



# H. Cubed

*“Happy Hopper Happenings!”*

## CALENDAR

### December 3

Winter Green Promenade Dance with John Corrigan

### December 13

Hoppers Business Meeting. Allen Greek Elementary, 7pm

### December 17

Christmas with Santa Dance with John & Wendy Syrstad

### January 7

Snow Day Level Dance with Susan Morris

### Hoppers Dances

1st & 3rd Sat. of each month, pre-rounds at 7:30, dance at 8:00pm.

### Location:

Stillaguamish Senior Center, 18303 Smokey Point Blvd. Arlington, 98223

## President's Corner

Hello Hoppers,

Wasn't Randy Dibble fun to dance with on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>? Doug Newman honored Alice's birthday by sponsoring the dance and making a very touching presentation to her at the beginning of the evening. You will have another chance to dance with Randy this dance season when he calls the 50's Sock Hop on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our mainstream lessons are going well with nine enthusiastic female students. Many of them really got creative with the Halloween costumes for the level dance at Samena Squares. We all know that life just isn't fair at times;

here's an example.

The female members who are taking the male part while being angels to our students are getting TOO MUCH practice for the single gender squares at Winthrop! No wonder the all girls square outdances the all boys square every year! Our team teachers, Steve and Susan, are really bringing the students up the learning curve quickly. Most tips see one of them with the mike in hand and the other in a square; helping and demonstrating. Each week they send out a detailed e-mail with descriptions of the recently taught moves, tips about dancing in general and info on level dance opportuni-

ties for students; ask Evelyn to see an example – you'll be impressed with the extent of their efforts.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the October business meeting. We generated several ideas that we voted to investigate further or implement to increase revenues for the club. Let's see how much fun we can have putting these ideas into practice.

Happy Dancing  
Don Carlson,  
President



**Happy Hopper Square Dance Club - Marysville, WA**

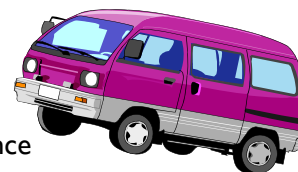
**Website: [www.happyhoppers.org](http://www.happyhoppers.org) Mt. Baker Council: [www.sqdance.org](http://www.sqdance.org)**

# Hoppers Dance Schedule

Date	Caller	Theme	Hosts	Kitchen	Decorations
12/3	John Corrigan	Winter Green Prom.	Hawkinson	Nelson	Streeter
12/17	John & Wendy Syrstad	Christmas with Santa	Cottle	Armit	Ewing
1/7/12	Susan Morris	Snow Day Level	Johnson	Deal	Schirmer
1/21	Weber/Haslett	Comic Book Night	Orona/Hazelett	Nelson	Carlson
2/4	Kevin Thomaier	Sweetheart Ball	Fischer	Hardy/Walker	Lucas?Baron
2/18	Rem Remington	Graduation Pie Party	Tompkins	Scalzo/Jeschke	Camardo
3/3	Mike Sikorsky	March Madness (Plus) Mainstream	Cottle Knudson	Jeschke/Cheever/Castle	Chapman Phillips
3/17	Adam Christman	St. Patrick's	P. Hess & girls	Newman	Thompson
4/7	Doug Davis	The April Fool	Armit	Camardo	Streeter
4/21	Steve Noseck	55th Anniversary	Homme		Cheever/Castle
5/5	Dave Knien	Cinco de Mayo	Orona/LaMontagne	Ewing	Thompson
5/19	Randy Dibble	50's Sock Hop	Tompkins	Haverty	Price
6/2	Hunter Keller	Strawb. Dance (Plus) Mainstream	Chapman Newman	Jeschke Hazlett/Davis	Hawkinson Hawkinson

## 2011-2012 Outgoing Caravan Schedule

Date	Club	Caller	Cuer	Theme
12/2/2011	Square Crows	Jim Hatrick		
1/14/2012	Fern Bluff Squares	Ray Gallagher	Linda Nold	Tiki Torch Luau
2/11/2012	Rainbow Squares	Brent Mawdsley		Brent Does Broadway
2/25/2012	Whidbey Whirlers	Steve Noseck	Bob Berka	Soup Dance
3/9/2012	K-9 Corps	Dave Knein		PLUS
3/31/2012	Sky Valley Whirlwinds	Steve Noseck		PLUS
4/15/2012	Freewheelers	Guest Caller	Debbie Taylor	April Showers
5/11/2012	Mt. Baker Singles	Dave Harry	Bob Berka	Sombrero Dance



## 2011-12 Mt. Baker Council Level Dances

Please come out and support the new students throughout our council!

### NOVEMBER, 2011

- 22 Mt. Baker Singles/Skagit Squares
- 25 Dudes & Dolls
- 25 Samenas (mix with mainstream)

### DECEMBER, 2011

- 2 Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- 3 Whirlybirds Limited Edition
- 3 Stanwood Sashayars
- 9 Samenas
- 10 Rainbow Squares
- 17 Skagit Squares
- 18 Freewheelers
- 27 Mt. Baker Singles/Skagit Squares

### JANUARY, 2012

- 6 Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- 7 Whirlybirds Limited Edition
- 7 Happy Hoppers
- 13 Samenas

### FEBRUARY, 2012

- 3 Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- 4 Whirlybirds Limited Edition
- 10 Mt. Baker Singles
- 17 Square Crows
- 24 Dudes & Dolls
- 25 Rainbow Squares

### MARCH, 2012

- Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- 3 Whirlybird Limited Edition
- 16 Square Crows
- 23 Dudes & Dolls

### APRIL, 2012

- Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- Whirlybird Limited Edition

### MAY, 2012

- Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- Whirlybird Limited Edition

### JUNE, 2012

- Whirlybird First Friday Fun Fest
- Whirlybird Limited Edition

# Council Delegate Report

- On November 10, ballots will be sent to club Presidents regarding the change of IRS status of the State Federation. Ballots must be returned by December 20. The Council recommends approving the change.

-Fall Council Dance made over \$500 to the Council-260 people, 32 squares.

-25 volunteers are needed to man the phones at the KCTS pledge drive on Saturday, Dec 10, from 4-8pm. Square dance attire encouraged, to promote square dancing on the air. Dinner will be provided.

-Round of the month is Sunrise/Sunset, a phase 2 waltz.

-Volunteers are needed to donate and serve refreshments on Friday evening at the Jan 20-21 State Meeting at the Skagit Valley Grange. Profits will go to the MBC. On Saturday, refreshments will be served by Shirts and Skirts; donations to support the teen club.

-Entertainment Books are available for \$25-see Melody. Monies to be turned in at the Council Mtg on Dec. 7.

-Fall 2012 Council Dance will be hosted by the Samena Squares. The date is set for Sept 29, 2012. Callers will be Les Seeley and Rene Rudd from Oregon. Tentative location is Jackson High School.

-Karen Grasso has joined the Mount Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers as a cuer.

## -New Year's Eve Dances

-Dudes & Dolls/Checkerboard Squares at Edmonds \$12.50

-Fogcutters,/MBS/ Sk Sq??

-Dave & Bonnie Harry Alive Sound at Skagit Valley Grange 8:30-plus, 9-12 MS

-Samena's New Year's Eve level dance

## 2011-2012 Officers

### President:

Don & Snookie Carlson

### Vice President:

Michael & Patti Deal

### Treasurer:

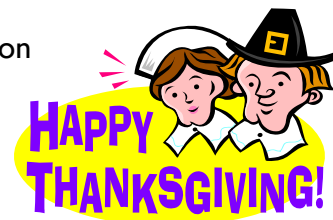
Frank Rousseau & Jean Raymond

### Secretary:

Shannon & Jeff Camardo

### Trustee at Large:

Steve & Carol Tompkins



## Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at Gleneagle Country Club. Doug Newman is coordinating again this year.

## Newsletter Submissions

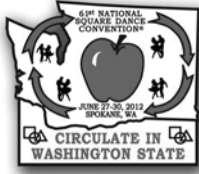
Please send articles you would like in "H Cubed" to Michael Deal at real-deal167@yahoo.com. Deadline is the second Tuesday of the month. (same as the club meeting date) Also, please let me know of any changes in your email address.

## Membership Update

Do you have a new Address, Phone Number or E-Mail Address? Please either e-mail Jennifer Knudson at [gjknudson@juno.com](mailto:gjknudson@juno.com) or call 360-658-7794. Thank you, Jennifer

## 2012 National Convention

There are lots of great plans in store for the 2012 National Convention in Spokane. Please look through the attached 7 page press release for all the latest details!



61st National Square Dance Convention®

June 27 - 30, 2012

Spokane, Washington

***Circulate in  
Washington State  
Spokane, Washington  
June 27 – 30, 2012***



***Educational  
Opportunities***

In addition to all of the dancing scheduled in the four days of Convention, here are some of the educational opportunities that you may not want to miss.

<b>Keynote Speaker:</b>  <b>Tom Miller</b>	Tom is a full-time modern western Square Dance caller who has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He has recorded with several record labels and is currently recording with ESP Records. He is a member of the Appalachian Callers Association of Western Pennsylvania, and CALLERLAB.
<b>Leadership Certification Program</b>	A combination of Panels, Seminars, and the Keynote address. It is intended to enrich a dancer's knowledge. Get fun ideas, materials you can use, and help for challenges you face in your local clubs.
<b>Clinics</b>	There will be various 'intro' sessions to different levels of Square and Round Dancing, such as Hexagon Squares, Progressive Squares, and Intro to Latin Dancing.
<b>Panels</b>	Topics will be discussed by three to six experts, and then opened up to question and answer sessions with the audience.

<b>Seminars</b>	Seminars will be given by representatives from CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB, CONTRALAB, ARTS, and USDA, as well as independent presenters.
<b>Sew &amp; Save Sew Creatively</b>	Watch demos, and learn new ideas. A place to relax and let the 'creativity' spark happen. There will also be an 'emergency repair station' for clothing mishaps.
<b>Bid Sessions</b>	Who will bid to be the host city for National Convention in 2016? Join in the excitement.
<b>Convention Programs and Publications Display</b>	Come browse the display of NEC History Books, 61 years of National Square Dance Convention® programs and other dance publications; get ideas that you may choose to use in your local publications.
<b>Showcase of Ideas</b>	Pick up literature, pins and ideas from the different States across the Nation to share when you return home.
<b>Caller Training Seminars</b>	Callers or aspiring Callers will not want to miss these sessions provided by CALLERLAB.

## ***Dance Party***

If you have been to the past few Nationals, you know about the dance competition. For the 61<sup>st</sup> NSDC we have titled the competition, "2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing". It is held during the week with both an "Open Dance Party" for all ages and a "Youth Dance Party" for dancers under the age of 18. If you have never been, then this will just add to the fun that you will learn about when attending your first National Convention.

As you may or may not know, the 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing we put on is strictly for fun. We are lucky to have some of the best National Callers try and break the Squares down with strictly Mainstream moves. The Open Dance Party will be held on Friday, June 29 in the Mainstream Hall. The Youth Dance Party will be on Saturday, June 30, also in the Mainstream Hall. The National Executive Committee (NEC) will be awarding Medals to all Squares that finish in the top three places (1) Gold, (2) Silver, and (3) Bronze. We thank the NEC for providing these medals.

This year, we are trying something different. You can get your Square together now and register online to join in the fun. Click either the "Open" or "Youth" instructions for more information. You can fill out the form and submit it back to us by clicking on the "Send" button after filling out the form, or drop it in the mail to:

61st NSDC 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing  
210 ½ N. Perry  
East Wenatchee, Washington 98802

We look forward to seeing you at 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing in June of 2012. It promises to be a great time for all.

**OPEN DANCE PARTY:**  
**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012.**

**YOUTH DANCE PARTY:**  
**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012.**

## **Tours for the 61<sup>st</sup> National Square Dace Convention®**

### **LOCAL TOURS**

**Explore Spokane and the area surrounding it.  
So much to do ~ so little time...**

#### ***Dinner and Spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam June 28 & 29 5:30pm-12:30am***

Travel through Eastern Washington's rich farm country and learn about the Cataclysmic Ice Age Flood along the way. Stop for dinner overlooking the dam before touring the Visitors Center. Next, see the Laser Light Show on one of the world's largest dams, Grand Coulee. The show is narrated and accompanied by music.

**Includes:** Motor coach, guide and dinner.

#### ***Buck Knives, Cabela's and the Nut Factory June 29 9:30am – 3:00pm***

Take a tour of famous Buck Knives, a knife manufacturer, which has lasted through five generations, starting in 1902. Founded in San Diego, they moved the plant to Post Falls, Idaho in 2005. Then, it is on to visit Cabela's, the world's foremost "outfitter" of outdoor gear. This is not just a store; it is a destination, with huge displays of wild animals and outdoor scenes. We will have a catered lunch on site. Last stop is The Nut Factory to see the roasting of the nuts; taste the freshly roasted nuts and shop in their gift shop.

**Includes:** Motor coach, guide and lunch at Cabela's.

#### ***Spokane Winery Tour June 28, 29 & 30 1:00 pm 5:00pm***

Did you know Washington is the second largest wine producing state in the country? On this tour stop at Arbor Crest Winery perched on a rock 450 feet above the Spokane River, taste their wines, then tour the grounds and Riblet Mansion, once owned by an inventor. Next visit Mountain Dome Winery, Washington's premier sparkling winery where the sparkling wine (Champagne) is made the European way. Last stop is Latah Creek Winery and Gift Shop. Latah Creek is heralded by Wine Spectator Magazine as one of the top producers of Merlot in Washington State.

**Includes:** Motor coach, guide, and three wine tastings.

## ***First Time to a Convention?***

Washington State is very excited to be hosting the 61st National Square Dance Convention® in 2012. The Convention will be held at the beautiful *Spokane Convention Center, 334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201.*

***You will have a wonderful time in Spokane in 2012. We have so much planned for you, our new Square Dance friends.***

There will be dancing from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm on over ten dance floors. There will be Mainstream, Plus, A-1, A-2, Challenge, Youth, Contra, Clogging, and Handicapable dance floors. The Round Dance teaches during the day will be Phase 2 thru 6. Round Dancers will have their own dance halls and they will be able to Round Dance between tips in the Square Dance Halls. Country Western couple dancing and Line Dancing are also scheduled. There are *Education* sessions that will give you an 'intro' to the various levels of Square and Round dancing. And ... the Ghost Riders Band, a ***live band*** to dance to, will be in the Mainstream Hall ***every night.***

In addition to all the dancing available, there will be ***Education*** sessions that will be very worthwhile. The subjects will be mostly about Square Dancing ... but not all of them. We will also have a sewing seminar that will teach you different things for Square Dancers interested in sewing. These include several "make and take" classes.

***There is so much going on in those four days.***

You can even work in some shopping in downtown Spokane while you're here. However, if you'd like to look for new Square Dance clothes there will be over **35** Square Dance ***shops*** to entice you in the Convention *Vendor* area.

There will be ***tours***, one to Glacier Park, another to Leavenworth and Seattle prior to the Convention, and an Alaskan cruise following it. In addition there are many half-day tours scheduled in and around the Spokane area to add to your enjoyment and memories of Spokane in 2012.

The 61st National Square Dance Convention® has contracts with multiple **hotels** in the Spokane area. Be sure to check the 61<sup>st</sup> website [www.61nsdc.com](http://www.61nsdc.com) and visit the Housing webpage to view the Housing Internet site and see information about the hotels that are available. **RV Camping** is also available.

***We look forward to seeing you in Spokane!!***

## ***The Rolling Hills of the Palouse/Wheat Country***

The Palouse is a region of the northwestern United States. It encompasses parts of southeastern Washington, north central Idaho and extends into northeast Oregon. It is a major agricultural area, the fourth highest wheat-producing region in the world.

The Palouse area is a photographers dream - a land of amber waves of grain and warm-hearted people. Nineteenth Century architecture and remnants of pioneer farms entice any photographer.

There is more to the Palouse country than wheat fields. Ride a raft down and a jet boat up the Snake River through Hell's Canyon, the deepest gorge in North America. Plan a picnic at Palouse Falls State Park. Palouse Falls, where the Palouse River tumbles 198 feet over layers of basalt lava deposited here during the last Ice Age.

In addition to mountains and sprawling agricultural beauty, the Palouse Hills are rich in history, dating back more than 10,000 years. Native Americans were settled here when the Lewis & Clark expedition came through. It is an area where settlers first stepped foot in Washington. By 1910, there were 22,000 people scattered in 30 communities around the Palouse region.

The Palouse is known as wheat country but did you know it's also the lentil capitol of the world. Millions of pounds of lentils are shipped to Europe, South America and the Middle East.

Spokane, 70 miles north, is a major hub of the region. It became known as the capitol of the Inland Empire; which included all the wheat producing regions, local mining districts and lumber producing forests. Spokane also served as the main railroad and transportation hub of the entire region.

Come to the 61<sup>st</sup> National Square Dance Convention® and take time to explore the rest of the state. There is so much to see. It truly is America the Beautiful.

# THE TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2012 NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

## **NUMBER 10 – THE BEAUTIFUL STATE OF WASHINGTON –**

Washington has so much to offer the Square Dancers that attend the Convention. From those beautiful spacious skies and amber waves of grain of eastern Washington to the purple mountain majesties of the Cascade Range above the fruited plains of central Washington to the shining Pacific Ocean, Washington State is America and all that it stands for.

**NUMBER 9 – FASHION SHOW** - Join us for our "Apple Blossom Garden Party", as we stroll through the fragrant gardens and orchards. Sit back and enjoy the Square Dance fashions modeled for your enjoyment by Dancers from around the country and the world.

**NUMBER 8 – SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER** - The Convention itself will be held at the beautiful air-conditioned **Spokane Convention Center**, which is right downtown and located in the middle of Riverfront Park and close to restaurants and lodging accommodations. It will all be under one roof, with wonderful floors for dancing and an audio system that delivers the best sound ever. From seminars to the Fashion Show, and the Showcase of Rounds to the vendors, and all the rest, the **61<sup>st</sup> National Square Dance Convention®** will have it all, so that you, the dancer, will come away when it is over wishing and wanting for more, wishing for it not to be over.

**NUMBER 7 – ALASKA CRUISE** - If you ever thought about a cruise to Alaska, this is the one to take! The 61<sup>st</sup> NSDC looks forward to capping off the Convention with an exciting journey to the great land of Alaska. As a place where glaciers thunder and the sights are so stunning they take your breath away, we will set sail for Alaska via Holland America Line's MS Oosterdam from Seattle. And yes, there will be more dancing on board the ship and in Juneau! Friends and family are all welcome on this spectacular trip. We hope you will join us! The dates are July 1-8, 2012. Make your plans now and make this a vacation to remember! Find more information on our website.

**NUMBER 6 – 2012 DANCE PARTY** - If you have been to the past few Nationals, you know about the Dance Competition now called 2012 Dance Party-Last Square Standing that is held during the week, with both Open, for all ages, and Youth, for dancers under the age of 18, competitions. If you have never been, then this will just add to the fun that you will learn about when attending a National Convention

**NUMBER 5 – GHOST RIDERS SQUARE DANCE BAND** - We are VERY EXCITED to officially announce that The Ghost Riders Square Dance Band will be appearing at the 61st National Square Dance Convention® in Spokane. You will be able to enjoy listening, and have fun dancing to them Wednesday night at the Trails-End dance, then Thursday through Saturday in the MAINSTREAM Hall during the Convention.

**NUMBER 4 – WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL EVENT - *The "Timebenders"*** sing & perform music from the 50's, 60's and on to the present. With multiple costume changes and their impersonations of famous stars, it's a roller coaster ride of fun and energy.

**NUMBER 3 – TOURS** - A wide selection of sightseeing tours has been arranged in order to provide a pleasurable choice for just about everyone. There is a Spokane City Tour, Green Bluff Acres-Alpacas, Shopping, Farm Lunch, and Wine Tour, Buck Knives, Cabela's and the Nut Factory Tour, Grand Coulee Dam, Dry Falls/Geologic Tour, Spokane Winery Tour, Shopping and Chocolate Tour, The Silver Valley and Historic Wallace Tour, Dinner & Spectacular Laser Light Show on Grand Coulee Dam Tour, Public Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene Tour, Private Lunch Tour on Lake Coeur d'Alene Tour, a Washington State Tour, and a Glacier National Park Tour. Detailed information on the tours can be found on the 61<sup>st</sup> NSDC website. Don't forget your camera!

**NUMBER 2 – EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES** – In addition to all of the dancing scheduled in the four days of the Convention, here are some of the Educational Opportunities that you will not want to miss – Keynote Speaker Tom Miller, Leadership Certification Program, Clinics, Panels, Seminars, Sew & Save - Sew Creatively, Bid Sessions, Convention Programs and Publications Display, Showcase of Ideas, and Caller Training Seminars.

**AND THE NUMBER 1 REASON TO ATTEND THE  
61st NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IS:**

***DANCE – DANCE – DANCE***

There will be Square Dance floors providing a dance program that will include Mainstream, Plus, Advanced and Challenge. All levels of Round Dance will be featured. There will also be Contra, Clogging, Youth and Handicapable dance floors.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 61<sup>st</sup> NSDC,  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: [www.61nsdc.com](http://www.61nsdc.com)**