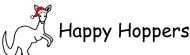
Mt. Baker Council Notes DECEMBER 2025

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DEC 3 Council Meeting

7:30 PM

Marysville School District Board Room, 4220 80th St NE Marysville, WA 98271

New Dancer Spotlight



Students in Action!

What an incredible night we had at the Student Level Dance! So many brave and enthusiastic students came out to join the fun, and the energy in the room was amazing from start to finish. You could feel the excitement, the curiosity, and a bit of nervousness at first – but once the music started, everyone was smiling, laughing, and moving together like they'd been dancing for years.

I had the chance to chat with several students afterward, and they were full of great feedback and genuine joy. Here's what some of them shared:

- So much fun!
- I met new people
 - It really tests your memory!
 - Good mental stimulation.
 - Everyone is so down-to-earth.
 - People are so friendly and welcoming.
 - The angels are so passionate and positive.

And one student put it perfectly when they said, "There were so many beautiful shapes we made when we moved." That comment really captured the spirit of the evening, the sense of connection, teamwork, and creativity that makes square dancing so special. It was wonderful to see everyone stepping out of their comfort zones, helping one another, and celebrating small victories on the dance floor. Each square was full of laughter, encouragement, and a shared sense of discovery. By the end of the night, you could tell



that not only had they learned some new moves, but they had also built friendships and confidence along the way.

We can't wait to see these students continue their dancing journey, they're off to a great start!

We've got lots of student-level dances coming up, let's show up, have fun, and cheer on our new dancers! Invite them to join your square, ask them to dance, and help them feel the joy of being part of the action. The more we mix, laugh, and dance together, the more fun it gets for everyone!

Grace Maria, MBC Student Liason

Congratulations, New Dancers!

You're approximately halfway through your square dance lessons! As of November, there are 94 of you taking mainstream lessons. Can you believe how far you've come since that very first Do-Si-Do? You've already learned so much — and the best part is, the fun is just getting started!

We have seven "student level dances" (including the First Friday Funfest) on the December schedule for you to practice! Maybe you're close to earning your Round Tuit Dangle?

The second half of lessons is where everything starts to come together. You'll learn new moves, polish the ones you know, and start to see how all the patterns fit like puzzle pieces. Most of all, you'll keep building those friendships that make every dance special.

Remember — everyone messes up now and then, and that's part of the fun! A little mix-up just means another chance to laugh, learn, and try again. So keep smiling, keep swinging your partner, and keep on moving!

See you in a square!

Cynnea Dunban, MBC Student Liason

Punnea Dunban, MBC Student Liason



Dancing with the SHOOTING STARS

Annual Fundraiser Dance



ALL SINGING CALLS



ROB SAX AND YOUTH CALLERS
KATIE MARTENY CUEING

January 31st 2026 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm South Lake Stevens Grange

Formal Attire Encouraged





Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood Caller: Stephen Cole

(For Dec it's the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th)

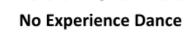
Plus Lessons Continue With Plenty of 'Just Dancing'

(Members come for the Dancing!)

More Info: http://cascadecrossfires.org Cedar Valley Grange: 20526 52nd Ave W 425-435-8253 Lynnwood,WA

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest December 5th



No Partner Needed

Ages 8 years and Above

Dancing Begins at 7:30

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 December 6th



Ray Brendzy & Steve Noseck

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 For information call Cliff 425 478 5128





FREEWHEELERS

Experienced clothing sale!

Toys for Tots level dance Sunday, December 7

Caller: Spyder Webb Cuer: Randy Preskitt











6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds 7:00 to 9:00 MS with Rounds 9 pm plus tip

Cedar Valley Grange 20526 52nd Ave W. Lynnwood

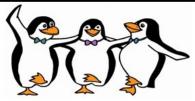
Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219 Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com Www.squaredanceseattle.com



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



December 12th Penguins On Parade

Student Level Dance Please bring Toys for Tots donations

CALLER: SCOTT COON Lines: Lisa Weiser Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood



Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE, Kirkland



Friday Dec. 12th



New unwrapped toys collection



Dark on December 26th

Samena Squares wishes you Happy Holidays

Caller: Vance Morrison

Cuer: Randy Preskitt

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

Credit card accepted





HOLIDAY DANCE

Welcome Mainstreamers 2x Mainstream 1x Plus!

13 december 2025 | at 1:30- 4 pm



Caller - Steve Noseck Cuer - Bob Berka



wear your festive attire and dance into the night! we'll have Christmas appetizers & beverages to tantailize your tastebuds following the dance.

Skagit Valley Grange 21273 Cook Rd. Burlington WA Q's Rob Webster 360.682.5348 em: rwwebster@hotmail.com





Caller: Rob Sax Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

"' Put on your Silver Bells



and come dance with us.



Bring a New unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots

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 December 13, 2025

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

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream on 2nd or 4th Saturday Plus - 7PM, MS 7:30-9:30 PM

Dec 13th - "Ugly Xmas Sweater or T-Shirt" Student Level Dance (Moves 1-40) ~ Students Get In Free ~

~ Experienced Clothing Sale ~

Please Bring a Toy for the "Toys For Tots" Drive

Brent & Therese Mawdsley Calling & Cueing

Dec 27 - "DARK" No Dance - Merry Christmas!

Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA \$8 Donation ~ Hearing Enhancement ~ Break Following the Dance Contact: 360-961-7892

Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center 3025 Lombard Avenue Everett, WA 98201

Sunday December 14

TWIRL for TOTS

Melissa James calling Alyshia Main cueing

We'll be collecting Toys for Tots donations. Thank You.

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

Starry Night December 19, 2025

S_{10 Per Person}



Caller - Gaylen Sauve' Cuer - Karen Neverdowski

7:30 - 8:00 P.M. Pre-Rounds 8:00 -10:00 P.M. Mainstream



Food Drive. Please bring non-perishable food for this food drive

Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club 8711 206th St. SE Snohomish WA 98296

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





Saturday, December 20 Rob Sax calling

Dance 1:30 to 4:30

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30 Mainstream 8pm

"Deck The Halls"





December 20th

Dave Harry calling

&
Alyshia Main cueing



Come join us for a cookie/sweet exchange starting at 7pm

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com







HO, HO, HO! Student Level Dance!

Saturday, December 20th

Caller: Gunter Monroe Cuer: Bob Berka

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

Info: 360 853 5210 or 360 661 2018 MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mt Vernon





Dancing With SANTA!

DECEMBER 20TH

6PM ROUNDS 6:30PM PLUS

7-9 PM MAINSTREAM DANCE

CALLER: ANDY GARBODEN

CUER: SHAWN CAVNESS

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

The Freewheelers invite you to:



Happy Holidays dance

Sunday, December 21st

Caller: Stephen Cole

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



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

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219 Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com

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December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Crossfires Lessons	2 Happy Rounders ABlast, Dudes & Dolls Happy Hoppers, Rainbow Squares, Skagit Squares Lessons	3 MBC Meeting 7:30 Fern Bluff Lessons Fogcutters Plus Lessons	4 Samena Squares, Freewheelers/ Whirlwinds, Whirlybirds Lessons	5 Whirlybirds (No experience)	6 A-Blast Dancing Shadows Skagit Squares (Student Level)
7 Freewheelers (LEVEL) Dancing Shadows Shooting Stars, Square Crows Lessons	8 Crossfires Lessons	9 Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD,,RB,SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i>	10 FB Lessons FF Plus Lessons	11 SA SQ WB FW/ WW Lessons	Dudes & Dolls (Student Level) Samena Squares	13 Fogcutters Fern Bluff Rainbow Squares (Student Level)
14 Happy Hoppers <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	15 Crossfires Lessons	16 Happy Rounders AB,DD,,RB,SkS Lessons	17 FB Lessons FF Plus Lessons	18 SA SQ WB FW/ WW Lessons	19 Square Crows	20 Shooting Stars Whirlybirds Whirlwinds Skagit Squares (Student Level)
21 Freewheelers (PLUS) DS, SC, SS Lessons	22 Crossfires Lessons	23 Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD,,RB,SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i>	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28 Happy Hoppers <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	29 Crossfires Lessons	30 Happy Rounders AB,,RB,SkS Lessons	31 Whirlybirds NYE (Student Level)	Happy New Year		



President's Message

We Made it Through Fall. What's Next?

I'm sorry I can't be at tonight's meeting. As I mentioned last month, I am at a training event (not square dance related) that spanned the time of this meeting. I'll be back next month. Thanks to Vice President Ken Frey for filling in for me.

First up: The recent Council dance hosted by the Square Crows was a success. This was a "Promenade in Pink" dance supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There was pink everywhere with pink dangles. We had good attendance although we don't have a total firm number as we're still waiting for final details from some clubs. We also discovered an interesting detail. Some dancers signed up under several clubs so we are going through and trying to only count each dancer once. We will need to make sure we address this at future council dances.

We had some great fundraisers, especially the fabulous raffle baskets and the handmade items. Thanks to Square Crow members for all of the work on these items.

I want to give a shout-out to the Shooting Stars Club. They volunteered to do the refreshments for the dance as a fundraiser. I was so impressed by what they did. Not only were the snacks excellent but many of the young dancers helped out in many ways. Helping to set some things up and helping with clean up and loading stuff in cars at end. Good job Shooting Stars!

Gaylen Sauve' and Steve Edlund were the callers and Karen Neverdowski was the cuer. Dave Harry led the "no experience" hall which also had good attendance. Dancers in that hall were clearly motivated. We're looking forward to the next dance.

Our Mount Baker Council will be hosting the State Federation's spring meeting. It will be on May 16th of next year. The meeting will be held at the Maltby Community Club. All of our dancers are invited to attend. Normally these meetings are held at least twice each year. Sometimes they are held virtually, especially in the winter months. But when a council within the state offers to host a meeting, the meeting can be held in person. Meetings of the federation is where the business of the state is discussed and acted upon.

There will also be a Trail in dance and a Trail out dance. I'll provide more details later.

I can't even believe I'm saying this but it's actually time to start thinking about the holidays. Now that Halloween is over let's start getting ready for Thanksgiving. Hope it's a good one with time spent with family and friends!

MBC President Jo Ann Pyle - 206-914-2253 lopann@aol.com / mbcpres@gmail.com

Mount Baker Council Minutes November 5, 2025

Marysville School District Board Room, 4220 80th St NE, Marysville

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Ken Frey called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers found all present with the exception of President Jo Ann Pyle.

<u>Guests in Attendance</u>: Janice Lewis, Rob Webster, Terry Bustamante, Roberta Bustamante, Peter Hauck, Jean Hauck, and Dave Fredenburg

<u>Recording Secretary:</u> Sammi Fredenburg, 360 359-2304 <u>mbcrecsec@gmail.com</u>. Correction to minutes: Happy Hoppers first dance is on October 12th.

The motion to accept October Minutes. Ray moved, Dave seconded. Passed

President's Report: Jo Ann Pyle, 206 914-2253 lopann@aol.com See President's message in this issue.

Vice President: Ken Frey 701 240-4023 kfrey1@yahoo.com

Council Dance was good, looking forward to Samena Square's dance in the spring. Wants all to consider possibly one council dance per year, to be discussed later. The Round Dance clubs have never hosted a council dance, according to recollection, may consider taking them off the rotation.

Treasurer: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719,

tomcorning@comcast.net Treasurer's report attached at the end of this report. CD's will be cashed out from Mechanic's Bank. Robert **moved** to accept the report, Ray **seconded**. **Passed**. Bills itemized, Robert **moved**, Oren **seconded**, **carried**

<u>Corresponding Secretary:</u> Randy Lewis, 206.367.9219, <u>randy2126@gmail.com</u> Condolence card sent to Marsha Kessler, on the passing of Roger. Weekly email is growing. Let him know of any corrections. Be sure to pick up your flyers.

<u>Area Delegate:</u> Judy Corning, 206.794.5946, judyseatryl@comcast.net **No Report**.

<u>Area Nominating:</u> Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com **No Report**

<u>Advisor</u>: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 <u>ssworen@gmail.com</u>. If you need a 2025 Delegate Packet, please let me know. If you have your old packet, please turn it in so that it may be recycled.

<u>Parliamentarian:</u> Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net **No report**.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Computer Coordinator</u>: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 <u>publicitymbc@gmail.com</u> I have made a test home page; you can view it at the dropdown under the Home menu choice. Please let me know what you think. This solves the problem on the mobile site of there being too much space on each slide. Thanks for letting me know about errors. Please text pictures to me at 206 235-3419.

<u>Council Dances:</u> Fall Council Dance: No Report. Whirlybirds will be changed to the fall of 2026 from the spring of 2027.

Council Directory: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950

ssworen@gmail.com I have a few extra copies of the MB Council directories available. And I have the 2025 State Directories. I was only given 21 copies which means only one per club and one per board member. If you would like a copy, let me know and I will see if I can get any more from the state.

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950

mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com For the November issue we printed 405 copies for a cost of \$440. We mailed 335 copies for a cost of \$136. We also had to pay the Marysville Post Office \$210 for the Post Office Box.

<u>Education/Leadership</u>:_Stephen (Joyce) Sworen 425-308-3950 <u>ssworen@gmail.com</u> No Report

<u>Footnotes:</u> Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 <u>sammi.98270@gmail.com</u> Thank you for submitting your reports this month. Be sure to label your Footnotes Reports and Delegate reports as such. Pics must be in jpeg format. Deadline is hard and fast by the 9th of each month.

<u>Heritage Center:</u> Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 <u>mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com</u> no report.

<u>Historian:</u> Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Pyle if interested in this position.

<u>Membership & Insurance:</u> Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, tomcorning@comcast.net No report.

Student Liaison: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369

lynneadunbar@gmail.com The current number of new dancers taking mainstream lessons is 94. Shooting Stars is leading the pack with 23! We reported 137 on October 1, so unfortunately have lost 43 (32%.) Samena Squares held our first level dance of the season with 90 attendees, 19 of whom were new dancers. Second Level dance at Skagit, 7 new students there. See the "New Dancer Spotlight" that Grace wrote for all the fun details.

Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com. No report.

<u>Properties:</u> Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com . **No report**

<u>Publicity & Promotion:</u> Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Pyle if interested in this position

<u>Fair Coordinator</u>: Bonnie Harry 425-773-9513 friends@petticoatjct.com no report.

Round Dance: Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 bekarl@whidbey.net Round of the Month for October 2025: "Lonesome 7-7203 Two Step Phase II +II (Fishtail & Strolling Vine)

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369

<u>Iynneadunbar@gmail.com</u> Congratulations to the recent Round Tuit recipients: Barbara Ross (her 3rd!,) Dana Wick, Dan Wick, Cathy Queeno-Wall, Randy Wall, Todd LaRue, Levi Cook, and Zoey Cook. Given out at different dances last month.

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

Youth Report: Judy Corning: Some youth are learning Plus and Advance already.

Festival 27: Penny Curtis, 206.235.3419,

<u>publicitymbc@gmail.com</u> The sewing/fabric choices will be completed soon along with the ways and means. We will have polo shirts and long sleeve denim shirts in men and women's sizes, t-shirts for youth, mugs, and tote bags.

Motion by Penny. I move that MBC provide an additional \$10,000 seed money of which we need \$5000 today. **Seconded** by Melody, **carried**. For deposits on the three halls. Tom stated that the budget was voted on last month and this wasn't mentioned. Balance for Ways and Means and other expenses. Will be getting money from the State, and \$5000 from Education and Leadership.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Harry

I teach and dance 18 moves each month at the "First Friday Fun Fest" (Allemande left, Dosado, Circle, Promenade, Right and Left Thru, Stars, Courtesy Turn, Four/Two Ladies Chain, Right & Left Thru, Lead Right, Bend the line, Pass Thru, California Twirl, Dive Thru, Ladies in Men Sashay, Veer, Wheel & Deal from two faced lines, Couples Circulate). Now, pick another night of the month, using those 18 moves as your base line and add another 12 or 13 moves. The dance format for that dance could look something like this: Tip 1: dance the 18 moves they already know, and teach square thru. Tip 2: teach Alamo style, and arm turns, then tell them that a half turn right or left is a trade, and 2 half turns (half right half left) is a swing thru. If the floor is dancing with confidence. Tip 3: add Ocean Waves, Run, and Swing. Tip 4: Star Thru. Tip 5: Wheel and Deal from same faced lines, First Couple go Left, Second Couple go Right and maybe Rollaway. Tip 6: Ocean Wave Circulates. With the addition of these 12 or 13 moves you have a dance with a lot of variety. Keep in mind that both of these dances are, for some people, a destination dance. (For people that don't have time for a full set of lessons), and they are also a plateau dance for those dancers currently in lessons that want a place to just relax and dance.

My personal goal for "FFF" has always been a monthly exciting introduction to square dancing, but if it were coupled with another night similar to what I just explained, using these dances as a spring board, you could teach the mainstream program in approximately 8 weeks instead of 20 weeks like we do now!

Implementation of the new mainstream program, proposed by Dave Harry. The proposed program is attached. He will be starting implementation at Skagit Squares and Whirlybirds in January. 18 moves moved from mainstream to plus. Plan will be distributed to all the clubs through these minutes. 5-week sessions will have learned 33 movements.

DELEGATE REPORTS

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

In December, our dance will be on December 6th, with Ray Brendzy calling from 1 to 3:30pm. Looking ahead, on January 3rd, Steve Edlund will be calling for us. Our dances are held at the TriWay Grange. Advanced lessons with Spyder Webb are continuing on Tuesdays at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Once a few more moves need to be taught in A1 before A2 begins in the middle of January.

Cascade Crossfires: Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946

judyseatrvl@comcast.net. No Report

Dancing Shadows: Fonda Ross 916-849-8554

tinkerntaz@aol.com No Report

Dudes & Dolls: Vicki Byers 425-359-3234

bylynne@hotmail.com First level dance on November 14^{th,} as well as an experienced clothing sale, and every student in Mount Baker Council gets a free item at the dance November 28th is a Black Friday dance, wear your white and neon, we will be dancing under black lights. Only one dance in December on the 12th, a Level dance, "Penguins on Parade," then we are dark for the rest of the month, and will see you in January.

Fern Bluff Squares: Kim Ludlow 206-383-4977

<u>kludlow57@gmail.com</u> December is our Toys for Tots dance so let's all bring toys to help make some kids Christmas a very happy one.

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Leslie Keyes,425-409-4559, <u>I a keyes@msn.com</u> We are holding Plus lessons that began the last week in October on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm with Steve Noseck, cost is \$8 per person. No lessons on Wednesday, November 26th or Wednesday December 24th. We will have a holiday dance on Saturday, December 13th. This will be a combined mainstream and plus dance, with rounds for each level. Steve Noseck and Bob Berka will call and cue. There will be appetizers and beverages available. We hope you'll join us for some fun holiday cheer. Thank you.

Freewheelers: Ryan Belsvik, 425.595.0770, ryanbelsvik@gmail.com Dances continuing as normal on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Thank you to all who donated to the harvest dance. Next dance is on November 16th, a plus dance. Last chance this year to experience Randy Preskitt calling and cueing a plus dance on November 16th at the Freewheelers Thanksgiving Dance. We are looking forward to caravanning to the Square Crows on the 21st of November, and most importantly, Freewheelers are looking forward to collecting Toys on December 7th at our Level Toys for Tots dance, including an experienced clothing sale.

Happy Hoppers: Karen Hammontree 425-870-1632 kmtree99@gmail.com We will be having our Salute our Vets dance this Sunday at the Carl Gibson Center, Spyder Webb calling and Katie Martiney is curing. Sunday the 23rd we'll have our Share the Blessings Dance which we'll be collecting food for the food bank. Please come and share food with those less fortunate. This will also be a student level dance. Leo Catt will be calling with Rochelle cueing. Our December 28th Dance, Stephen Cole will be calling that one, there will be no rounds.

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-365-8095

<u>larry mercer02@outlook.com</u> We will be dancing on Tuesdays at the Hayloft. We dance phase 3 & 4 at the Hayloft, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Randy Preskitt is the Cuer.

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

olgaskill@comcast.net Rainbow's December Level dance will be on Saturday, December 13th and will be our "Ugly Sweater or T-Shirt" student level dance for movements basic 1-40, with Brent and Therese Mawdsley as our caller/cuer couple. Students get in FREE! We will be dancing Plus from 7 to 7:30 pm with mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. The experienced clothing sale will be open, and refreshments will be available after the dance. We will be collecting 'Toys for Tots so please bring a new unwrapped toy to do-

nate.

Samena Squares: Debbie Rebman 206-354-9345 <u>dancinlady-too@gmail.com</u> November is a special month for the Samenas. With the time change, honoring our veterans and Thanksgiving. We start the month with a caravan to the Freewheelers on November 2nd. On the 14th we have our We Love Veterans Dance with Andy Garboden calling and Alison Hampton leading line dancing. We will not have a dance on the 28th to celebrate Thanksgiving. We hope you have a meaningful Thanksgiving.

Shooting Stars: Ryan Belsvik, 425.595.0770, ryanbelsvik@gmail.com Shooting Stars is hosting a mainstream black light dance party on December 20th at Triway Grange from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon. Save the date for our annual fundraiser dance coming up on January 31st at South Lake Stevens Grange from 7 to 9:30 in the evening. More details coming soon.

Skagit Squares: Jim Hunt, 425-681-4640, <u>ichunt3@gmail.com</u> The Skagit Squares dance at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Join us on Saturday, November 15th at 6 pm for a Thanksgiving Dinner Dance with pre-rounds at 7:30 pm and mainstream dance at 8 pm with Bob and Linda Berka cueing and Gunter Monroe calling. We will have a student-level dance on Saturday, December 7th at 7pm with Dave Harry. Thanks to everyone who caravaned to our last 1st Saturday student dance. Our 7 pm Tuesday night lessons are going well and angels are always welcome. Join us on Saturday, December 20th for our Ho! Ho! Ho! Level holiday dance with pre-rounds at 7:30 pm and student level square dancing at 8 pm with Bob and Linda Berka cueing and Gunter Monroe calling.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com Dancing November 22nd, with Spyder Webb calling and Lisa Weiser doing the line dancing, and it is a level dance. And in December, Andy Garboden calls on December 22nd, with Shawn Caveness cueing. We dance at the Tri Way Grange, rounds at 6 pm, Plus at 6:30, and mainstream from 7 to 9.

Square Crows: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253, lopann@aol.com The Square Crows had an eventful month in October hosting the recent "Promenade in Pink" council Dance. Since I wrote about the dance

in my MBC President's report, I won't repeat myself. I do, however, want to thank everyone who attended and helped make our dance successful. Also, a heartfelt thank you to our members who worked so hard to make it happen. Our lessons continue with 13 enthusiastic students. The Crows will be caravanning to Fern Bluff Squares on November 8th and our next dance will be on November 21st. Vance Morrison will be calling our "Turkey Lurkey" level dance. Karen Neverdowski will be cueing. We will be collecting Toys for Tots at the November dance as our December dance is a little too late. On December 19th we have our "Starry Starry Nights" dance with Gaylen Sauve' and Karen Neverdowski. Although not advertised on our flyer, we will be having a food drive at this dance. Happy Holidays!

Whirlybirds: Alyshia Main, 206.799.5424,

alyshiam216@gmail.com No Report

Thank you to Sky Valley Whirlwinds and Shooting Stars for the refreshments tonight. December 6th, Square Crows and Freewheelers are up next for refreshments.

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Toys for Tots: Terry Bustamonte, 206 423-6193. Greetings! The season is upon us and Mrs. Clause and I are getting ready for another busy one. Toys for Tots is a wonderful organization serving toddlers through teens. All donations of new, unwrapped toys are gratefully accepted. You can reach me at bustedmon-key@yahoo.com or call or text me at 206 423-6193 to schedule pickups or for any questions. Last year, donations were about 12 full boxes and \$180.00 in cash. We needed a lot of extra help last year and are very thankful for all who stepped up and kept us going, as we are for all those who helped us out every year.

Double check your caravan in and out dates to make sure the nights are on dance nights. A few erroneous dates were assigned at the caravan sign up night that need to be fixed.

Save pop tops, they are being cashed in and donated in memory of George Broom to Washington State Kidney Dialysis Research.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **December 3rd, 2025** at 7:30 PM. Location: Marysville School District Office, 4302 134th St NE, Marysville

Respectfully submitted, Sammi Fredenburg Recording Secretary

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council						
Treasurer Report 10/1/2025		Due	10/21/2025	12/21/2025		
	Checking	Savings	CD 7mo	CD 18mo	Total	
Balance as reported on 10/1/2025	1,950.95	9,892.19	11,323.59	45,136.20	68,302.93	
Plus deposits						
Membership Dues	5.00					
Debit (under protest)						
Interest		0.08	25.00	174.58		
10/31/2025						
Subtotal Income:	2.00	0.08	25.00	174.58	204.66	
Less Payments						
734 Square Crows: Business Cards	25.00					
735 Marysville School District: June Rent	35.00					
736 Dave Harry: No Experience Dance Caller	100.00					
737 Square Crows: No Experience Dance Caller	100.00					
738 Freewheelers: Angel Workshop	225.00					
739 Lynnea Dunbar: New Dancer Handbooks	211.01					
740 Dudes & Dolls: Business Cards	25.00					
741 Joshua McClintock: Caller School	250.00					
742 Square & Folk Dance Heritage Center: Hayes Memor	35.00					
Subtotal Expense:	1,006.01				1,006.01	
Book Balance as of 10/31/2025	949.94	9,892.27	11,348.59	45,310.78	67,501.58	
Outstanding Checks		×				
679 WA State Festival Pgm Book Add	75.00					
742 Square & Folk Dance Heritage Center: Hayes Memor	35.00					
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Black and White Ball
Level Dance with Squares and Lines

Dave Harry Calling

Dancing 7:30 - 10:00

We will ring in the New Year at 9:00! \$15 donation | Finger Food Potluck

Wednesday, December 31st
Hayloft Dance Center | 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

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