cuing. Our theme is Thanksgiving and we will be collecting food for the Libby Food Bank. Plus begins at 7 p.m. with Mainstream from 8 – 10 p.m. Our dances are held at Asa Wood School gym, 700 N. Idaho Ave., Libby, MT.



### Libby Spinning Squares 2018-2019 Dance Schedule



<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller/Cuer</u>	<u>Theme</u>
*Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018	Than Peake Priscilla Higdon	Ken's Birthday Party
October 27, 2018	Rick & Kathy Utter Kathy Utter	Halloween
November 24 2018	Adam Christman Priscilla Higdon	Thanksgiving
*Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018	Marvin Speck Sharon McNair	Christmas Dance (Party Level)
*Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019	Marvin Speck	Winter Carnival (Party Level)
January 26, 2019	Marvin Speck Lorrie Lane	Chinese New Year
February 23, 2019	Adam Christman Priscilla Higdon	Western
March 23, 2019	Ed Schiffner Ed Schiffner	50's Dance
* Sunday, April 14, 2019	Than Peake Lorrie Lane	Lorrie's Birthday Party
April 27, 2019	Bob Amsbury Claudia Amsbury	Crazy T-Shirt Dance
*Sunday, May 19, 2019	Rick & Kathy Utter Kathy Utter	Luau
<b>August 2, 3, 4, 2019</b>	<b>Logger Festival &amp; Libby Dam Dance</b> Rod Shuping from Lancaster, CA & Justine Litzko from Rathdrum, ID	

**Saturday Night Dances** - Plus at 7 p.m.; Mainstream from 8 - 10 p.m.

**\*Sunday Afternoon Dances** - Plus at 3 p.m.; Mainstream from 4 - 6 p.m.

All times are Mountain Standard time

Admission: **\$6.00 per person, under 15, \$3.00**

Dances Held at: **Asa Wood School, 700 Idaho Ave., Libby, MT**

**\*Dance on a Wood Floor\***

Info: **Ted Jewell:** 406-293-1165 or

**Jo Wilson:** 406-293-3265; email: jrussell43@frontiernet.net

**Find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LibbySpinningSquares](http://www.facebook.com/LibbySpinningSquares))**

A Williams Listening Transmitter will be available at dances.



# Club Report Miles City

by Lynn Strobel

Prairie Stars, Miles City

Nothing new for the month of December!



# Club Report Lolo

by Debby Ernst



**Mark your calendar** for the dates below and come join us at the **Lolo Dance Center!**

We had great time with Kathy Racine and Barry Bartlette at our HARVEST BALL on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>! Thanks to all of you who joined us for that great dance!

## **THIS MONTH:**

**EACH MONDAY** – Solo Stars **BEGINNER LESSONS** with Barry Bartlette

**6:30-8:00pm each Monday night.**

**MAINSTREAM DANCE** follows at 8pm.

**DEC 13, THURS** – We are planning a **DEMO DANCE** at Opportunity Resources, Missoula, at 1pm in the cafeteria. Call Tim/Dee Casey for more info. Come join the fun!

**DEC 17, MON** – **CHRISTMAS DANCE**, 8-9:30pm, after lessons

(**Final dance** of the season at Lolo Dance Center until April, so **let's all come out!**)

## **LOOKING AHEAD for SOLO STARS**

**JAN 11, FRI** – Square & Round Dancing begins at the **LOLO COMMUNITY CENTER**

**7-9pm, every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri, Jan-Mar, \$5.** (We will be dancing to tapes. Dancers are also covered by insurance. Dress casual if you'd like.) Let's stay in shape through the winter months! Looking forward to seeing you there!

# Club Report

## Lolo – continued



### LOLO DANCE CENTER EVENTS

#### EACH TUESDAY – Top Hats ROUND DANCE LESSONS EVERY TUESDAY

6:30-7:30pm Basics

7:30-8:30pm Dance

8:30pm Phase 3-4+ Workshop

(Dec 18 is the last round dance lessons until April.)

#### EACH FRIDAY – Swingola PLUS DANCE EVERY FRIDAY at Lolo, 7:00pm

(Call Barry Fri afternoon so he knows if there will be enough dancers.)

(Dec 21 is the last plus dance until April.)

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\*Check the Dance Center website at <http://lolocampndance.com/> for up-to-date calendar events.

\*Looking forward to seeing you in a square! Until next time—Debby E reporting

# Club Report Plains

by Darlene Jolly

The “**MONTANA MAVERICKS**” November dance on the 3rd 2018 was held at the bank with Adam Christman & Lorrie Lane. We had about 2 squares in attendance with 4 guests among them. It was a really fun dance – sorry you missed it.

Our December dance on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month will feature Gary Baker of Spokane & Lorrie will be cueing. There will also be an after party with a \$10 gift exchange at my home – everybody welcome. C’mon over!

October thru May we dance the first Saturday at the First Security Bank in Plains. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday during the summer months.



I am now hearing that for those who agree to work at the National 2020 in Spokane – there will be funds paid to your club. The funds must be allocated for “Education”. Seems to me that would be a worthy cause for all of our clubs.

Any questions call Darlene at 826-8951