



# Orange Blossom Squares News

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**It's a pleasure to see all of our seasonal members, and guests back dancing with us. In January we enjoyed dancing to Whit Brown, Bob Wilson, National caller-Tim Crawford, and Bob Stern, with an average of 20 squares per dance.**

**We had 20 couples at the Winter Festival held in Lakeland January 24th, 25th, and 26th. We took home \$200.00 and a trophy for having the most pre-registered members for a club in Florida. Orange Blossom Squares had taken this prize three years in a row until 2007. We all had an enjoyable weekend.**

**On January 27th, we had the Recognition for all couples married 50+years. We added six couples to this group. We now have 30 member couples in this impressive group. Just think that totals over 1500 years.**

**February 17th at 6:00 PM we will have a general membership meeting. Please try to be on time. We like to get the meeting over, and all chairs back where they belong before people start coming in for the dance.**

**A RESIDENT only Recycle Event will be held on February 12th 6:30-8:30 PM at Saddlebrook Recreation Center. If you are a new dancer, or just looking for something to add to your square dance wardrobe, try to attend. We all know square dance clothes are expensive, and you can pick up some real bargains at this event. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR VILLAGE ID.**

## CALLERS SCHEDULE

**FEB. 10 TONY OXENDINE  
FEB. 17 RON LIBBY  
FEB. 24 PAUL PLACE**

**MAR. 02 RED BATES  
MAR. 09 LIBBY/PRESTON  
SAVANNAH CENTER  
MAR. 16 SCOTTY SHARRER  
ST. PATTY'S DAY DANCE  
MAR. 30 R.J. HOGAN**

**APR. 06 WHIT BROWN  
APR. 13 DUANE RODGERS  
APR. 20 DON HANHURST  
APR. 27 RED BATES**

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**JOANNE HELTON**

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**If you have signed up for Greeter or Hospitality, and you CAN NOT make it, PLEASE get someone to replace you. Since we don't have a Hospitality Committee, and we don't know someone isn't coming until we get to the dance, that leaves Ron and I helping in the kitchen. We don't mind helping, but it's hard to do two things at one time. We thank you for your consideration!**

**\*\* See the Training Directors Report for the latest on the Monday morning, Tuesday evening, and Thursday evening classes.**

**Buy your tickets early for the Ron Libby/Johnny Preston dance at the Savannah Center on March 9th. This dance is too early to our St. Patty's Dance, but if you want to wear green, go ahead.**

**Don't forget to buy your ribbon for the FLORIDA STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. It will be held in Lakeland Memorial weekend May 23rd, 24th, and 25th.**

**Yellow Rocks,  
Ron and Sharon Paul**

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### **Orange Blossom Square 2008 Golf Scrambles**

**Are you ready for OBS golf? Well then mark your calendars  
The Spring OBS golf scramble is scheduled for Saturday May 3, 2008 on the Mira Mesa Executive Golf course. The scramble will start in the afternoon with the first tee time being at 1:02 pm.**

**The Fall scramble is scheduled for Saturday September 27, 2008 on the Pimlico Executive Golf course. It is also an afternoon golf scramble with the first tee time at 1:02pm.**

**Sign ups for the scrambles will start about four (4) dances before the scheduled outing.**

**Plan to participate. The one rule for our scrambles is that everyone has fun.**

**Larry & Mary Taylor; 750-9092**

**Smile, God loves you**

**CFA REPORT**

The Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association will be hosting their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **SHAMROCK SWING** on March 7 & 8, 2008. This event will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland with Callers Tim Marriner and Whit Brown and Cuers Jimmy and Carol Griffin.

Schedule of events: Friday – Early Rounds 7:30, Dance 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday – 1- to 4 p.m. Workshops & DBD  
Saturday- Early rounds 7:30 Dance 8 p.m.

**TWO HALLS – MAINSTREAM & PLUS**

**RIBBONS - \$16 per person in advance: \$18 PP at the door**

**Daily admission available at the door: \$12 PP all day Saturday**

**Friday or Saturday evening only: \$10PP**

**AREA DANCES:**

Friday night dances at Recreation Plantation from 7-9:30. Caller Bob Stern and cuer Loretta Hanhurst.

Bob Stern also has Advance lessons on Monday, from 12:30 to 2:30; followed by A-2 dance from 3- 5 at Dancing Shadows in Belleview.

Fountain Squares dances their regular Thursday schedule with Don & Loretta Hanhurst at Del Webb.

Friendly Squares meets on Wednesday from 3 to 5 at Dancing Shadows. Caller is RJ Hogan, cuer Irene Knapp Smith. Early rounds start at 2:30.

Sunshine Promenaders dance every Wednesday at the Masonic Lodge in Leesburg from 7 to 9:15 with Ron Libby & Darrell Figg.

Thank you, Bob & Jennie Courter, CFA Area Reps

**BANNER RAID REPORT FOR NEWSLETTER**

**In January, 2008, we raided the Circle Squares and the Oak Run Twirlers. We in turn were raided by the Recreation Plantation Squares and the Fountain Squares. February will be a busy month for our banner Bandits. So far, we have raids scheduled on the Celebrity Squares and Prestige55 Squares at a combined dance on Feb. 7, and on the Royal Squares Feb. 25, and the Sunshine Promenaders on Feb. 27. The Circle Squares are raiding us on Feb. 17, and the Friendly Squares are raiding us on Feb. 24.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mary-Ann and Jack Hostetler**

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**54<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention**

The 54<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention will be held in Lakeland on May 23, 24, & 25, 2008.

"Celebrate in 08" is the theme of the convention. Bob and I have ribbons for the convention, the cost is \$27.00 per person through May 22, and \$30.00 per person at the box office. We also have buttons at the cost of \$1 each with the convention logo. We hope many of you will come out to support this year's convention. Please join us. We are treasurers for this convention.

The 55<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention will be hosted by the Central Florida Association. Orange Blossom Squares will be in charge of hospitality (which is really just greeting the dancers as they come into the convention center.) We hope many of you will volunteer to help with the greeting process.

**Thank you Bob & Jennie Courter**

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**PRESIDENTS - ELECT REPORT**

**As presidents elect we have met with our caller committee and together we have established a list of callers to be contacted for 2009 scheduling. Emails have been sent out to determine caller availability and we are currently in the process of sending out contracts to be signed and returned.**

**Happy Dancing,  
Larry & Barbara**

**TRAINING DIRECTORS REPORT - Bob & Jennie Courter****TUESDAY EVENING MAINSTREAM CLASS – BOB WILSON, CALLER**

We are very pleased with the attendance of our new students in the new year. Twenty four students (12 couples) returned excited to continue their square dance lessons. The angel attendance has been wonderful. Keep up the good work, Angels.

George and Pat Jacobs, Directors

**THURSDAY EVENING CLASS- DUANE RODGERS, CALLER**

Duane Rodgers has completed the second night of PLUS lessons. The two squares of class members and three or four squares of Angels are mixing together well and making it a fun evening for everyone. As always we want to thank our faithful class angels. We average 15 angel couples each week. Your student support and friendship during lessons make it easier for them to feel welcome in the club after graduation.

Chuck and Florence Anderson

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

On Monday January 28, Ron & Sharon Paul, Eileen Dietz, RJ Hogan and I met to discuss the Monday morning class. We reviewed the number of students in attendance, those that would be leaving at the end of January and those that would be leaving by the end of February and realized that we could end up with three to four couples by the beginning of March. After much discussion RJ suggested having a free dance, this day for all, and ending the class.

Included in our discussion RJ asked about the possibility of starting a Monday evening class. He stated that he would be willing to take on this class.

We have met with the representatives of the Village staff and are in the process of trying to find a facility or facilities that would be able to accommodate this request. We hope to have an answer by the time we have our annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob & Jennie Courter

**THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING****OR****How to make Friends and influence people!!**

**I. When the music starts, get on the floor. Don't make other dancers wait or the caller "beg" you to fill a square. Join the square nearest to you that needs a couple. It is considered "bad manners" to pass a square needing dancers in order to fill another. If you are looking for a square, raise your hand as you move across the floor. If your square is not full, raise your hand with as many fingers extended, as couples are needed. If two or three couples are squared up and do not have a hand up, it indicates that they are waiting for someone who has promised to dance with them. Do not try to square up with them without asking. Do not arrange squares more than once in an evening. It is best not to arrange a square at all. Do not get on the floor and expect the caller to find you a partner.**

**II. Never leave a square early. Your ability, or that of your fellow dancers, is no excuse. We all start at the same level and the only way to get better is to dance. If you become ill or an emergency arises advise the other members of the square, and if possible try to find a replacement.**

**III. Always introduce yourself and your partner to others in the square if you don't know them. Thank them for dancing with you after the tip.**

**IV. Be on time and don't leave early. In square dancing, one late couple or person may mean that three couples or seven people must sit out. By leaving early, you are telling the other dancers and caller that you did not have a good time at the dance. The "wind-down" tip is just as important as the first or middle tips. Plan to spend the complete evening when you come.**

**V. Male dancers please wear long sleeves. No one will deny they are warm; however, most will admit they don't enjoy grabbing a sweaty arm. Ladies should avoid wearing excessive jewelry, it hurts. Everyone is expected to wear a name badge.**

**\*\*\*\*\* To Be continued in the next Newsletter \*\*\*\*\***

