



Tualatin Valley Council (TVC) COUNCIL MEETING

Sept 26, 2011

Themes: Retaining Club Officers and Traveling Banners
Called to order at: 7:00PM

Attendees:

Officers:

Debra Welch (Pres.); Ron Dobias (V. Pres.); Lalani Radford (Treas.); Mary T. Withers (Sec.); Judy Schnase (Past Pres.); Jim Rogers (State Delegate); Dorothy Sullivan (Sunshine Chairman); K.C. Curtis (Caller Advisor); Gary Clark (Finance Chair); Verna France (PAC Delegate to TVC)

Delegates:

Carolyn Hindman (Coast Swingers); Michael McMullen (Coast Swingers); Naomi Coorengel (Eager Beavers); Jim Rogers (Eager Beavers); Sylvia Davis (Hayshakers); Kathy Worthington (Hayshakers); Marian Kehoe (Hoedowners); Debbie Olson (Hoedowners); Patty Bonney (Mix 'N Mingle); Linda Sycks (R Square D); Lonnie Sycks (R Square D); Joyce Clark (Sunset Promenaders); Ray Sullivan (Sunset Promenaders); Peggy Lance (Toe Draggers); Natalie Schumacher (Toe Draggers); Vida Eppich (Co-D for Tri Squares); Nell Killebrew (Independent); Carol Roos (Co-D for Tri Squares); Karen Martiny (Valley Squares);

Visitors: Robert Allen (Coast Swingers); Sylvia Duncan (Eager Beavers); Carolene Ginocchio (Valley Squares); Kay Rogers (OR State Insurance Chair) Carmen and Harlan Rost (Coast Swingers); Bill Siebert (Valley Squares); John Withers (Hoedowners); Dale Worthington (Hayshakers)

Action Items		
Who Is Responsible?	Announcements, Decisions, Motions, or Needed Action	Date
All	Minutes Corrections and New Reports. Send corrections of the minutes and your new meeting report for the October meeting to Mary T. Withers john.mary.withers@gmail.com .	Before Oct 24, 2011
All	Coast Swinger Announcement. The Coast Swingers held a special membership meeting to vote on the Board's recommendation that the club dissolve at the end of 2011. Their last dance will be the Oregon Coast Spooktacular on October 22 with Wild Cards, calling, and Debbie Combs, cuing.	
All	Genevieve Churchill's Surprise 100th Birthday Dance Announcement. Let your club members know of the Surprise Birthday Mainstream Dance on Oct 22 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Senior Estates Club House (1776 Country Club Road, Woodburn, OR). Harold Kleve is MC – Callers/ Cuers from the floor. (See #2 and #3 Attachment for more information.)	Oct 22
All	TVC Directory Change. Tri Squares has changed their website address and made a few club officer changes. Please make the changes to your TVC Directory. Gorden Keeney (glkeeney1@gmail.com), has agreed to be Vice President for the remainder of the year. Ina May Nilsen (inamayn@frontier.com), has accepted the role of secretary. (For more information, see the Tri Squares Delegate report.)	
All	R Square D's New Dance Venue. R Square D's new dance venue is the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave in Kelso, WA 98626). It has a good wood floor to dance on. Their first dance at this new venue will be on October 22 (Saturday). Directions to get to the Kelso Senior Center are as follows: <i>Take the Kelso Exit # 39. At the stoplight turn left. Get into the right lane, go under freeway, thru 6 lights (you will go over the Cowlitz River) till you come to a stop sign. This is NW 6th Ave. At stop sign turn right and the Kelso Senior Center is one block on the right. Green building. (Note: When stopped at the stop sign, the Twin City Shopping Center is directly in front of you with JoAnn's Fabrics kiddy corner across the street to the right).</i>	Oct 22
All	Toe Dragger Dance - Change in Venue. The Oct 7 th George Strait dance will be at the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro (267 E Main St. Hillsboro, OR,) not at the Kinton Grange.	Oct 7
All	Club Websites and Visitation/Traveling Banners. It is recommended that each club place their visitation guidelines on their club website. (See New Business section for more information and examples of written guidelines.)	

Action Items		
Delegate Presidents	State Insurance Paperwork. The Insurance paperwork must be completed and returned to your state delegate (Jim Rogers) no later than the Oct. 24 th meeting.	Oct 24
Delegate Presidents	Classes Reimbursement. Turn in your Lessons Reimbursement form and receipts. Clubs may receive a max of \$170.00 per club. Note - that the amount to be reimbursed has changed from \$200 to \$170.00.	
Delegates	Next TVC Meeting Topic: New Dancer Jamborees. At the next TVC meeting, make suggestions on how to support clubs who want to send their dancers to New Dancer Jamboree that conflict with their Sunday lessons (For more information, see discussion in New Business section.)	Oct 24
Delegates	Next TVC Meeting Topic: Angels. What is each club's policy regarding guest angels? Do clubs encourage/want angels from other clubs participating at lessons? Should angels from other clubs pay to dance? How do guest angels learn about requirements of being an angel?	Oct 24
Delegates	Next TVC Meeting Topic: Winning TVC Banners. Currently, a TVC club will win the TVC Dance Banner, if they have the largest percentage of their club members present at a TVC dance. This method presents a few difficulties: (1) Some clubs have members that never dance or attend a dance but remain on the club roster. Should there be 2 rosters, one for dancing members and one for all members? (2) Some clubs have members that belong to more than one club. Which club should a member list at the TVC dance – perhaps only the club that pays for the member's insurance? (3) Should the calculation for winning the TVC banner be based on (a) total number of club members, (b) total number of dancing members, (c) total number of club members that pay insurance?	Oct 24

CORRECTION/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The August minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Debra Welch

Our new State Delegate starting this month is Jim Rogers. Thank you Jim and Kay for all the work you do for Square Dancing and for taking on the State Delgate position this year.

As you might remember, TVC's Mission is to "*Encourage and Support the Growth and Development of the Square and Round Dance Community*". Specifically, our goals are to support and provide assistance to member clubs in order that they can recruit dancers and support the growth of club membership. Procedurally, TVC is doing this by focusing our conversation on issues that help our clubs - by sharing ideas - by working together so that we understand each other's procedures. You will be wrapping up the Traveling Club Banners topic this month. It appears that all TVC clubs handle this issue a little differently, which is okay. I will encourage our clubs to define their club's procedures on their web sites, so that visiting clubs know what they are.

If your club is having classes, don't forget to keep track of your advertising expenses and receipts for a TVC reimbursement. The form is on the TVC website.

Treasurer's Report: Lalani Radford

TVC Account Balances as of 8/23/11 through 9/25/11

	BEGINNING BALANCE		2316.95
	INCOME	State Directories	127.40
		Electric Cord	12.98
		TVC Directories	257.40
		State Directories	143.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES		413.38
	ENDING BALANCE		2,030.97
	Summary		
	Cash Box		30.00
	Checking		2030.97
	Savings		9,555.07
	Total		11,616.04

Vice-President Report: Ron Dobias

- **12/31/11 (Saturday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** Featuring Daryl Clendenin (Caller) and Bev Flint (Cuer).
- **3/31/12 (Saturday): TVC's 5th Saturday Dance.** Featuring Jim Hattrick (Caller).
- **7/29/12 (Sunday): Hahn Barn Dance.** Chuck Garner (Caller) and Connie Clark (Cuer) will serve as emcees and invite callers and cuers from the floor to participate.
- **12/31/12 (Monday): TVC's New Year's Eve Dance.** Featuring The Wild Cards (Callers) and Randy Lewis (Cuer).

TVC State Delegate: Mike Duyck for Jim Rogers

- There were 548 paid dancers at the Summer Festival with profits of \$3,732 each for the State and PAC.
- There are now 820 subscriptions to OFN with 37 new subscriptions or renewals from TVC at the Hahn Barn Dance.
- Kay Rogers will be the State recording secretary. Barbie Ashwill will be the State treasurer.
- Randall Award votes are to be completed by November.
- Advertising for new dancers has been successful for some clubs.
- There will be an educational seminar at mid-winter "Contracting for Callers and Cuers".
- "Floor Dusters" is a new Oregon youth club.
- Kathy Roberts would like to hold a youth dance in the Portland area in February or March and needs a club to sponsor this.
- Goldie needs e-mail addresses for RD chairmen for each council.
- Interstate Highlanders have agreed to host a state meeting in July of 2012.
- A caller school, run by Grand Squares will be prior to the 2012 National Convention with Toni Oxendine and Jerry Story. The school will be free to callers attending the festival. Callers need to be advised of this event.
- USA West had 669 paid dancers in attendance.
- The minutes from the September State meeting will be out shortly and may be found on the State web site for additional information.

Insurance Reports: Jim Rogers

The paperwork must be completed and returned to your state delegate (Jim Rogers) no later than the Oct. 24th meeting. Email/Call Kay Rogers with any questions.

OFN Area Editor: Ferrous Steinka

Long time club reporter for the Hoedowners, Joyce White, is leaving the area with her husband Dan for the cooler climate of Chandler Arizona. This is an employment related move. I would like to express my thanks to Joyce for her past efforts on behalf of her club, and welcome Debbie Olson as her replacement.

Caller Advisor: K.C. Curtis

I have been giving a lot of thought to the subject of making TVC council dances more exciting and profitable.

1. Explore the records to see which callers drew the biggest crowds and contract with those callers.
2. Utilizing callers from around Oregon or Washington is a good way to expose our local crowd to very good and fun callers.
3. None of our local callers will draw a crowd like a known national caller. The problem with a caller of that caliber is TVC is not willing to pay for what they will charge. I have a few suggestions:
 - a. Plan a dance, meeting the Caller's contract. TVC could probably afford to experiment with one dance. See if this dance goes well and make decisions base on the outcome. Or better still is to take a chance on 2 dances as this would give a better perspective on whether this approach would work.
 - a. Ask PAC to combine a 5th Friday and 5th Saturday and work together for either a weekend dance or just one night sharing the profits (or losses). I have been told that the last time this was done (about 10 years ago), 2 different dances had one with 200 dancers and the other with 300 dancers.
 - b. Raise the entry fee to \$10.00.
 - c. The key to all of this is getting the word out with advertising – lots of advertising – and pre sell tickets.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Chair: Gary Clark

Turn in your Lessons Reimbursement form and receipts. Clubs may receive a max of \$170.00 per club.

Sunshine Chair: Dorothy Sullivan

The following people received Sunshine notes:

- Roy Swart for his broken ankle (Sunset Promenaders).
- Del Reid, who is still rehabbing his knee following surgery (Sunset Promenaders).

The following people received Sympathy cards:

- Lila Jones's sister passed away (Sunset Promenaders).
- Ronda Pettingil's father passed away (Sunset Promenaders).

Website Chair: Mark Bendickson www.tualatinvalleycouncil.org

The TVC website hosting service is coming due in the near future. Currently, it runs \$59.40, with the domain name billed separately, but as an option I could contact them and see if I can get a discount for paying for 4-5 years ahead of time. Recently, my experience has shown that if they grant us this deal, they will want about \$129.00 or so in a lump sum payment. These figures are not exact, only an estimation on my part until I make the contact.

REPORTS FROM COURTESY POSITIONS

PAC Delegate to the TVC: Verna France

PAC has a 5th Friday dance this Friday at Oak Grove Community Hall. Chuck Garner is calling and Ken Pratt is cueing.

OLD BUSINESS

Visitation/Traveling Banners (Debra Welch)

The 2011 TVC Survey and comments from various club members indicated that the practice of Visitation or Traveling banners was confusing and sometimes has led to hard feelings. Accordingly, the topic of Visitation/Traveling Banners was raised in order that TVC members could discuss and understand the practices and intent of each club. TVC will place the following Visitation/Traveling Banner blurb on its website:

Visitation/Traveling Banners (Note: Place on TVC Website)

A "Banner Raid" is an old square dancing tradition, used to promote the visitation of square dancing clubs with each other. If "*Club A*" has a sufficient number of dancers visit "*Club B*", *Club A* may win or "steal *Club B*'s visitation/traveling banner. Subsequently, *Club B* may (1) retrieve or recover their own club's traveling banner or (2) "steal" one of *Club A*'s banners when it makes a visit with a sufficient number of members to *Club A*.

Visitation (or) Traveling Banner guidelines vary widely across the United States as well as within TVC. Not all TVC clubs participate in this tradition. TVC recommends that all TVC clubs place a statement on their website informing visitors of their Traveling/Visitation Banner policy, so that this information is available. TVC also recommends that visiting clubs phone or email the club-to-be-visited prior to their arrival, in order for the visited club to be prepared for the added dancers.

Following are two examples of Visitation Guidelines placed on Club websites.

Example #1: Valley Square's Website Guidelines

Official Visitations And Traveling Banners

Thank you for considering visiting Valley Squares, we appreciate your visit and welcome you. We ask that you please follow the rules listed below for your

"Official Visitation" to our regular dances to be eligible for a banner.

1. Call one of the officers listed below at least three days prior to the visitation. Time is needed to notify our club members to bring extra food (extra bean for the pot).
2. Please notify the officer of your number of members attending. Eight (8) club members is needed for an "official visitation", more are always welcome. Clubs with less than 25 members, six (6) club members would be considered "official. If your club is smaller, please discuss your numbers with the officer when you call.
3. Valley Squares Traveling Banners shall be given to the Official Visiting Club or if Valley Squares possesses a banner of the visiting club, they may retrieve it, visiting club's choice.

Example #2: Hoedowner's Website Guidelines

Visitations To The Hoedowners

The Hoedowners participate in the Visitation/Traveling Banner tradition. When 8 of your club members (1 square) visit the Hoedowners, your club may (retrieve/ recover one of your club's traveling banners. If you do not have a banner to retrieve, your club may "steal" or win one of the Hoedowner's traveling banners. If 16 of your club members visit, you may first, retrieve your club's banner and second, take a Hoedowner traveling banner back to your club – where it awaits for a Hoedowner square to retrieve it! For small clubs, fewer visiting dancers are needed to receive a banner. The Hoedowners participate in this tradition "just for fun" and to encourage club visits, so our guidelines are very relaxed! Check our website to see if we are holding your club banner! A call to let us know of your visit is always appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Retaining New Officers (Mary T. Withers)

The 2011 TVC Survey indicated that finding club officers was a major concern for our TVC clubs, so Delegates suggested that this topic should be discussed at our Sept meeting. Following are ideas to consider.



Club Officers – How To Get Club Members To Step UP

Factors That Interfere With Members Stepping Up to Leadership Positions

Uncontrollable Factors

- Work Schedule or Location
- Family Responsibilities
- Financial Difficulties
- Physical or Mental Health

Controllable Factors

- Burnt out
- Petty feuds, power struggles
- Placed in office too soon after graduation
- Assigned too much responsibility for member's skills
- Does not understand job responsibility
- No leadership training to perform the job
- Vacation Schedule

Important Factors For Developing Leaders

1. **Membership Involvement:** *Each Club Member...*
 - Assumes Responsibility For A Club Job
 - Participates In Club Visitations and Social Opportunities
2. **Membership Education:** *Each Club Member...*
 - Prepares and Becomes Knowledgeable Of Club Operations
 - Participates in Square Dancing Leadership Responsibilities
3. **Club Climate:** *Each Club Member...*
 - Promotes a Positive and Enthusiastic Attitude Toward Members and Guests
 - Shows Appreciation For Fellow Members and Officers
 - Assumes Ownership of Club Success
 - Recognizes Club Problems, Seeks Membership Input and Finds A Solution

Specific Suggestion – *New Member Welcome Letter* – Make Members Aware

- **“New Member Meeting”.** Once a year, the club Board calls a “New Member” meeting, to orient new members to the responsibilities of the club. This meeting is held after the completion of the “New Dancer Class” and before election of our officers. (Note: The meeting is a way to honor old leaders and to solicit new leaders, as all members are required to sign up for something.)
- **Responsibilities:** Although recognizing the busy schedules of club members and that our major goal is to “have fun”, the club strongly encourages the involvement of each club member in the support of club dances, visitations, social activities, and governance responsibilities. Examples of involvement beyond dancing at our grange includes: (1) bringing food to share at our club dances as well as volunteering for intermittent kitchen duty and sign-in duty; (2) serving on the board or on a committee; (3) making officially scheduled visitations to other clubs; and (4) serving as an angel at the “New Dancers Classes”.

Specific Suggestion – Club Officer Description – Educate Members

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. (USDA). USDA has various educational materials on the web <usda@usda.org> that you can download and use. Five of these information sheets are as follows: *Club President Responsibilities, Vice Club Responsibilities, Past President Responsibilities, Club Secretary Responsibilities, Treasurer Responsibilities*. These responsibilities should be shared with your members.

The **Eager Beavers** made the following suggestions:

- Pay them!!!!
- Harold Kleve could make a plea for officers.
- Explain the duties.

The **Sunset Promenaders** made the following suggestions:

- Because members don't seem to volunteer, you need to have a one-to-one conversation with members.
- Volunteer to help the leader.

The **Toe Draggers** suggested:

- Recognize the worker bees and support the head.

TVC Sponsored New Dancer Jamborees (Vida Eppich and Gordon Keeney)

Gordon Keeney, the Tri-Squares new V. Pres. and Lesson Committee co-Chair, asks if TVC would consider sponsoring New Dance Jamborees in December and April, eliminating the need for the individual clubs to do so. Benefits to the TVC include income to help pay for the \$170 advertising club stipend, and to the clubs by exposing their students to a variety of club callers at one dance, if the clubs also send their callers to call as well. Clubs could still have their own Jamborees as long as it is after the TVC sponsored Jamboree dance. Since Jamborees are usually on Sunday, at the same time as our lessons, attending more than one, at the various clubs takes away lesson time.

A discussion regarding this issue revealed the following and indicated the discussion should continue at the October meeting:

- TVC sponsored jamborees have not been successful.
- Clubs prefer to have their own dances and often join with another club to encourage dancer participation.
- The Tri Squares' new dancers would benefit if, for one Sunday, their lessons were canceled and they attended a New Dancer Jamboree.
- The Tri Squares are concerned that they would lose money because their grange makes them pay for the grange, even if they cancel for one week.
- Another club, holding a jamboree, could agree to hold the jamboree at the Tri Squares grange.
- Given a couple of months notice, Tri Squares could ask their grange if they could cancel a dance and not have to pay, in order to attend a Sunday Jamboree put on by another club.
- Club Delegates are asked to discuss this with their members and come with solutions at the October meeting.

Coast Swingers – Dissolve, Continue or Start Anew? (Carolyn Hindman)

Even though the Coast Swingers have voted to dissolve, some of the members are inquiring whether they can continue their club or start a new club. This group of Coast Swingers are talking with Tim Roberts, State Parliamentarian and "knowledgeable guy" to see what their next steps are. They are currently negotiating with the Tillamook Elks Club to use their facility and to teach square dancing to some of their members. If they cannot continue their club, they would like to start a new club and plan to speak with other TVC members to gather information on how to do this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coast Swingers (Michael McMullen)

On September 10th, the Coast Swingers held a special membership meeting to vote on the Board's recommendation that the club dissolve at the end of 2011. This was a hard decision for our board to make, however after not having a class in 3 years; having a \$69.00 loss in 2010 (this loss would have been \$400.00 if our club caller had not graciously accept gas money in lieu of his contracted fee for 5

dances); having already lost \$560 YTD on our dances, and not having the 3-4 squares, we voted to submit a resolution to the club membership to dissolve the club. Thirteen of the fourteen voting club members were present at the special meeting, the vote to dissolve was 9-4, had the absent member been present the vote would have been 10-4.

Our last dance will be on October 22, 2011; this will be our first and only Spooktacular, the Wild Cards and Debbie Combs are the featured callers and cuer. Current club caller, Michael McMullen, associate caller, Janet Shannon, and club cuer Connie Clark will also be on the program.

Some members of the club are exploring options to keep some form of square and round dancing going in the Tillamook area in the coming year.

Genevieve Churchill's 100th Birthday Celebration (Kay Rogers)

There is a special birthday celebration for Genevieve Churchill on October 22nd. This will be held at the Senior Estates Club House (1776 Country Club Road, Woodburn, OR) from 1:00 – 3:00. Harold Kleve is the emcee. Callers and Cuers from the floor will be invited to participate. (See #2 and #3 Attachment for more information.)

Sunset Promenader Announcements (Joyce Clark)

We wanted to especially thank the Valley Squares for cancelling their club dance to attend our 26th Anniversary Dance. They were a big part of making our anniversary so much fun and such a success. Round Dance Lessons October 2nd: Phase 2 Two Step and Phase 3 Cha Cha.

Hayshakers (Kathy Worthington)

The Hayshakers have moved their PLUS dance to the Astoria Senior Center (1111 Exchange St. Astoria, OR 97103.) On October 14th, we are celebrating Norm Shoop's 90 birthday at the Pacific Grange. Please let us know if you wish to attend.

Toe Draggers (Peggy Lance)

Please note that our Oct 7th George Strait dance will be at the Odd Fellows Hall in Hillsboro (267 E Main St. Hillsboro, OR), not at the Kinton Grange.

R Square D (Linda Syckes)

Our new venue is the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave in Kelso, WA). Our first dance at this new venue will be on October 22 (Saturday). Directions to get to the Kelso Senior Center are as follows: *Take the Kelso Exit # 39. At the stoplight turn left. Get into the right lane, go under freeway, thru 6 lights (you will go over the Cowlitz River) till you come to a stop sign. This is NW 6th Ave. At stop sign turn right and the Kelso Senior Center is one block on the right. Green building. (Note: When stopped at the stop sign, the Twin City Shopping Center is directly in front of you with JoAnn's Fabrics kiddy corner across the street to the right).*

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned: 8:09 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. Withers

Next Meeting: The October meeting will be held on October 24, 2011 at the Pizza Caboose (3276 NW 185th) next to the 7-Eleven. Dinner and socialization begins at 6:00 PM. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

CLUBS DANCE SCHEDULE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Date	Club	Dance Information
Oct 1	M & Ms	Dennis Smith will be cuing instead of Jeanine Norden
Oct 1	Sunset Promenaders	<i>Corn Feed/ Harvest Dance</i> ; a corn eating contest. Mike Stout (Caller) - Ken Pratt (Cuer).
Oct 1	Valley Squares	<i>Autumn Leaves Dance</i>
Oct 7	Toe Draggers	<i>George Strait Dance</i> in Hillsboro, (IOOF Hall, Hillsboro). *Note change of venue.)
Oct 8	Coast Swingers	Pie and Ice Cream Social. Mark Wheeler (Caller) - Connie Clark (Cuer)
Oct 14	Hayshakers	Norm Shoop's - 90th birthday celebration. 5:00 at Pacific Grange. Please tell Kathy Worthington, if you want to attend.
Oct 14	R Square D	Held at Longview Square Dance Hall; Mark Wheeler (Caller) and Susan Healea (Cuer)
Oct 15	Sunset Promenaders	<i>Halloween Dance</i> . Don Hart (Caller) - Ken Pratt (Cuer).
Oct 15	Valley Squares	<i>Spooky Dance</i>
Oct 16	Eager Beavers	<i>Harvest Dance</i> is a Mainstream Dance at IOOF Hall (3 rd & Main in Hillsboro). 1 to 4pm. A Roast Beef Dinner at 3:30pm. \$5 per person and \$12 family rate. Earn your Ambassador Badge.
Oct 21	Hayshakers	Hayshaker's first dance at the Astoria Senior Center.
Oct 21	Toe Draggers	<i>Graveyard Smash</i> . Small gifts for best costume categories.
Oct 22	Coast Swingers	LAST DANCE . Oregon Coast Spooktacular. Wild Cards, calling - Debbie Combs, cuing. Costumes encouraged.
Oct 22	Hoedowners	<i>Spooky Boogie Blacklight Dance</i>
Oct 22	R Square D	The first dance at their new venue - Kelso Senior Center. Plus from 7:30 to 8:00 and squares from 8:00 to 10:00 with rounds.
Oct 28-29	Hayshakers	<i>Seaside Sashay</i> . Seaside Convention Center.
Oct 30	Kinton Grange	Turkey dinner.

CLUB DELEGATE REPORTS

Coast Swingers: (Carolyn Hindman and Michael McMullen, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturday in Garibaldi. Pre rounds at 7:00 pm; Mainstream 7:30-9:30. Dress is "Coast Casual". Feel free to come in your travel clothes (coast casual). Our Club Caller is Michael McMullen, our associate caller is Janet Shannon, and our club cuer is Connie Clark. We also dance to guest callers and guest cuers. www.coastswingers.com

One and a half squares enjoyed dancing to the calling and cueing of Terry Halley and Helen Halley at our August 27th "Tools for Schools" dance; we filled a large apple crate sized bin with school supplies that were donated to the local school systems.

On September 10th, eleven Coast Swingers danced their way around the world to the calling and cueing of David Trout and Melinda McClure-Brendan.

We were pleasantly surprised on Saturday, Sep. 24th when 4 Sunset Promenaders and 2 Valley Squares joined us for our music of the '60s and 70's dance. All had a great time dancing to the music of the '60s and 70's. Our guest caller and cuer Chuck Garner and Doug Hatch did a great job putting us through our paces. Our club caller, Michael McMullen, danced several tips as Doug Hatch's "taw" so that we could keep two squares on the floor throughout the evening.

Our next to last dance will be our Pie and Ice Cream Social on October 8th with Mark Wheeler, calling, and Connie Clark, cueing. We hope to see some of you there.

Our last dance will be our Oregon Coast Spooktacular on October 22 with Wild Cards, calling, and Debbie Combs, cuing. Current club caller and cuer, Michael McMullen and Connie Clark and associate

caller, Janet Shannon will also be present. Prerounds at 7:00; Squares & Rounds 7:30-9:30, Plus Tip at 9:30. Door fee: \$6.00/adult, \$3.00/youth. Costumes are encouraged. Come and have a spookally good time with us at our last dance.

As always attire is coast casual and we're only a 90-minute drive from the Beaverton/Hillsboro area.

Eager Beavers: (Naomi Coorengel and Jim Rogers, Delegates)

Dance easy plus every Monday afternoon, 1:15 to 3:15 PM, at the Sunset Presbyterian Church (14986 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR), which features an air conditioner and excellent wood floor. On holidays we dance at the Aloha Grange (the corner of 185th and TV Hwy). George Clark is the caller/cuer; Jim Hattrick is the caller/cuer every third Monday. Dance starts with 15 minutes of easy pre-rounds. <http://www.eagerbeavers.info>

Eager Beavers' Harvest Dance is a Mainstream Dance Sunday, October 16th 1 to 4pm. A Roast Beef Dinner served at 3:30pm. \$5 per person and \$12 family rate. This is a chance to help you earn your Ambassador Badge. The dance is in the IOOF Hall at 3rd & Main in Hillsboro. Info 503-396-5537.

Hayshakers: (Sylvia Davis and Kathy Worthington, Delegates)

Until January 2012, dance Plus on the 2nd Friday of each month. In 2012, dance Plus on the 2nd and 4th Friday. Location is at Astoria Senior Center (1111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103). Start 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dress in whatever you are comfortable. Caller and Cuer is Harvey Hunsucker. Hayshakers also put on the annual Seaside Sashay, a 2-day Mainstream dance on the 4th Friday and Saturday in October. www.hayshakers.org

The Hayshakers have started up classes. On the first class we had 3 people and then on the second class we had 5. I hope we can get a few more to come.

Right now we have received 103 pre-registrations for the Seaside Sashay. All activities are on track. Our Plus dance location is moving to Astoria Senior Center until further notice. The first dance is on the 21st of Oct. On the 14th Oct. we are celebrating one of our members - Norm Shoop's - 90th birthday. Please let Kathy Worthington know if you want to attend.

Hoedowners: (Marian Kehoe and Debbie Olson, Delegates)

Dance the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th and TV Hwy. Our Caller is Daryl Clendenin. The cuer is Yvonne Clendenin. Pre-Plus and Intermediate Rounds will be called from 7:00-8:00 and Mainstream from 8-10. Our format is informal and friendly. <http://www.hoedowners.info>

Our New Dancers Class began on September 21 and is open for the next two weeks. The class is at Aloha Grange, Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., with our wonderful instructor Daryl Clendenin.

The Hoedowners have planned some exciting dances for the rest of 2011 including an Indian Summer Dance on September 24, a Spooky Boogie Blacklight Dance on October 22, our 4th Annual Turkey Toss on November 12, and It's a Wonderful Life Dance with toy donations on December 10. Check our website for details on these special dances and our regular dances.

On Saturday, October 1, Hoedowners have a very special visitation planned to R Square D in Longview, Washington for an Oktoberfest Dance and a German dinner.

Mix 'N Mingle: (Patty Bonney, Delegate)

Dance Plus at the Winona Grange (8340 Seneca Street, Tualatin, OR) on 1st and 3rd Saturdays. Pre-Rounds begin at 7:30 PM (Levels 4 & 5), 8:00 PM (Levels 2 & 3) and Plus from 8:30 - 11:00 PM. Randy Dibble is our club caller and Jeanine Norden our club cuer. \$4 per person at the dance for members, \$5 for non-members. <http://www.mixandminglesquares.org>

Winona Grange will hold a fundraiser October 29. The Pumpkin Regatta Race involves individuals in hollowed-out pumpkins maneuvering across the pond. Another event is the Pumpkin Weigh Off. Different bands will play at this Fall Festival. The proceeds will go to the grange to comply with ADA requirements.

We won't do anything fancy for our birthday dance, since it falls opposite of Royal Romp. Lindie

suggested continuing with guessing how many M&Ms (NOT M'n Ms) are in the jar. Dennis Smith will be cueing October 1st, instead of Jeanine Norden.

R Square D: (Linda Sycks and Lonnie Sycks, Delegates)

Dance 2nd Friday and the 4th Saturday at the Longview Square Dance Center for half of October. Then on October 22 we dance at the Kelso Senior Center (106 NW 8th Ave, Kelso, WA). Pre rounds start at 7:30 PM with mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 PM and refreshments after the dance. Craig Abercrombie is the caller and Lonnie Sycks is our cuer. Call 360-431-7553 or 360-636-3358 for more information.

www.r-square-d.info

We had a great annual camp out last weekend. Several club members went down to Skamokawa State Park two days early to get every thing ready for us. Friday was a little chilly but nice. Saturday was chilly, windy and rainy but we had a great time any way. Plenty of food!! We barbecued a pork loin, a 28-pound salmon, and three chickens, along with all the fixings.

Our next dance is October 14 at the Longview Square Dance Hall with Mark Wheeler calling and Susan Healea cueing. The next day, October 15, will be the very last dance in this hall sponsored by LASDA. The dance is free with callers and cuers from the floor. Join us for one last great dance in the square dance hall. We are making final preparations for Octoberfest. Decorating will be September 29. This is the last Octoberfest for LASDA hall and are hoping for a big crowd to make this weekend a big success with Les Seeley calling and Tami Helms cueing. Don't forget the wonderful German dinner on Saturday evening.

Lessons will start October 19 at our new venue, which is 106 NW 8th Ave in Kelso, WA at the Kelso Senior Center. It has a good wood floor to dance on and we are anticipating a long relationship with the Kelso Senior Center. Our Saturday dance, October 22 will be the first at this new venue. We have plus from 7:30 to 8:00 and squares from 8:00 to 10:00 with rounds.

Sunset Promenaders: (Joyce Clark and Ray Sullivan, Delegates)

Dance 1st & 3rd Saturdays. First Saturday every month at 7:30 until 8:00 is a Square Dance Workshop. The 3rd Saturday every month is Pre-rounds from 7:30 until 8:00. Mainstream continues from 8:00 – 10:00 with a break at the end. Our Cuer is Ken Pratt; we are currently interviewing for a Caller. We dance in Hillsboro on the Odd Fellows Hall Upstairs on the corner of 3rd & Main Streets above LaHaies and Of Earth and Air shops.

www.sunsetpromenaders.com

Our club celebrated our 26th Anniversary with a full hall dancing to the calling of George Hermann and Mike Kious. Dancers from many clubs came to help us celebrate. The night before our anniversary dance, a large group of Promenaders travelled to the Kinton Grange to celebrate the Toe Draggers anniversary.

Coming up we have our Corn Feed/ Harvest dance complete with a corn eating contest. Mike Stout will call with Ken Pratt cueing on October 1st. On October 15th, our Halloween Dance we'll enjoy the calling of Don Hart with Ken cueing.

November 5th will be a great chance for all to hear the calls of Michael McMullen and with Ken out of town, we will enjoy Lonnie Sycks cues.

We are enjoying the cueing of Ken Pratt as our club cuer. We have started dancing Phase 3 Waltz from 7 to 7:30, Phase 1 & 2 rounds from 7:30 to 8:00 with mainstream beginning at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. When Ken is not cueing for us, we will not have phase 3 waltz, we begin with pre-rounds at 7:30.

We will be starting phase 1 and 2 two-step lessons (5-6:30 pm) and phase 3 cha-cha lessons (7-8:30 pm) on October 2nd with Ken and Dianne teaching. Our classes are open to all dancers who want to brush up on their dancing skills or new dancers.

Toe Draggers: (Peggy Lance and Natalie Schumacher, Delegates)

Dance at the Kinton Grange on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. Their Caller is K.C. Curtis; Cuer is Bev Flint. First Friday

dances will have pre-rounds at 7:30. Third Friday dances start at 7:30 with a Plus learning experience. Last Tip Plus. www.toedraggers.org

On October 7th the Toes will be at the George Strait Dance in Hillsboro, 100 F Hall. Pre rounds at 7:30, dance 8:00-10:00. We will have a "Graveyard Smash" on October 21st from 8:00-10:00. Small gifts for best costume categories. The Kinton Grange will hold its turkey dinner on October 30th.

Tri Squares: (Vida Eppich and Carol Roos, Co-Delegates)

We dance on the first Saturday and third Friday of each month at the historic Tigard Grange in Tigard. Terry Halley is our club caller with Jackie Gale cueing on Friday and Doug Hatch on Saturday. We dance year around, except for the July 4th and Labor Day weekends or when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. Hearing enhancement devices are available. We dance Plus from 7:30 to 8:00 and Mainstream from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., with one Plus tip at 10:00. Refreshments are served at 10:00. www.trisquares.com

There has been a change in three offices on the board that should be noted. Gorden Keeney, (gkeeney1@gmail.com), has agreed to be Vice President for the remainder of the year. Ina May Nilsen, (inamayn@frontier.com), has accepted the role of secretary, and Vida Eppich and Carol Roos will continue as TVC Reps.

Nadine and Frank Collett are spear heading the promotion of a group of Tri-Squares to attend the Seaside Sashay on Oct. 28-29.

We had a club visitation with two squares to the Hoedowners on Sept 24th and not only retrieved our banner but took one of theirs. Our anniversary dance, Sept. 16, called by Terry Halley and cued by Jackie Gale, had three squares and good weather. Our next dance will be Sat. October 1, called by Terry Halley and cued by Doug Hatch and featuring Potatoes and topping. Our Pajama Dance on Friday, Oct. 21, will be called by Terry Halley and cued by Doug Hatch with NiteTime Snacks and should be a lot of fun.

Our lessons started on Sun., Sept. 11. We are averaging 12 to 14 students for mainstream and around 9 for Waltz. We welcome any Angels to come dance with us, no charge. Please remind any new graduates from you own club lessons to come join us at the Tigard Grange on Sundays, 3:30 to 5:30, Mainstream, and 2:00 to 3:30 for Round. They will dance for free and keep up their new skills.

We have a new club email address: trisquares@hotmail.com. Next Board meeting will be at the Collets on Oct. 10 at 7 pm.

Valley Squares: (Karen Martiny and Dorothy Reed, Delegates)

Dance mainstream the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Aloha Grange on the corner of 185th at TV Hwy. Intermediate rounds 7-7:30. 1st Saturday Mainstream workshop, 3rd Saturday Pre-rounds from 7:30-8:00. Dance from 8-10 p.m. with a Plus tip following. Refreshments at 10 p.m. Chuck Garner is the caller and Connie Clark is the cuer. www.valleysquares.com

We had some unusual activity in September. September 3 was our "Back to School" dance. Isn't it amazing that just when school begins we start getting summer weather? Oh well, at least it's ripening the tomatoes.

On September 17 we went dark so we could celebrate the Sunset Promenaders' anniversary dance. We took the place by storm! There were nearly three squares of Valley Squares in our distinctive blue and gold colors. It was a very fun dance and so exciting to have a lot of other people to dance with, especially the Sunset Promenaders. We were so pleased with the hospitality and recognition of our visit. There is talk that this could be a trend and we should celebrate other clubs' anniversary dances, even if it means your own club goes dark.

Soon the cooler weather will be with us so we're kicking off October with our "Autumn Leaves" dance on October 1. Come dance with us in your best fall colors. We'll have our "Spooky" dance on October 15. Be warned that anything could happen!