

GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

February 2019



Checkerboard Squares

Bob Hogemark, Caller
Thursday evenings
6:30-8:30 Mainstream
Cedar Hall, Metra Park



Our new dancer lessons are off to a great start with 30 new dancers! We welcome them all. They are all dancing very well. We thank you for giving square dancing a try; and we appreciate each of you and hope that you will continue to attend the classes and celebrate at our New Dancer Hoedown on April 25, 2019. We thank our experienced dancers for getting the word out and inviting friends and to those who got the radio spots and newspaper ads in place. With some of our club members spending time down south during the snowy Montana winters, we especially appreciate those “angels” who help out with the new dancers at our lessons. We always have a fun time dancing with Checkerboard Squares.

On February 21, 2019, we welcome a guest caller, Hunter Keller. It is always fun when Hunter calls and we appreciate him calling for our club when Bob is unavailable on a Thursday night.

We are looking forward to our Spring Dance coming up on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Please remember to invite your friends from far and wide to join us for an afternoon mainstream workshop, pre-rounds and a mainstream dance with plus tips with Lynn and Judy Strobel and Larry and Susan Sperry. Flyers are on the back table at Cedar Hall and on the club’s Facebook page. You can also email Eileen for either a jpg or pdf format of the flyer at eileenstamps@bresnan.net.

Due to Montana’s ever changing winter weather and road conditions, please be sure to check your email, the Facebook page, your voice mail or text message from GroupMe if the weather is questionable and we find we need to cancel a Thursday club night. Dancer/Caller safety is our number one concern. We appreciate you keeping your contact information up-to-date with us. Please touch base with Eileen if you would like to join our Facebook page or GroupMe (group texting via your PC or an app for Android or Apple). Her cell phone number is (406) 656-0518.

Brian, Peggy, Paul and Eileen

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



Council Notes...

The committee to update the Constitution and By-Laws is approaching the end of its job. This fatter than usual *Grapevine* is due to all the hard work of the committee. You’ll find the revised Constitution and By-Laws on pages 5 and 6.

Please read them over, then bring your comments and ideas to the next Council meeting, which is scheduled for **February 17 at 4:15 p.m. in Cedar Hall**. We need to hear from you!

Thank you to the committee members for the time, thought and effort they put into this task. You did a great job!

We’re also coming up on election of new officers. If you’d like your shot at being a mover and shaker, (and hero to all!) come and make your intentions known.

**Yellowstone Square Dance Council Grapevine
YSDC Executive Committee 2014-2015**

February 2019

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council (YSDC) Grapevine Newsletter

YSDC is an educational, non-profit organization for the promotion of square, round, folk, clogging and related dance instruction in the eastern Montana-northern Wyoming areas. Please send Council mail to **YSDC, 1157 Toole Ct., Billings, MT 59105**. Please send Grapevine mail and payments to **Ann Hindley, Editor YSDC Grapevine, 3143 Cline Rd., Billings, MT 59105**.

Address all articles, ads, correspondence and related payments to the editor. You may also send editorial matter via email to **achindley@gmail.com**. Photos may be mailed or may be submitted in high resolution digital format via email. The deadline for all materials is the 20th of the month preceding publication.

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Billings A Level Workshop

Bob Hogemark, Instructor
 Second and fourth Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 Cedar Hall at MetraPark

Just when we thought we had everyone back, Barb goes and has cataract surgery. She's got one down and one to go. We're all hoping the second goes as well as the first and she'll be back with us in no time.

Thanks Bob for continuing to put up with us, we sure appreciate all the fun you're furnishing.

Remember, dancing will help keep you warm!



Silhouettes

Larry & Susan Sperry, Cuers
 Sundays: see website for times
<http://www.larrysperry.com>

Susan and I were last home for a few short days over Christmas when there was no dancing. I am home again January 19-21. Our club is fortunate that Hunter cued a Sunday for them in December and again in January. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Our program in Arizona is thriving. We have 10 couples on Tuesdays, 15 couples for Thursday workshops and 18 couples for Friday phase 4 Rumba/Cha and phase 3 Waltz class. George and Gail Smith and Gary and Louise Kelly are attending the Friday classes. Bob and Betty Wellman have gone to square dances with Jerry Junck and Tom Roper. We are all able to get together for Happy Hour and live music Friday afternoons.

Larry will be home again on February 3 for a regular Silhouette Sunday and Hunter will cue February 17. In March we will have 4 Sundays with Larry doing March 3 and 17. Hunter will cue March 10 and 24. We miss you all!

Larry and Susan Sperry



Contradance Billings

Amy Letson, caller, with live musicians
 7:30 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark
 See calendar for dates

We only danced once in January, on the 11th. Our numbers that evening were on the small side but most enthusiastic. There were a lot of new faces and they were all smiling! We hope that means they're coming back. If you haven't joined us for a while, we invite you to come back soon to meet some new folks and try some new moves.

2018/19 Dance Schedule

February 8, 22 • March 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • May 10

Amy Letson



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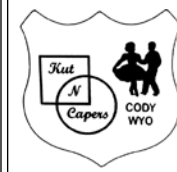
Lynn Strobel, Bob Hogemark, callers
7:00-9:30 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Saturdays, see website or
newsletter calendar for dates

So far the weather has been very kind to us and we haven't had to cancel any Saturday dances. So Lynn and Bob have been putting us through our paces.

The absence of the snowbirds is obvious in our numbers lately, but they just don't know what they're missing! Before the last few arrived to make up another square one Saturday, Bob had us dancing in a six-couple square. (Wouldn't that be a rectangle?) Load the boat, spin chain through and other assorted calls suddenly got very interesting. Confusion often reigned, but so did laughter! It just goes to show that you never know what's going to happen at a square dance, but you can always count on it being fun.

We didn't dance on January 26 so that we could attend Lynn's Plus day in Forsyth. But we'll be back every Saturday night in February, with a special treat on February 23 when Hunter will be calling. Hope you can join us all month.

Our unseasonably cooperative weather conditions can come to an end at any time, so please remember to keep your eye on your email for notices of any cancellations.



Kut 'N Capers

Steve Lassiter, Caller
Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Episcopal Church
Cody, WY

Well, we won't be dancing after all at the Buffalo Bill Ball at Wolfville Hall (Cody Auditorium) on February 23, due to caller availability. Perhaps that should read "caller unavailability." This tough bunch is not easily deterred, however, and is discussing a dance on Friday, February 8 with Bob. Watch your email for future developments and come join us if we get this scheduled.

We hope you've all marked your calendars and reserved April 26 and 27 for our Spring Dance. This is always a great couple days with Lynn, Judy, Larry, Susan and plenty of dancing, prizes, food and friendship. Can't wait!

Sheila Leach



Looking Back...

Here's an excerpt from an article which appeared in November, 1985 Grapevine, reprinted from the October 1985 Allemande Star. The fact that we're still here today, and that the article's advice still applies, just goes to show that the sentiments expressed are timeless.

A Commitment of Mutual Admiration

It's a too often forgotten truth—that for us square dance buffs, **the new dancer is our future!** Without their acceptance and commitment to join the square dance scene, our bloodline of happiness set to music soon would dry up and disappear into the history books of "What once was."

Since a new stand of dancing friends have just announced their intent and desire to join the square dance world, it behooves **every** "square dance regular" to do whatever it takes to make these new friends glad they joined our ranks and eager to try the next basic maneuver.

Such a commitment cannot be met with just a casual hello, welcome to the class, or a duty type handshake at the door. It demands a sincere effort to extend friendship, to demonstrate "I care" and to gain togetherness. It means a willingness to accept the big brother/sister role of escorting, introducing, counseling, encouraging, overcoming anxieties, and to assist whenever needed as an "angel."

The article goes on to mention some practices common in a time when clubs were more numerous and larger, but the idea behind the whole article still applies. When we begin, we're committed to learning, after we've been around a while we're committed to welcoming and helping. But whether we're new dancers or we've been around the square a few times, we're all committed to each other.

IMPORTANT

YELLOWSTONE SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, February 17

4:15 p.m.

Cedar Hall

We will be discussing the recently updated Yellowstone Square Dance Council Constitution and By-Laws. Your input is requested before these are finalized and adopted. Ideally, we should have one representative from each club or dance group at this meeting, but anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend

Please join us.

We welcome and need your input!

YELLOWSTONE SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Article 1. NAME

“Yellowstone Square Dance Council” shall be the name of the organization hereinafter in this Constitution and Bylaws referred to as YSDC. The YSDC will be served by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Article 2. OBJECT

The YSDC shall be an educational organization to promote Square, Round, Folk, Clogging. Square, Round, Folk, Clogging hereinafter in the YSDC Constitution and By-laws will be referred to as Square Dance. Callers, Cuers, and Prompters hereinafter in the YSDC Constitution and By-laws will be referred to as Dance Leaders. The YSDC shall be a non-profit organization of which the Officers, Chairs, and Directors will serve without pay, and net earnings of the organization shall not inure in whole or in part to the benefit of private individuals.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership will be open to an organized group of Square Dancers who are interested in promoting Square Dancing, and will attend meetings regularly.

B. Full Membership Clubs or Organizations will be represented by a delegate or alternate delegate whose responsibility will be to attend and participate in all YSDC regular and special meetings.

C. A club can receive Membership by meeting requirements, application to YSDC at any regular meeting, and acceptance by YSDC.

Article 4. GOVERNING BODY

A. THE GOVERNING BODY shall be comprised of a Board of Directors, Officers, Delegates or Alternate Delegates, YSDC Dance Leaders, and Standing Committee Chairs.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be comprised of Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and YSDC Dance Leader Representatives.

C. OFFICERS shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- (1) Officers term of Office shall be a two-year period May until May.
- (2) Officers shall belong to a YSDC Membership Club.
- (3) In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the President, the Vice President shall fulfill those duties as Acting President for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the other Offices

the Acting President shall appoint a replacement who must be approved by the Board of Directors.

D. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS shall be Grapevine Editor/Reporter, Insurance Representative, Promotion Director, Online Presence Representative, and Facilities Coordinator. Standing Committee chairs are appointed by the Board of Directors.

E. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES shall be designated by their respective Membership Club. YSDC Officers shall be apprised of current Delegates and Alternate Delegates by all Membership Clubs.

Article 5. VOTING PRIVILEGES

A. Each officer and Standing Committee Chair shall have one vote.

B. Each Delegate shall have one vote or in their absence the designated Alternate Delegate shall be given the one vote.

C. Each YSDC Dance Leader representing a Membership Club may have one vote.

D. No person shall have more than one vote, no matter how many positions that individual may simultaneously hold.

Article 6. MEETINGS

There shall be at least three meetings of YSDC each year. Meetings shall be scheduled by the President but may be changed with YSDC approval for extenuating circumstances. Meeting months shall be September through May.

Article 7. QUORUM

A quorum for a meeting shall consist of two thirds of the Delegates plus two thirds of the Board of Directors.

Article 8. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in “Roberts Rules of Order” shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with By-laws of YSDC.

Article 9. AMENDMENTS

To amend this Constitution proposed amendments must be presented at two consecutive regular meetings and a vote taken after the second presentation. Constitution amendment requires two thirds vote in favor of the amendment by YSDC Eligible Voters.

YELLOWSTONE SQUARE DANCE COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Article 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall present a slate of Officers at the Winter meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be open until the time of elections.

The Officers shall be elected at the Spring meeting and will take office at the end of the Spring meeting. If more than one nominee exists for any office the election of that officer shall be by secret ballot.

Article 2. DUTIES OF GOVERNING BODY

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall conduct normal daily business activities approved by the YSDC and make policy recommendations in accordance with these By-laws.

B. PRESIDENT - shall preside at all meetings of YSDC and have in mind at all times the best interest of YSDC. The President shall call special meetings at the request of two thirds of the delegates. The President will automatically be an exofficio member of all committees.

C. VICE PRESIDENT - shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the President’s absence.

D. SECRETARY - shall keep a record of all proceedings of YSDC, shall act as YSDC Correspondent in matters pertaining to the business of YSDC, and shall keep a correct enrollment of all member clubs

E. TREASURER shall receive and take care of all monies belonging to YSDC and shall disburse it at the order of YSDC. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate report of all receipts and expenditures.

Article 3. COMMITTEES

Committees both standing and special shall be appointed by the President as needed. Committee Chairs may use assistants or committee members as is appropriate. The following is merely a recommended guideline of Chair duties. All chairs will see that an accurate record of receipts and expenditures relating to committee duties are maintained and made available to the YSDC.

A. GRAPEVINE EDITOR - shall assume responsibility to see that appropriate Square Dance

news, calendar of upcoming events, YSDC Meeting Minutes, and Advertising are published and distributed and retains a copy of each Grapevine.

B. INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE - shall notify YSDC Clubs and Members of insurance benefits and fees. Collect fees from clubs and members and record said club, paid members, and dancing location. Give collected fees and appropriate information to the Board of Directors in a timely manner so they can send the proper, premium and information to the Insurance Company.

C. PROMOTION shall notify non-square dance communication media of YSDC activities and events, and work with YSDC Officers, Clubs, and Dance Leaders to help promote Square Dance.

D. ONLINE PRESENCE maintain social media platforms and website hosting and shall provide news, calendar of events of YSDC functions and activities.

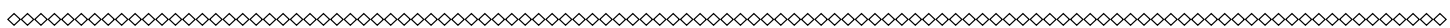
E. FACILITIES COORDINATOR shall oversee the dance locations in the Billings area for hosting YSDC activities.

Article 4. OFFICER OR CHAIR DISMISSAL

If in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the YSDC an officer presently occupying an office or chair in YSDC is not performing duties in accordance with normal expectations, then a presentation representing all sides of the situation will be made at a YSDC Meeting. After hearing all sides presented, eligible voters present shall cast a secret vote and if two thirds vote that the Officer or Chair is not performing duties as expected then the Board of Directors shall request by mail the resignation of the respective Officer or Chair. The respective Officer or Chair shall be notified of the voting results, positive or negative.

Article 5. AMENDMENTS

To amend these by-laws, proposed amendments must be presented at two consecutive regular meetings and a vote taken after the second presentation. By-law amendment requires two thirds vote in favor of the amendment by eligible YSDC voters.

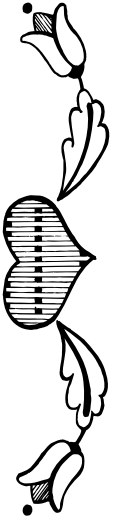


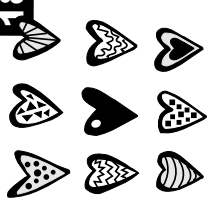
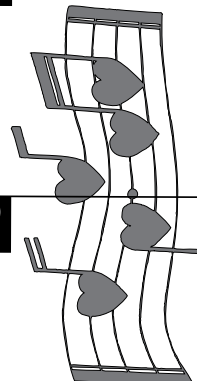
“If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.”

“If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.”

Mother Theresa

February 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	1	2 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Lynn) Cedar Hall
3 Silhouettes 2-4 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	4	5	6	7 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	8 Contradance 7:30 p.m. Cedar Hall Kut N Kapers 7 pm Episcopal Church Cody, WY <i>Pending, Call First!</i>	9 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Bob) Cedar Hall
10	11 Advanced Workshop 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	12	13	14 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	15	16 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Lynn) Cedar Hall
17 Silhouettes 2-4 pm • Cedar Hall (Hunter) COUNCIL MEETING 4:15 pm Cedar Hall	18 	19	20	21 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	22	23 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Hunter) Cedar Hall
24	25 Advanced Workshop 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	26 	27	28 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	1	2 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Bob) Cedar Hall

To find out if the Kut N Kapers are dancing on any particular Friday, please call Sheila (307-527-5965).

YSDC CLUBS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Club	Location
Sunday	varies	Silhouettes Round Dancing (check website for times)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Monday	7:00 p.m.	A-Level Workshop (2nd and 4th Mondays)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Checkerboard Squares beginners/mainstream	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Kut N Kapers (Call first, see calendar page)	Episcopal Church, Cody, WY
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Plus Dancing (as scheduled, see calendar)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark

**Visitors dancing at the appropriate level are always welcome at any club dance. No dress code.
Please check the monthly calendar elsewhere in this newsletter and also our website
for schedule updates and cancellations.**

OPEN DANCE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer/Band	Location
February 8	7:30-11 p.m.	Contradance	Amy Letson	Cedar Hall, Billings
February 22	7:30-11 p.m.	Contradance	Amy Letson	Cedar Hall, Billings
March 8	7:30-11 p.m.	Contradance	Amy Letson	Cedar Hall, Billings
March 16	2-4, 7-9:30 p.m.	Checkerboard Spring Dance	Strobels and Sperrys	Cedar Hall, Billings

STATE, REGIONAL & NATIONAL DANCES

Date	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer	Location
April 26-27	Kut n Kapers Spring Dance	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Christ Episcopal, Cody, WY
May 3-4	Magic City Hoedown	Bill Henke, Larry & Susan Sperry	Billings, MT
May 17-18	Cowtown Hoedown	Larry & Susan Sperry	Sheridan WY
May 24-27	2019 Montana State Festival	Caller: Scott Byars, Cuer: B&B Bartlette	Missoula, MT
July 12-13	Plus on the Boulder	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Big Timber, MT
August 15-17	USA West Convention	All Callers/Cuers	Boise, ID
Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Knothead Jamboree	Caller: Charlie Robinson, Cuer: Mary & Bob Townsend-Manning	West Yellowstone, MT

Flyers for many of these dances can be viewed at www.squaredancemontana.com and/or caller websites

Is There Still A Big Sky News?

• Have you been wondering what happened to the Big Sky News? It's gone digital! David Hinds in
 • Great Falls has taken on the task and the publication looks great! Without the cost and scheduling
 • constraints that come with printing and mailing a paper newsletter, it's taken on a whole new
 • look. If you're not familiar with Big Sky News, it's a handy way to learn about square and round
 • dancing activity throughout the state. If you're a long-time reader, you'll enjoy this new and
 • improved version. Find it at montanasquaredancing.com. You'll like what you see!
 • Thanks, David!