

# Mt. Baker Council Notes JANUARY 2026

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*Annual Fundraiser Dance*



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KATIE MARTENY QUEING

January 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

South Lake Stevens Grange

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**MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS**

DEC 3 Council Meeting

7:30 PM

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

# New Dancer Spotlight



Meet Summer, Jennifer, Tracy, Andrene, Cheryl, and Rob, they just got their Round Tuit, which means they've officially danced at seven different clubs!

Here's what they shared with me:

## How They Got Started

- Summer discovered square dancing through a friend who wanted to give it a try.
- Andrene found square dancing thanks to her friend Chris Floyd. She admits she was hesitant at first—after a long workday, leaving the house felt like a chore. But one lesson changed everything and sparked a brand-new passion.

## Their Advice to New Dancers

- Relax and go with the flow: experienced dancers will always guide you.
- Show up often: the more you dance, the faster your muscle memory develops.
- Enjoy the camaraderie: square dance folks are positive, kind, and always ready to help.
- Go to all student dances, and carpool when you can. Car rides turn strangers into friends.
- Stuck on a call? Look it up or ask, everyone's been there.

## What They Love About Square Dancing

- Wear something that twirls, it makes everything more fun.
- They love the happy, welcoming atmosphere, where everyone's smiling and having a great time.



- It's great exercise, a chance to dress up, and an excuse to just enjoy life.

### Their Hobbies

- Summer: all kinds of dance, motorcycles, and fast cars.
- Andrene: CrossFit, gardening and floriculture, interior decorating, and training her Corgis.

Overall, they're all loving square dancing so far, and honestly, who wouldn't with that much fun, friendship, and spinning skirts?

If you see them, scoop them into your square and have a blast, they're always down for more fun!

*Grace Maria*

## ***Congratulations, New Dancers!***

Congratulations on nearing the completion of your lessons ... soon you will experience the exciting world of full-fledged mainstream square dancing, and it's **everywhere!**

January is packed with **eight** student-level dances, including the Funfest. Don't forget to bring your **Round Tuit** form.

### **What's next?**

As you approach graduation, you'll be invited to **join a club**. Club membership offers numerous perks, including continued access to this publication, insurance and the opportunity to participate in fun club activities. Additionally, every club has diverse volunteer opportunities, and they'll be happy to assist you in finding the perfect fit!

### **Be an Angel!**

Some clubs are starting new lessons in early 2026, and there will continue to be student-level dances. Be an **angel** and show your support to the new dancers! This fall, we'll be hosting two free "Angel Workshops," so keep an eye out for those. In the meantime, refer to the "**Angel Guidelines**" at [sqdance.org](http://sqdance.org), under the "About MBC", "Student Coordinator" tab, for valuable tips on how to be a supportive angel.

### **Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!**

Our hobby is the **best**, help grow it by recruiting! A simple yet effective way to do this is to invite friends to join you at the **Funfest** which showcases the joy of square dancing.

**Looking forward to your graduation!**

*Lynnea Dunbar, MBC Student Liaison*



# President's Message

**MBC President Jo Ann Pyle - 206-914-2253**

**lopann@aol.com / mbcpres@gmail.com**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I guess now it's time to start thinking about Christmas. I suspect many of you have already begun.

I want to thank Ken again for chairing last month's meeting. I reported last month that our council would be hosting the spring State Federation meeting. It will be Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Maltby Community Club. The time has not been announced but they usually start around 8 or 9AM. All Mount Baker members are invited to join. There will be a Trail In dance on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and it will be the regular Square Crow dance at the Maltby Community Club. The Trail Out dance will be on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and will be the Whirlybirds regular dance at the Hayloft.

One thing we have all noticed is how successful our level dances have been. Every one of them gets great attendance and are really fun. The most fun is watching the students and their enthusiasm. We have more to go this month. Good job to Lynnea Dunbar and all of our clubs for embracing this endeavor.

Every club should have received a ballot from the State Federation proposing a by-law change to Article III, Section A.2. The proposal is to simply delete "Education and Leadership" from a list of standing committees. I've reviewed both the By-Law and the Standing Rules of the State Federation. I believe we should not delete "Education & Leadership" from the by-laws but rather, we should delete Standing Rule #11, which has a cumbersome committee structure that is not needed now that we have combined Leadership and Education with our State Festivals. This Standing Rule is what seems to be the real objective of the Federation. That's fine, but I still think we continue to need the Education and Leadership function with our organization even if it is just to coordinate those efforts. I don't want to lose that important aspect of our community. Additionally, I think the proposed bylaw is deficient in that it does not deal with Article III, Section B.4 concerning appointment of the Chair of Education and Leadership. This should also be addressed.

The returned ballots need to be postmarked by January 5, 2026. Please discuss the proposal with your club and send in your ballots.

There has been an issue within the council about the protocol on twirling during a dance. Some right hand dancers have sustained injuries while being twirled. At the Council meeting we had a discussion about this. None of us want to lose dancers due to injuries. We would like our lesson teachers to make sure all new dancers are aware that twirling is optional! We would also like to see each club emphasize this as well; to both left and right hand dancers. All right hand dancers should keep their arms down if they don't wish to twirl. We want to avoid future injuries and make sure everyone can participate. And have fun.

Thanks to the Square Crows and the Freewheelers for providing the snacks tonight. We still have a few open slots for the rest of this season so I'm passing around the clipboard again. The Happy Rounders and Fern Bluff Squares will be providing snacks in January.

**Last but not least I want to wish all of you Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!**

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<b>4</b> <b>Freewheelers (Student Level)</b>  <i>Dancing Shadows, Shooting Stars, Square Crows Lessons</i>	<b>5</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>6</b> Happy Rounders <i>ABlast, Dudes &amp; Dolls Happy Hoppers, Skagit Squares Lessons</i>  <i>Round Dance lessons start</i>	<b>7</b> <b>MBC Me 7:30</b>  <i>Fogcutters Lessons</i>
<b>11</b> Happy Hoppers  <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	<b>12</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>13</b> Happy Rounders  <i>AB, DD, SkS Lessons</i>  <i>Round Dance lessons</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>FF Plus Less</i>
<b>18</b> <b>Freewheelers (PLUS)</b>  <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	<b>19</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>20</b> Happy Rounders  <i>AB, DD, SkS Lessons</i>  <i>Round Dance lessons</i>	<b>21</b>  <i>FF Plus Less</i>
<b>25</b> <b>Happy Hoppers (Student Level)</b>  <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	<b>26</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>27</b> Happy Rounders  <i>AB, DD, SkS Lessons</i>  <i>Round Dance lessons</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>FF Plus Less</i>

# 2026

	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Whirlybirds (No experience)	3 A-Blast Dancing Shadows/ Eastside Plus <b>Skagit Squares</b> (Student Level)
eting ) Plus	8 <i>Samena Squares, Whirlybirds Lessons</i>  <i>Strengthening Workshops</i>	9 Dudes & Dolls (Student Level)  Samena Squares	10 Fogcutters (PLUS)  Fern Bluff
ons	15 <i>SA SQ WB Lessons</i>  <i>Strengthening Workshops</i>	16 Square Crows (Student Level)	17 Whirlybirds Skagit Squares Dancing Shadows
ons	22 <i>SA SQ WB Lessons</i>  <i>Strengthening Workshops</i>	23 Dudes & Dolls  Samena Squares (Student Level)	24 <b>Whirlwinds</b> (Student Level)  Rainbow Squares
ons	29 <i>SA SQ WB Lessons</i>  <i>Strengthening Workshops</i>	30 Dudes & Dolls	31 Shooting Stars Fundraiser Whirlwinds

# Round Dance Lessons

## Lessons Start January 6th

### Learn Two Step

Tuesday Evenings 7:30-9pm

\$8 Per Person

New Students accepted thru January 20th

No Dance Experience Required



Juanita Community Club 13027 100th Ave NE, Kirkland

Questions please contact Alyshia Main at [alyshia@1stpremierins.com](mailto:alyshia@1stpremierins.com)

### Dancing Shadows

### with Eastside Plus

Jan. 3rd Steve Noseck &  
Steve Edlund with Rochelle Catt

No Round dance workshop

6:30-9:30

Jan. 17th All Rounds Shawn & Wendy Carness

4,5,6 Workshop 5:00-6:45

2,3,4 Rounds 7:00-9:00

Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland  
For information call Cliff 425 478 5128



# Strengthening Workshops!

Thursdays Jan 8th—Feb 26th  
7:30 - 9:30 PM



Caller: Dennis (Spyder) Webb

\$10 Donation per session

- Improve your mainstream dancing skills and confidence!
- Want more experience with calls from all positions?
- Questions or problems with specific calls?

Workshops will have Caller led themes and dancer requests.

Come join us!

Triway Grange

3509 Seattle Hill Rd, Mill Creek, WA



Hosted by *Freewheelers and Sky Valley Whirlwinds*



## Cascade Crossfires

*Plus Square Dancing*

**MONDAYS 7-9 PM**

**Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood**

**Caller: Stephen Cole**

*(For Jan it's the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th)*

**Plus Lessons  
Continue With  
Plenty of 'Just Dancing'**

*(Members come for the Dancing!)*

More Info: <http://cascadecrossfires.org>

Cedar Valley Grange: 20526 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave W

425-435-8253

Lynnwood, WA

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

# First Friday Fun Fest

## January 2nd



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](mailto:whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com)



**Saturday, JAN 3RD**

**7- 9 PM**

**Dave Harry Calling**

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



## FREEWHEELERS

### Sports Jersey Night (Level) Sunday, January 4th

Caller: Rob Sax  
Cuer: Katie Marteny



*With Experienced clothing sale!*

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.dudesanddoll.org](http://www.dudesanddoll.org)

Line Dancing: 7:00PM, Plus Dancing 7:30 PM  
Student Level Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

## January 9th

### Dancing Away in Margaritaville

Student Level  
Dance!



Free DANGLES TO THE FIRST 50 Dancers!

**CALLER: SCOTT COON LINE DANCING: Lisa Weiser**

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





**Friday  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**

# *Rendezvous Under the Stars*



Juanita Community Club  
13027 100th NE, Kirkland



Caller: **Gaylen Sauve**

Cuer: **Alishya Main**

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

Hearing enhancement  
available  
Credit card accepted

*Tidalgo*  
**FOGCUTTERS**

**\*MUSIC\*DANCE\*FUN\***

Caller - Steve Noseck  
Cuer - Bob Berka

Make new memories and  
connect with friends  
Join us for dinner afterward at Fortune's  
Chinese Restaurant

**10 January 2026 1:30 - 4 pm**

Skagit Valley Grange 21273 Cook Rd  
Burlington  
Q's contact Rob Webster -  
[rwebster@hotmail.com](mailto:rwebster@hotmail.com)

**2026**



Facebook - Fern Bluff Squares



Caller: Rob Sax  
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

# Winter WONDERLAND

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

**Saturday January 10, 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

**Happy Hoppers**  
Carl Gipson Center  
3025 Lombard Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

**Sunday  
January 11**

# Snowflake Shuffle

**Steve Noseck calling  
Shawn Cavness cueing**

**Plus 6:00-6:30**

[www.happyhoppers.org](http://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

**A New Beginning**  
**LEVEL DANCE**  
**Friday, January 16, 2026**



**Caller – Stephen Cole**  
**Cuer – Kyle Quande**

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

*Entry Donation*  
**\$10.00 per person**  
**\$5.00 per Student**

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

**Skagit Squares**



**Skagit Squares**



**Snowman Soup Dance**

**January 17, 2025**

**Gunter Monroe Calling**  
**Bob Berka Cueing**

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

**Soup Tasting 6:30 to 7:00**

**Info: 360 853 5210 or 360 661 2018**

**Mount Vernon Senior center**

**1401 Cleveland Ave, Mt Veron**

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30 pm

Mainstream 8:00 pm



## Blue Saturday

January 17th



Dave Harry calling

&

Alyshia Main cueing



We Dance the Third Saturday



Wear Your Favorite Sports Teams Gear

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com



The Freewheelers  
invite you to:



## Snowflake Dance



Sunday, January 18th



Caller: Leo Catt

Cuer: Rochelle Catt



Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com

Www.squaredanceseattle.com

6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

7:00 to 9:00 **Plus** with Rounds





Juanita Community Club  
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

Level Dance

Friday  
Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$10 donation  
\$5 Non-Samena  
student



# Honky Tonk

# Hootenanny

Caller:

**Ray Gallagher**

Line Leader:

**Elaine Hass**



7:30pm Plus  
8pm Student Level dance  
**LINE DANCING** between tips



Hearing enhancement  
available  
Credit card accepted



**Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club**

[www.dudesanddolls.org](http://www.dudesanddolls.org)

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM



**January  
23rd**

**The  
Cowboy  
Rides Away**



**CALLER: Steve Noseck**

**LINE DANCING: Lisa Weiser**

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

# *Sky Valley Whirlwinds* **Snowflake Dance**



**JANUARY 24TH**

**6PM LINES 6:30PM PLUS**

**7-9 PM MAINSTREAM DANCE**

**CALLER: SPYDER WEBB**

**LINE DANCING: LISA WEISER**

*Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek*

*Student Level  
Dance!*

## **RAINBOW SQUARES**

**Mainstream on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

**Plus - 7PM, MS 7:30-9:30 PM**

**JAN 24th - "We ❤ Disney"**

**BRENT & THERESE MAWDSLEY  
CALLER / CUER COUPLE**

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**Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA**

**Hearing Enhancement 72.9 MHz ~ Finger Food Following the Dance**

**~ Experienced Clothing Store Open**

**Contact: 360-961-7892 or [olgaskill@comcast.net](mailto:olgaskill@comcast.net)**

**Happy Hoppers**

Carl Gipson Center  
3025 Lombard Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

**Sunday  
January 25**

**Crazy T-Shirt  
Student Level Dance**

**Vance Morrison calling  
Kyle Quande cueing**

[www.happyhoppers.org](http://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

**Sky Valley Whirlwinds**



**Dancing In  
The Cold!**

**JANUARY 31ST**

**6PM LINES      6:30PM PLUS**

**7-9 PM MAINSTREAM DANCE**

**CALLER: VANCE MORRISON**

**LINE DANCING: LISA WEISER**

***Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek***



Enjoy the Season!

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[www.petticoatjct.com](http://www.petticoatjct.com)

425-743-9513

[friends@petticoatjct.com](mailto:friends@petticoatjct.com)

# Mount Baker Council Minutes

## December 3, 2025

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 found all present.

**Guests in Attendance:** Janice Lewis, Terry Bustamante, Roberta Bustamante, and Dave Fredenburg

**Recording Secretary:** Sammi Fredenburg, 360 359-2304  
[mbcrecsec@gmail.com](mailto:mbcrecsec@gmail.com). Please send any correspondence to  
[mbcrecsec@gmail.com](mailto:mbcrecsec@gmail.com).

**Robert Reichle moved, and Dave Fredenburg seconded the acceptance of the November minutes. Carried.**

**President's Report:** Jo Ann Pyle, 206 914-2253 [lopann@aol.com](mailto:lopann@aol.com) See President's message in this issue.

**Vice President:** Ken Frey 701 240-4023, [kfrey1@yahoo.com](mailto:kfrey1@yahoo.com)

Ken Frey is working on the new rotation for Council dances, with the potential of holding just one Council Dance a year, and removing the Round Dance clubs from the lineup of sponsoring them. **Jim Hunt moved, Judy seconded, failed.** Larry Mercer, delegate for the Happy Rounders club, stated there are simply not enough members to run a council dance. Dave Fredenburg stated it does not need to be run by one club only. Combining clubs would change the rotation.

**Treasurer:** Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, [tomcorning@comcast.net](mailto:tomcorning@comcast.net)

Treasurer's report attached at the end of this report. Two checks written, one to the '27 Festival committee and one to the school district for rent. Seven month CD was redeemed and put to checking and the remainder was moved to the savings account, eighteen month one expiring soon and will be moved to a bank with a better rate. **Motion to pay bills, Oren moved and Randy seconded, passed.**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Randy Lewis, 206.367.9219, [randy2126@gmail.com](mailto:randy2126@gmail.com)

Be sure to update your emails if you want to receive information from him.

**Area Delegate:** Judy Corning, 206.794.5946, [judyseatrvl@comcast.net](mailto:judyseatrvl@comcast.net).

News from the state; the officers for this year will serve for two years. With two years to think about becoming a state officer, would you please consider serving at the state level? The present officers have served for several years and it would be nice to give them a little break. Most positions aren't hard, just a little time devoted to it. And only one go to meeting, and one Zoom meeting per year.

**Area Nominating:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com)

Geri has state and council election forms.

**Advisor:** Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 [ssworen@gmail.com](mailto:ssworen@gmail.com) No Report.

**Parliamentarian:** Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 [olgaskill@comcast.net](mailto:olgaskill@comcast.net)

No Report.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Computer Coordinator:** Penny Curtis 206 235-34196

[publicitymbc@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymbc@gmail.com) I really appreciate double-checking information on the website. You can use the Contact Us button to let me know of any errors or changes needed. The naming convention for files to be uploaded to the website is XX MM.DD aaaaaaaaaaaa. Two letters for club name, month, day and then whatever makes to you. FW 12.7 Toys for Tots. Spyder calling. Let me know if the new home page doesn't work for you. Thanks.

**Council Dances:** No Report

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No Report

**Council Notes:** Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 [mncouncilnotes@gmail.com](mailto:mncouncilnotes@gmail.com)  
For the December issue we printed 370 copies for a cost of \$573. We mailed 353 copies for a cost of \$143 making the total cost of this issue \$717. All inputs for the January issue need to be in by Dec 6<sup>th</sup> as we are leaving for a cruise of Antarctica. I have passed out the invoices for the September to December issues. Please pass them on to your treasurer.

**Education/Leadership:** Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950  
[ssworen@gmail.com](mailto:ssworen@gmail.com)

1. The State Federation sent out ballots to every club president with a motion to amend the bylaws deleting the Education and Leadership Committee to make it part of the State Festival. It was a two-year trial and deemed successful. Please ensure your president tallies the voters in your club and respond by January 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. I passed out the current memo from CallerLab concerning the changes and the list of New Mainstream Calls.
3. Here is the latest video from Caller Lab. You can watch it at:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4J\\_DWqKijY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4J_DWqKijY)

**Fair Coordinator:** Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 [publicitymbc@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymbc@gmail.com)  
No Report.

**Footnotes:** Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 [sammi.98270@gmail.com](mailto:sammi.98270@gmail.com)  
No Report.

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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](mailto:tomcorning@comcast.net)

Tom reported three new members in the Dudes and Dolls Club.

**Nominating:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com). No report

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

**Fair Coordinator:** Bonnie Harry 425-773-9513 [friends@petticoatjct.com](mailto:friends@petticoatjct.com)  
No Report.

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

Round of the Month for December 2025: "Away In A Manger" by Engelbert Humperdink, Phase II = I (Interrupted Box)

**Round Tuit:** Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 [lynneadunbar@gmail.com](mailto:lynneadunbar@gmail.com)

Congratulations to the following six students who have earned and been presented their Round Tuits: Jennifer Coy, Cheryl Raymond, Rob Raymond, Tracy Sanford, Summer Utley and Andrene Zuanich. We also presented Round Tuits to the following experienced dancers: Penny Curtis (her fourth!) and John Fong. Congratulations!

**Scrapbook:** Claire Ball 425-206-8709 [ball.gordy@gmail.com](mailto:ball.gordy@gmail.com) No Report

**Student Liaison** Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 [lynneadunbar@gmail.com](mailto:lynneadunbar@gmail.com)

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!

**Youth Report:** Judy Corning: No Report

**Festival 27:** Penny Curtis, 206.235.3419, [publicitymbc@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymbc@gmail.com) \$\$7,225 was paid to Edward Hansen Center and other buildings for deposit. Balance of \$10,000 passed last month is deposited.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lynnea Dunbar proposed adding the annual Alzheimer's Dance to the Round Tuit dance list. This dance has become a meaningful part of our MBC culture and including it on the list will help strengthen awareness and support. **Robert moved, Brooks seconded. Passed.** Motion to move the total number of signatures back to 10 from 7 at the beginning of the next dance season. **Melody moved, seconded, passed.**

Jim Hunt proposed coming up with ways to discourage twirling. This needs to be brought up at lessons, to TCCA, and if right-side dancers don't want to twirl, keep their hands down.

## **DELEGATE REPORTS**

**A Blast:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com) In January, our dance will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Steve Edlund calling from 1 to 3:30 pm. Looking ahead, on February 7th, Steve Noseck 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. A2 lessons will begin the middle of January. All advanced dancers are welcome!

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

[judyseatrvl@comcast.net](mailto:judyseatrvl@comcast.net). No Report

**Dancing Shadows:** Fonda Ross 916-849-8554 [tinkerntaz@aol.com](mailto:tinkerntaz@aol.com)

No written report submitted.

**Dudes & Dolls:** Amber Cox 206 251-5456 [Amber\\_r\\_cox@yahoo.com](mailto:Amber_r_cox@yahoo.com)

Our first dance of 2026 will be student level dance on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Dancing Away in Margaritaville and we will have dangles for the first 50 dancers. Our second dance will be Cowboy Rides Away with Steve Noseck calling. We also have a Caravan to Sky Valley on January 24<sup>th</sup>, and then we'll close out the month with our 5<sup>th</sup> Friday dance. Elvis will be in the house for this dance and it will be an all Elvis singing call dance.

**Fern Bluff Squares:** Ray Gallagher 425 772-3476 [raybft@comcast.net](mailto:raybft@comcast.net).

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, [L\\_a\\_keyes@msn.com](mailto:L_a_keyes@msn.com)

The Fidalgo Fogcutters will kick off our 2026 Plus dances on Saturday, January 10th with Steve Noseck calling and Bob Berka cueing. Rounds begin at 1:30pm and Plus is from 2-4pm. After the dance we plan to meet at Fortune's Chinese Restaurant in Mt. Vernon to celebrate the New Year. Everyone is welcome to join us. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2026!

**Freewheelers:** Ryan Belsvik, 425.595.0770, [ryanbelsvik@gmail.com](mailto:ryanbelsvik@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> is our Sports Jersey Night LEVEL dance with Rob Sax and Randy Preskitt. Experienced clothing will be available for sale. Fern Bluff Squares are caravanning in. Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, is our Snowflake PLUS dance with Leo Catt and Rochelle Catt. On December 13<sup>th</sup> we caravan to Fern Bluff Squares. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> we are visiting Dudes and Dolls. 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 Hamontree 425-870-1632 [kmmtree99@gmail.com](mailto:kmmtree99@gmail.com)  
The Hoppers had about 160# of food collected for our food drive in November. There were also some cash donations as well. Thanks to everyone for supporting this good work. There were a lot of toys donated to the toy drive in Dec also. On Dec 28<sup>th</sup> we had a Holiday Dance party featuring Mainstream puzzles with a plus level dance instead of rounds.

January will be a "Snowflake Shuffle" on January 11<sup>th</sup> and "Crazy T-shirt" Level dance on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you in a square!!

**Happy Rounders:** Larry Mercer 206-365-8095 [larry\\_mercer02@outlook.com](mailto:larry_mercer02@outlook.com)  
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](mailto:olgaskill@comcast.net)  
Rainbow Squares January 24<sup>th</sup> dance will be our fun "We Love Disney" dance with Brent Mawdsley calling all Disney tunes and Therese will be Cueing. Costumes welcome! We dance Plus from 7 to 7:30 pm with Mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The Experienced clothing shop will be open, and we will have our break at the end of the dance. We hope to see you at the Ten Mile Grange in Lynden!

**Samena Squares:** Debbie Rebman 206-354-9345 [dancinladytoo@gmail.com](mailto:dancinladytoo@gmail.com)  
With the new year, we look forward to new opportunities among the most important are the opportunities of friendship and the mental and physical characteristics of square dance. In January, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, we will Rendezvous Under the Stars with Gaylen Suave' calling and Alyshia Main cueing. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Honkytonk Hootenanny with Ray Gallagher calling and Elain Hass Line Dancing. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, we are caravanning to Skagit Squares. We're hoping 2026 will be the best year ever!

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

**Skagit Squares:** Jim Hunt, 425-681-4640, [jchunt3@gmail.com](mailto:jchunt3@gmail.com) The Skagit Squares dance at the Mt Vernon Senior Center. Join us on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> for our Ho! Ho! Ho! Level Dance with rounds starting at 7:30pm and Level Square Dancing from 8 to 10pm with Gunter Monroe calling and Bob/ Linda Berka Cueing. Our January Dance on Saturday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Snowman Soup Dance – will feature soup and dance. Come early for some soup - Rounds start at 7:30pm and Mainstream Square Dance from 8 to 10pm with Gunter Monroe calling and Bob/Linda Berka Cueing. Our Winter Square Dance Lessons start on 7pm Tuesday Jan 27 & Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> with free introduction classes. Official lessons start on 7pm Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> with Dave Harry instructing. Come join us & learn to Square Dance.

**Sky Valley Whirlwinds:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com) Our December dance is on December 20th with Andy Garboden calling and Shawn Cavness cueing round dancing. In January, we are having 2 dances. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, there is a student level mainstream dance with Spyder Webb calling and Lisa Weiser leading line dancing. Then on January 31<sup>st</sup>, Vance Morrison is calling a Mainstream dance with Lisa leading lines. All our dances are at the TriWay Grange beginning with lines or rounds at 6 pm followed by Plus at 6:30 and Mainstream dancing from 7 to 9 pm.

In the month of December, the students in the Freewheelers/Sky Valley Whirlwinds class will have been taught all the Mainstream moves. Beginning January 8<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Mainstream Strengthening Workshops with caller Spyder Webb at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. All square dancers, new and experienced, are welcome to join us these Thursday evenings in January and February. Flyers for this have been put in your club folders.

**Square Crows** Jo Ann Pyle – 206-914-2253 – [lopann@aol.com](mailto:lopann@aol.com)

- Square Crows are encouraged by the progress of our 12 students. Aspiring caller and Crow angel Joshua McClintock got some “on the job training” at our lessons under Stephen Cole’s guidance. Happy to report that Joshua did a good job.
- Upcoming dances: Our Starry Night dance on December 19<sup>th</sup> will feature Gaylen Sauve’ and Karen Neverdowski on stage. We will also be doing a food collection benefiting the Maltby Food Bank, just down the street from our hall. We’ll welcome a caravan from Fern Bluff Squares. Speaking of caravans, we enjoyed visits from both Dudes & Dolls and Freewheelers in November. It made for a 10-square dance and a very fun evening!

A New Beginning is the title of our student level dance on January 16<sup>th</sup> that will offer half-price entry for current students. Stephen Cole will call and Kyle Quande will debut as Square Crows’ new club cuer. Please come help us welcome Kyle!

**Whirlybirds:** Alyshia Main, 206.799.5424, [alyshiam216@gmail.com](mailto:alyshiam216@gmail.com)

We had a great time ringing in the New Year with all of our dance friends. Thanks for coming and celebrating with us. We are looking forward to our January theme and having you join us in your Blue Saturday (Seahawk/Team Spirit) gear. We will be getting ready for our second round of lessons to be thinking about who you know who needs to take lessons.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Terry Bustamonte reported on Toys For Tots: Greetings! The season is upon us and Mrs. Claus and I are ready for a busy one. As of this point one delivery has been made (thank you Jo Ann Pyle for the assist) to Toys For Tots. We are planning to attend dances both this weekend and next for pickups. You can reach me at [bustedmonkey@yahoo.com](mailto:bustedmonkey@yahoo.com) or call or text me at 206-423-6193 to verify scheduled pickups or for any questions. As always we and Mary, at Toys For Tots thank you all for your generosity.

Stephen Sworen reported that Joe Scarlatella came to the Dudes and Dolls dance and asked him if he was interested in Cueing in our council, and he said yes! He lives in Puyallup. Ask him if you would like Joe's info.

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

Starting on January 6th Two Step (Round Dance) Lessons will begin over at the Juanita Community Club. Class begins at 7:30pm and is \$8 a lesson. For information please contact Alyshia at [alyshiam216@gmail.com](mailto:alyshiam216@gmail.com)

Snacks next month will be provided by Dancing Shadows & Fern Bluff Squares.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **January 7th, 2025** at 7:30 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Sammi Fredenburg  
Recording Secretary

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