

Mt. Baker Council Notes JANUARY 2025

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Meet the Cook family in the New
Dancer Spotlight on Page 3!*

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2024-2025

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

JAN 8th Council Meeting	7:30 PM	Marysville School District Board Room 4220 80th St NE, Marysville, WA 98270
MAY 31 Council Dance	2-5 PM	Skagit Valley Grange 21273 Cook Rd Burlington, WA 98233

New Dancer Spotlight

Introducing the Jessica & Lucas & Lilly & Caleb & Levi & Zoe & Judah & Sienna Cook !

We first heard about square dancing from Nicole Belsvik. She and I were teenage friends but hadn't seen each other in years. Then, out of the blue, she invited our whole family to youth lessons. Since we're always up for trying something new (and maybe a little crazy), we thought, "Why not?" And guess what? We loved it so much.

If you're new to square dancing, here's a tip from me (Jessie): don't be afraid to take lessons more than once. Seriously, it's not cheating! I'm not the quickest at remembering the moves (unlike my dance-savvy family), but retaking lessons is like hitting the refresh button—I learn what I missed, and I even get to help the newbies feel less nervous.

Square dancing has been an incredible adventure for all of us. I've never danced before—like, ever—so it's been equal parts challenging and rewarding to step out of my comfort zone.

Here's why each of us loves square dancing:

- Lilliana (Lilly), 16: "Dancing clears my head. It's all about living in the moment, and I love it!"
- Caleb, 15: "Learning something fun as a family was awesome—and it wasn't even that hard."
- Levi, 13: "Watching everyone enjoy themselves (and me being there!) makes me feel so welcome."
- Zoe, 12: "I'm obsessed with seeing people all dressed up and experiencing different calling styles!"
- Judah, 10: "I've made so many new friends in the club and at dances—it's the best!"
- Siena, 8: "Fluffy petticoats and twirly dresses—I love them so much!"

But we're not just square dancers—our family is a bundle of hobbies:

- Jessie: Hiking and gardening. Nature is my happy place.
- Lilly: Cosplay queen, rock climber extraordinaire, and a budding interior designer.
- Caleb: The bookworm and board game champ. Also loves soccer and Minecraft.
- Levi: History buff and science whiz who creates epic games for the younger kids.
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- Zoe: Outdoorsy adventurer—babysitter, hiker, rock hounder, and fairy garden architect!
- Judah: Live-action role-playing and board games keep him busy.
- Siena: She's the social butterfly of the family and loves soccer, rock climbing, swimming, karate—and pretty much whatever anyone else is doing!

And, of course, square dancing is our family's newest and most-loved hobby. Who knew spinning around in squares could be this much fun? If you see us, give us a wave or a high-five! See you in a square!

President's Message



On November 23 we bade a fond farewell to the Mount Baker Singles Square Dance Club after 36 years of dancing with Dave Harry as their caller. The club voted to fold in January 2020, but never had a final dance due to COVID. After the passing of John Hayes in July of this year, it was decided to hold a final dance in his memory and of the club. There were 120 dancers

and many non-dancers also. They gave out over 30 gift cards and pies as door prizes, and plenty of pie was consumed as it was John's favorite dessert. Callers for the night were Dave Harry, Brent Mawdsley, Kenny Freeman, Mike McCalib, and Ray Gallagher, with Bob Berka cueing as he had for over 20 years for the club. And the dancing went well past the posted time. John was also honored with photos and a slide show. He had been the MBS club president for several years, and six of the previous presidents showed up to pay their respects.

BREAKING NEWS! FERN BLUFF will be starting lessons on January 8th from 6:30-8:30 at the Community Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, Monroe. See our website for more details!

Starting Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Beginning Round Dance Lessons

Two Step - Waltz - Cha Cha – Rumba - Foxtrot

Juanita Community Club

13027 100th NE

Kirkland, WA

Instructor: **Karen Neverdowski**

*After 1/23/2025,
lessons will close to
new dancers.*

Info: 206-719-4473 or
orbets@yahoo.com

*Partner REQUIRED, contact me if you
have no partner before coming to class*



Happy Rounders

Round Dancing

Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 pm

The Hayloft, Lynnwood

Cuer: Randy Preskitt

*We dance phase 3 & 4, and look forward
to seeing new guests.*

*Larry Mercer, President-
larry_mercer02@outlook.com*



OR-BETS Dance Club

Cuer: Karen Neverdowski

Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE
Kirkland, WA
Info: 206 719-4473
orbets@yahoo.com



Round Dance
Phases 2,3 & some 4
EVERY WEDNESDAY
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Please note new time



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



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(For Jan it's the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th)

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 3rd

No Experience Dance

No Partner Needed

Dancing Begins at 7:30



Ages 8 years and Above

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

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com



Dancing Shadows

With Eastside Plus

*Jan. 4th Steve Noseck &
Steve Edlund*

Jan. 18th All Rounds



*Round Dancing With
Randy & Marie Preskitt*

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

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

Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland

For information call Cliff 425 478 5128

Skagit Squares



STUDENT LEVEL DANCE

**Saturday, JAN 4th
7- 9 PM**

Dave Harry Calling

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



FREEWHEELERS



**Sports Jersey dance
(Level)**

Sunday, January 5th

Caller: Rob Sax

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



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.squaredancesseattle.com



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Student Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

January 10th

Tropical Paradise Student Dance



Line Dancing—No Rounds!

CALLER: Scott Coon

LINE DANCING: Lisa Weiser

Cedar Valley Grange 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Black and White Ball



Friday, January 10th

Gaylen Sauve Calling

Karen Neverdowski Cuing

*Dressy attire
encouraged*



7:30 - 8 pm Plus dance



8 - 10 pm Mainstream Dance

Rounds between tips



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

Hearing enhancement



Credit card accepted



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JANUARY 11, 2025



SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 - 2:00 Pre-Rounds Phases 2-4

2:00 - 4:00 Plus and Rounds

BRYAN CLARK calling
BOB BERKA cueing

After party: Fortune's Chinese
Skagit Valle y Grange, 21273 Cook Road, Sedro Woolley
Robert & Hope Webster 360-682-5348 rwwebster@hotmail.com



Fern Bluff Squares



Lose the (winter)



Facebook – Fern Bluff Squares



Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

*Come visit, dance, and
shake off the winter
blues with us*

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 11, 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 10:30 pm

Happy Hoppers

Stilly Valley Center
18308 Smokey Pt Blvd. (I-5 Exit 206)
Arlington, WA 98223

**Sunday
January 12**

Winter Wonderland

Scott Coon calling

Katie Marteny cueing



Hearing
Enhancement

www.happyhoppers.org

Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30

Safari



Entry Donation

\$9.00 per person \$5.00 for students

Friday, January 17, 2025

Level Dance

Caller - Leo Catt

Cuer - Karen Neverdowski

7:30-8:00 Pre-Rounds

Mainstream Square Dance

8:00-10:00 PM

Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE, Snohomish WA 98296

www.squarecrows.org

Info: 206-914-2253



Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30

Mainstream 8pm

Lights

Camera

Dancing

January 18th



Dave Harry calling

Karen Neverdowski cueing

Come and Dance the Night Away on



Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

Skagit Squares



Skagit Squares



Snowman Soup Dance

January 18, 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 Vernon



The Freewheelers
invite you to:



Snowflake Dance

Sunday, January 19th

Caller: Spyder Webb

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

Www.squaredanceseseattle.com



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

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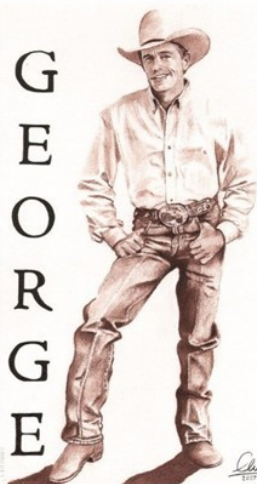
KING OF COUNTRY GEORGE STRAIT

CALLER: Scoot Coon


CUER: Shawn Cavness

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

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JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 <i>Samena Squares, Freewheelers/ Whirlwinds, Whirlybirds Lessons</i>	3 Whirlybirds (Student Level)	4 A-Blast Dancing Shadows/ Eastside Plus Skagit Squares (Student Level)
5 Freewheelers (Student Level) <i>Dancing Shadows Square Crows, Shooting Stars Lessons</i>	6 Cascade Crossfires Lessons	7 Happy Rounders <i>ABlast, OrBets, Dudes & Dolls, Happy Hoppers, Rainbow Squares, Skagit Squares Lessons</i>	8 MBC Meeting 7:30 Or-Bets <i>Fogcutter Lessons</i> FERN BLUFF LESSONS START	9 <i>SA SQ WB FW/WW Lessons</i>	10 Dudes & Dolls (Student Level) Samena Squares	11 Fogcutters Fern Bluff
12 Happy Hoppers <i>DS SC SS Lessons</i>	13 Cascade Crossfires Lessons	14 Happy Rounders <i>AB,OB, DD, HH, RB, SkS Lessons</i>	15 Or-Bets <i>FB, FF Lessons</i>	16 <i>SA SQ WB FW/WW Lessons</i>	17 Square Crows (Student Level)	18 A-Blast Whirlybirds Skagit Squares Dancing Shadows
19 Freewheelers (PLUS) <i>DS SC SS Lessons</i>	20 Cascade Crossfires Lessons	21 Happy Rounders <i>AB,OB, DD, HH, RB, SkS Lessons</i>	22 Or-Bets <i>FB, FF Lessons</i>	23 <i>SA SQ WB FW/WW Lessons</i>	24 Dudes & Dolls Samena Squares (Student Level)	25 Whirlwinds (Student Level) Rainbow Square
26 Happy Hoppers (Student Level) <i>DS SC SS Lessons</i>	27 Cascade Crossfires Lessons	28 Happy Rounders <i>AB,OB, DD, HH, RB, SkS Lessons</i>	29 Or-Bets <i>FB, FF Lessons</i>	30 <i>SA SQ WB FW/WW Lessons</i>	31 Dudes & Dolls	



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland



Friday
Jan. 24th



Fortunate Cookie Dance

Line Instructor:
Veta Blakesley

Caller:
Ray Gallagher

Credit card accepted
Hearing enhancement

7:30 pm Plus
8 pm STUDENT LEVEL Dance
LINE DANCING between tips

Sky Valley Whirlwinds

SNOWFLAKE DANCE

JANUARY 25 LEVEL



6PM LINES 7-9 Mainstream LEVEL

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

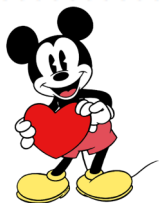
Caller: Leo Catt Lines: Lisa Weiser

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copy, please email us at mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com.

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream on 4th Saturday

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



JAN 25th - "We ♥ Disney"

Brent & Therese Mawdsley
Caller / Cued Couple



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

Happy Hoppers

Stilly Valley Center

18308 Smokey Pt Blvd. (I-5 Exit 206)

Arlington, WA 98223

Sunday
January 26

BLACK & WHITE

Student Level Dance-Free to MBC Students

Spyder Webb calling
Karen Neverdowski cueing



www.happyhoppers.org

Hearing
Enhancement



Plus 6:00-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

January 31st

Elvis Presley

Is in the House!

All Elvis Singing Calls!

CALLER: SCOTT COON

CUER: SHAWN CAUNESS



Fern Bluff Squares

Callers: Scott Coon & Brent Mawdsley

Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

Facebook – Fern Bluff Squares



MBC is celebrating

55

years at the Spring Council Dance

Skatgit Valley Grange

21273 Cook Rd

Burlington, WA 98233

\$18 at the door – Family w/kids \$40

\$15 with advanced ticket

Theme colors:
Emerald Green,
Gold, & Purple

Saturday May 31, 2025

Mainstream 2:00 to 5:00pm

Mount Baker Council Minutes

Dec 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Sworen called the meeting to order at 7:40pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers found Vice President Jo Ann Pyle and Area Delegate Sammi Fredenburg absent. Roll call of clubs found Dancing Shadows and Happy Rounders absent.

Guests in Attendance:

Gini Johnson, Skagit Squares, Melody Scalzo and Ken Frey, Happy Hoppers

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

The motion that the council fund five “free entrance to any student level dance” tickets which expire on May 31, 2025 for each mainstream club holding lessons in the 24-25 season passed.

Motion to accept the minutes as published by Lois Cassidy, 2nd by Oren Gaskill. Passed.

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

See attached report. Bills are \$10.00 to Freewheelers for a student entrance to a level dance and \$546.60 to Freewheelers for their loss from the Fall Council Dance. Oren Gaskill moved to pay the bills. Brooks Bennett 2nd. Motion passed.

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

Council Members, I hope each of you have wonderful plans and many happy events

scheduled during these Holidays. I went shopping for a new Flyers and Forms file box since the lid broke off the old one. I decided we deserved something top of the line. It is metal, it's on wheels, with a long retractable handle, in addition a Lid compartment organizer. It is my hope that it will be more easily transported to and from meetings. We all know I wouldn't come to a December meeting without gifts. To light your way, I have lighted Christmas bulb necklaces and warm funny fuzzy socks for everyone. There are Christmas cookies and treats. Happy Holidays! Disclaimer: The Council is never charged for any of my crazy purchases. (Smile)

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

No report.

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

No report

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

Thanksgiving may be over, but I still want to give thanks for some of the awesome events we had in November. The Dudes & Dolls Salute to Veterans Student dance had 9 squares and raised \$323 for Fisher House. The next night, Fern Bluff Squares also had a student dance with 9 squares, gave away 2 free turkeys, and had a smoked turkey smorgasbord! A week later, Square Crows had a student dance with another 9 squares!! It is so great to see the students out dancing and having experienced dancers supporting them! The Mount Baker Singles final dance honoring John Hayes had over 120 people, lots of door prizes, and dancing well into the night as the callers kept calling. Thank you to those behind the scenes who make this the best council in the state!

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

The Freewheelers held their Council dance last month and they did a great job. Now it's time to plan for 2025. Our next Council dance will be hosted by the Fern Bluff Squares. It will be on May 31st and will be held at the Skagit Valley Grange. It will be an anniversary theme. Next up is Square Crows. The dance will be at the Northshore Senior Center in Bothell. More details soon. We then look forward to Samena Squares. Brooks and I enjoyed the special dance in honor of John Hayes. There were so many memories and stories. Please remember to send us your nominations for the Ila Williams award. It will be here before we know it. In November I went to Spokane with Brooks and met with Richard and Barbara Synder. We (mostly Brooks) will be the new Membership and Insurance chairs and we both needed to get signed onto the State's bank accounts. I was also appointed as State Parliamentarian. Guess we'll be busier than we already are. Have a great holiday!

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

No report.

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

No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny (Harland) Curtis 206-365-3186

Lynnea is doing a great job answering emails we get from people inquiring about lessons. Thanks to Elizabeth King for help uploading and removing flyers. Please notify me at 206.235.3419 by voice or text if you need to cancel a dance. I will put a note on the front page of the website letting folks know. Please check the flyers page to see what flyers I need you to send me! Elizabeth and I have uploaded all we have. Please keep letting me know of any corrections or issues. You can use the Contact Us button on the home page.

Council Dances: Fall Council Dance-Freewheelers

Thanks to all who came. We will send a copy of the final report to Jo Ann Pyle for the history of Council Dances. Our loss was \$546.60.

Council Dances: Spring Council Dance-Fern Bluff Squares

Caller is Brent Mawdsley and Scot Coon with Bob Berka cuing. Date is May 31, 2025 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Skagit Valley Grange. Ticket price is \$15.00 and \$18.00 at the door.

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

I have a few extra copies if you need them

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbccouncilnotes@gmail.com

The Council Notes are now on the Mt Baker website for those who would like an electronic version and the ability to print their own. We have received "stop mailing" notices from a few dancers. Please pass the word to your club members to email or text me if they wish to stop receiving a mailed version. There will be a huge reduction in printing and mailing costs. We will have extra copies to hand out to new students/dancers. We printed 420 copies of the November issue for \$660 (color on 4 pages costs more) and mailed 405 for \$154.

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

No report.

Footnotes: Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com
No report.

Heritage Center: Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 jasworen@msn.com

We are still making the transition to the new board. With the winter weather and conflicting schedules, getting together has not yet worked out. As the new treasurer, I hope to get to the facility as soon as possible so I will be able to share more with Mt Baker Council dancers.

Historian: Vacant. Contact Steve Sworen if you are interested in taking on this position.

Membership & Insurance: Dave Fredenburg 425-297-3210 ad-frede354@frontier.com

Stephen Sworen handed out a list by city of where Mt Baker Coouncil dancers are located.

New Dancer Books: Lynnea Dunbar 425-894-5312 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

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

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

No report

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

No report

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

Penny Curtis has arranged with several Sno-Isle libraries to have displays during the month of August. She will contact the clubs closest to those branches to see if they want to take this on.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

I am continuing to work on them.

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

No Report

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

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Flyers for the Spring Council dance were discussed and the issue resolved. Fern Bluff will be reimbursed for any 2025 graduating students who attend for free and count this as income on their final report. The tickets students present will be the documentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Seed money for Fern Bluff for the Spring Council dance was discussed. There is nothing in the bylaws or standing rules regarding this. Oren Gaskill will draft an addition to the standing rules to bring to the January meeting. Ray Gallagher moved that Fern Bluff receive \$500.00 seed money for the Spring Council dance to be paid back after the dance. Brooks Bennett 2nd. Motion passed.

DELEGATE REPORTS

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

A Blast lessons continue Tuesday nights from 7:30pm to 9:30pm at Triway Grange. Advance dancers are welcome to attend to dance or review. Steve Edlund is calling Advance on Jan 4. We take a break on Jan 18 for Mid-Winter Festival. Our Saturday dances are from 1:00pm to 3:30pm at the Triway Grange (93509 Seattle Hill RD, Mill Creek, WA). All Advance Dancers are welcome.

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

Lessons are going great with usually 8 squares every Monday night. Crossfires are sponsoring two celebrations for recent Parker award recipients: Steve Noseck in 2021 (postponed by COVID) and Susan Morris in 2024. The one for Steve Noseck is Saturday February 15th, and the one for Susan is Saturday March 8th. Both will be at Cedar Valley Grange in Lynnwood, from 12:00 Noon to 2PM. The events are free of charge. There will be a potluck lunch at noon followed by a short award ceremony, followed by a square dance until 2PM.

Dancing Shadows: Cliff McCracken 425-478-5128 Clisha59@gmail.com

No report.

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

December is a busy month with 4 dances including 2 outgoing caravans. Lessons continue, the students are progressing well, having fun and appreciating the angel assistance. Join us on Tuesdays at 7:15 as an angel or student. In January we have 3 dances on the 10th, 24th and 31st. Don't miss the level and country dance with lines and Elvis will be in the house with rounds! We're planning a club bingo party to enjoy social time with our members.

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

From December through next May Fern Bluff will have a potluck dinner prior to our dances. Bring a dish to share and a dessert if you like. We are working on the Spring Council Dance which will be at Skagit Valley Grange on May 31, with Brent and Scott calling and Bob and Linda Cueing. More to come on that. Our lessons will start January 08, 2025, at Monroe Community Senior Center 276 Sky River Pkwy Monroe, WA 98272

Fidalgo Fogcutter's: Lois Cassidy 360-293-0181 loisc3@gmail.com

We have been having a social event after our dances. After our November dance we went to Lorenzo's Restaurant in Sedro Woolley with more than 25 dancers including the Edlunds, the Mawdsleys and the Nosecks. What a lot of fun having three callers and their wives at our dance and eating dinner afterwards. Bryan Clark from Canada will call our January 11th dance and Bob Berka cueing. Our after party will be at the Fortune's Chinese restaurant. We are enjoying the six students who have been coming to plus lessons as the rest of us practice plus on Wednesday nights.

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

We had a fun level dance on December 1st with 7 squares. Santa visited! We collected lots of Toys for Tots and had two raffle baskets. We sold lots of experienced clothing to dancers new and old. January 5th dance is a LEVEL dance with an experienced clothing sale. Be comfortable and wear your favorite sports jersey! We will caravan to the Whirlybirds on December 21.

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

We had a successful Food drive this year. We donated 158 #s of food and \$112.00 in cash. Thanks to everyone who came to our dance and helped with this great cause. I do not have the results of our Toys for Tots drive. We had a successful clothes giveaway for our students in Dec. The theme for our Jan 12th dance is "Winter Wonderland" and January 26 is our "Black and White" dance. Pre-rounds start at 6pm with mainstream from 6:30 to 8:30 at Stilly Valley Center. We will caravan to Fern Bluff Squares on January 11th.

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

We will dance on all the Tuesdays in January. We dance phase 3 & 4 at the Hayloft, Randy Preskitt is the Cuer.

Mt. Baker Teachers, Callers & Cuers: Stephen Cole 206-769-4959 stephen@isquaredance.com

No report.

Rainbow Squares: Lew (Oren) Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net

On January 11th Rainbow Squares will be caravanning to Fern Bluff Squares. We will have our ever popular "We Love Disney" dance on January 25th. All our dances in January, February, March and April will be on the 4th Saturday of the month. Our next Student level dance will be February 22nd. See our ad in Council Notes.

Samena Squares: Claire Ball 206-229-2708 clairemball714@gmail.com

We had 17 on our caravan to Freewheelers on Dec 1 so got our flag back and got one from them. Lessons continue. A crew showed up to decorate for the holidays—not as wonderfully as Larry but it is beautiful. Join us on January 10 for the Black and White Ball with Gaylen Sauve calling and Karen Neverdowski cuing.

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

Ray Gallagher outdid himself calling the club's Thanksgiving Dance on November 16. Two turkeys were given as door prizes. The club chose a member only fund raiser called the "Pot of Gold". Members donate \$2.00 per person per dance and submit an entry slip. One entry will be drawn at the last dance in May with the total split 50% with the club. Our Snowman Soup Dance is January 18, 2025. Soup Tasting at 6:00pm, Bob Berka starts prerounds at 7:30 and Gunter calls squares at 8:00pm. We travel to Dudes and Dolls on January 24. February 15 is our Sweet Valentine Dance with cupids Gunter calling and Bob cuing.

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 gjandl628@gmail.com
Our first dance of the New Year, 2025, will be a Mainstream dance on January 25 with line dancing starting at 6 pm. The caller will be Leo Catt and lines led by Lisa Weiser. Our dances are at the TriWay Grange in Mill Creek. The Alzheimer's Benefit Dance is on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Juanita Community Center from 2-5 pm.

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

On January 17th we explore our "Safari" Student Level dance with Leo Catt and Karen on stage. Students will discover a discounted entry fee of \$5.00. Our February 21st dance is "Patriotic" so unfurl your red, white, and blue and march on over double time. Steve Noseck will be calling cadence and Karen will cue. Lessons continue with nearly a dozen very enthusiastic students. Many are attending and enjoying student level dances. Angels are always welcome! We are planning the Fall 2025 Council Dance at Northshore Senior Center.

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

No report.

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Mt Baker Singles final club report: Our 36th year celebration dance was held on November 23rd. Approximately 120 dancers signed in along with non-dancers. There were nine squares and many round dancers on the floor enjoying Dave Harry and Bob Berka. The evening lasted longer than planned as visiting callers got up and kept it going. It was great seeing our friends who are no longer dancing but came to pay their respects to John Hayes. Two of John’s family members came and were very pleased and humbled at how much John meant to us. Twenty-eight people won gift cards worth as much as \$50 or \$100, plus a few more took home a free pie. It was such a pleasure for all of us remaining club members to honor John and remember the good times with photos and a slide show. Thanks to Skagit Squares for sponsoring the dance and helping us that evening. Lois Cassidy and Gini Johnson

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **January 8, 2025** at 7:30 PM.

Location: Marysville School District Board Room

4220 80th St NE Marysville, WA 98270

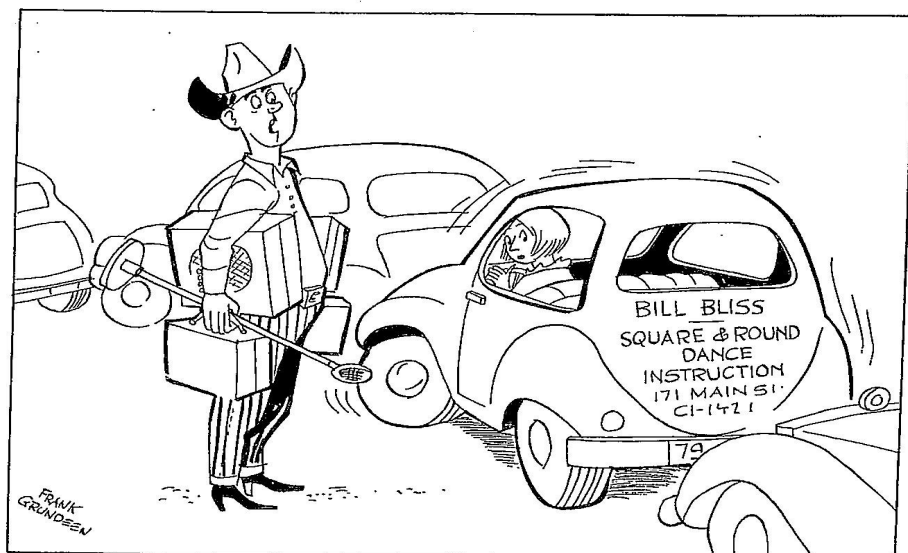
Respectfully submitted,
Penny Curtis Recording Secretary

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council
Treasurer Report - 04 December

		Due: 3/21/2025 12/21/2025				Current Report	Jun 05 2024
		Checking	Savings	CD 7mo	CD 18mo		
Balance as reported on 11/06/24		\$ 3,090.49	\$ 20,890.70	\$ 10,884.31	\$ 43,297.34	\$ 78,162.84	\$ 78,593.93
Plus deposits:							
CD Interest 11/29				\$ 43.74	\$ 162.07		
Savings Intrest 11/29			\$ 0.16				
Subtotal Income::		\$ -	\$ 0.16	\$ 43.74	\$ 162.07	\$ 205.97	
Less Payments							
686	MBC #12 Oct Hall Rental	\$ 35.00					
687	Squarecrows 3 Student Passes	\$ 15.00					
688	Stephen Sworen New Dancer Book	\$ 180.24					
689	Robin King A-Frame Float Jack	\$ 115.11					
690	Robin King Monroe Prade	\$ 65.00					
691	Stephen Sworen D&D Business Cards	\$ 25.00					
692	Stephen Sworen Student Coord. Posters	\$ 59.62					
Subtotal Expense:		\$ 494.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 494.97	
Balance as of 12/04/2024		\$ 2,595.52	\$ 20,890.86	\$ 10,928.05	\$ 43,459.41	\$ 77,873.84	Net Change YTD since 6/5/24
							\$ (289.00) \$ (720.09)

Ever wonder where our members live?
Here is a MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
MAP from North to South

CANADA 4	BLAINE 1	LYNDEN 3	BELLINGHAM 29	FERNDAL 1	MAPLE FALLS 3	41
ANACORTES 11	BURLINGTON 2	CAMANO ISLAND 12	FREELAND 1			
SEDRO WOOLEY 12	MOUNT VERNON 30	OAK HARBOR 16				84
ARLINGTON 9	MARYSVILLE/ TULALIP 38	SILVANA 4	STANWOOD 9			60
GOLD BAR 9	LAKE STEVENS 16	MONROE 21	SNOHOMISH 23	SULTAN 1		70
EVERETT 47	EDMONDS 21	LYNNWOOD 42	MILL CREEK 6	MT LAKE TERRACE 7		
MUKILTEO 6						129
LAKE FOREST PARK 11	SHORELINE 15	SEATTLE 23				49
BOTHELL 42	BRIER 7	WOODINVILLE 16				65
BELLEVUE 10	KENMORE 5	KIRKLAND 35	REDMOND 19	RENTON 5		
SAMMAMISH 4						78
AUBURN 3	BLACK DIAMOND 2	KENT 2	SEATAC 2	YELM 4	TACOMA 1	14



"OK — Back track — Now Sashay a little to the right."

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