

Mt. Baker Council Notes SEPTEMBER 2026

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Welcome Back to Dancing!

**September brings the start of Lessons
and the chance to bring your friends to
one of the many no experience dances to
try Square Dancing:**

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

SEPT 2 Council Meeting 7:30

**Marysville School District Transportation
Building Board Room
4302 134th St NE, Marysville 98271**

New Dancer Spotlight



Way to go, Shooting Stars!

We couldn't be prouder of our amazing youth club, Shooting Stars, they did it again!

This incredible group of young dancers brought home a whole collection of awards, proving that hard work, teamwork, and big smiles really do pay off. They took 1st Place for Best Display, and it was easy to see why! They smiled, twirled, laughed, and danced their hearts out from beginning to end. Their energy was contagious, and the crowd loved every minute of it. They truly earned that championship title!

The Shooting Stars Club brought 19 bright, brave, and talented kids... and they headed home with a bunch of shiny trophies to show for it! More importantly, they created memories, built confidence, and showed everyone just how fun square dancing can be.

A huge round of applause also goes to all the parents, volunteers, and Shooting Stars members who made it happen. From driving to events, organizing practices, bringing snacks, offering encouragement, and cheering from the sidelines, you are the heart behind this wonderful group.

Congratulations, Shooting Stars! You represented your club with talent, sportsmanship, and joy. Keep smiling, keep twirling, and keep inspiring the next generation of square dancers.

We're so proud of every single one of you. The future of square dancing is shining bright!

| *Grace Maria*



Education & Leadership

Stephen Sworen ssworen@gmail.com

What an incredible time we had at the State Festival! There were 491 that attended, of which 114 were from the Mount Baker Council! Only Sou'Wester Council, who were the hosts, had more! For the first Badge (Dangle) dance in the Convention Center parking lot they had 50 Dangles made. They had to make 120 more! The second Badge dance on the beach had 21 Squares! WOW!

For the Education and Leadership Seminars, I planned for 40 attendees, and 3 of the seminars had over 60! Bri Rial's "Using AI" had over 70! We had to expand into the next hall!

Here are some of the key points that were covered:

- People are not looking for Square Dancing, they are looking for fun, fitness, and a sense of belonging.
- Lead with inclusion, not tradition. Avoid rules, insider language, and welcome questions!
- Make it easy to try: No partner needed, no special clothes, no experience necessary.
- Create a strong First night Experience! First impressions matter. Greet newcomers personally, introduce them to others, tell them what to expect, and check in during breaks. Friendly hosts make all the difference.
- Foster Kindness on the dance floor. Use patience and support, discourage correcting on the dance floor. People stay where learning feels safe.
- Young people don't avoid dance clubs, they avoid a place that feels unwelcoming, rigid or outdated. When your club is friendly, flexible and inclusive, dancers of all ages will return, and bring their friends!

For more ideas, check out: SquareDanceRevival.Org

President's Message

Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253

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mbcpres@gmail.com



Thanks to Happy Hoppers and Dudes & Dolls for providing snacks tonight.

The state federation meeting went very well. We started the meeting by debuting our promotional skit choreographed by Dave Harry. The Mount Baker Council received many compliments for our success in our improved social media presence. Of course that is due to a few very talented and dedicated dancers. I don't want to mention names, as I would likely forget someone. But you know who you are.

During the meeting our council received a gift from the Spokane Council of \$550. This was due to their very successful USA West event. The caveat was that this gift be used to promote square dancing in our area. Will do and thanks to the Spokane Council.

A special thank you to Geri Johnson for helping with the food and set up. Also a huge shout out to the Square Crows members who also helped set up and clean up. It would not have been as successful without their help. The Trail in and Trail out dances were also well attended and a lot of fun.

I am sad to report that the Sky Valley Whirlwinds have made the difficult decision to end the club. I'm not counting out the hope that they might find a way to regroup and try to get people to step up and start again. Maybe over the summer?

The Samena Squares' Council dance was a huge success. And I'm not just saying that because Brooks and I won two of the gift baskets.

We held our "Pizza with the Presidents" earlier this evening. Each club had the opportunity to talk about their successes and goals for the next season.

In September the council officers will provide snacks.

Our next meeting will be September 2nd and will also be here, as the school district needs our usual space. Speaking of next year's meetings, we will be at a new facility for the October meeting. I don't have the address yet but we will be getting that out to you before October. Apparently the district will be giving up our usual venue to the City of Marysville and will move to the new location.

Have a great summer and remember, there is still plenty of dancing to be had during June, July and August.

Hope to see you at the State Festival in Ocean Shores!



A-Blast

*We will be dark in September
For Labor Day Weekend*

Please come join us
For some **Advanced** square dance Fun!
Saturday, October 3rd 1:00PM-3:30PM
Caller: Spyder Webb

Triway Grange
3509 Seattle-Hill Rd
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Plus Lessons

Hosted By



**Wednesday Evenings starting
September 9th, 6:30PM to 8:30PM**

**Location: Triway Grange Hall,
3509 Seattle Hill Rd, Mill
Creek, WA**

TAUGHT BY YOUTH CALLER KENDRA STILL

Our DBD Plus lessons are open to all ages and are a wonderful way to support the Shooting Stars Youth Club while getting more plus dancing in. Whether you're new to plus or just want more practice on the new plus moves, come join the fun and support our youth dancers.

Donation: \$5 per person

For more information, contact nbelsvik@gmail.com.



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

(Dark for Labor Day, so for Sept its 14th, 21st and 28th)

**9+ NEW PLUS Moves
Workshops 9/14 thru 10/5**

**Don't Know Plus?
Lessons Start
Next Month, Monday Oct 12th**

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

425-435-8253
Lynnwood, WA

Mastering Mainstream

With Fidalgo Fogcutters

Beginning Sept. 16th, 2026

Class on Wed. / from 7 - 9 p.m.

Donation - \$8.00 per person

This class will transition to Plus Lessons

Caller Steve Noseck



Skagit Valley Grange - 21273 Cook Rd. Sedro Woolley WA
Q's: Contact Don Carlson 360.303.7516
or em: don@karuson.com



***Learn to Square Dance
with Dave Harry & the
Skagit Squares***



Come see what Square Dance is like – Have a fun night as Dave teaches you a few basic moves & gets you dancing. ***Tuesday Sept 1, 2026 – 7 to 9 PM***

Square Dance Lessons for new dancers starts Tuesday evening – Sept 8th, 2026 - 7pm to 9pm. Last night to join is Sept 15th. Families, Couples & Solos are welcome. First two lessons are free – then \$5 per person or \$2 for youth 10+.

Dave Harry, Instructor

Mount Vernon Senior Center -1401 Cleveland - Mt Vernon

More Info - Murray murbennett52@gmail.com or
skagitsquares.org



Dancing Shadows
Sept 5 We are Dark



***Sept 19 All Round Dancing
With
Randy & Marie Preskitt***

4/5 /6 workshop 5:00-6:45

2/3/4 rounds 7:00-9:30

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

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest



September 4th

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

whirlybirdssquaredance@gmail.com



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

No Experience Dance

7:30-9:30 PM



September 11

Lynnwood

Community Dance

No Experience Necessary!

*Bring your friends and
prospective students!*

CALLER: Dave Harry

Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th AVE NE, Kirkland

KICK OFF THE SEASON

Caller: Steve Noseck
Cuer: Alyshia Main



7:30 – 8 PM Plus
8 – 10 PM Mainstream
Rounds between tips



Hearing enhancement
available
Credit Cards accepted

Fidalgo Fogcutters Plus Dance



Caller
Marc
Denniston



Cuer
Bob
Berka

HONORING THE BERKAS

SEPT. 12, 2026

1:30 ROUNDS – 2:00 – 4:00 DANCE

PIZZA PARTY AND CAKE FOLLOWING

Skagit Valley Grange 21273 Cook Rd. Burlington

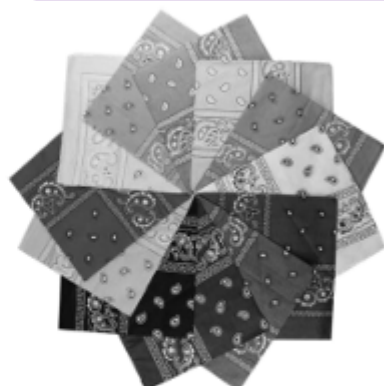


Bandana

Welcome Back

Dance

Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka



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 Sept 12, 2026

Pre-Rounds 6:30 to 7:00pm

Plus 7:00 to 7:30pm

Mainstream 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Happy Hoppers Present:

I Heart Chocolate

No Experience Square
and Line Dancing with
Dave Harry!

And Ice Cream
Sundaes!



NEW VENUE! South Lake Stevens Grange
2109 103rd Ave SE Lake Stevens, WA

**Sunday
Sept 13**

6:30-8:30



www.happyhoppers.org

Dancing at the OK Corral



Friday, September 18, 2026

Pre-Rounds 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Caller - Brent Mawdsley

Cuer - Kyle Quande

*Entry Donation
\$10/person*

Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE

Snohomish WA 98296



Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30

Mainstream 8pm

Oktoberfest

A "YODELING" good time



September 19th

Dave Harry calling

Alyshia Main cueing



**Masskrugstemmen
Competition**

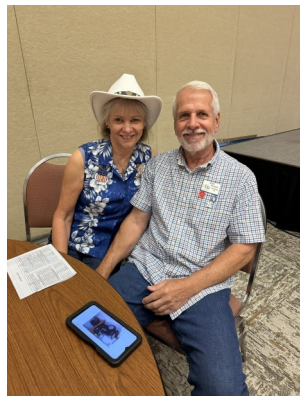


Brat, Pretzel and Root Beer Social from 7pm-7:30pm

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdssquaredance@gmail.com

73rd Square and Round Dance Festival
Ocean Shores Convention Center
July 16 to 18, 2026











Happy Hats Masquerade

Shooting Stars Youth Club



Rob Sax and Youth Callers



September 19th ★ 1:30 - 4:30
Tri-Way Grange



FREEWHEELERS



Happy Days, 50's dance

Sunday Sept 20, 2025

Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



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

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredanceseseattle.com

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Skagit Squares (No experience)	2 MBC Meeting 7:30	3	4 Whirlybirds (No experience)	5
					Skagit River	Rendezvous
6 <i>Shooting Stars Lessons Start</i>	7  LABOR DAY	8 Happy Rounders <i>ABlast Skagit Squares Happy Hoppers Lessons Start</i>	9 <i>Fern Bluff Lessons Start Shooting Stars Plus</i>	10 <i>Samena Squares Lessons Start</i>	11 Dudes & Dolls (No Experience) Samena Squares	12 Fogcutters Fern Bluff
Skagit River	Rendezvous					
13 Happy Hoppers (No Experience) <i>Dancing Shadows Square Crows Lessons Start S.S. Lessons</i>	14 Cascade Crossfires (New Move Work- shop)	15 Happy Rounders <i>Dudes & Dolls Lessons start</i> <i>AB, HH, SkS Lessons</i>	16 <i>Fogcutters Master- ing Mainstream Start</i> <i>FB Lessons SS Plus</i>	17 <i>Whirlybirds, Free- wheelers Lessons Start</i> <i>SaS Lessons</i>	18 Square Crows	19 Shooting Stars Skagit Squares Dancing Shadows Whirlybirds
20 Freewheelers (PLUS) <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	21 Cascade Crossfires (New Moves)	22 Happy Rounders <i>Rainbow SQ Lessons Start</i> <i>AB, DD, HH, SkS Lessons</i>	23 <i>FFMM SS Plus FB Lessons</i>	24 <i>SaS, WB FW Les- sons</i>	25 Dudes & Dolls	26
27 <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	28 Cascade Crossfires (New Moves)	29 <i>AB, DD, HH, RS, SkS Lessons</i>	30 <i>FFMM SS Plus FB Lessons</i>			



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

September 25

Welcome Back to Dancing!

Line Dancing (No Rounds)



CALLER: SCOTT COON *Line Dancing: Lisa Weiser*

Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood



PETTICOAT JUNCTION DANCE SHOP

14523 HWY 99, LYNNWOOD

www.petticoatjct.com

425-743-9513

friends@petticoatjct.com



Mount Baker Council Minutes
May 6th, 2026
Marysville School District Board Room,
4220 80th St NE, Marysville

Call to Order: President Jo Ann Pyle called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Marysville School District Transportation Center. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers: Jo Ann Pyle, Ken Frey, Sammi Fredenburg, Tom Corning, Judy Corning, Geri Johnson, Steve Sworen, and Oren Gaskill were the officers present.

Guests in Attendance: Dave Fredenburg, Murrey Bennett, Rob Webster, Steve Thompson, Andrea Cooley, Andrea Z, Gail Bruun.

Recording Secretary: Sammi Fredenburg, 360 359-2304 mbcrecsec@gmail.com. Minutes of June meeting read and approved.

President's Report: Jo Ann Pyle, 206 914-2253 mbcprez@gmail.com (SEE PAGE 5)

Vice President: Ken Frey 701 240-4023 kfrey1@yahoo.com Congratulations to the Samena Squares for hosting the 2026 Spring Council Dane. They had a very successful event and their hard work was definitely reflected in all aspects of the celebration. Thank you Samena for a great time.

Upcoming Council Dances: Fall 2026 Mount Baker Council; Spring 2027 Whirlybirds, and Fall 2027 Happy Hoppers.

Treasurer: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, tomcorning@comcast.net Report attached and bills to pay: Marysville School District: April Rent 35.00, Federation Meeting Lunch 325.14, Presidents Dinner 142.97, MBC Notes: Lesson Posters 38.47, Dudes & Dolls: Business Cards 25.00, Happy Hoppers: Business Cards 25.00, Penny Curtis: Lesson Cards 172.51, Evergreen State Fair 100.00, Marysville School District: May Rent 35.00, Marysville School District: June Rent 35.00, State Federation Dues, L&L Engraving for Ila Williams award. **Ken moved and Oren 2nd to pay the bills, carried. Robert moved, Lew 2nd to accept**

treasurer's report subject to audit. Carried.

Corresponding Secretary: Randy Lewis, 206 367-9219, mbc-corrsec@gmail.com, Thanks to the efforts of Karen Hammontree and the Caravan Chairs, I have a list of eight clubs tentative dances for the 2026 / 2027 season. This will help with the sending out of the weekly email starting next fall. When your club finalizes your schedule, please, email it to me at mbccorrsec@gmail.com. Likewise when your club has finalized its caravan schedule, please send it to me and I will include who is caravanning into dances in the weekly email.

Clubs, please let your membership and especially your dancers who graduated this season know about the summer dances hosted by Mount Baker Teacher, Callers & Cuers Association on Thursday nights at Juanita Community Club and Skagit Squares on Tuesday nights at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Details can be found on the MBC web-site and my weekly email.

I did not send out cards in April to anybody sick, in distress or suffering a loss. If you know of someone the Mount Baker Council should reach out to, please let me know.

Area Delegate: Judy Corning, 206.794.5946, judyseatrvl@comcast.net
No Report.

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

Advisor: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@gmail.com Delegate training will take place prior to next September's meeting.

Parliamentarian: Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net
Tonight is Oren's last night as parliamentarian. No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny Curtis 206 235-3419 publici-tymbc@gmail.com Getting the Level dance and Lessons list pages ready to go. Send me your lesson flyers as soon as you have

them. Remember names of files should always begin with a 2 or 3 letters for your club, HH, SkS, Sam, SSt and then month day in numbers 5.09 or 6.06.26. You can put anything you want after that. The excel files which I use to populate the calendar will go out shortly. I have given each club copies of their Wheresthedance information page and the MBC website page. Please correct and send to me...texting a picture is fine.

Council Dances: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@gmail.com
The Fall Council Dance will be held on Sunday, November 29th from 2-5 PM at the Northshore Senior Center. The Callers and Cuers will be all of our council callers and cuers AND our new callers who will be going to Caller Lab this year. Come support our NEW CALLERS and CUERS.

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

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 ssworen@gmail.com
370 copies made, 345 mailed for a cost of \$139, September ads are due August 10th.

Education and Leadership: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@gmail.com
Education and Leadership will be held at the 2026 Ocean Shores Festival on Thursday, July 15th in the Hospitality Room. Lectures: 1pm - Square Dance Revival – Tools to Revive Your Club. 2 pm is Using AI. 3pm - Success Stories from Clubs. 4 pm – Where are We Going with Federation President Lane Johnston.

Fair Coordinator: Bonnie Harry friends@petticoatjct.com

Fairs are now set in stone, tickets will be available in June or later. Demo dances will be posted on the website, and you can sign up for them. Friday, July 31st, Stanwood 1 pm; Stanwood Parade on August 1st, report at 10 am for 11 am parade. Friday August 7 is Skagit Fair in Mount Vernon, 2:15 pm. Saturday August 22nd is Northwest Washington Fair in Lyndon at 4 pm; and Sunday August 30th is Evergreen Fair in Monroe. Penny will have a sign up for all the demos on the website by early June.

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

Heritage Center: Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 No Report .

State Festival '27 Report: Penny Curtis 206 235-3419

publicitymbc@gmail.com Those who are registered for 2026 will hopefully be available for the 2027 skit on Wednesday, June 17th, before the Festival 2027 meeting. Mount Baker Council members can register now for the 2027 Festival. Email Penny Curtis at publicitymbc@gmail.com.

Membership Tom Corning, 949.228.0719 , tomcorning@comcast.net Need registrations from Cascade Crossfires, Fern Bluff, Happy Hoppers, Samena Squares, Skagit Squares, and Square Crows. Sky Valley Whirlwinds are folding.

Student Liaison: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369

lynneadunbar@gmail.com This summer we will be updating the New Dancer Handbook in preparation for the upcoming season. As part of this process, we plan to transition the document from its current software platform to a Google Doc format. This change will modernize the document and make future updates easier to implement in real time.

The transition will also allow us to reclassify the publication as a New Dancer Handout rather than a handbook. By hosting the document online, members will be able to access and print copies directly from the MBC website, reducing printing costs and saving the Council approximately \$300 annually.

The MBC website can support Google Doc functionality for less than \$100 per year. This project would serve as a pilot for the feature, with potential future applications including Council Notes, flyer submissions (replacing email), and other shared documents. Printed copies of the handout will continue to be available to clubs at no cost through the library. **Lynnea suggested that the Council authorize up to \$100 annually for Google Doc functionality on the MBC website. Or-en moved, Robert 2nd. Carried.**

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369

lynneadunbar@gmail.com Congratulations to the following dancers who have earned and received their Round Tuits: Randy Wall, Cathy Queeno-Wall, Shane Spahr (his 2nd!), Gini Johnson, Jennifer Coy (her 4th!), Vicki Sorg (her 2nd!), and Ann Kearney (her 6th!).

As of June 1, we have awarded 68 dangles and certificates. Of those, 19 were presented to new dancers who were participating in lessons. We have received six additional completed forms and look forward to presenting those awards over the summer. For the upcoming season, the form will be updated to require ten signatures, a change approved by the Council earlier this year. We will also add Jennifer Coy as a recipient for completed forms and remove Lynnea's home address, as no forms have been mailed there during the past year.

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

Tonight is the installation of new officers.

Properties: Geri Johnson 425-337-3658

No Report.

Publicity: Penny Curtis 206 235-3419 publicitymbc@gmail.com

Demo signup is active on the home page of the website. 3 people so far.

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

No Walls 2 Phase 2 Waltz with one Cross Hover; Download from Amazon.

Solo Coordinator: Cora Leach sustained77@gmail.com

Ask me to dance ribbons have been handed out to single dancers and have been welcomed and helpful. I will continue to hand them out and encourage solo dancers.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: .

Installation of officers. For the 2026-27 year, they are Jo Ann Pyle, President; Key Frey, Vice President; Melody Scalzo, Recording Secretary; Randy Lewis, Corresponding Secretary; Tom Corning, Treasurer and Judy Corning, Area Delegate. Thank you for continuing your positions for another year, and thank you Melody for stepping into the Recording Secretary position.

Congratulations to Bob and Linda Berka, recipients of the Ila Williams Award this year.

Dave Harry recommended the Council provide student badges to clubs, blank where the name would go, and the student's name taped to the badge while they are students. **Cora moved, Dave 2nd, referred to a committee for now.**

DELEGATE REPORTS:

A Blast: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719 , tomcorning@comcast.net,
New officers: President Zeph Schroeder, Vice President Marsha Sullivan, Secretary Melody Scalzo, Treasurer Tom Corning.
Advanced dances Randy Dibble is calling June 6 and Tony Oxendine is calling August 2.

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

judyseatrvl@comcast.net . No Report

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

No Report

Dudes & Dolls: Robert Reichle robert_r_r52@yahoo.com

Dudes & Dolls will hold our annual campout at Howard Miller Steelhead Park this year starting Thursday July 23 with our Spaghetti cook-off; Friday with games, wine tasting and karaoke; Saturday everyone is invited to our silent and live auctions. Please come and join in the fun. This is how we fund our annual Mystery Caravans. Sunday we have a huge potluck breakfast.

September 11 th starts our dance season beginning with our No Expe-

rience/Community Dance with Dave Harry calling. Our lessons begin on the 15th with Scott Coon instructing our new dancers, and our final dance of the month on the 25th will be our Welcome Back Dance with line dancing between the tips.

Fern Bluff Squares: Ray Gallagher 425 772-3476 raybft@comcast.net
Reminder our workshop this weekend June 6th "How to Save a club or How to lose a club" Time: 11 am - 2:00 pm at South Lake Stevens Grange. No charge just come with ideas to share. Ray Gallagher doing the workshop.

Saturday June 20th Eds Apple Dance. (Dangle dance) Saturday June 20th. Time: Potluck 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Bring a dish to share. Mainstream Dance 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Address: Ed's Apples 13420 339th Ave SE, Sultan, WA. Ray Gallagher calling and Alyshia Main cueing.

Fern Bluff Squares Mainstream lessons start Wednesday, September 9th. Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. "NEW LOCATION" going to offer lessons in our dance hall at the South Lake Stevens Grange. Rob Sax teaching

Mainstream Dance Saturday September 12th "Bandana Welcome Back Dance"

"NEW TIME" Pre rounds 6:30 pm, Plus 7:00 pm and Dance 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Rob Sax calling and Bob and Linda Berka cueing. South Lake Stevens Grange.

Fidalgo Fogcutters: 425-409-4559 LaKeyes@msn.com

Fogcutters will be hosting the Skagit River Rendezvous Plus Weekend again this Labor Day Weekend, September 4-7 with Ray Brendzy, Steve Noseck and Randy & Marie Preskitt. Additional flyers with registration information can be found on the Council website.

Our dance on Saturday, September 12th will be "All Aboard" theme to kick off the new dance season with the expanded Plus call list. Our caller will be Mark Denniston from the Lacey area and rounds will be cued by Bob Berka. Rounds are 1:30 to 2pm and Plus from 2-4pm. We will meet for dinner following the dance at the Train Wreck Bar & Grill (427 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington).

Hope everyone had a great summer, and Welcome Back to dancing!

Freewheelers: Tom Corning, 949.228-0719, tomcorning@comcast.net
Anniversary Dance June 7 with Steve Noseck calling Randy Preskitt cueing. Beach Party June 21 with Spyder Webb calling Katie Marteny cueing. Tony Oxendine is calling a Plus dance August 2.

August 22 is an Angel Workshop with Stephen Cole.

Happy Hoppers: Karen Hammontree No Report

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer larry_mercer02@outlook.com

We will be dancing on every Tuesday in May at the Hayloft. We dance phase 3&4 at the Hayloft, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Randy Preskitt is the Cuer.

Mt. Baker TCCA: No Report

Rainbow Squares: Lew & Oren Gaskill 360 733-4487
olgaskill@comcast.net . Rainbow Squares will be putting on their 40th annual Demo Dance at the NW WA Fair on Saturday, August 22nd from 4 to 5 PM in front of the Clock Tower in Lynden. Dave Harry will be Calling this year and Hank Ohana will be getting 40 “Get in Free” tickets sometime in June and is taking names now to reserve the tickets. Please contact him at 360-303-6903 to get your name on the sign-up list for a free ticket.

Samena Squares: Debbie Rebman 206-354-9345
dancinladytoo@gmail.com It’s hard to believe Summer is here already. Samenas have an active June planned. On June 12th, we have the Hot Fun Summertime Dance with Stephen Cole calling and Shawn Cavness cueing. On the 14th, we caravan to the Happy Hoppers dance. On the 27th, we host Brent Mawdsley calling and cueing. Our annual Kirkland Marina dance will be on the 29th of August. This gives us a chance to dance outside and show the people in the park how fun square dance is . Aside from the Marina park event all our dances are at the Juanita Community club, 13027 100th Avenue NE, Kirkland. We

hope you have a fun summer and we'll see you in September.

Shooting Stars: Nicole Belsvik nbelsvik@gmail.com

No Report

Skagit Squares: Jim Hunt 425-681-4640 jchunt3@gmail.com

The Skagit Squares dance at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. The Skagit Squares are dancing all summer on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9pm with Dave Harry calling. On the 1st Tuesday of June, July & August (June 2, July 7, August 4, Sept 1) the dances will be a no experience dance. On the remaining 2nd , 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays of June, July & August (June 9 thru August 25) the dances will be Mainstream Square Dancing. Please note, if the Mt Vernon temperature is 90 degrees or higher we will take the night off. Contact Murray at 240-344-6329 if you have questions.

Our square dance lessons will start on Tuesday Sept 8, 2026 at 7pm. . See SkagitSquares.org for the lesson flyer and more information We have some decorations from our 75 th Anniversary Dance available.

Square Crows: Brooks Bennett 206 914-4632
brooksbennett79@gmail.com

- Report given by Jo Ann Pyle

Brooks is in Pasco for a meeting and I will be heading there after this meeting.

- Upcoming events:

- June 19th – June Is Busting Out All Over! with Gaylen Sauve' and Kyle Quande. We look forward to a visit from Rainbow Squares and a fitting remembrance for Lew and Oren Gaskill.

- We will be dark in July due to the State Festival.

- August 21st is our "Let's Eat Ice Cream" dance with Leo Catt & Kyle Quande.

- Our Lessons with Ray Gallagher start on September 13th at the Northshore Senior Center.

Whirlybirds: Alyshia Main. 206 799-5424 alyshiam216@gmail.com

Whirlybirds are looking forward to our First Friday Fun Fest "Hot Diggity Dog" Dance. We will have hotdogs tailgate style beginning at 6:45pm. Come and enjoy a hot dog before the dance.

We are looking forward to hosting the float at the Bothell 4th of July Parade. We appreciate all our clubs from Lynden to Kirkland that come and help support this event and help hand out candy and business cards directing people to the council lessons page.

This summer we are also looking forward to our Annual Whirlybird picnic at Dave and Bonnie Harry's house. We always have great food, fun playing bocce ball and of course a tip or two in the grass.

September will be full of fun. Our lessons will kick off on September 17th at 7pm. Angels are always welcome. Our September mainstream dance is going Oktoberfest -German Style. That's right our dance committee has decided that since our dance is on the first night of Oktoberfest we too should celebrate.

We are also excited to announce that Sammi and Andrene will be our council delegates for the 2026-2027 dance year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Thanks to Happy Hoppers & Dudes & Dolls for snacks tonight.

The next meeting will be held at **The Marysville School District Transportation Building Board Room, 4302 134th Street NE, Marysville WA 98271**

September snacks will be provided by the MBC Executive Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sammi Fredenburg
Recording Secretary

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council
Treasurer Report 6/1/2026

	Checking	Savings	Due 2/8/2026 CD 2mo	6/8/2026 CD 4mo	Total
Balance as reported on 5/1/2026	599.69	15,393.03	-	45,867.19	61,859.91
Plus deposits					
Membership dues					
Federation Meeting Lunch	52.00				
Bank Charges					
5/29/2026 Interest		0.12			
5/7/2026				120.75	
5/31/2026					
Subtotal Income:	52.00	0.12	-	120.75	172.87
Less Payments					
764 Marysville School District: March Rent	35.00				
765 Stephen Cole: Demo Caller	100.00				
766 Dudes & Dolls: Student Level Dance Coupon	10.00				
767 Happy Hoppers: Student Level Dance Coupon	8.00				
Subtotal Expense:	153.00	-	-	-	153.00
Book Balance as of 5/31/2026	498.69	15,393.15	-	45,987.94	61,879.78
Outstanding Checks					
760 Rotary Club of Stanford-Camano Island: Parade	125.00				
763 Penny Curtis: Tockify website	80.00				
Bank Balance as of 5/31/2026	703.69	15,393.15	-	45,987.94	62,084.78

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Skagit Squares – September & October 2026 Dances



No Experience Necessary - Introduce your family & friends
to Square Dancing – **Tuesday – Sept 1st** with Dave Harry
from 7 to 9:00pm

Mainstream Club Dances - 3rd Saturdays - Sept 19th (Funny
T-Shirts) & **Oct 17th** (Snoopy/Peanuts) from 6:30 to 9pm with
Gunter Monroe calling & Bob/Linda Berka Cueing

1st Saturday Level Dance – Oct 3rd with Dave Harry 7-9pm

Mount Vernon Senior Center - 1401 Cleveland – Mt Vernon WA

More Info - Murray murbennett52@gmail.com or www.skagitsquares.org