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January 31st 2026

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

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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, 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 Liason



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 16th 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 15th and it will be the regular Square Crow dance at the Maltby Community Club. The Trail Out dance will be on Saturday, May 16th 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
4 Freewheelers (Student Level) <i>Dancing Shadows</i> <i>Shooting Stars,</i> <i>Square Crows</i> <i>Lessons</i>	5 Cascade Crossfires	6 Happy Rounders <i>ABlast, Dudes &</i> <i>Dolls Happy</i> <i>Hoppers,</i> <i>Skagit Squares</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Round Dance</i> <i>lessons start</i>	7 MBC Me 7:30 <i>Fogcutters</i> <i>Lessons</i>
11 Happy Hoppers <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	12 Cascade Crossfires	13 Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD,SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Round Dance</i> <i>lessons</i>	14 <i>FF Plus Less</i>
18 Freewheelers (PLUS) <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	19 Cascade Crossfires	20 Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD,SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Round Dance</i> <i>lessons</i>	21 <i>FF Plus Less</i>
25 Happy Hoppers (Student Level) <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	26 Cascade Crossfires	27 Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD,SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Round Dance</i> <i>lessons</i>	28 <i>FF Plus Less</i>

ry 2026

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

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 Cavness

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 52nd 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



Skagit Squares



**STUDENT
LEVEL DANCE**

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
Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com
www.squaredanceseattle.com



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.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!**



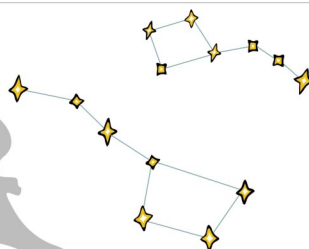
Free DANGLES TO THE FIRST 50 Dancers!

CALLER: SCOTT COON LINE DANCING: Lisa Weiser

Cedar Valley Grange 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood



**Friday
Jan. 9th**



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland



Rendezvous Under the Stars

Caller: **Gaylen Sauve**

Cuer: **Alishya Main**

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

Hearing enhancement
available
Credit card accepted

Fidalgo 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**

2026



Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

Winter WONDERLAND



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 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



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

PLUS

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

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredanceseseattle.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. 23rd

\$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

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

*Student Level
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

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream on 4th Saturday

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

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**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

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

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



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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. Please send any correspondence to
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 See President's message in this issue.

Vice President: Ken Frey 701 240-4023, 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

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

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

Area Delegate: Judy Corning, 206.794.5946, 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

Geri has state and council election forms.

Advisor: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 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 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 aaaaaaaaaaaaaa. 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

Council Directory: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@gmail.com
No Report

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 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 6th 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

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 5th.
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

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

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

Fair Coordinator: 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 December 2025: "Away In A Manger" by Engelbert Humperdink, Phase II = I (Interrupted Box)

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 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 Utle 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 No Report

Student Liaison Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 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 \$\$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 In January, our dance will be January 3rd, 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. No Report

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

No written report submitted.

Dudes & Dolls: Amber Cox 206 251-5456 Amber_r_cox@yahoo.com

Our first dance of 2026 will be student level dance on January 9th. 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 24th, and then we'll close out the month with our 5th 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.

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

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

Sunday, January 4th 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 18th, is our Snowflake PLUS dance with Leo Catt and Rochelle Catt. On December 13th we caravan to Fern Bluff Squares. On January 23rd 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 Hammontree 425-870-1632 kmtree99@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 28th 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 11th and "Crazy T-shirt" Level dance on January 25th. Hope to see you in a square!!

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-365-8095 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

Rainbow Squares January 24th 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

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 9th, we will Rendezvous Under the Stars with Gaylen Suave' calling and Alyshia Main cueing. On the 23rd, Honkytonk Hootenanny with Ray Gallagher calling and Elain Hass Line Danc-ing. On the 24th, 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

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, jchunt3@gmail.com The Skagit Squares dance at the Mt Vernon Senior Center. Join us on Saturday December 20th 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 17th, 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 3rd with free introduction classes. Official lessons start on 7pm Tuesday February 10th with Dave Harry instructing. Come join us & learn to Square Dance.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 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 24th, there is a student level mainstream dance with Spyder Webb calling and Lisa Weiser leading line dancing. Then on January 31st, 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 8th through February 26th, 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 – lopenn@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 19th 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 16th 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

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 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

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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Balance as reported on 11/1/2025
Plus deposits

	Due	10/21/2025	12/21/2025	
Checking	Savings	CD 7mo	CD 18mo	Total
959.94	9,892.27	11,348.59	45,310.78	67,511.58
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Less Payments				

743 Marysville School District: September Rent
744 2027 WA State Festival

35.00
5,000.00

Subtotal Expense:	5,035.00	-	-	5,035.00
Book Balance as of 11/30/2025	1,273.53	15,892.37	0.00	45,310.78
				62,476.68

Outstanding Checks
679 WA State Festival Pgm Book Add

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Bank Balance as of 11/30/2025	1,348.53	15,892.37	0.00	45,310.78
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