

Mt. Baker Council Notes SEPTEMBER 2025

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Fidalgo Fogcutters present

Don & Snookie Carlson *60th Anniversary*

**Steve Noseck and
Steve Edlund calling**

Bob and Linda Berka cueing



September 13, 2025


1:30 – 2:00p Rounds

2:00 – 4:30p Mainstream/Plus

Alternating tips with 1 Round

**Skagit Valley Grange
21273 Cook Rd, Burlington, WA 98233
Questions? Don Carlson 360-303-7516**

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Happy Rounders	3 MBC Meeting 7:30 Transportation Building	4	5 Whirlybirds (No experience)	6 A-Blast-Intro to A Dancing Shadows & Eastside Plus
7 Freewheelers <i>Shooting Stars Lessons Start</i>	8 Cascade Crossfires	9 <i>ABlast Skagit Squares Happy Hoppers Lessons Start</i>	10 Or-Bets <i>Fern Bluff Lessons Start</i>	11 Marysville Opera House No-EX <i>Whirlbirds, Samena Squares Lessons Start</i>	12 Dudes & Dolls (No Experience) Samena Squares	13 Angel Workshop Fogcutters Fern Bluff Rainbow Squares (No experience)
14 Angel Workshop Happy Hoppers <i>Dancing Shadows Square Crows Lessons Start</i>	15 Cascade Crossfires	16 Happy Rounders <i>Dudes & Dolls Lessons start</i> <i>AB, HH, SkS Lessons</i>	17 Or-Bets <i>Fogcutters Mainstream Masters Start</i> <i>FB Lessons</i>	18 <i>Freewheelers/ Whirlwinds Lessons Start</i> <i>SaS, WB Lessons</i>	19 Square Crows	20 Shooting Stars Skagit Squares Dancing Shadows Whirlybirds
21 Freewheelers <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	22 Cascade Crossfires	23 Happy Rounders <i>Rainbow SQ Lessons Start</i> <i>AB, DD, HH, SkS Lessons</i>	24 Or-Bets <i>FFMM</i> <i>FB Lessons</i>	25 <i>SaS, WB FW/WW Lessons</i>	26 Dudes & Dolls	27 Whirlwinds
28 <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	29 Cascade Crossfires	30 Happy Rounders <i>AB, DD, HH, RS, SkS Lessons</i>				

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2025-2026

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sept 3 Council Meeting 7:30 PM Marysville School District Transportation
4302 134th ST NE, Marysville, WA 98271
- October 4 Fall Council Dance 2-5 PM Northshore Senior Center Bothell, WA



A Huge Showout to the Shooting Stars Club!

What an unforgettable debut at the Pacific Northwest Teen Festival in Salem Oregon!

The Shooting Stars Club brought 22 bright, brave, and talented kids—and here's the amazing part: this was their very first festival! You'd never guess it was their first time, though. They danced like pros, cheered each other on like a family, and made a name for themselves in the best way possible. Not only did they light up the floor with joy and energy, but they also brought home a bunch of shiny trophies!

None of this would have been possible without a phenomenal support crew. Huge applause goes to: Rob Sax, Rachel, Nicole, Jessica, and Lucas Cook—the heart and backbone of this adventure. Your leadership, patience, and encouragement helped guide the kids every step of the way. Thank you for making this magical experience happen!

And of course, hats off to all the parents, volunteers, and Shooting Stars members who pitched in with rides, snacks, pep talks, and practice time. Here are just a few highlights of what these first-timers accomplished:

Calling – Preteen Novice Division 1st Place – Violet 2nd Place – Poppy 3rd Place – Judah They were confident, clear, and totally captivating on the mic!

Calling – Novice Division 1st Place – Kendra 2nd Place – Omega.

These two rocked it with their rhythm, timing, and stage presence!

For a first festival, this was nothing short of spectacular.

The Shooting Stars showed that you don't need experience to shine, just heart, teamwork, and a love for the dance. This is just the beginning. We can't wait to see what this incredible group will do next! Keep reaching for the stars, Shooting Stars! You've made your club, and your community proud!



President's Message

Let's Get Started!

MBC President Jo Ann Pyle – 206-914-2253

lopann@aol.com or mbcprez@gmail.com

The new dance season is here. Fortunately we have had plenty of opportunities to dance during the summer but now our official season is upon us. Lots of lessons around the council and some new happenings. I'm looking forward to "getting this party started"!

Your new officers will be meeting in late August to strategize for the upcoming year. I'll have more to report after this meeting.

Our September 3rd Council meeting will be at the Marysville School District Transportation building, 4302 134th St NE, Marysville, 98271. I know that's not our favorite meeting space but about twice a year we have a conflict with the school district's schedule. Since our standing rules say we normally meet the first Wednesday of each month I would like to maintain that schedule. September is the first council meeting where we have a conflict next season. You will receive a reminder with the address in the meeting minutes and the agenda.

I've appointed many of our committees but if you have an interest in serving on one of them please reach out to me.

We enjoyed the recent state festival in Yakima and look forward to our council hosting in 2027. There will be more details soon. We can certainly use volunteers to help out.

There were several good leadership classes and Brooks and I attended all that we could. Of particular interest were the classes about changes to Call-erlab. I briefly discussed these at our last meeting. I'm planning on a designee from the Mt Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers Association to do a short presentation at one of our council meetings soon.

I'm looking forward to working with the new board of officers and all of you. Here's to a productive dancing year!



Calling all Angels –

It's time to welcome our new mainstream lesson takers! Please be sure to attend one of the Angel Workshops. Not only will you learn something new regarding how to help new dancers succeed, you'll also receive an Angel dangle! Workshops are Saturday, Sept 13 at 2:15 at the Carl Gibson Center in Everett and Sunday September 14 at 6:30 PM at the Tri Way Grange. (See Page 14 for more info!)

The Student Liaisons will be distributing this seasons New Dancer Handbook in late October. It will also be on the MBC website.

In June, the Class Coordinators met and reviewed our new graduate feedback, updated our best practices and ensured we don't have conflicting Student Level Dances. The dances are nicely spread throughout the season and a list will be available on the MBC website. The Best Practices can also be found on the website.

Have you got A Round To It? The process for receiving the all around dancer dangle has been moved to the student liaisons! The updated form will be in the New Dancer Handbook and on the MBC Website.

The MBC Student Liaisons are: Lynnea Dunbar, Grace Maria, Camille Miller, and Stephen Sworen. Let us know what ideas you have that will enhance the new dancer experience!

Lynnea Dunbar, MBC Student Liason

A BLAST

FUN Advanced Square Dancing

Introduction to
FUN Advanced Dancing
Bob Jervis calling/instructing
Saturday 6 Sept. 1pm
Triway Grange

Lessons: Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm

Dances First Saturdays 1pm to 3:30pm
Triway Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd. Mill Creek, WA
ABLAST.MBC@gmail.com 206 369-7131

A BLAST

FUN Advanced Square Dancing

9/6 Bob Jervis (intro)
10/4 Steve Noseck
12/6 Ray Brendzy
1/3 Steve Edlund
2/7 Steve Noseck
3/7 Adam Christman
4/4 Bob Jervis

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FIDALGO FOGCUTTERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

MAINSTREAM MASTERS CLASS
TEACHER: STEVE NOSECK

Beginning Sept. 17th, 2025

Class on Wed. / For 6 weeks from 7 - 9 p.m.

Donation - \$8.00 per person

Skagit Valley Grange - 21273 Cook Rd. Sedro Woolley WA

Q's: Contact Don Carlson 360.303.7516

or em: don@karuson.com



Dancing Shadows

With Eastside Plus

Sept. 6th Steve Noseck

Rounds with Shawn Cavness

Sept. 20th All round dance

Randy & Marie Preskitt

7:00-9:30

Lessons begin Sept, 14th

4/5 rd workshop 5:00-6:30

2/3/4 rounds 6:30-7:30 Plus 7:30-9:30

Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland

For information call Cliff 425 478 5128

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest

September 5th



No Experience Dance

No Partner Needed

Dancing Begins at 7:30



Ages 8 years and Above

Dancing Dave will be teaching basic Square Dance Moves and Line Dances

Bring a new to dancing guest and be entered into our year end drawing

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com



FREEWHEELERS

MS
mainstream

Welcome to Fall

Sunday Sept 7, 2025

Caller: Andy Garboden

Cuer: TBD



Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredanceseseattle.com

6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

7:00 to 9:00 MS with Rounds

9 pm Plus tip



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(For Sept it's 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)

**Welcome Back to a New
Dance Season**

**Tell your Friends
Lessons Start**

Next Month, Monday Oct 20th

More Info: <http://cascadecrossfires.org>
Cedar Valley Grange: 20526 52nd Ave W

425-435-8253
Lynnwood, WA



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

Dark on
September 26th

Steve Noseck calling
Alyshia Main cueing

**Friday
Sept 12th**

7:30 - 8 pm Plus
8 - 10 pm Mainstream
Rounds between tips

WHERE'S WALDO?



Hearing enhancement
available
Credit card accepted





Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

No Experience Dance 7:30-9:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 12

**LYNNWOOD
COMMUNITY
DANCE**



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS!

CALLER: DAVE HARRY

CEDAR VALLEY GRANGE, 20526 52ND AVE W, LYNNWOOD

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream the 2nd or 4th Saturdays

Wendy Krueger, Guest Caller

September Dance Only 7:00-9:00 PM

**SEPT 13 – "No Experience Dance" Square
Dancing, Line Dancing & Circle Dancing.**

\$5 Adults, \$3 Youth Under 18

Bring your Family and Friends and learn how much fun
it is to dance!

SEPT 27 – DARK – NO DANCE – Winthrop!

Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

Contact: 360-961-7892



Join us for a Garden Dance Party



Caller: Rob Sax Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

South Lake Stevens Grange
2109 103rd Ave SE
Lake Stevens, WA
Adults: \$10.00
Youth: (12-18) \$5.00
Children: (11 & Under) Free w/ Adult

Saturday September 13
Potluck 6:00 to 7:00pm
Pre-Rounds 7:00 to 7:30
Plus 7:30 to 8:00 pm
Mainstream 8 to 10pm

Facebook – Fern Bluff Squares



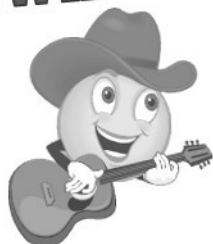
Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Sunday September 14

New Home Hoedown

Craig Abercrombie
calling & cueing



Hearing
Enhancement



Raffle Baskets!

www.happyhoppers.org

Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30

Angel Workshop

Saturday, September 13th
2:15-3:45pm



Instructor Stephen Cole



Free for all club members in the Mount Baker Council
Learn how to be a great angel
2025 graduates and experienced dancers are all encouraged to attend
See our new dancing venue
Earn the coveted Happy Hopper Angel Dangle



Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Ave
Everett WA 98201
Street & garage parking available



Sponsored by
Happy Hoppers &
Mount Baker Council



Do You Square Dance?



Learn to Angel



Sunday, September 14th

Free for all MBC club members!

Learn how to help support and encourage others
in our favorite activity!

Improve your square dancing by helping others.
Build stronger positive friendships.
Earn an angel dangle!

Tri-Way Grange
3509 Seattle Hill Rd
Mill Creek, WA

6:30-8:30 PM



<https://www.squaredancesseattle.com/lessons>



Frolicking into Fall

7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds

Friday, September 19, 2025

Mainstream Square
Dance

Entry Donation

8:00-10:00 PM

\$10.00 per person



Caller - Gunter Monroe

Cuer - Karen Neverdowski



Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE, Snohomish WA 98296



www.squarecrows.org Info: 206-914-2253

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30 pm

Mainstream 8:00 pm



Superheroes



September 20th



Dave Harry calling
&
Alyshia Main cueing



We Dance the Third Saturday

Dancers Assemble for a fun night of dancing

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com



**Happy Hats
Masquerade**

Shooting Stars Youth Club



Rob Sax Calling



September 20th ★ 1:30 - 4:30

Tri-Way Grange

Skagit Squares



APPLE HARVEST

Saturday, September 20

Gunter Monroe calling

Bob Berka Cueing

Pre rounds 7:30 Dance 8:00 to 10:00

MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER

Light Refreshments

Info: 240 334 6329



FREEWHEELERS

Happy Days, 50's dance

Sunday Sept 21, 2025

Caller: Randy Preskitt

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds
7:00 to 9:00 Plus

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredanceseattle.com



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

Line Dancing: 7:00PM, Plus Dancing 7:30 PM

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 26

WELCOME BACK TO DANCING!

**A REFRESHER DANCE TO
GET YOU BACK DANCING
AGAIN!**



CALLER: SCOTT COON LINE DANCING: LISA WEISER

CEDAR VALLEY GRANGE, 20526 52ND AVE W, LYNNWOOD

Sky Valley Whirlwinds

Welcome Back To Dancing

SEPTEMBER 27



6PM LINES

6:30PM PLUS

7-9 PM MAINSTREAM DANCE

CALLER: VANCE MORRISON

LINES: LISA WEISER

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Avenue
Everett, WA 98201



Winthrop Barn Dance

www.happyhoppers.org



Happy Hoppers

will be DARK Sept 28

**Join us at our Double Dance
w/National Caller Darren Gallina
on Sunday, October 12**



PETTICOAT JUNCTION DANCE SHOP

14523 HWY 99, LYNNWOOD www.petticoatjct.com
425-743-9513 friends@petticoatjct.com

Mount Baker Council Minutes

June 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Sworen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers and officers elect found all present. Roll call of clubs found all present.

Guests in Attendance: Janice Lewis, Freewheelers, Cliff Callow, Dancing Shadows, Rob Webster, Fidalgo Fogcutters, Leslie Keyes, Fidalgo Fogcutters

Recording Secretary: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 rmbcrecsec@gmail.com

Please do not send PDF's to Sammi Fredenburg, the 25-26 recording secretary. She needs to copy the information which is difficult from a PDF.

The motion to give the \$600.00 youth fund to Shooting Stars passes. Note that Judy Corning was appointed Youth Coordinator at the April meeting but this was left out of the April minutes.

Festival 27's request for \$5000.00 seed money was granted.

May minutes accepted as published.

Treasurer: Dave Fredenburg 425-297-3210 adfrede354@frontier.com

See attached report. Bills I have received are \$1682.69 for maintenance on the trailer, \$200.00 to Cascade Crossfires for facility rental and \$285.67 for supplies, cake, food to Vance Morrison for hosting two Parker award celebrations. Bob Berka moved to pay the bills, Oren Gaskill seconded. Sammi Fredenburg seconded. Motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary: Tina Heide 360-651-1328
tinaheidehh@gmail.com

Thank you for all the time I got to spend with you all. I enjoyed it.

Area Delegate: Sammi Fredenburg 360 359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com

The CallerLab proposal for new mainstream revamped call listings passed. It's now a 50 call program similar to SSD. Plus is expanded to a 105-call list. Increases to state dues was discussed and tabled. Voted to add qualifications and history requirements to the selection of the Youth Scholarship Award which is presented at the banquet during the state festival. Dick Behem, state webmaster, passed away on May 25th. Sharon Harmon, long-term member and former club President of Roamin' Tacomans, passed on May 24th. Treasurer Marsha Sullivan reported an increase in state balance of \$3,807.50 this past quarter, with a balance now of \$101,345.06. Please make sure roster submissions to the state are current. There has been no new state directory since the 2022/23 dance season. As new members are added to your club, please be sure to update your council's Council Notes and obtain the new members' information as well. Brett Kapperman is creating a spreadsheet of membership. State needs a Facebook administrator. Please contact Lane Johnston if interested. Festivals: 2026 is in Ocean Shores July 16 thru 18 2026, and July 30, 31, and August 1, 2027. 2026 program ads are \$50 per ½ page, \$100 for full. \$9,000 seed money approved for the 2026 festival. Heritage report: A full inventory will be done soon. \$8252 in the bank. Books are circulating to club dances for a few months, then retiring to the Heritage Center. They are transitioning to digital from here on out. Nominating for State Federation Board positions: President, Lane Johnston; Vice President position, no nominations, Recording Secretary, Kay Manahan. Treasurer: Brett Kapperman; Correspondence Secretary: Kathy Chase. Welcome and Congratulations. Voting procedures were tested using MailChimp with CALLERLAB and working well; state election and procedures may switch as well. Footnotes: Welcome to Peggy DeLisa, Ranier Council, the new editor. Formatting and deadlines will be the same. Peggy has a lot of experience. Currently \$11,696.56 in the bank so donated \$5,000 to youth for the scholarship fund. XP: George Broom is struggling with health issues, no report. Youth Coordinator: Forty competing dancers at the youth festival this year, ten were callers. They took home a lot of gold. BMI/ASCAP: Renewed contracts available on request. Sound Coordinator, Dave Boggs: if we go to Zoom meetings from here on out, we have no necessity to invest in a microphone and amplifier system. An inventory and setup instructions will be done this summer. Website development: Lane Johnston, Brett Kapperman, Noah Lanctot, Dave Fredenburg, and Penny Curtis are on the new committee and in communication with each other. This group is open to additional members. Brett Kapperman and Kathy Chase are working on the new State Directory. Plans for it to be both online and printed. A picture site is set up so we can submit pictures and videos: <https://www.squaredance-wa-pics.org> Requesting any new festival bids 2028 and beyond. New clubs: Crazy 8's, a leader-run club in Centralia, Shooting Stars, Fundays kindred club run by Greg Weber. Youth club Jacks and Jills were voted back into the State Federation. Young Bunch has folded. Marcia Sullivan, Lane Johnston, Bonnie Harry, and Penny Curtis will apply for a grant for Arts organizations.

Area Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

No report

President's Report: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcprez@gmail.com

A BIG Thanks to Fern Bluff Squares for hosting an awesome Council Dance. Our biggest and best dance of the year! Congratulations to Judy and Tom Corning for winning the Ila Williams award! You have done so much for our council and are truly deserving of this award!

It has been a great three years being your president! We have accomplished a lot to-

gether! During the State Federation meeting last Saturday, several members commented on things that we are doing here that are leading the way for the state! Your hard work is being noticed. It has been a privilege of leading the best council in the state of Washington!

Council Directory: I will be sending out the draft for next year's directory, so please make corrections. Are there any changes you would like to see on the format? Any other positions that should be listed? Let me know!

Education and Leadership:

The first Angel workshop will be on Saturday, Sept 13 from 2-4 at the Carl Gibson center in Everett, sponsored by the Happy Hoppers. The second one will be Sunday, September 14th, 6:30-8:30p Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd, Mill Creek sponsored by the Freewheelers

Vice President: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253 lopann@aol.com

Fern Bluff hosted their Council Dance last weekend and it was great. Although it was raining in the morning, the day ended up sunny & warm. Tom & Judy Corning were awarded the Ila Williams Award. We can start thinking about next year's award. Square Crows host the Fall Council Dance on October 4th at the Northshore Senior Center. The callers are Steve Edlund & Gaylen Sauve' with Karen Neverdowski cueing. Dave Harry will host a no experience hall. The theme is "Promenade in Pink" in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Dangles will have a breast cancer awareness logo. We look forward to Same-na Squares hosting in the Spring of 2026.

Advisor: Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net

Thanks for returning your delegate packets... Steve Sworen appreciates it and will update them and bring to the September meeting.

Parliamentarian: Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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I got rid of the table showing the list of clubs that was accessed by clicking the Club menu item. Now there is only the drop-down list. I have had comments that the new way of showing flyers means endless scrolling on mobile phones. Please keep me updated about your frustrations with using the website. Send me comments or corrections by clicking the Contact Us button at the top of the home page.

Council Dances: **Fall Council Dance: Square Crows** (see Square Crow Report)

Council Directory: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcpres@gmail.com

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We are emailing Council Notes to those requesting. You can get it by snail mail, email, or go to the Council Website where it is posted under Council Notes menu item. Please email us with your request how you'd like to receive your copy if other than snail mail. The June issue includes dances & activities for the summer. We printed 390 copies at \$552.25 with front and back covers in color and mailed out 380 at \$144.43.

Education/Leadership: Stephen (Joyce) Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcpres@gmail.com

State Festival is fast approaching and if you haven't registered yet, please do so at: <https://2025sdfestival.wasdf.org/> Our featured caller is Hunter Keller, featured cuer is Doug Dodge and featured clogging instructor is Kellee Ramirez. Lisa Weiser will do some line dance instruction with Andy Garboden and Dave Harry! Many callers, cuers, and clogging instructors are doing dances from Thursday June 10 thru Saturday June 12th. The Yakima Convention Center is fully air conditioned and very comfortable. There are many badge dances including one at a winery. The educational portion will include introductions to Plus, Advanced, Clogging, Rounds, and Line Dance. There will be sessions for Presidents and Treasurers at each level (Club, Council & State) giving the in's & out's and do's and don'ts of that position. Callers & Cuers will have a session for those beginning or interested in taking up the challenge of being a caller or cuer. Nancy Raiha follow up on student & club member retention from last year. We will feature a video from the National Convention with information on Caller Labs realigning the square dance moves into Mainstream, Plus, etc. They have made changes you may want to be aware of if you are interested in progressing to the next level.

Footnotes: Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com

Welcome Peggy DeLisa, the new editor. Formatting and deadlines will be the same.

Heritage Center: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbccouncilnotes@gmail.com

The Heritage Center is a museum that tells the story and history of square dancing in Washington state. There are many homemade things like dolls and wood carvings, a wall of people who have won awards and past St Federation Presidents, years and years of Footnotes, scrapbooks etc etc. It is getting a big makeover which could go until the end of 2025. The new chairperson, Joshua Strickler (former WA St Square & Folk Dance President) along with a group of 3 ladies have put in numerous hours with new lighting and locks on the cabinets, re-cataloguing many items, as well as adding many things that have come in recently from around the state. Each Council has a display cabinet that the council rep keeps up and occasionally displays new items. On May 12, Steve and I spent a couple hours looking around and updating our cabinet. We honored John Hay by placing many items from him and representing him. If you are in the Spokane area and wa, please contact Joshua for access if it isn't open. During USA West in July 2025, the center will be open for visitors. I am on the board as the Treasurer. We are still searching for a secretary. If interested, contact me.

Historian: Position Vacant. Contact Steve Sworen if interested in this position.

Membership & Insurance: Dave Fredenburg 425-297-3210

adfrede354@frontier.com

No Report

New Dancer Books: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

The "New Dancer Handbook" can be found on the MBC website under the "Learn!" tab

The first Angel workshop will be on Saturday, Sept 13 from 2-4pm at the Carl Gipson center in Everett, sponsored by Happy Hoppers. The second one is Sunday, September 14th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Tri-Way Grange sponsored by Freewheelers.

Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

I am looking for anyone interested in accepting an office in our Council or at the state level. If you are interested or have any recommendations, please let me know. Being involved with either the Council and/or the State can be very interesting. You learn a lot an it takes only a few hours a month, depending on the office.

Properties: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

Please make any changes to the property records you have for your Council position. It is okay to delete unneeded items and add new ones and let me know of those changes. You will be turning over any properties you have to the newly elected or appointed person. I will update your records with changes you made give an updated copy to the new officers in September.

Publicity & Promotion: Position Vacant. Contact Steve Sworen if interested in this position

2 yard signs have been given to clubs along with a stack of lesson cards. There are plenty more cards. Contact Penny Curtis, publicitymbc@gmail.com for more.

Fair Coordinator: Bonnie Harry 425-773-9513 friends@petticoatjct.com

We will not be at the Stanwood Fair, but next year we will try again for the parade, a booth and some demo's there. We have firm dates for the other fairs, and all opportunities for dancer participation are on the council website and calendar. Dancers will find the sign up area under "About MBC", Demo Events.. Please encourage everyone to join in the fun! We have the SKAGIT FAIR in Mount Vernon, Booth, 2 hour time slots, August 7-10th 12-8 and a demo dance on Sun, August 10th 12-1:30. NW WA FAIR, Lynden Demo dance: Sat, August 16th 4 to 5. EVERGREEN FAIR, Monroe, Booth, 2 hour time slots, August 26th hours TBD, Demo dance 1: Tues, August 26th 4:30-6, Demo dance 2: Sun, August 31st 11:45-1:15.

Round Dance: Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 bekarl@whidbey.net

Round of the Month for June 2025 is "Together ", Chore: Diana & Jake Ring, Music:Album Together trk 10 Anne Murray, Waltz: Phase II + II (pivot 3 & box fin). Download Amazon, I tune & You Tube. Other Selections Lovely lough Conn II & Lay Down Beside Me

Round Tuit: Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977 kludlow57@gmail.com

35 new Round Tuits were given out this year, 15 of these were the 2nd for the recipient.

Scrapbook: Claire Ball 425-206-8709 ball.gordy@gmail.com

No report

Solo Coordinator: Carol Harris 206-362-3734 chskier@gmail.com

No report

Ways & Means: Carol Harris 206-362-3734 chskier@gmail.com

No report

Festival 27: Penny Curtis, 206.235.3419, publicitymbc@gmail.com

We will have signed contracts by the time you read this! Location is Edward Hanson Event Center, the Carl Gipson Senior Center and an as yet undetermined location close by. Dates are July 29-31, 2027. The theme is Broadway Promenade, colors are aqua and silver.

OLD BUSINESS:

The new officers were installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Sworen moved to make the following changes to Standing Rules:

Current 4 K. **New Dancer Book** This Committee shall be responsible for editing and publishing a New Dancer Book to be distributed to graduates of Member Club New Dancer Classes.

Proposed: 4.K. **Student Liason** This Committee shall be responsible for partnering with Club Class Coordinators, providing communication and assistance for classes and Student Level Dances, maintaining a “Best Practices” document, correlating Graduation Questions, and for editing and publishing a New Dancer Book to be distributed to graduates of Member Club New Dancer Classes.

Oren Gaskill seconded. Motion passed.

DELEGATE REPORTS

A Blast: Gary Faulds 206-618-8840 gary.v.faulds@gmail.com

We are down to 4 members.

Cascade Crossfires: Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946 judyseatrvl@comcast.net

We dance Monday nights. Awesome fast plus from 6:30 to 7pm, then all position dancing from 7 to 9pm. No dance on Labor Day 1st of September.

Dancing Shadows: Fonda Ross 916-849-8554 tinkerntaz@aol.com

No report

Dudes & Dolls: Vicki Byers 425-359-3234 bylynn@hotmail.com

Lessons start September 16th. We are also trialing an electronic photo album in place of a scrapbook.

Fern Bluff Squares: Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977 kludlow57@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who came to the Spring council dance on 05/31/2025. It was a great time for all I heard through the grape vine. Lessons will start on September 10, 2025, at the Monroe Community Senior Center.

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Lois Cassidy 360-293-0181 loisc3@gmail.com

September 13th, our first dance of the new season, will be a fun celebration for Don and Snookie Carlson's 60th wedding anniversary. Everyone welcome! Callers are the two Steves: Edlund and Noseck with Bob Berka cueing. Pre-Rounds at 1:30-2:00 with alternating Mainstream and Plus with Rounds from 2:00-4:30 at the Skagit Valley Grange.

Freewheelers: Carol Harris 206-362-3734 chskier@gmail.com

Congratulations to two of our club's mainstays, Tom and Judy Corning for the well-deserved Ila Williams award.

Happy Hoppers: Karen Hammontree 425-870-1632 kmtree99@gmail.com

We look forward to having our dances for the 2025-26 season at the Carl Gibson Center. Our first dance is the "New Home Hoedown". Please join us and see how great the dancing will be.

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-365-8095 larry_mercer02@outlook.com

In September, we will dance on the 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. We will not dance September 9th. We dance phase 3 & 4 at the Hayloft, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Randy Preskitt is the Cuer.

Mt. Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers: Stephen Cole 206-769-4959

stephen@isquaredance.com

Dances every Thursday night thru the summer at Juanita Community Center, 7pm to 9pm.

Rainbow Squares: Lew (Oren) Gaskill 360-733-4487

olgaskill@comcast.net

We will present a "No Experience Necessary" Dance on Saturday, September 13, 2025, with Wendy Krueger calling squares, lines and circles from 7 to 9 PM at the Ten Mile Grange. Bring your friends! Mainstream lessons start Tuesday, September 23rd from 7 to 9pm at Ten Mile Grange with the first 2 lessons in the series offered for free.

Samena Squares: Debbie Rebman 206-354-9345 dancinladytoo@gmail.com

Samenas enjoyed a fun summer highlighted by a barbeque at our co-president's place and an outdoor dance at the Kirkland marina park. We are looking forward to the start of lessons and our first dance of the season which will be "Under the Big Top" with Steve Noseck calling and Karen Neverdowski cueing. We will go dark to attend the Winthrop Barn Dance Sept 26th.

Skagit Squares: Linda (Bob) Berka 360-675-8691 berkalw@whidbey.net

We had mainstream dancing on Tuesday evenings all summer and our Pig Roast dance on June 21 with Gunter Monroe calling and Bob Berka providing the Rounds.

Shooting Stars Youth Club: Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946
judyseatrvi@comcast.net

We had a very successful Teen Festival. We got 3 1st place trophies dfor calling. Preteen Squares came in 2nd. They won the Coordinator trophy for their first festival. They all said they were tired but had a wonderful time.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com

Our next dance is September 25, 2025 with Vance Morrison calling and Lisa Weiser leading line dancing. Lines begin at 6 pm, plus at 6:30 pm and Mainstream from 7-9 pm. Our 3 level dances for next season will be in November, January and March. Joint lessons with the Freewheelers begin Thursday September 18, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, with Spyder Webb teaching.

Square Crows: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253, lopann@aol.com

We host the Fall Council Dance, "Promenade in Pink" on October 4th at the Northshore Senior Center, 2:00 to 5:00PM. Callers are Gaylen Sauve' and Steve Edlund with Karen Neverdowski cueing. Dave Harry will call a No Experience dance. There's a fundraiser with handmade shoe bags, petticoat bags, etc. We will have Dangles with Breast Cancer Awareness logo. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. \$10 for the No Experience dance at the door. Fall square dance lessons at the Northshore Senior Center start Sept 14 from 2:30 to 4:30PM.

Whirlybirds: Sammi Fredenburg 360 359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com

No report

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jo Ann Pyle: I have enjoyed working with current officers and all of you. I look forward to more opportunities as the new President. Doug Keyes and Steve Sworen have done a great job as Council Presidents. I will be different and will do my best to advance our council and help our clubs be successful. I have appointed a financial review committee to review the books so we can have a clean slate for our new Board. We will change signatories on our bank account soon. I'm planning a board meeting, probably in August, to talk about the direction of our council, to prepare a budget and to brainstorm. At the state fed-

eration meeting I heard Callerlab has voted to change the mainstream program. The new basic lessons will be 50 calls & plus will be about another 50 calls. This is intended to be in place in September of 2026. It means beginning lessons will be shorter before transitioning into plus. You can find more details at the Callerlab website. Our September meeting will be at the Marysville transportation building. The June minutes and the September agenda will have the address. Committees need to be appointed. I have talked to a few of you and will reach out to more of you. Please let me know if you have an interest in one of the committees. I'm looking forward to working with the new board and all of you.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **September 3, 2025** at 7:30 PM.

Location: Marysville School District Transportation Office, 4302 134th St NE

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Curtis Recording Secretary

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council

Treasurer Report - 04 Jun

Due: 10/21/2025 12/21/2025

	Checking	Savings	CD 7mo	CD 18mo	Total	Current Report	Jun 05 2024
Balance as reported on 05/07/2025	\$ 751.32	\$ 20,891.71	\$ 11,138.93	\$ 44,284.36	\$ 77,066.32		\$ 78,593.93
Plus deposits:							
	\$ 10,000.00	\$(10,000.00)					
CD Interest 5/30			\$ 37.17	\$ 171.29			
Savings interest 5/30		\$ 0.12					
Subtotal Income::	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (9,999.88)	\$ 37.17	\$ 171.29		\$ 208.58	
Less Payments							
711 Cascade Crpssores*Jarler Award Banquet	\$ 200.00						
712 Shooting Stars: Youth Club Support	\$ 600.00						
713 Ernest Meza	\$ 1,682.89						
714 MSD:Apr Hall Rental	\$ 35.00						
715 L&L Engravers:Ilia Williams Engraving	\$ 22.95						
Subtotal Expense::	\$ 2,540.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,540.84	
Balance as of 06/04/2025	\$ 8,210.48	\$ 10,891.83	\$ 11,176.10	\$ 44,455.65	\$ 74,734.06	\$ (2,332.26)	\$ (3,859.87)
						Net Change	YTD since 6/5/24