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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

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Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



Festival Time!

The Montana State Square and Round Dance Festival is held annually on Memorial Day weekend. Pick up a brochure from the table or, if they're gone, find it on our website. Then if you've been dancing for a year or two, please consider going. Attendance *from* the Billings area will encourage attendance *to* the Billings area because—you guessed it—the 53rd Festival, in 2024, will be in Billings!

It's kind of a big deal, so we have to start planning and laying groundwork now. Hunter has stepped up and agreed to chair the operation, and we'll keep you informed here about what is needed and when. There will probably be meetings!

First order of business is coming up quickly. Traditionally, the host of the next year's Festival presents a short skit or program based on their dance theme. In our case, it will be railroad or locomotive related, so if you know of a lighthearted, short skit along that theme (or are really talented and could write one!), share it with us for this year's Festival.

A number of committees are being formed and will be outlined in the next Grapevine. Two things to get started on now: crafters might want to create an item(s) for the raffles. Or, if sales is your thing, we'd love it if you would help with ad sales for the program booklet.

52nd Annual Montana State Square & Round Dance Festival

May 26–29, 2023

“Shake it
Loose at the
Moose”



See you in Great Falls at the
Moose Lodge
401 21st St.
Black Eagle, MT 59414

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SPRING DANCE

Saturday,
March 25, 2023

Cedar Hall at MetraPark • Billings, MT
Lynn Strobel, Caller

2-4 p.m. Mainstream Workshop
For all Mainstream and Plus Level dancers

6:30-7:00 p.m. Plus Dance

7:00-9:00 Mainstream Dance

Afternoon Workshop \$5

Evening Dance \$10

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Support Your Local Dances!

66th Annual Magic City Hoedown



Friday – May 5, 2023
Saturday – May 6, 2023
Metra Park, Cedar Hall
Billings, Montana

Bill Henke

Rounds cued by


Larry & Susan Sperry

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We're not just talking to long-time dancers. 2022 graduates: if you're undecided, come to the March 25th Spring Dance **Mainstream Workshop** in the afternoon and see how that goes.

Then, brand new 2023 dancers, there will be something especially for you at the Magic City Hoedown on Saturday afternoon when Bill will call a **Beginner's Dance** with just the material you will have learned so far. You won't believe what you can do. And Bill will have you laughing the whole time. Don't miss it!

The full Hoedown schedule is in the flyer and online at squaredancemontana.com



Checkerboard Squares
 Bob Hogemark, Caller
 Thursday evenings Mainstream
 6:30-9:00 Cedar Hall, Metra Park

If it weren't for the fact that professional photographer Tim Keane was scheduled to attend, we probably would have cancelled the February 23 dance night. The weather was bleak, never rising above -7 that day and falling to -13 that night; and we understood that many folks would be reluctant to come out under such conditions. But our plucky beginners and angels did us proud with a very respectable four squares plus some extras. What a great bunch! For those who couldn't come, we missed you, but we sure understand and were very happy to see you all back the following week.

Mr. Keane is working on a book honoring Masterlube. The book is set to launch in early May with an exhibit of his photography at Rocky Mountain College. We'll let you know the date.

There are some brand shiny new Checkerboard Squares badges dancing around. Some of our new dancers weren't content to wait until graduation in the spring to get them. Whether they're sporting new badges or not, we're sure enjoying all our new dancers and we're glad they've joined our family.

We all got a treat when Hunter called for us on March 9. Dancing to a variety of callers builds skills in both new and seasoned dancers. We're fortunate to have both Bob and Hunter teaching us a thing or two!

We have extended our dancing to 9 p.m. with the final half hour concentrating on our "old" new dancers as they practice and become more solid in the full Mainstream program. Come join us anytime!



Cedar Hall is a bit greener due to the efforts of (left to right) Bob, Ann, Lorraine, Gerry, Rhonda, Melinda and Mike. Thanks to all!


Billings Plus Group
 Lynn Strobel, Bob Hogemark, Hunter Keller, callers
 7:00-9:00 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark
 Saturdays, see website or calendar for dates

We continue to see two squares for Plus dancing most Saturday nights. We owe a special thanks to the Wyoming ladies Julie, Sandy and Sheila for trekking up to Billings on a regular basis for some dance action. Now that's dedication! Bridger-ites Terri and Dan aren't exactly local residents either. We appreciate you all!

The fourth Friday this month will feature the Spring Dance with dancing from 2-4 in the afternoon as well as a Plus dance from 6:30 - 7 in the evening, right before the Mainstream dance. We encourage you to come for the afternoon dance, which is billed as a "Mainstream Workshop." Lynn always comes up with ways to challenge us and make us think. We learn something new every time.

Since the Plus group is sponsoring the Spring Dance, Lynn is asking that we bring some finger foods for the snack table if we're so inclined.

Remember that Mother Nature probably still has some winter up her sleeve, so please remember to check your email for any cancellations if the weather looks unfriendly.



Silhouettes
 Larry & Susan Sperry, Cuers
 Mondays 7-9 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark
<http://www.larrysperry.com>



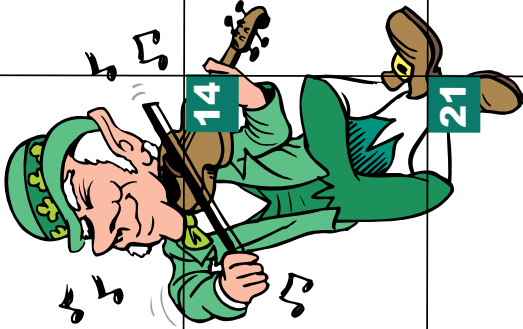



Seven faithful Silhouettes couples warm up Cedar Hall every Monday. Thank you to all of our dancers. Without you we wouldn't have round dancing to help carry us through the winter. And a big thanks to Hunter and his capable cueing. None of this would happen without you!

Many hands make light work. First, a big thanks to all of you who bring treats to the dances for all to enjoy. It would be a big help if others could help in tidying up at end of the evening. Nothing major, just emptying coffeepots, straightening chairs, wiping down your table, washing dishes (if any), pushing the "big broom", would help a lot.

Thanks in advance!

MARCH

2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Silhouettes Phase 3-4 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Checkerboard Squares 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Plus Dance (Lynn) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall</p>
<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Silhouettes Phase 3-4 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Checkerboard Squares (Hunter) 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Plus Dance (Hunter) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall</p> <p><i>Spring Forward!</i></p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Silhouettes Phase 3-4 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Checkerboard Squares 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Plus Dance (Bob) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall</p>
<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Checkerboard Squares 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>SPRING DANCE (Lynn) 2-4 pm Mainstream Workshop 6:30-7 pm Plus 7-9 Mainstream</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Silhouettes Phase 3-4 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Checkerboard Squares 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall</p>	<p>31</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Plus Dance (Lynn) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall</p>

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YSDC CLUBS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Club	Location
Monday	7-9 p.m.	Silhouettes Round Dancing	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Thursday	6:30-9:00 p.m.	Checkerboard Squares beginners/mainstream	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Saturday	7-9 p.m. 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	Location
March 25	2-4, 7-9 pm	Spring Dance	Lynn Strobel	Cedar Hall, Billings
April 22	7-9 p.m.	4th Saturday Frolic*	Hunter Keller/Hunter Keller	Cedar Hall, Billings
May 4	TBA	Beginner Hoedown	Bob Hogemark	Cedar Hall, Billings

* All 4th Saturday Frolic dances are mainstream dances by callers as listed above, with round dancing by Hunter between tips.

STATE, REGIONAL & NATIONAL DANCES

Date	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer	Location
May 5-6, 2023	Magic City Hoedown	Caller: B. Henke, Cuer: L&S Sperry	Billings, MT
May 26-29	2023 Montana State Festival	Caller: Mike Sikorsky, Cuer: LaMont Harris	Great Falls/Black Eagle MT
June 10	Plus Workshop & Dance	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Forsyth, MT
June 17-20	Nat'l Square Dance Convention	All Callers/Cuers	Mobile, AL
July 7-9	Plus on the Boulder	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Big Timber, MT
August 10-12	Lolo Stomp Plus Weekend	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Jerry Junck	Lolo, MT
September 2-4	Knothead Jamboree	All Callers & Cuers	West Yellowstone, MT
September 15-16	September Spectacular Plus	Callers J. Saltel, H. Keller, Cuer L&S Sperry	Billings, MT

**Flyers for many of these dances can be viewed at www.squaredancemontana.com and/or caller websites
There is also a flyer table in Cedar Hall. Check them for more details.**