

# **Mt. Baker Council Notes FEBRUARY 2026**

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## MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2025-2026

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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 Becky, Christine (Chris), and Kendra, all currently taking PLUS lessons!

Becky joined the fun after her coworker, Pam, invited her to lessons. One invitation was all it took!

Chris, on the other hand, grew up in a square dancing family. She danced until her mid-20s, then took a very long break — maybe 10 years, 20 years, 50 years... or even 100

years (basically, a long break!). One day, Karen took her to Friday Fun Fest, and she quickly realized the moves were still the same. She was so excited to be back!

Kendra went to Friday Fun Fest with her aunt and was instantly hooked. Now she dances 3–4 days a week and absolutely loves square dancing.

## Their Advice for New Dancers

- Don't be shy! Dance with a variety of partners and a variety of callers.
- Attend lessons to learn, and go to level dances to get floor time.
- Don't take yourself too seriously, just have fun and smile!
- Trust the process. There's a moment in learning (at any level) when you suddenly forget a move you know. That's where the magic happens! This is when muscle memory forms and really sticks with you.

## Why They Love Square Dancing

- It's fun and keeps them active
- Moving to music
- Positive social connections
- Swinging!
- The fast pace of Plus dancing
- Loving the community and the challenge of solving square dance "puzzles", because square dancing is the best kind of puzzle!

## Their Hobbies

- Becky: Reading and dancing
- Chris: Traveling anywhere (favorite trip: a safari in Southern



Africa!), gardening, walking, and reading historical fiction

- Kendra: Square dancing (did she mention she loves it?), knitting, playing piano, and reading

And exciting news, Kendra is learning how to call! I'm so excited that we'll have another caller in the Mt. Baker Council

I've danced with all three of them, and they are so much fun to dance with. They are solo dancers, so if you see them at a dance, please ask them to dance or invite them into your square.

You won't regret it, they make dancing even more fun!

*Grace Maria*

## ***Hello New Dancers!***

It's graduation time! You may have already graduated—or will be graduating soon—**congratulations** on this exciting achievement!

To celebrate your success, you are invited to attend the Spring Council Dance for FREE. The MBC is generously covering the entry donation for all 2026 mainstream graduates—thank you, MBC! Watch the council notes or MBC Website for dance information.

Please be sure to complete the “Graduation Questionnaire” that was distributed by your class coordinator. Your feedback is extremely valuable and helps us understand what's working well and where we can improve the new dancer experience. Responses are consolidated into common themes and reviewed by class coordinators as we develop action plans at our annual coordinator meeting. If you did not receive the questionnaire, just let me know.

Most importantly—have fun dancing at mainstream dances! And remember, you are now considered an “angel.” Please lend a helping hand to new dancers whenever and wherever you can. See you on the dance floor!

*Lynnea Dunbar, MBC Student Liason*



# President's Message

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

**[lopenn@aol.com](mailto:lopenn@aol.com) / [mbcpres@gmail.com](mailto:mbcpres@gmail.com)**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year! Now it's time for 2026 to begin.

Thank you to the Student Liaisons for updating the student survey prior to graduations. We have many enthusiastic students who are going to many level dances. Keep up the good work.

I wanted to get some input from clubs around the council about how regular mainstream clubs are intending to proceed with the changes that Callerlab made to the teaching lists for the New Mainstream Program and the New Plus Program. It seems that most mainstream clubs will continue with the new mainstream program and the clubs who dance/teach plus will continue to do so.

It is time once again to be thinking of who you would like to see receive the Ila Williams Memorial Award in 2026. There are many people who do a lot for Square Dancing, and we look forward to hearing more about them through your letters.

## **ILA WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AWARD**

Mount Baker Council established the Ila Williams Memorial Award in 2007 in memory of Ila Williams, who was an avid square dancer, and Mount Baker Council officer, for all her outstanding efforts and many contributions to the promotion of square dancing in Snohomish County and the State of Washington.

### **Criteria for Selection:**

- The Ila Williams Memorial Award shall be presented at the Mount Baker Council Spring Festival Dance each year to a Mount Baker Council area dancer (individual, couple, caller or cuer) who has done an outstanding job of promoting square dancing or round dancing in the Mount Baker Council area.
- The Award is to honor a person or couple for the time and effort they have devoted to our hobby.
- The current holder shall retain the award for one year and shall select the following year's recipient, outside their own club, and present the award to the new recipients at the next Mount Baker Council Spring Festival Dance.

Each club or individual may send a nomination to the current recipient who is serving as the current year's Chair. This nomination should be accompanied with a resume (write-up) of the nominee's accomplishments. Nominations aid in choosing a recipient and do not mean they must be chosen from those nominations. The current holder may utilize any method they choose in selecting the recipient.

Those who have submitted a resume previously and your nominee did not get chosen, please re-submit that resume and add any current activities to update your nomination.

Annual deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Send to: Judy & Tom Corning at 2016 NE 177<sup>th</sup> St, Shoreline, WA 98155 or email to [judyseatrvl@comcast.net](mailto:judyseatrvl@comcast.net) or [tomcorning@comcaast.net](mailto:tomcorning@comcaast.net).





## **FREEWHEELERS**



### **Hearts and Flowers dance Sunday, February 1st**

Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: Katie Marteny



*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

6:30 to 7:00 Advance Rounds

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

9 pm plus tip

#### **Cedar Valley Grange**

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com

Www.squaredanceseseattle.com



## **Cascade Crossfires**

*Plus Square Dancing*

**MONDAYS 7-9 PM**

**Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood**

**Caller: Stephen Cole**

*(For Feb it's the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd)*

**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

**February 6th**



**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***  
***Feb 7th Steve Noseck***  
***Feb 21st Dark***



***Round Dancing***  
***With***  
***Shawn & Wendy Cavness***

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

**2/3/4 rounds 7:00-7:30 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, FEB 7th**  
**7- 9 PM**

**Dave Harry Calling**

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

**Happy Hoppers**

Carl Gipson Center  
3025 Lombard Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

**Sunday**  
**February 8**

# BLACK & WHITE DANCE

**SCOTT COON CALLING**

**KATIE MARTENY CUEING**

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

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

**Mainstream 6:30-8:30**



Free parking in Carl Gipson Center lot, sites 1-55  
Entrance on Broadway between Wall & Pacific Streets



*The Dudes & Dolls present*  
**LOVE MY DANGLES**

*Level Dance*



*Come  
Get A  
Dangle*

**with Scott Coon & Lisa Weiser**

**February 13th**

Line Dancing 7-7:30 pm

Plus Dancing 7:30-8 pm

Level Dancing 8-10 pm

Cedar Valley Grange #306  
20526 52nd Ave West, Lynnwood  
425-308-3950



# SADIE HAWKINS DANCE



Juanita Community Club  
13027 100th NE, Kirkland



**"LADIES  
ASK  
FELLAS"**

*Caller*

**Spyder Webb**

**Friday, Feb. 13th**

*Cuer*

**Randy & Marie Preskitt**

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

Hearing enhancement  
available  
Credit card accepted



*Fridalga*  
FOGCUTTERS

**Valentines Dance**

Feb. 14, 2026

1:30 - 2 p.m. prerounds

Plus Dance w/rounds 2-4 p.m.

**STEVE NOSECK - Caller**

**BOB BERKA - Cuer**

Stay after for Valentines appetizers

Skagit Valley Grange  
21273 Cook Rd. Burlington WA  
Qs?? Rob Webster: [rwebster@hotmail.com](mailto:rwebster@hotmail.com)



Facebook – Fern Bluff Squares



Have a Heart  
Dance

Caller: Rob Sax  
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

Soon to be &  
recent Graduates  
welcome!

**South Lake Stevens Grange**  
**2109 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE**  
**Lake Stevens, WA**

Adults: \$10.00

Youth: (12-18) \$5.00

Children: (11 & Under) Free w/ Adult

**Saturday February 14, 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



**PLUS**

The Freewheelers  
invite you to:



# Presidents Day dance

Pie and Ice Cream Social



**Sunday, February 15th**

Caller: Steven Cole

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



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



**Cedar Valley  
Grange**

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood  
Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219  
Freewheelersquaredance@gmail.com

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## Year of the Horse

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

Caller: Stephen Noseck

Cuer: Kyle Quande

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

**8:00 -10:00 P.M. Mainstream**



Entry Donation  
\$10.00 per person

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

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



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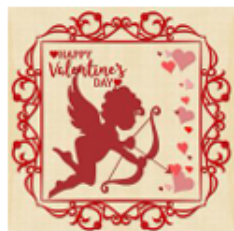


***Saturday, February 21***

***Rob Sax calling***

***Dance 1:30 to 4:30***

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



**LOVE IS IN  
THE AIR**

**Skagit Squares**



**FEB 21, 2026**

**GUNTER MONROE CALLING  
BOB BERKA CUEING**

**PRE ROUNDS 7:30 – DANCE 8:00 TO 10:00  
MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER**

**[www.skagitsquares.org](http://www.skagitsquares.org)**

Come Dance with the Whirlybirds!

**Pre-Rounds 7:30**

**Mainstream 8pm**

# "Love Boat"



Student Level Dance



## February 21st

**Dave Harry calling  
&  
Alyshia Main cueing**



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

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

[whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com](mailto:whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com)

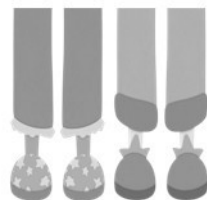
**Happy Hoppers**

Carl Gipson Center  
3025 Lombard Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

**Sunday  
February 22**

# Pajama Party!

**Adam Christman  
calling & cueing**



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

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

**Mainstream 6:30-8:30**



Free parking in Carl Gipson Center lot, sites 1-55

Entrance on Broadway between Wall & Pacific Streets





## Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

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

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

# February 27th

## *Let the Good Times Roll*



### *Mardi Gras Mainstream Dance*

**CALLER:** Scott Coon **CUER:** Shawn Cavness

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

Friday Feb. 27th

# Pirates Party



Juanita Community Club  
13027 100th NE, Kirkland



Caller- **Robert Sax**

Line Leader- **Lisa Weiser**

**Level Dance**  
\$10 donation  
\$5 Non-Samena  
student



7:30-8 pm Plus

8-10 pm Student Level dance

Line dancing between tips

Hearing enhancement

Credit card accepted





# *Sky Valley Whirlwinds*



**FEBRUARY 28TH**

**Red Hearts  
Dance**

**Tom Clymer  
& Lisa Weiser!**



**6PM Lines    6:30PM PLUS**

**7-9 PM Mainstream Dance**

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

## **RAINBOW SQUARES**

**Guest Caller Dave Harry**

**4th Saturday in February 2026**

**FEB 28th – Dave Harry Calling & Cueing  
Student Level – Basic & MS 1-12**

**STUDENTS GET IN FREE!**

**Plus Level or Lines 7-7:30 – Student Level 7:30-9:30PM  
Hearing Enhancement 72.9 MHz, Experienced Clothing Sale,  
Refreshments after this dance.**

**Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA  
Contact: 360-961-7892**

# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Freewheelers</b> <i>Dancing Shadows</i> <i>Shooting Stars,</i> <i>Square Crows</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>2</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>3</b> Happy Rounders <i>ABlast, Dudes &amp; Dolls</i> <i>Happy Hoppers,</i> <i>Skagit Squares</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>4</b> <b>MBC Meeting</b> <b>7:30</b> <i>Fogcutters Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Samena Squares,</i> <i>Whirlybirds</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>6</b> <b>Whirlybirds</b> <b>(No experience)</b>	<b>7</b> A-Blast Dancing Shadows/ Eastside Plus  <b>Skagit Squares</b> <b>(Student Level)</b>
<b>8</b> Happy Hoppers <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	<b>9</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>10</b> Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD, SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Happy Hoppers</i> <i>Graduates</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Fogcutters Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>12</b> <i>SA SQ WB</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Dudes &amp; Dolls</b> <b>(Student Level)</b>  Samena Squares	<b>14</b> Fogcutters  Fern Bluff
<b>15</b> Freewheelers <b>(PLUS)</b> <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	<b>16</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>17</b> Happy Rounders <i>AB,DD, SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Fogcutters Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>19</b> <i>SA SQ WB</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>20</b> Square Crows	<b>21</b> <b>Whirlybirds</b> <b>(Student Level)</b>  Shooting Stars Skagit Squares
<b>22</b> Happy Hoppers <i>DS, SC, SS Lessons</i>	<b>23</b> Cascade Crossfires	<b>24</b> Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS</i> <i>Lessons</i>  <i>Dudes &amp; Dolls</i> <i>Graduates</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Fogcutters Plus</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>26</b> <i>SA SQ WB</i> <i>Lessons</i>	<b>27</b> Dudes & Dolls  <b>Samena Squares</b> <b>(Student Level)</b>	<b>28</b> Whirlwinds <b>Rainbow Squares</b> <b>(Student Level)</b>

# Mount Baker Council Minutes

## January 7th, 2026

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jo Ann Pyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the Marysville School Board Room. Roll call of officers: JoAnn Pyle, Ken Frey, Sammi Fredenburg, Tom Corning, Judy Corning.

**Guests in Attendance** Terry Bustamante, Beverly Veenstra, Shawna Blood, and Dave Fredenburg

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

**President's Report:** . (See page 5)

### **Vice President:**

Samena Squares are hosting the next council dance, then the Whirlybirds, then the Happy Hoppers.

**Recording Secretary:** Sammi Fredenburg, 360 359-2304 Reminder that I need both paper AND digital reports from each club. It helps a lot if you have the digital report submitted to me prior to the meeting. And I need to know who your club delegates are. If you are a substitute delegate for your club, indicate so on the sign-in sheet. I will base my agenda distribution on who the delegates are.

**Treasurer:** Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, [tomcorning@comcast.net](mailto:tomcorning@comcast.net) Treasurer's report attached at the end of this report. Bills were itemized and paid..

**Motion to pay bills, Brooks moved Melody seconded, passed.** Eighteen-month CD at Mechanics Bank was rolled over into a 2-month CD, \$5.58 in interest. We will evaluate in the next few months on the best place for it to be going. 1099's for those paid greater than \$600 by your club for services performed need to be submitted to the state. Have callers/cuers fill out a W9. Tom Corning has the forms on order and the details. They need to be distributed by January 31<sup>st</sup>, and due to state by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Brooks mentioned that in past years when Marsha Sullivan as Treasurer at State Federation has offered to help with submission of 1099's, **Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report, passed.**

**Corresponding Secretary:** Randy Lewis, 206.367.9219, [randy2126@gmail.com](mailto:randy2126@gmail.com) No Report. With no filebox for flyers, distribute flyers to delegates present tonight.

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

No report.

**Area Nominating:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com)  
Please let me know if you have anyone in mind to nominate for a State officer position or for a Council Board position. I have forms you can fill out. Elections take place in May.

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

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

No Report.

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**Computer Coordinator:** Penny Curtis 206 235-34196  
[publicitymbc@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymbc@gmail.com) No Report.

**Council Dances:** Samena Squares reported that they were passing out fliers and tickets today for the Spring Council Dance. All clubs were encouraged to start selling these tickets as soon as possible.

Item of note:

- The Spring Council dance will be held May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Northshore Senior Center in Bothell, beginning at 2pm and ending at 5pm. This is corrected information, different from what was recently shared over email.
- Randy and Marie Preskitt will be cuing rounds starting at 2pm. Brett Kapenman will be calling Mainstream squares. Dave Harry will be calling a separate student level mainstream dance. The dance will also include a tumbleweed dance led by the Shooting Stars and Rob Sax.
- Pricing is as follows:

Ticket Type	In Advance	At the Door
Adult	\$15	\$18
Youth (18 and younger)	\$10	\$12
Family (2 adults and children under 18)	\$40	\$50

Please indicate which type of ticket is being sold by putting an "X" on the ticket next to the correct type. Also keep a record of how many of each type of tickets your club sells on page 2 of the instruction sheet. This information will be helpful in our accounting.

As part of Samena's presentation of tickets and flyers, Shawna requested a definition of "Student" since Samena's had been informed that student tickets were free and would be funded by the Mt. Baker Council. After much discussion with varying opinions and uncertainty of the meaning of records, **Shawna motioned that active students, defined as anyone who is involved with lessons at the time of the 2026 Spring Council Dance, will be provided with a free ticket which will be fully funded by the Mt. Baker Council. The motion was seconded from a delegate on the floor and, after additional discussions, passed.**

Thank you to delegates who mentioned the following:

- This decision for Mt. Baker Council to fund the active student tickets is for the 2026 Spring Council dance only. Discussion to decide a future course of direction in the handling of student tickets will be addressed at a future Mt. Baker Council meeting.

Sellers of tickets will also need to track both youth and adult student tickets. Please keep a list of how many youth and adult student tickets are handed out in the "Active MBC Students (Free)" box so proper funding is correctly recorded for Mt. Baker Council.

Samena Squares also mentioned that all mainstream clubs were provided with 20 tickets each and A-Blast and round clubs were each provided 10 tickets each. Larry of Happy Round club returned his club tickets since he was aware that all Happy Round members were also mainstream members and able to buy tickets within the mainstream clubs. Beverly Veenstra mentioned that if any club needs more tickets they are welcome to contact her for additional tickets. Her email contact for 2026 Council dance tickets is [small.wing6337@fastmail.com](mailto:small.wing6337@fastmail.com).

Just to reiterate: free student tickets will only be for the two clubs that will be still holding lessons in May.

A late correction was realized on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Randy and Marie Preskitt will be starting pre-rounds at 2pm for **a half-hour**. Brett Kappenman will start calling squares at 2:30pm. Mainstream and round dances will alternate as usual for the majority of the Spring Council Dance.

- **Motion made by Shawna Blood and Beverly Veenstra that all active square dance students get into the Spring Council Dance for free, reimbursed by the Council. Melody seconded.** If going to be a longer term venture, we need to consider creating a policy. **Voted, passed.** Whirlybirds do not have a report on the Fall dance.

Brooks gave verbal report on October 4<sup>th</sup> Council Dance. When date was set, no other clubs had dances on that date. That changed as time went by. Also, ticket sales were hard to account for as not all the dollars or tickets were returned. Each club is encouraged to make someone responsible for the sale of the tickets out of courtesy to the host club. 100 tickets sold, 31 at the door, 16 separately for the No Experience Hall. \$1825 was generated in sales. 1723.51 in expenses, net income was 101.39, \$50.80 profit to club after reimbursing the Council. Shooting Stars did all the refreshments, they raised \$230. Recommend that those selling the tickets are marked the sale price option so the host club will know what to expect in revenue. Good basket raffle. 50/50 did not generate very much money. Sewing goods sales were good. This income far outweighed the ticket sales. Only 20 tickets sold and not used. Hosting club members paid for admission. Dave recommended that a policy put in place that when tickets are distributed, clubs are financially responsible to return either the unsold tickets and money collected, We used to have envelopes on who the tickets were distributed to. Melody asked reimbursement rate on the tickets. Not sure.

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**No Report.**

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**No Report.**

**Education/Leadership:** Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 [sswor-en@gmail.com](mailto:sswor-en@gmail.com) **No Report.**

**Fair Coordinator:** Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 [publicitymbc@gmail.com](mailto:publicitymbc@gmail.com)

**No Report.**

**Footnotes:** Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 [sammi.98270@gmail.com](mailto:sammi.98270@gmail.com)

**No Report.**

**Heritage Center:** Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 [mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tomcorning@comcast.net) **No Report.**

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

Thank you to all the clubs and angels for supporting our new dancers at level dances. Graduations are happening now through March. Please be sure to ask graduates to complete the "Graduation Questionnaire" so we can identify



opportunities to enhance the new dancer experience. All class coordinators have been provided the questionnaire.

**State Festival '27 Report:** The next meeting is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Dave and Bonnie Harry's. There are committee positions to be filled, such as Parking Coordinator, Housing Coordinator, etc. Please consider volunteering. The work will mostly involve gathering information and communicating with committee members.

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

Congratulations to the following students who have earned and been presented their Round Tuitts: Amber Christiansen, Ann Kearney, and Amanda Klein. Congratulations to the following experienced dancers who have earned and been presented their Round Tuitts: Janice Lewis, Randy Lewis, Marliaina Spahr, Shane Spahr, and Dawn Thompson.

**Nominating:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com). Please let me know if you have anyone in mind to nominate for a State officer position or for a Council Board position. I have forms you can fill out. Elections take place in May.

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

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

**Round Dance:** Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 [bekarl@whidbey.net](mailto:bekarl@whidbey.net) Round of the Month for January is "Sounds Like The Radio." By Mike and Michelle Seurer, Music is on CD Sounds Like The Radio Trk 1 Zach Top. It is a Two Step, Phase II. Download from Amazon,, I Tunes, and You Tube. Other Selections were Love, Hope and Faith, For a Read Tho Step

**Scrapbook:** Claire Ball 425-206-8709 [ball.gordy@gmail.com](mailto:ball.gordy@gmail.com) Working on it.

**Student Liaison** 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 Experience Dance fundraiser coming up at South Lake Steven, evening of January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Thank you to Happy Rounders and Fern Bluff squares for the snacks tonight.

**DELEGATE REPORTS**

**A Blast:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com) In February, our dance will be February 7th, with Steve Noseck calling from 1 to 3:30 pm. Looking ahead, on March 7th, Adam Christman 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 are beginning this month! All advanced dancers are welcome to join us!

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

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

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

No Report

**Dudes & Dolls:** Amber Cox On February the 13<sup>th</sup> is "Love my Dangles" level dance. Dangles for the first 50 dancers. February 27 is our "Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler" dance for Mardi Gras. We are also caravanning to Whirlybirds on February 21st. March begins our workshops. The 10<sup>th</sup> is Intro to Flourishes with Vance Morrison, 17<sup>th</sup> is Intro to Plus with Vance Morrison, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> is Mainstream strengthening with Scott Coon, finally April 7<sup>th</sup> is Line Dancing with Lisa Weiser. All dances at Cedar Valley Grange.

**Fern Bluff Squares:** Ray Gallagher 425 772-3476 [raybft@comcast.net](mailto:raybft@comcast.net). No written report. Join them for a potluck before their dances.

**Fidalgo Fogcutters:** Leslie Keyes, 425-409-4559, [la\\_keyes@msn.com](mailto:la_keyes@msn.com)

In February, we hope you can join us for our Valentines Dance on February 14th with Steve Noseck calling and Bob Berka cueing. Pre-rounds begin at 1:30pm and Plus is from 2-4pm. We invite you to stay after our dance for Valentine appetizers and sweet treats.

**Freewheelers:** Randy Lewis Thank you to all who attended our level dance and experienced clothing sale. We had nine squares! Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is our Hearts and Flowers dance with Spyder Webb and Katie Marteny. The Rainbow Squares are caravanning in. Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> is our President's Day dance and pie and ice cream social with Stephen Cole and Randy Preskitt. March 1<sup>st</sup> is our Forever in Blue Jeans level dance with Vance Morrison and Randy Preskitt. We still have experienced clothing to sell. We dance first and third Sundays at the Cedar Valley Grange, with advanced rounds from 6:30 to 7 pm, followed by the dance from 7 to 9 with a plus tip at the end of our mainstream dances.

**Happy Hoppers:** January 11th will be our first dance in the New Year. We will be having Steve Nosack calling for us and Shawn Cavness cueing. Theme for this dance is "Snowflake Shuffle". Our "Crazy T-shirt " dance will be on January 25th with Vance Morrison calling and Kyle Quande cueing. We dance at the Carl Gibson Center in Everett from 6 to 6:30 plus and 6:30 to 8:30 mainstream. Please come join us for these lively dances.

**Happy Rounders:** Larry Mercer 206-365-8095 [larry\\_mercer02@outlook.com](mailto:larry_mercer02@outlook.com)  
There are no scheduled Happy Rounders dances in January.

**Rainbow Squares:** Lew (Oren) Gaskill 360-733-4487 [olgaskill@comcast.net](mailto:olgaskill@comcast.net)  
Rainbow Squares February 28 dance will be a Student Level Dance featuring guest caller Dave Harry. Dave will have us dancing level mainstream movements 1-12, as well as lines and rounds, from 7 to 9:30pm. STUDENTS GET IN FREE! The experienced clothing shop will be open, and we will have our break at the end of the dance. We hope to see you at the Ten Mile Grange in Lynden!

**Samena Squares:** Debbie Rebman 206-354-9345

[dancinladytoo@gmail.com](mailto:dancinladytoo@gmail.com)! February is a month of romance and what better way to start than a Sadie Hawkins dance with Spyder Webb calling and Alyshia Main cueing on the 13 th. We caravan to the romantic Fern Bluff club on the 14 th of February. Always cuddly at our Pirate Party level dance with Rob Sax calling and Lisa Weiser leading line dances on the 27 th. We hope your February is full of fun and romance. As always, our dances are held at the Juanita Community Club in Kirkland.

**Shooting Stars:** Ryan Belsvik, 425.595.0770, [ryanbelsvik@gmail.com](mailto:ryanbelsvik@gmail.com) **No Report.**

**Skagit Squares:** Jim Hunt, 425-681-4640, [jchunt3@gmail.com](mailto:jchunt3@gmail.com) The Skagit Squares dance at the Mt Vernon Senior Center. Join us on Sunday Jan 11 th at Noon for the beginning of basic Round Dance Lessons with Bob & Linda Berka. We have a soup square dance on Saturday Jan 17th with soup served at 6:30pm with rounds and square dancing to follow.starting at 7pm. Our February club dance is on Saturday Feb 21 starting at 7:30pm with Bob/ Linda Berka cueing and Gunter Monroe calling. We have Square Dance Lessons starting on Tuesday Feb 10th at 7pm with Dave Harry. There are 2 free introduction classes on Tuesday Jan 27 & Feb 3 at 7pm. We look forward to a great square dance class and welcome any new students or angels.

**Sky Valley Whirlwinds:** Geri Johnson 425-337-3658 [gjandl628@gmail.com](mailto:gjandl628@gmail.com) 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. Our February dance is on February 28 with caller Tom Clymer and Lisa Weiser again leading line dancing. 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. We have a caravan to the Skagit Squares on February 21. Beginning January 8th through February 26th , the Freewheelers and Sky Valley Whirlwinds together will be hosting Mainstream Strengthening Workshops with caller/teacher Spyder Webb at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. The Alzheimer's Benefit Dance for 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at the Juanita Community Center beginning at 1:00 pm.

**Square Crows:** Brooks Bennett. Lessons continuing with 12 students, we appreciate the angel support. January 16<sup>th</sup> dance – A New Beginning, a level dance, \$5 admission for students. And next dance is February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Whirlybirds:** Ryan Wood, 206.799.5424., Whirlybirds are looking to show our 12th man spirit at our January mainstream dance, we encourage everybody to wear their favorite Jersey and support their team. Just a reminder that we dance the first Friday of every month and the third Saturday of every month. We are also kicking off lessons February 12th so those that missed fall lessons or just want another chance to go through them, let them know that they still have a chance. Lessons are Thursdays at the Hayloft 7-9pm.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Thank you for updating us on who your club delegates are.

Terry Bustamonte reported on Toys For Tots: It's been another busy year for Mrs. Claus and I. This year's donation totaled ten and a half boxes of toys delivered to Toys For Tots, leading up to Christmas. We also had record cash donations of \$1,445.00 thanks to some very generous people. Mary at Toys

For Tots was very grateful and sends her thanks, as well as both Mrs. Claus and myself. Again, thanks to all of you for supporting this wonderful organization and we look forward to working with all of you again next year!

Alzheimer's Dance Dangle Dance on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Line, square, and round dancing.

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

Cliff brought a stack of Steps in Order magazines from 1953 – 1957, a predecessor to Promenade Around the Sound. And books: Here's to Square Dancing (2 copies). The museum in Spokane won't take them.

Snacks next month will be provided by Rainbow Squares and Fidalgo Fogcutters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **February 4th, 2025** at 7:30 PM.

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

Submit Ila Williams Award recommendations, in writing, to Judy and Tom Corning.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Sammi Fredenburg**  
**Recording Secretary**

Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council  
Treasurer Report 12/1/2025

	Checking	Due Savings	2/8/2026 CD 2mo	12/21/2025 CD 18mo	Total
Balance as reported on 12/1/2025	1,273.53	15,892.37	0.00	45,426.34	62,592.24
Plus deposits					
Cancel Check 679 returned by festival committee	75.00				
			45,423.85	(45,423.85)	
Bank Charges			(40.58)	(4.22)	
Interest		0.14			
12/31/2025			95.58	1.73	
Subtotal Income:	75.00	0.14	45,478.85	(45,426.34)	127.65
Less Payments					
745 Marysville School District: October Rent	35.00				
746 Happy Hoppers: Council Dance Coupon	10.00				
746 Happy Hoppers: Angel Workshop	220.00				
747 Dudes & Dolls: Council Dance Coupon	10.00				
Subtotal Expense:	275.00	-	-	-	275.00
Book Balance as of 12/31/2025	1,073.53	15,892.51	45,478.85	-	62,444.89
Outstanding Checks					
Bank Balance as of 12/31/2025	1,073.53	15,892.51	45,478.85	-	62,444.89



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