

Big Sky News Monthly Newsletter

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Announcement

Welcome to the new Big Sky News about Square Dancing in the state of Montana. As the fledgling new issue we are excited to bring you interesting and relevant news about our activity.

It is also important to thank Mr. Doug Drader in his efforts to keep the Big Sky News going for the last umpteen years (Doug, you'll have to let me know for the next article).

If you have any questions/comments/suggestions for the Big Sky News please contact me at:

David.Hinds@MontanaSquareDancing.com

Thanks,
Dave

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A note from the Editor

Again, welcome to the Big Sky News. As we go down this journey I thought it would be good for me to provide some general information.

Right now we have editors from several different areas of the state. If you have something you want to tell the world about Square Dancing in Montana please contact your editor. If you don't have an editor for your area, then you can be that person! I need all the help I can get.

The Big Sky News will NOT be emailed out. You have to come to the Montana Square Dancing website to download a copy or read online. If you don't have web access your club can always download a copy and have it printed out at your dances for your reading pleasure.

Clubs – guess what! Those don't have email/web access can't read the above. Please help me distribute/get the word out.

David Hinds

“Square Dancing! Friendship to Music”



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.

Look for some great words of inspiration in our next months issue. This idea came upon me as I was putting the newsletter together and honestly I haven't asked the President for any input....yet!

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?

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

Cedar Hall all is back in shape and dancing has already begun with Larry and Susan's Beginning West Coast Swing class which started on September 26 and runs for five weeks. By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed another Big Sky Roundup with Ken Bower and Gary Shoemake. Thanks to all who came to dance with us!

The club dances will begin on October 2 with Hunter's Rockin' H Squares. Hunter's going to be focusing on all position dancing and we encourage anyone with a solid Mainstream foundation to check it out. It sounds like a lot of fun. The Checkerboard Squares start up on October 4. The first Contradance is on October 5 and Bob will call the first Plus dance on October 6. Silhouettes begin on October 7 and the first A workshop of the season is on October 8. So you can't say there's no chance to dance around here!

We bid a fond farewell to Alice Collins, whose daughters have convinced her to move to Florida. Alice has been a strong and faithful supporter of dancing in Billings for decades. She also had a dance apparel shop in Billings at one time. On September 27 we had a party to celebrate Alice and to wish her well in her new home. We will miss her!



Welcome back, everyone, to this season of dancing. May it be filled with lots of friendship and laughter; and, for those sponsoring beginner programs, lots of new dancers!!!

Club Report Great Falls

by Linda Wallace

July and August were busy times of the year for the Dudes 'N' Dolls in Great Falls. Along with the out of town dancing that some of us do, we had 2 Montana State Fair demos, Ice Cream Social with a surprise cake walk and bake sale added in. September was our 50's dance with Adam Christman doing a great job and very enjoyable for everyone, a demo at the Chateau Heritage Days and one at Eagles Manor, along with our regular dance. Kept everyone that wanted to be busy. September 23rd we will start our new beginner dances.

October 6th will be a plus dance from 7-9 at Missouri River Manor, October 13th a club dance with elections of officers from 6:30-9:30 at Missouri River Manor and our Halloween Dance and pot luck from 6-9:30 at Missouri River Manor. David Hinds is our caller and cuer for all these events.



We would love to have anyone join us for these and any future events when in the area. If you have any questions regarding the club activities, please contact David Hinds at 406-799-1715 or his email address is david.hinds@montanasquaredancing.com.

Club Report Hamilton

by Dee Terrill Moenich

Boots & Calico Square Dance Club will be hosting the Missoula Area Square Dance Federation this Saturday, Oct 6th at the Lolo Square Dance Center. Caller for the evening is Hunter Keller with Barry Bartlette Cueing. This is a Mainstream dance with Plus tips. The evening starts with a Potluck at 6pm, followed by a business meeting. Remember, our Federation is hosting the State dance this year! Pre Rounds start 7:30 with the dance from 8 to 10 pm. \$7 per dancer.

Our season officially starts Saturday Oct 13th with Barry Bartlette calling the Mainstream dance and Round dance music provided by Don Scheline. Our Club dances at the Golden Age Center, 5th & Baker streets in Hamilton. This was a school gym and it has a nice wood floor. We dance most every Saturday nite from 7 to 9:30. Our schedule for the rest of October is:

Oct 20th- Ray Dunbar is calling the Mainstream dance pre Plus level 7 - 7:30 dance 7:30 - 9:30



Oct 27th- Ray and Barry will both be calling our

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE.

Pre rounds 7 - 7:30

Mainstream with Plus tip 7:30 - 9:30

More info- call Ray Dunbar 370-4414

Club Report

Helena

by Cathy Kaiser

The Helena Last Chance Square dancers started new dancer lessons on September 17th and are trying a new schedule to try and get the new dancers into mainstream by mid-December. We have lessons every Monday evening from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Our regular dances will be the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month beginning at 7 p.m. at Broadwater Elementary School gym.

In the past year we've had visitor square dancers from Alaska, Texas, and Germany drop in on our dances because we advertise on line and they found information there. We do have a Facebook page at Helena Last Chance Square Dance - take a look and like the page - you might see a photo of yourself!

Our Halloween dance is on October 20th and there are always great costumes and ghoulish dancers! Join us at Broadwater Elementary gym at 7 for some good fun!

It is with great sadness to announce that Del Harris is retiring from square dance. She is such a joy on and off the floor and we will miss her so much.

Remember if you're in the capital city on a 1st or 3rd Saturday night, drop in and join us! It's hip to be in a square!



Club Report Kalispell

by Roger Jones

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

Next Month..



Club Report

Libby

by Jo Wilson



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
August 2, 3, 4, 2019	Logger Festival & Libby Dam Dance 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)

A Williams Listening Transmitter will be available at dances.

Club Report

Lolo

by Debby Ernst



SOLO STARS OCTOBER 2018

Come join us for **another fun season at the Lolo Dance Center** this fall!

We kicked off the season with our Solo Stars "Fun Night" on Sept 13. It was a great time with four squares and several new dancers! (**Men dancers: the ladies are waiting for you to join them!**) ;)

Our lessons began **Mon, Sept 17 from 6:30-8:00pm**. New Dancers are welcome and **FREE thru 9/24**, so come on down!

COMING UP

EACH MONDAY – **Solo Stars BEGINNER LESSONS** with Barry Bartlette
6:30-8:00pm each Monday night.
MAINSTREAM DANCE follows at 8pm.

OCT 6, SAT – **Missoula FEDERATION FALL DANCE in Lolo!** Hunter Keller, Caller;
Barry Bartlette, Cuer
6:00pm Potluck; meeting to follow; Pre-Rounds 7:00-7:30;
MAINSTREAM Dance 7:30-9:30pm, with Plus Tips; \$7.00 each

OCT 29, MON – **HALLOWEEN DANCE**, 8-9:30pm; **Food Drive Begins**

LOOKING AHEAD for SOLO STARS

NOV 10, SAT – **HARVEST BALL** with Caller **Kathy Racine & Cuer Barry Bartlette**
7:00pm Pre-Rounds; 7:30-9:30pm **MAINSTREAM** with **PLUS Tips**

NOV 12, MON – **VETERANS DANCE**, 8-9:30pm; Red, White & Blue Theme

NOV 19, MON – **THANKSGIVING DANCE**, 8-9:30pm

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

BEGINS FRI OCT 12 – Swingola PLUS DANCE BEGINS EVERY FRIDAY at Lolo, 7:00pm

Our thoughts and prayers are with Doug and Candy Drader at their loss.

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

Looking forward to seeing you in a square! Until next month—Debbie E reporting

Club Report Plains

by Darlene Jolly

MONTANA MAVERICKS

The “MONTANA MAVERICKS” danced in June at the bank with Gary Baker & Lorrie Lane. We did not dance in July as to many were other places. August we had a great campout the 2nd weekend at the Diamond S campground in Ronan, including guests from Hoo Doo Valley in Idaho & Libby Spinning Squares. Adam Christman called & Lorrie Lane cued.

In September we danced at the bank in Plains. Marvin Speck was the caller & Lorrie was the cuer. We had just over 2 squares including 4 visitors from Kalispell & 1 from Libby. Great start to our season. June thru September we dance on 2nd Saturday (weekend in August).



October thru May we dance the first Saturday at the First Security Bank in Plains. October is our 14th Anniversary dance with Adam & Lorrie. It will be an “Elvis” dance. The evening will start with a potluck at 6pm followed by Plus at 7pm & Mainstream at 7:30pm. We hope you can join us – roads will be good for travel.

Any questions call Darlene at 826-8951.