



# Big Sky News Monthly Newsletter

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Square Dance!

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## *Announcement*

Last Chance! Who is going to take on the challenge? Maybe some clubs could combine?? I mentioned an opportunity and am trying one last time. 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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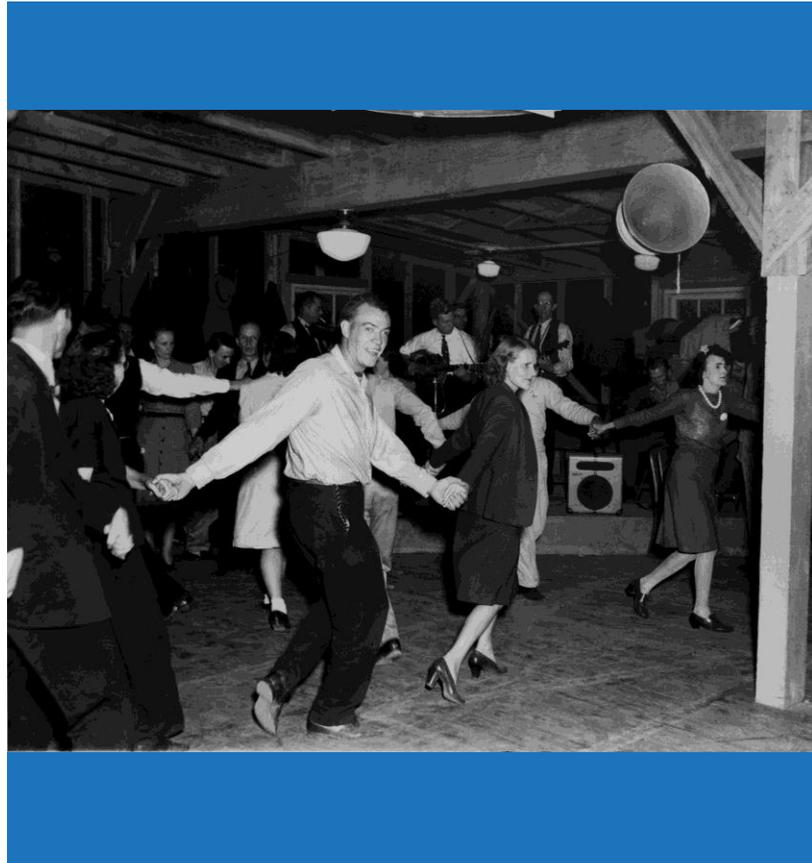
## *A note from the Editor*

Welcome 2019, another year put to bed and this is the last year of the decade (2010 – 2019). The year looks promising as we trek down the dancing season.

Hey check out the first full moon of 2019 is a dandy!

**Jan. 20-21 — full moon, supermoon and total lunar eclipse:** The total lunar eclipse begins on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 11:41 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, with totality continuing for more than an hour until 12:43 a.m. on the 21st. During that time, the moon appears red, which accounts for the term "blood moon" assigned to this event. It also is known as the Wolf Moon, a name given to the January full moon because hungry wolves howled near the camps of early Native American tribes. It's also sometimes called the Old Moon and the Moon After Yule. Most of North America, South America, the eastern Pacific Ocean, western Atlantic Ocean, and extreme western Europe and western Africa should be able to see it.

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 still hoping...

“There is no

FUN

without U in the  
middle!”

# 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.



## *Never been?*

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!*



**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.

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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

I know, a day late. My apologies. I'm also attaching a photo of the Christmas Dance, feel free to use it or not, whatever works. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! And thanks for all your hard work on the Big Sky News.

It's almost Christmas and the last of our snowbirds are getting ready to fly south. We wish them all a safe journey, we'll miss them! With the banana belt temperatures and lack of snow in Billings, we almost wonder about the need to travel!

A big thanks goes out to all who attended our Christmas Dance on December 8, especially the travelers. We had five squares including a healthy number from Miles City and our loyal and brave dancers who come from Cody on a regular basis. It was great to see you all; our dances are all that much more fun when you're here! Thank you, too, to Larry and Susan for coming back from Arizona to cue for the round dancers. Can't forget to thank all who helped decorate Cedar Hall for the season as well.

We have our ladies back! Lorraine, Peggy and Barb are all recovered enough from their surgeries to be gracing the dance floor again.

Dancing is not quite so frequent in this busy season. Hunter's Rockin' H Squares are the only ones dancing the week before Christmas. But there's still plenty of fun coming up with the New Year's Eve dance and breakfast with Lynn on December 31. 2019 promises good times with the Plus Day in Forsyth with Lynn and the Checkerboard Squares Spring Dance with Lynn and Larry on March 19. And don't forget the Spring Dance in Cody, also with Lynn, on April 26 and 27.



The regular dancing schedule resumes on January 5. The contradance folks will only be dancing once in January, on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for the beginning of the Checkerboard Squares-sponsored beginner sessions starting January 10 with signups happening the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>. We're all busy handing out cards, hanging posters, coordinating newspaper and radio publicity and just plain harassing our non-dancer friends to let us share our fun with them. If you have any Billings area friends who might be interested or even just curious, let them know!

Check in to [squaredancemontana.com](http://squaredancemontana.com) now and then to see what's going on, then come join us any time you're in the area. We wish you all a great start to the New Year, and hope that it keeps dancing along in the right direction all year.

# Club Report Great Falls

by Linda Wallace

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Great Falls

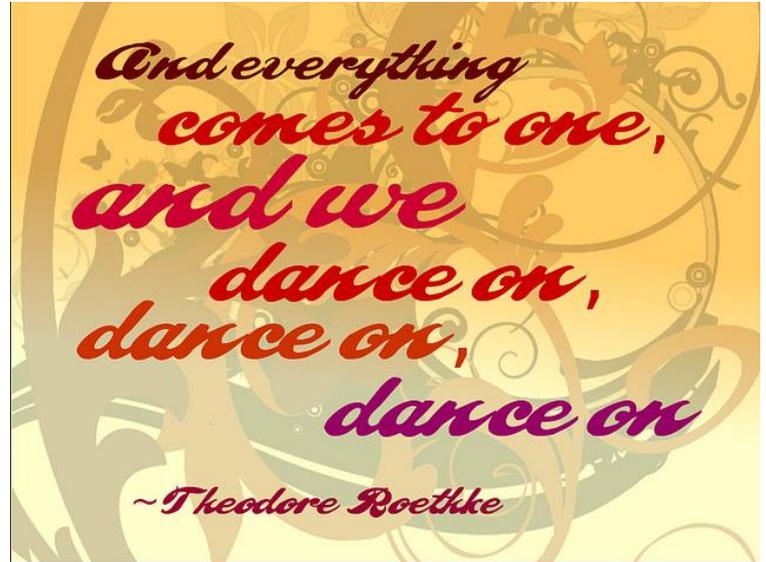
Happy new year to one and all. Hoping this will find everyone in good health and have a wonderful 2019.

We will be starting our mainstream workshop for those dancers that graduated on December 8th. Should be an exciting for them and am anxious to see them progress.

The workshops will be held on January 13th, 20th and 27th. They will run from 4-6pm at Missouri river manor.

Our regular dances for the month of January will be held on January 12 from 6:30-9:00 and January 26th from 6:30-9:00. David hinds is our caller and we dance at the Missouri river manor.

We would love to have anyone join us for these and any future event when in our area or coming to great falls. If you have any questions regarding the club or our activities, please contact David Hinds at 406-799-1715 or by email at [david.hinds@montanasquaredancing.com](mailto:david.hinds@montanasquaredancing.com).



Hope everyone had a safe and good New Years Eve.

See you in 2019.

# Club Report Hamilton

by Dee Terrill Moenich

Boots & Calico Square Dance Club based in Hamilton at the Golden Age center, 5th & Baker Streets. We have a nice wood floor to hold our dances. Our dances are \$6.00 per dancer and we always have a lovely snack table. Our January calendar is as follows:

Call Ray for more info 406-370-4414

Saturday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>            7 - 7:30 pre-rounds  
                                  7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream with Plus tip

**Ray Dunbar calling**

Round dance music provided by Don Scheline

Saturday Jan 12<sup>th</sup>        7 - 7:30 Plus  
                                  7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream with Plus tip

**Ray Dunbar calling**

Round dance music provided by Don Scheline

Saturday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>        7 - 7:30 pre-rounds  
                                  7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream

**\*\*\*CRAZY TIE NIGHT!!\*\*\***

**Eddie Fields** of Salmon, Id calling

Round dance music Don Scheline

Saturday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>        7 - 7:30 Plus  
                                  7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream with Plus tip

**Ray Dunbar calling**

Round dance music provided by Don Scheline



# Club Report Helena

by Bonnie Hamilton

Helena Last Chance Squares completed beginner lessons Monday December 17th. We had one brave dancer, Karen Long, complete our “fast track” lessons.

In December, we had two club dances including our Christmas party. We were honored by guest visits from MaryBeth from Great Falls and Santa & Mrs. Klaus. We had a jolly time dancing with Santa followed by a gift exchange game of luck.

Our January schedule:

Saturday night January 5<sup>th</sup>  
Prerounds 7pm  
Mainstream with plus tips 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Monday night January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mainstream with plus tips & rounds 6:30 pm

Location: Broadwater School  
[900 Hollins Ave](#), Helena  
Caller /cuer: Glen Tusler

We are hosting a traditional box social on February 16th. Please save the date and join us for the lunch auction at noon followed by an afternoon dance.

Visit our Facebook page at Helena Last Chance Square Dance.

P.S. Don't ever forget that you love to dance!



# Club Report Kalispell

by Roger Jones

Nope

---I didn't get an input from Kalispell for the January 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



Date	Caller/Cuer	Theme
*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 January!



# Club Report Lolo

by Debby Ernst



## **SOLO STARS in LOLO**

**JANUARY 2019**

Happy New Year, Dancers! This is a short announcement this time.

There will be **NO DANCING** at the Lolo Dance Center Jan-Mar. **BUT**, we'll still be dancing!

**JAN-MAR 2019** – Come join us at the **LOLO COMMUNITY CENTER**  
for **square and round dancing!**

**7-9:00 pm, every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri, \$5.**

Kathy Racine will be calling some, and the other times we'll be dancing

to CDs. Dress casual if you'd like. Dancers are also covered by insurance.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris McAdams at the passing of Lynn.

Keep Barry and Bobbie in your thoughts as they winter in AZ for a few months.

We look forward to their return in April.

Until next time, Debby E reporting.

Questions: Call Tim & Dee Casey 406-529-8633!

# Club Report Plains

by Darlene Jolly

The “**MONTANA MAVERICKS**” December dance was held at the bank with Gary Baker & Lorrie Lane. We had about 16 Mavericks in attendance along with 4 guests from Kalispell & 4 from HooDoo Valley Hoedowners in Idaho. Roads were great. 13 of us after partied at my house with lots of good eats plus ice cream. Also enjoyed a gift exchange where everybody had a good time with some of the gifts.

Hope everybody is having a large class this year – ours has started out a little “rocky”. We’ll see what happens this week. We may make a bit of a change this year.



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

Any questions call Darlene at 826-8951.