

Big Sky News Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

April showers bring May flowers, or so they say. This month as we continue our social distancing we see some small moves back to “normal”. I hope all of you are being safe and look forward to when we can dance again.

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

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A note from the Editor?

Just like in dancing, little steps make for small mistakes we are seeing some dancing activity coming forward. USA West 2021 is moving forward in San Diego, our own Knothead is still on board for a Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 5-7) in West Yellowstone, and the Dance on the Water on Lake Coeur d'Alene, ID is still on board! See the flyers for details. As for local club activity it still too early to tell but I am willing to bet we will see some limited dancing begin as soon as July (maybe June?) if my crystal ball is working right.

Be safe and healthy!

Send your comments to BSN@MontanaSquareDancing.com

David Hinds



Montana State Festival

The 2020 Montana State Square Dance Festival is officially “CANCELLED”.

It is with deep regret that we officially announce the cancellation of the 2020 Montana State Square and Round Dance Festival in Helena, Montana, May 22 -25, 2020.

This decision is based on our concern for the health and safety of our attendees. After many discussions and hopes that the current pandemic would be light and short-lived, the Helena Last Chance Squares along with the Montana State Square and Round Dance Committee, determined that this decision is the best for the welfare of all.

If you have already signed up and paid to attend, you will receive an email or phone call in the next few weeks to determine if you want to hold your attendance for when Helena can host the state square and round dance festival again or if you would prefer to have a full refund. For any questions on refunds, you can email vckaiser@gmail.com or phone Cathy Kaiser, the treasurer for the Montana State Square Dance for Helena, at 406-439-1616.

At this time, the next Montana State Square and Round Dance Committee meeting is in West Yellowstone during the Knott Head Jamboree on September 5-7, 2020. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, not just the committee officers; and we would love to see participation from all square dance clubs in Montana! It's a great way to stay connected and informed. Information will be provided on the future Montana State Square and Round Dance Festival after this meeting. We hope the Knothead Square and Round Dance is far enough out that it will be safe to dance again. Until we can see you in a square, stay safe and healthy!

Virgil Kaiser

President, Helena Last Chance Squares and Montana Sate Square and Round Dance



Knothead, West Yellowstone – Labor Day Weekend

We are hopeful this dance will continue. Please take a look at the flyer below and plan your back to dancing weekend.

Dates: September 5, 6, 7, 2020



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Knothead Square & Round Dance

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2020 Featured Caller
Darin Keith
Bosie, Idaho



2020 Featured Cuers
Susan & Larry Sperry
Billings, Montana

Program Schedule

Saturday, Sept 5

- 12-1 pm Registration
- 1-4 pm Mainstream- All Callers
- 7pm Pre-Rounds
- 8pm Mainstream/Plus Tips

Sunday, Sept 6

- 10am Round Workshop
- 1-2:30pm Mainstream Dance
- 2:30-4pm Plus Dance
- 7pm Pre-Rounds
- 8pm Mainstream/Plus Tips
After Party Follows

Monday, Sept 7

- 10am Trail Out Dance

Union Pacific Dining Hall
220 Yellowstone Ave West
West Yellowstone, MT

Knothead Jamboree

With great regret and lots of "how to continue" the KNOTHEAD JAMBOREE will be going to an all callers format, like USA West, in 2021. With the loss of dancers and the cost of doing business this is a last attempt to keep this dance alive. We are the last surviving "Knothead" dance left in the US. Please register and help us keep this dance alive. It is a fun venue to dance in and meet again all of our friends we see once or twice a year. The dance schedule has not been decided yet but we will make sure Rounds, Mainstream and Plus will be equally represented, depending on the callers and cuers who sign up to help us out.

We appreciate your advance registration which helps in the planning of a great event. If you want to call or cue please pre-register so we can get you on the schedule

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If you are a caller or cuer please indicate below

Are you willing to Call: _____ Are you willing to Cue: _____

Registration Fees: Make checks Payable to Knothead Jamboree

Solo - \$30 Couple - \$60

Whole Family: give us a call.

SEND TO: Shirlie Kuykendall, C/O Last Chance Square, PO Box 616, East Helena, Mt 59635

Accommodations: For lodging information visit:
www.westyellowstonechamber.com/sleep

State Chairs:

Montana - Karyn Hamilton & Dwain Wood 406-461-7536

Idaho - Steve & Judy Sullivan 208-241-4112

Utah -

Wyoming -



Do You Wanna . . . ? ? ?
SQUARE DANCE



Friday, June 19, 2020

Dance on the Water - Lake Coeur d'Alene
5:30 boarding; cruise 6 to 9 pm
Pre-purchased tickets will be honored
Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$40.00 per ticket
Contact Kari Franks FRANKSKL73@yahoo.com
or (208) 704-9760
Featuring Mike Seastrom, Mike Bramlett,
Dan Preedy & Theresa Ray

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Harding Center

411 N 15th Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Plus with Phase 3/4 Rounds 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Advanced 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Pre Rounds 7:00 pm - MS 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Featured Callers: Mike Seastrom,

Mike Bramlett, Dan Preedy

Plus Dance Cuer: Dan Baily

Mainstream Cuer: Claudia Amsbury

Live Lively -



Square Dance!

Suggested Donations: Plus \$8.00 per person

Mainstream \$10.00 per person

Questions: Randee (208) 946-8213 Kari (208) 704-9760



Yellowstone Square Dance Council

By Ann Hindley

Greetings from this side of the state. Like everywhere else, dancing in Billings has been suspended until further notice. That includes, of course, the Magic City Hoedown which was scheduled for May 1 and 2. We're sorry to hear of all the suspended summer dancing. Now we're holding our breath for the Knothead and, of course, are still hoping that the Big Sky Roundup will happen in Billings September 25 and 26.

Our website, squaredancemontana.com, is still up, but due to software issues we are no longer able to update it. We're in the process of building a new site. In the meantime, if you want to check and see if anything is going on in the Billings area, Larry Sperry's website, larrysperry.com, is very reliable. You can also find information in the Checkerboard Squares Facebook group.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, we want to see no faces missing when we begin dancing again. Think we'll remember how? There may be some very large beginner classes on the horizon!



**19TH ANNUAL BIG SKY ROUNDUP PLUS WEEKEND
SEPT 25 & 26, 2020 in BILLINGS, MT**

DeeDee Dougherty

Sperry's

Hunter Keller



CEDAR HALL at METRA PARK

Wood Floor, Air Conditioning, RV Parking may not be available due to other events at Metra Park in Billings

**Host Hotel – Best Western Clocktower Inn 2511 First Ave N.
Phone 406-259-5511 ask for Yellowstone Square Dance Rate
(Free breakfast included. Booking this hotel helps our weekend)**

DANCING IS PACKAGE PRICING ONLY

PRICING: \$90 Per couple, \$45 solos

Send registration to:

Larry Sperry, 40 Roundup Dr Billings, MT 59102

For info Call Larry 406-670-3210 or Email: sperryscue@earthlink.net

2019 Big Sky Roundup Weekend Schedule

Friday, September 25

- 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pre-Rounds Requests
- 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Welcome Square Dance – Plus level
- 10 p.m. Hot Hash tip

Saturday, September 26

- 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Round Workshop Phase 3 +
- 10:30 a.m. to Noon - Square Dance Workshop

LUNCH BREAK

- 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Round Workshop Phase 2 - 3
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Square Dance Workshop

DINNER BREAK

- 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pre-Rounds Requests
- 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Plus Square Dance