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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

MAR 4 Council Meeting	7:30 PM	Marysville School District Board Room, 4220 80th St NE Marysville, WA 98271
APRIL 4 Alzheimer's Dance	1 PM	Juanita Community Center 13027 100th Ave W Kirkland

New Dancer Spotlight

Meet the Trio: Ann, Colleen, and Maria!

It all started when Ann spotted a flyer at the Northshore Senior Center. Curious and always up for an adventure, she gave her good friend Colleen a gentle nudge: "Want to try a lesson with me?" Colleen said yes, and the rest is history.

- They've been bitten by the bug.
— They've drunk the Kool-Aid. Ann says there's no turning back now. Thanks to Ann's perfectly timed nudge, Colleen is officially hooked. Maria, on the other hand, came to dancing by way of an invitation from Diane. One "just come try it" later, and here she is smiling, dancing, and fully in the mix.



Their Advice for New Dancers:

Keep showing up. Attend student dances whenever you can. Don't worry about being perfect, just enjoy it.

Taking lessons twice a week and going to as many level dances as possible has really boosted confidence. Worrying less about mistakes makes dancing so much more fun.

Have fun and try not to beat yourself up over mistakes. It's really important to go beyond the lessons and attend level dances, even when it feels intimidating. Having a buddy helps keep you accountable and really locks in what you learn.

What They Love About Square Dancing

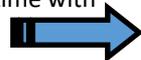
The community is fantastic and brings so much joy—it honestly keeps them smiling.

It's a physical activity that encourages social connection and joyful interaction. And the people, especially the angels, are incredibly kind, patient, and supportive. Everyone truly wants the students to succeed.

Their Hobbies

Maria: An avid sports fan, especially basketball—NBA, WNBA, and college. She loves being outdoors, gardening, walking, hiking, and trying new coffee and lunch spots with friends. Always open to trying something new.

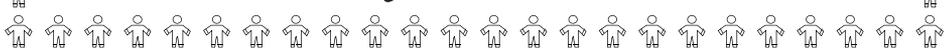
Ann: Gardening, hiking, traveling, reading, crafting, and spending time with her grandchildren.





Colleen: Anything outdoors, hiking, cycling, and walking with friends. She also enjoys yoga, which helps keep her at least somewhat flexible. All three are solo dancers, and after they graduate from lessons, I'm pretty sure we'll be seeing a lot more of them on the dance floor. If you spot them at a dance, don't forget to invite them into your square. They're an absolute joy to dance with!

Grace Maria



Hello New Graduates!

Graduated—or graduating soon—and wondering how to find **dance opportunities**? Here are some great ways to stay in the loop:

- **MBC Website** Check out the calendar, flyers, festivals, and special events at www.sqdance.org
- **Where's the Dance** Visit www.wheresthedance.com, set your date, ZIP code, and distance, and find a dance near you
- **Randy's List** Email mbccorrsec@gmail.com to get on Randy Lewis's mailing list and receive weekly updates from the MBC Corresponding Secretary himself
- **Flyers** Keep an eye out for flyers at dances
- **Social Media** Follow square dance clubs and organizations on Facebook for the latest news and events
- **MBC Council Notes** This very publication you are reading! (and if you misplace it, don't worry - you can find it on the MBC Website)

Be an Angel Go to lessons and support the new dancers by being an angel, first check out the "Angel Guidelines" on the MBC website under the "About MBC, Student Coordinator" tab

Don't forget to bring your friends to no-experience dance opportunities, and tell them about lessons starting in the Fall .. help grow your favorite hobby!

See you in a square!

Lynnea Dunbar, MBC Student Liason





President's Message

Jo Ann Pyle

mbcpres@gmail.com

I would like to thank Rainbow Squares and Fidalgo Fogcutters for supplying snacks for tonight.

Last month we had lengthy discussion about a prior motion to allow students from the 25/26 season attend the Spring Council Dance for free with Mount Baker Council bearing the cost. MBC would reimburse the hosting club. In this case it will be the Samena Squares. Many of us did not remember the specifics of this motion, which resulted in a new motion. After the January meeting research was done and it was determined that the original motion was that any student from the 25/26 season would be allowed to attend the Spring Council Dance for free. The motion was just for this dance so that's what we're going to do. We may need to look at this in the future, as it may be an impact on the Council's budget. But we have time to see how it goes in May and then evaluate at a subsequent MBC meeting.

The 2027 state festival committee held a meeting recently and we will have shirts and skirts for purchase. There will additional Ways and Means items too. We are also planning on performing a promotional skit at this year's State Festival in Ocean Shores. We will be doing a lot of promotion prior to our festival to make this a great one.

I also attended a State Federation meeting on January 31st. WSADF Recording Secretary Kay Mahan and I went over the state fed's By-laws and Standing Rules and did some updating. There are more proposed amendments being discussed. The updated By-laws and Standing Rules should be on the state website soon (<https://wasdf.org/>). Three proposed new logos were also discussed. A final decision has not been made but maybe soon.

As I previously stated, the 2026 state Spring meeting will be held at the Maltby Community Club on Saturday May 16th. Any of our MBC members are invited to attend. The time has not been announced but they usually start around 9:00AM. The night before this (the 15th) there will be a trail-in dance, which will be hosted by the Square Crows at their regular Friday dance night. The trail-out dance will be hosted by the Whirlybirds at their regular dance on the 16th at the Hayloft. Hope to see many of you there!

I found out earlier tonight that the Marysville School District has decided they need our meeting room on June 3rd so we won't be able to meet here. This is not ideal, especially in June, but they can do it. We will probably end up at the MSD Transportation Building, which is not our first choice but we can make it work.

Last but not least, GO HAWKS!



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(For March it's the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th and 30th)

Full Plus Dancing

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

425-435-8253
Lynnwood, WA

*NEW Plus
Program 2026*



WED. 7-9 PM

Caller Lab has added some calls to the plus level. We dance on Wed. evenings and will be adding these to our lessons. So come join us NOW to review your skills and get a jumpstart for the fall, as we will be dancing the new Plus 2026 program starting in September.

Skagit Valley Grange
21273 Cook Rd. Burlington WA



Fidalgo
Fogcutters



Qs: rwwebster@hotmail.com



FREEWHEELERS

Experienced
Clothing Sale!

LEVEL DANCE
Sunday, March 1

Forever
in Blue Jeans
With Experienced clothing sale!



6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

7:00 to 9:00 MS with Rounds

9 pm plus tip

Caller: Vance Morrison

Cuer: Randy Preskitt

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

<https://www.squaredancesseattle.com/our-dances>



Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest

March 6th

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

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com



Dancing Shadows

With Eastside Plus

*March 7th Steve Noseck &
Adam Christman*

March 21st Rounds Only



Round Dancing

With

Randy & Marie Preskitt

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

Skagit Squares

**STUDENT
LEVEL DANCE**

**Saturday, MARCH 7th
7- 9 PM**

Dave Harry Calling

**MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER
1401 Cleveland Ave, Mt Vernon**

Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Sunday
March 8

Shamrock Swing

Double Dance

Dan Preedy calling
Kyle Quande cueing



Plus Dance 2-4 www.happyhoppers.org



Plus 6:00-6:30 Mainstream 6:30-8:30

Free parking in Carl Gipson Center lot, sites 1-55
Entrance on Broadway between Wall & Pacific Streets



Shamrock Shindig



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland



Friday, March 13th

7:30 - 8pm Plus
8 - 10 pm Mainstream
with Rounds & Lines

Featuring

Dave Harry

Caller, Cuer and Line Leader



Credit card accepted

Hearing enhancement available



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Student Level Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

March 13 Luck of the Irish

**STUDENT DANCE AND
EXPERIENCED CLOTHING SALE!**

Clothing Sale starts at 7!

CALLER: SCOTT COON

Lines: LISA WEISER

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W Lynnwood



Fidalgo Fogcutters

Invites you to our **St.
Patrick's Day Dance!!!!**

SAT. MARCH 14TH

Ray Brendzy

Caller

Bob Burka

Cuer

1:30 - 2 pre rounds / 2-4 Dance
Gather at **O'Donnells Irish Pub**
after the dance

Skagit Valley Grange
21273 Cook Rd. Burlington WA

Os?? Rob Webster : rwebster@hotmail.com





Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

Do The Bunny Hop

Soon to be &
recent Graduates
welcome!



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 March 14, 2026
Potluck 6:00 to 7:00pm
Pre-Rounds 7:00 to 7:30pm
Plus 7:30 to 8:00 pm
Mainstream 8:00 to 10:00 pm



FREEWHEELERS

Shamrock dance

Sunday, March 15th

Caller: Spyder Webb
Cuer: Randy Preskitt

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

+

PLUS



Cedar Valley Grange
20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood
Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219
Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com
www.squaredanceseatle.com

<https://www.squaredanceseatle.com/our-dances>

Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Friday, March 20, 2026



For Info:
425 785-9046 or
206 914-2253

Caller – Ray Gallagher

Cuer – Kyle Quande

7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Pre-Rounds

8:00 -10:00 p.m. Mainstream

Donation
\$10.00 per person

Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE

Snohomish WA 98296



The Great Green Gala



Saturday, March 21

Rob Sax and Teen Callers

Dance 1:30 to 4:30

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

**DANCING
DAFFODILS**



Skagit Squares



**March 21 2026
GUNTER MONROE, Caller
Bob & Linda Berka, Cuer**

**PRE ROUNDS 7:30 - DANCE 8:00 TO 10:00
MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER**

www.skagitsquares.org

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

“Leap Into Spring”



Guest Caller

March 21st

**Andy Garboden calling
&
Alyshia Main cueing**



Guest Caller



Pre-Rounds 7:30 Mainstream 8pm



Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Sunday
March 22

Eggstravaganza

Stephen Cole calling

Karen Neverdowski cueing



Plus 6:00-6:30

www.happyhoppers.org

Mainstream 6:30-8:30

Free parking in Carl Gipson Center lot, sites 1-55
Entrance on Broadway between Wall & Pacific Streets



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

Pre-Rounds: Phase 3-4 7:00PM, PLUS 7:30 PM

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

March 27

Forever in Blue Jeans

An Evening with

Neil Diamond

CALLER: SCOTT COON

CUER: SHAWN CAUNESS

**Cedar Valley Grange,
20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood**



Friday
March 27th

Blossoms & Blooms!

Caller *Andy Garboden*



Cuer *Alyshia Main*



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

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

Credit card accepted

Hearing enhancement
available



RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream on 4th Saturday in March
Plus - 7PM, MS 7:30-9:30 PM

MAR 28th – “BRENT DOES BROADWAY”
All Broadway Tunes ~ Black & White Dance

Brent & Therese Mawdsley Caller / Cuer
Couple

Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

Hearing Enhancement 72.9 MHz ~ Experienced Clothing
Store Open w/50% off everything but consignment sale ~
~Refreshments after the dance ~



Sky Valley Whirlwinds



MARCH 28TH

Dancing in the Green Student Level Dance



Spyder Webb & Lisa Weiser!

6PM Lines 6:30PM PLUS 7-9 PM Mainstream Dance

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek



Cascade Crossfires

presents

Kitsap Square Dance Association
6800 W Belfair Valley Rd.
Bremerton, WA

A Pair of Square Dance Weekends

\$50 per person for the weekend, if you pre-register.

\$55 per person at the door.

\$15 per session.

July 10-12 MAINSTREAM MADNESS

Brent Mawdsley and Scott Coon with Sue Weber

Aug 14-16 HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

Plus Dance

Randy Dibble and Stephen Cole with Katie Marteny

Program includes: Trail in dance on Friday evening. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday. Trail out dance on Sunday.

Questions: Call Cindy at 425-299-2901 or email cascadecrossfiressquaredance@gmail.com

Pre-registration: Email Penny at publicitymbc@gmail.com
(Please provide your name(s), email address and phone number)
We will accept credit cards, check and cash at the door.

MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Freewheelers (Student Level) <i>Dancing Shadows</i> <i>Shooting Stars</i> <i>Competition practice</i>	2 Cascade Crossfires	3 Happy Rounders <i>ABlast, Skagit</i> <i>Squares</i> <i>Lessons</i>	4 MBC Meeting 7:30 <i>Fogcutters</i> <i>NEW Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	5 Dancing Shadows <i>Samena Squares,</i> <i>Whirlybirds</i> <i>Lessons</i>	6 Whirlybirds (No experience)	7 A-Blast Dancing Shadows/ Eastside Plus Skagit Squares (Student Level)
8 Happy Hoppers Double Dance <i>DS, SS</i>	9 Cascade Crossfires	10 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> <i>Dance With</i> <i>Flourishes W/S</i>	11 <i>Fogcutters</i> <i>NEW Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	12 Dancing Shadows <i>SA SQ WB</i> <i>Lessons</i>	13 Dudes & Dolls (Student Level) Samena Squares	14 Fogcutters Fern Bluff
15 Freewheelers (PLUS) <i>DS, SS</i>	16 Cascade Crossfires	17 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> <i>Intro to Plus W/S</i>	18 <i>Fogcutters</i> <i>NEW Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	19 Dancing Shadows <i>WB Lessons</i>	20 Square Crows	21 Shooting Stars Whirlybirds Dancing Shadows Skagit Squares
22 Happy Hoppers <i>DS, SS</i>	23 Cascade Crossfires	24 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> <i>Mainstream</i> <i>Strengthening W/S</i>	25 <i>Fogcutters</i> <i>NEW Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	26 Dancing Shadows <i>WB Lessons</i>	27 Dudes & Dolls Samena Squares	28 Whirlwinds (Student Level) Rainbow Squares
29 <i>DS, SS</i>	30 Cascade Crossfires	31 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> <i>Mainstream</i> <i>Strengthening W/S</i>	1	2	3	4 ALZHEIMERS DANCE!



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425-743-9513 friends@petticoatjct.com

Mount Baker Council Minutes
February 4th, 2026
Marysville School District Board Room,
4220 80th St NE, Marysville

CALL TO ORDER: President Jo Ann Pyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers: Jo Ann Pyle, Ken Frey, Sammi Fredenburg, Tom Corning, Judy Corning, Geri Johnson, Steve Sworen, and Oren Gaskill were the officers present.

Guests in Attendance Dave Fredenburg, Cindy Gallagher, Janice Lewis, and Kendra Still.

Recording Secretary: Sammi Fredenburg, 360 359-2304 Please send any correspondence to mbcrecsec@gmail.com. Appreciate that most of you have given hard and digital copies of delegate reports to me. Thank you. **Motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Ray, seconded by Robert, carried.**
Clarification: Any 25-26 graduating student gets in for free at the Spring Council Dance.

President's Report: Jo Ann Pyle, 206 914-2253 **SEE PAGE 5**

Vice President: Ken Frey 701 240-4023 kfrey1@yahoo.com For the fall of 2026, the scheduled club decided to postpone hosting for a later. Do we move the Whirlybirds up? Fall of 27 club has already booked a national caller.

Treasurer: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, tomcorning@comcast.net

Treasurer's report attached at the end of this report. Bills were itemized and paid. **Geri moved Motion to pay bills, Randy seconded, passed.** Eighteen-month CD at Mechanics Bank was rolled over into a 2-month CD, \$5.58 in interest. We will evaluate in the next few months on the best place for it to be going. 1099's for those paid greater than \$600 by your club for services performed need to be submitted to the state. Have callers/cuers fill out a W9.

Tom Corning has the forms on order and the details. They need to be distributed by January 31st, and due to state by February 15th. Brooks mentioned that in past years when Marcia Sullivan as Treasurer at State Federation has offered to help with submission of 1099's, **Robert moved Oren seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit.**

Corresponding Secretary: Randy Lewis, 206.367.9219, randy2126@gmail.com No Report. Notify him if dances are changed and recommend wearing Mount Baker Council badges to the dances. Note: Bob Berka is no longer having Sunday afternoon dances in Mount Vernon.

Area Delegate: Judy Corning, 206.794.5946, judyseatrvl@comcast.net. The following points are not in order, but by importance according to me. State Federation for 2027: we can't sell ways and means items until Saturday morning at the 2026 Festival. The planning committee can wear festival clothing earlier.

Contest: New Logo for our state, the one we have now is ancient. It is Washington State. They would like a different one. Anybody who is a member of a federation club can submit a logo. It must contain (State Square & Folk Dance Federation of Washington, Inc.

Disbandment: Federation voted to disband the Education/Leadership Committee from the bylaws and replace it with a bylaw that moves this to the State Festival. For this to happen, there will be a member on the committee from the state who will help with plans. Also, we need more clubs to vote for this, the clubs that didn't vote will be getting an email so if you get one, please print and vote.

Scholarship Fund: This fund is called The Don Wood & Debbie Taylor Caller/Cuer Scholarship Fund. Applicants need to be a Caller or Cuer already. This Fund is for help with your licensing and registration. Go to the State Federation website if interested in applying.

Area Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 Please let me know if you have anyone in mind to nominate for a State officer position or for a Council Board position. We are in need of a Recording Secretary for next year as our current recording secretary is stepping down. I have forms you can fill out either for yourself or to nominate someone else. Elections take place in May.

Advisor: Stephen Sworen 425-30a8-3950 ssworen@gmail.com No Report.

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

No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny Curtis 206 235-34196

publicitymbc@gmail.com I really appreciate hearing about mistakes. You can use the Contact Us link on the home page to let me know or text 206.235.3419. Club dance events on the calendar are uploaded from an excel spreadsheet that clubs prepare. If any dance dates are wrong, I need the club to let me know. When a revised flyer or dance schedule is sent to me please be sure to tell me in the email what has changed. I am very bad at reading things, looking for what has changed.

Council Dances: Samena Squares – No Report. Whirlybirds – No Report. Happy Hoppers – No Report

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

No Report.

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 mncouncilnotes@gmail.com

If you see any errors please let Joyce or Steve know.

Education/Leadership: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950

ssworen@gmail.com New Mainstream Club teaching order presented. Recommends 30 hours of teaching. Level dances would be easier if all taught the same moves. New Plus list and Advance Lists also. Effective next September. Also SquareDanceRevival.org website is about reviving square dancing was introduced, and a presentation on things we should do to revive our club. And, I am doing the Education/Leadership for the 2026 festival in Ocean Shores; let him know what you would like presented there, or if you would like to be on the committee, let him know.

Fair Coordinator: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com

No Report.

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

No Report.

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

No Report.

Historian: Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Pyle if interested in this position.

No report

Membership & Insurance: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719,

tomcorning@comcast.net No Report. Brooks reported that there have been issues with the state database. Thank you Penny for your help.

State Festival '27 Report Bonnie reports that things are progressing nicely.

We have an official overskirt that the committee will make and sell as part of Ways & Means. A sewing party will be at Bonnie's home on March 16th at noon. Contact her for info. Shirts are shown up front. People participating will get a little break on their overskirts. Wood floors are going to be there. Dinner will be a casual, cheaper option to accompany a teen pageant. There are committee positions to be filled, such as Parking Coordinator, Housing Coordinator, etc. Please consider volunteering. The work will mostly involve gathering information and communicating with committee members. Those who are going to 2026 Festival, consider volunteering for the skit and table. Theme is Broadway Promenade. We can register council members for 2027 but cannot sell items from Ways & Means until the Saturday of 2026 Festival. Dates are July 30 and 31st 2027.

Student Liaison: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com
Coming soon! Bri Rial has beautifully captured the journey of our new main-stream dancers this season. She's now compiling photos and videos from student-level dances that showcase all the fun, laughter, and memorable moments along the way. These will be available soon on the MBC website!

Our level dances continue to be very well attended, averaging six to eight squares with lots of energy and laughter.

Please be sure to ask graduates to complete the "Graduation Questionnaire" so we can continue to identify opportunities to enhance the new dancer experience.

Thank you to all the clubs and angels for supporting our new dancers! In November, we hosted eight student-level dances plus the Funfest. The Funfest alone had 11 squares, and the student-level dances were also very well attended, with a combined total of 484 participants—123 of them students. That works out to an average of 60.5 dancers per event, including 15.4 students. In other words, attendance was about 74.6% angels and 25.4% students. Truly amazing!

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

Congratulations to the following students who have earned and been presented their Round Tuits: Sarai Larson, Jon Larson, Colleen Schroeder, and Stormi Fernweh. Also, Jennifer Coy received her 2nd Round Tuit! Congratulations to the following experienced dancers who have earned and been presented their Round Tuits: Meg Skott and Ryan Belsvik.

Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com. Please let me know if you have anyone in mind to nominate for a State officer position or for a Council Board position. I have forms you can fill out. Elections take place in May.

Properties: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com. No Report

Publicity & Promotion: Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Plye if interested in this position.

Round Dance: Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 bekarl@whidbey.net Round of the Month for February 2026 is "She Waits " Choreography by Sharon & Cassey Parker, music is "She Waits" by Kenny Rogers. It's a Phase II Waltz plus 1 (Interrupted box.) You can download it from Amazon, iTunes & YouTube. Other selections this month were "No Walls" and "Rest Waltz."

Scrapbook: Claire Ball 425-206-8709 ball.gordy@gmail.com No Report

Youth Report: Kendra Still reported on the fundraiser dance held January 31. Approximately 85 people were there; nine to ten squares on the floor. Several youth callers called. \$2800 was raised, for a current total of \$3,142 in the bank for a goal of \$4000. Brown Bear Car Wash tickets are being sold for \$10. Fundraising for next teen festival in Salem Oregon. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Sworen suggested the Council host the fall dance so 100% of the funds goes to the Mount Baker Council. **Steve Sworen made a motion that the Council sponsors the next open dance. Penny seconded.** Discussion. This would maintain that we have two council dances a year whether a club declines their rotation or not. **Motion changed by Steve Sworen to If there is an open Council Dance date, the Council steps in and sponsors the dance.** Dave Harry seconded. **Carried.**

Penny asked whether we would be interested in cling decals for our cars. Two different kinds, one for lessons and one for dances, with QR codes. Response was positive; she will pursue it.

DELEGATE REPORTS

A Blast: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 In March, our dance will be on March 7th with Adam Christman calling from 1 to 3:30 pm. Looking ahead, on April 4th, Bob Jervis will be calling for us. Our dances are held at the TriWay Grange in Mill Creek. Advanced lessons continue on Tuesday evenings at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. All advanced dancers are welcome to join us!

Cascade Crossfires: Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946 judyse-atrvi@comcast.net. No Report

Dancing Shadows: Fonda Ross 916-849-8554 tinkerntaz@aol.com Saturday February 7th, Steve Noseck had a rounds workshop from 5 to 6:45, then we danced with Shawn & Wendy Cavness at the Juanita Clubhouse. New dance classes started on February 15, at Cedar Valley Grange. Phase 5 at noon, Phase 4 at 1:20, and Phase 2/3 at 3 pm. On Thursdays 1-3 at Cedar Valley, we'll be dancing to cued music. If you want more time, we can dance Phase 1-5.

Dudes & Dolls: Amber Cox March 7th we have our quarterly meeting. March 8th we caravan to Happy Hoppers. March 10th is our first workshop. Intro to Flourishes with Vance Morrison. March 13th is our Luck of the Irish dance with our last Experienced Clothing sale for the year. Any 2025-26 students get one free item and we open at 6pm. March 17th is our Intro to Plus with Vance Morrison. Anyone else interested in Plus is invited to come, including newly minted dancers. March 24th and 31st are our Mainstream strengthening workshops to help work through your tricky or confusing moves. March 27th is our Forever in Blue Jeans dance. March 28th is our Mystery Caravan where we meet in the morning, get on a bus with our dance gear and snacks, and head out for a day of activities, food and ending with a dance somewhere only known to our organizers and we get back +/- midnight.

Fern Bluff Squares: Ray Gallagher 425 772-3476 raybft@comcast.net. For our dance on February 14th, our theme is "Have a Heart" starting with a potluck from 6 to 7 pm, pre-rounds from 7 to 7:30, Plus from 7:30 to 8, and Mainstream from 8 to 10. Our dance for March 14th theme is "Do the Bunny Hop," potluck from 6 to 7 pm, pre-rounds from 7 to 7:30, Plus from 7:30 to 8, and Mainstream from 8 to 10. All our dances are at South Lake Stevens Grange, 2109 103rd Ave. SE, Lake Stevens. We caravanned to Samena Squares on February 2nd. All our potlucks are open to everyone.

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Leslie Keyes, 425-409-4559, l_a_keyes@msn.com

Fidalgo Fogcutters Plus lessons continue Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm with Steve Noseck. Steve will be teaching all the current Plus moves as well as the ones that will move from the Mainstream and Advanced lists in the fall. On March 14th we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with guest caller Ray Brendzy and Bob Berka will cue the rounds. After the dance we plan to meet at O'Donnell's Irish Restaurant (formerly The Farmhouse Inn) at 13724 LaConner Whitney Road, Mount Vernon. Everyone is welcome to join us. We hope to see you there! All dances take place at the Skagit Valley Grange, 21273 Cook Road, Burlington, WA. Pre-rounds begin at 1:30pm and Plus is from 2-4pm.

Freewheelers: Randy Lewis Sunday, March 1st is our Forever in Blue Jeans level dance with Vance Morrison and Randy Preskitt. We still have experi-

enced clothing to sell. Sunday, March 15, is our Shamrock plus dance with Spyder Webb and Randy Preskitt. On February 28 Th we visit Sky Valley Whirlwinds. We dance first and third Sundays at the Cedar Valley Grange, with advanced rounds from 6:30 to 7:00 followed by the dance from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a plus tip at the end of our mainstream dances.

Happy Hoppers: Karen Hammontree. We had 12 graduating students this year. It was a great party for all who came and danced with us. Thanks to Tonia for making a beautiful cake for us.

March brings our next double dance. On March 8th we will have national caller Dan Preedy calling with Kyle Quande cueing. The theme for this dance is "Shamrock Swing". Plus is from 2 to 4 and again from 6 to 6:30. Mainstream from 6:30 to 8:30. Hope to see all of you for this great dance. On March 22 we will be having an "Eggstravaganza" dance. Stephen Cole will be calling and Karen Neverdowski cueing for this dance. We dance at the Carl Gipson Center in Everett

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-365-8095 larry_mercer02@outlook.com We will be dancing on all Tuesdays in March at the Hayloft. We dance Phase 3 & 4 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Randy Preskitt is the Cuer.

Rainbow Squares: Lew (Oren) Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net Saturday, March 28th Rainbow Squares will feature the ever-popular "Brent Does Broadway" with Brent Calling to all Broadway tunes. Be sure to wear your Black & White and be ready to dance on Broadway! We dance Plus from 7 to 7:30 pm and Mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 pm with our snack break after the dance. The experienced clothing shop will feature a 50% off sale on everything except consignment items. See you at 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden!

Samena Squares: Debbie Rebman 206-354-9345 dancinladytoo@gmail.com Come kick up your heels at the Samena "Shamrock Shindig" on March 13th. Dave Harry will be calling and cueing. On the 27th It's all about "Blossoms and Blooms" with Andy Garboden calling and Alyshia Main cueing. We hit the road, Jack, to caravan to the Rainbow Squares on the 28th of March. We are looking forward to Spring weather and lots of square dance fun.

Shooting Stars: Ryan Belsvik, 425.595.0770, ryanbelsvik@gmail.com

No Report.

Skagit Squares: Jim Hunt, 425-681-4640, jchunt3@gmail.com The Skagit Squares dance at the Mt Vernon Senior Center. We have 1st Saturday Level Square Dance with Dave Harry on Saturday March 7th & April 4th starting at 7pm. Our February club dance is on Saturday February 21st starting at

7:30pm with Bob/Linda Berka cueing and Gunter Monroe calling. Our March club dance is on Saturday March 21st starting at 7:30pm with Bob/Linda Berka cueing and Gunter Monroe calling. Our Square Dance Lessons (7pm to 9pm) with Dave Harry that started on Jan 27th are off to a good start. Feb 10th will be the last night for new students. We need men to angel or ladies who can dance the man's position. Please come join us and thanks for all the caravan support for our 1st Saturday dances.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 Our February dance will be on February 28 with Tom Clymer calling and Lisa Weiser leading line dancing. Spyder Webb will be calling a LEVEL dance on March 28 with Lisa Weiser again leading line dancing. All our dances are at the TriWay Grange beginning with lines at 6 pm followed by Plus at 6:30 and Mainstream dancing from 7 to 9 pm. Our Mainstream Strengthening Workshops with caller/teacher Spyder Webb continue on Tuesday evenings for the month of February at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. These workshops are well attended with dancers getting lots of questions answered throughout the evening. Our class graduation will be on February 26th.

The Alzheimer's Benefit Dance for 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at the Juanita Community Club from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Square Crows: Brooks Bennett 206 914-4632 Another busy month for Crows! Our next dance is February 20th and the Whirlybirds are caravanning in. Our theme is "The Year of the Horse." Steve Noseck is calling, and Kyle Quande is cueing. We are caravanning to Skagit Squares on February 21st. We are caravanning to the Freewheelers on March 2. Our March 20th dance is a "Tribute to Dr. Seuss" and will be called by Ray Gallagher and cued by Kyle Quande. Square Crows plans to graduate our students on February 22nd. We missed one lesson due to the NFC title game and we are going dark on Superbowl Sunday. GO HAWKS

Whirlybirds: Ryan Wood, 206.799.5424. Whirlybirds just wrapped up our fall lessons. We graduated 5 dancers last week with a celebration of cake and a tip of dancing with no hands. We have kicked off our spring lessons on February 5th at the Hayloft at 7 pm on Thursdays. Angels are always welcome and dance at no cost. Our February dance will be full of love and our theme is "Love Boat". Dave Harry will be calling, Alyshia Main cueing. Our March dance has some changes we want you to know about: we're going to give Dave's hand a break after surgery and will not be having live music. To make this dance still a unique dance we will be hosting Andy Garbodin as our caller. Please spread the word as we look forward to this fun dance.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Submit Ila Williams Award recommendations, in writing, to Judy and Tom Corning.

- Alzheimer’s Dance Dangle Dance on April 4th. Line, square, and round dancing.
- Save pop-tops. They are being cashed in and donated in memory of George Broom to Washington State Kidney Dialysis Research.
- Snacks next month will be provided by Cascade Crossfires & Samena Squares.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **March 4th, 2026** at 7:30 PM.
 Location: Marysville School District Office, 4220 80th St NE, Marysville

Respectfully submitted,
 Sammi Fredenburg
 Recording Secretary

**Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council
 Treasurer Report 1/1/2026**

	Checking	Savings	Due 2/8/2026 CD 2mo	12/21/2025 CD 18mo	Total
Balance as reported on 1/1/2026	1,073.53	15,892.51	45,478.85	-	62,444.89
Plus deposits					
Square Crows: Fall Council Dance	40.56				
Bank Charges					
Interest		0.13			
1/31/2026			123.72		
Subtotal Income:	40.56	0.13	123.72	-	164.41
Less Payments					
748 Marysville School District: November Rent	35.00				
749 Dudes & Dolls: Student Level Dance Coupon	10.00				
750 Free Wheelers: Student Level Dance Coupon	30.00				

Subtotal Expense: 75.00 - - - 75.00

Book Balance as of 1/31/2026 1,039.09 15,892.64 45,602.57 - 62,534.30

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