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MT. BAKER COUNCIL NOTES FOR 2025-2026

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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

OCT 7 Council Meeting 7:30

**Marysville School District
1049 State Ave, 2nd Floor
Marysville, WA 98270**

NOV 29 Council Dance 2:00-5:00

**Northshore Senior Center
10201 E Riverside Dr, Bothell**

Plus Dancer Spotlight



Meet Lisa, Dan & Shawna!

Three dancers, three different stories, but one thing in common—they love square dancing! **They're all new to Plus dancing and excited to keep learning, dancing, and having fun!**

Lisa danced years ago but stopped in 1992. While visiting her mom in San Diego, she attended her sister's graduation from caller school. It reminded her just how much she loved dancing. When she returned home, she discovered a class starting the very next week. She joined...and never looked back! As Lisa says, **"I was born to dance!"**

Shawna & Dan got their start when friends Mauro and Maria Pia invited them to try free square dance lessons. Shawna wasn't even sure what square dancing was, but she was ready to try something different. After the first night, she laughed so hard her cheeks hurt! Dan missed that first lesson because of a construction project, but he made it to the second one—and has been hooked ever since.



Their advice to new dancers:

Don't expect to be perfect! Be patient with yourself, get plenty of floor time, and dance with different callers. Every caller brings something different, and every dance helps you improve. Most importantly, enjoy the journey and have fun!

What do they love about square dancing?

The friendships, laughter, exercise, festivals, and especially the wonderful community. Whether you're wearing a big poofy skirt or jeans and a T-shirt, just come as yourself and dance!

Shawna says it perfectly:

"The dancing is what gets us; the community is what keeps us."

When they're not dancing, Lisa loves spending time with her grandbabies, cheering for the Silvertips, and sewing—especially those poofy skirts!

Shawna enjoys yoga, reading, speed puzzling, and their Frenchie, Angus. Dan enjoys home projects, 3D printing, HAM radio, and camping.

Three different journeys, one happy dance floor.

| Grace Maria



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friends@petticoatjct.com



President's Message

Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253

lopann@aol.com or

mbcpres@gmail.com



Thanks to MBC officers for providing snacks tonight. I'm passing a snack clipboard for clubs to sign up. We usually ask two clubs per meeting.

I'd like to welcome all the new and returning delegates to our Council meeting.

Your MBC board of officers met last Sunday to discuss items relevant to our Council and to work on an upcoming proposed budget. We have a good group and I am looking forward to planning for the upcoming year. We will bring the notes of that meeting to the October Council meeting.

Although it seems like ancient history it was really just a little over a month ago that we were in Ocean Shores for our State Festival. I thought it was very successful. I enjoyed the training and I learned how to make a flyer and a logo using AI. Although I might not use it regularly I was pretty pleased with the results. I always enjoy listening to new callers or callers I'm just not familiar with. Now that the 2026 festival is over, it's time to continue working on our 2027 festival. The committee has been meeting regularly and we are selling some Ways and Means items to our members. You can also order items online using our MBC website.

In the council directory you might notice that my lopann@aol.com address didn't get printed but it is the email I primarily use. So if you send me anything electronically please use that address (on the top of this article). I try to check my mbcpres@gmail.com address from time to time but it's not the one I check daily.

I want to welcome Melody Scalzo back to the board and our new parliamentarian, Steve Tompkins.

I talked to Bob Berka earlier today and he is willing to continue serving as our Round Dance Coordinator. I also talked to Cora Leach and since she recently got married and moved to Sequim she will no longer be available to serve as our Solo Coordinator. She is still willing to help out so when I find her replacement there may be an opportunity for Cora to offer ideas and suggestions.

I wanted to bring up for discussion how mainstream clubs are proceeding with new mainstream and new plus. After some discussion it seemed that most mainstream clubs were intending to remain a mainstream club and that members wishing to take plus lessons would do so at a club that already teaches plus. I will be curious to watch how the programs evolve over the next year.

A dancer within our council mentioned that some newer dancers might feel some "pressure" to dress up for a theme when they maybe haven't acquired a large wardrobe of square dance attire. I wanted to just bring this to our attention so that we might be sensitive to that.

Joe Bahr asked that I let our clubs know there is an Alzheimer Benefit dance on Saturday, October 17th from 7-9PM. It will be held at the KSDC Hall at 6800 West, Belfair Road. Another opportunity to help out.

I'm reminding our clubs that the MBC Council dance will be on November 29th and we are hoping that each club would provide a gift basket. These raffles and other fundraising efforts help the hosting club or council.

Now that the last dance season is in our rear view mirror I have appointed an audit committee to review our financial records from last year. Penny Curtis and Greg Abbas have agreed to audit the books. I thank them.

I noticed that there were several errors on the Council's page in *Footnotes Magazine*. Steve Sworen will be contacting the editor of the magazine for corrections.

Next month we will be at a new location and the address will be printed in *Council Notes*.

Next month the Happy Hoppers and Freewheelers will be providing snacks.

Welcome back to dancing!

NEW Plus Program 2026



WED. 7-9 PM

Caller Lab has added some calls to the plus level. We dance on Wed. evenings and will be adding these to our lessons in Oct. Come UP your skills to your dancing repertoire. See you on the dance floor!!

**Fidalgo
Fogcutters**

Skagit Valley Grange

21273 Cook Rd. Burlington WA



Caller Steve Noseck



Qs: rwwebster@hotmail.com



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

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

Don't Know Plus?

Come To Plus Lessons

Starting Oct 12th!

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

425-435-8253
Lynnwood, WA



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



Dancing Shadows with Eastside Plus



October 3

Steve Noseck & Leo Urquhart
Phase 4,5,6 workshop 5:00-6:30
2,3,4 Round Dance 6:30-7:30
Plus Dance 7:30-9:30

October 17

*All Round Dance With Shawn Cavness
Phase 4,5,6 Workshop 5:00-6:45
Phase 2,3,4 Round Dance 7:00-9:30*

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



Skagit Squares

Upcoming 2026 Dances



Mainstream Club Dances - 3rd Saturdays - Oct 17th
(Snoopy/Peanuts) & **Nov 21st** (Fly Away Bird – Begin
Toys for Tots) from **6:30 to 9pm** with **Gunter Monroe**
calling & **Bob/Linda Berka** Cueing

1st Saturday Level Dances – Oct 3rd & Nov 7th with
Dave Harry calling from **7 to 9pm**

Mount Vernon Community Center - 1401 Cleveland – Mt Vernon WA
More Info - Murray murbennett52@gmail.com or www.skagitsquares.org

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

First Friday Fun Fest

October 2nd

No Experience Dance

No Partner Needed

Dancing Begins at 7:30

Ages 8 years and Above

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

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdssquaredance@gmail.com



FREEWHEELERS

MS
mainstream

OCTOBERFEST!



Rootbeer and Pretzel Social

Sunday Oct 4, 2025

Caller: Kendra Still

Cuer: Alyshia Main



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.squaredanceseseattle.com



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th AVE NE, Kirkland



WELCOME

**HAPPY HOPPERS
&
SKAGIT SQUARES**

October 9th



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

Hearing enhancement
available
Credit Cards accepted

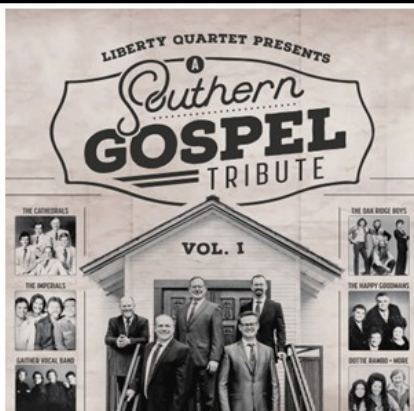


Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM



October 9 Southern Gospel Jubilee

CALLER: SCOTT COON *Line Dancing: Lisa Weiser*
Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

**FIDALGO
FOGCUTTERS**

Steve
NOSECK

Katie
MARTENY

DINNER & PLUS DANCE



*50's Sock Hop
Chili Fundraiser*



October 10, 2026
1:30 rounds / 2-4 Dance

SKAGIT VALLEY GRANGE
21273 COOK RD. BURLINGTON
DONATION JAR @ DANCE





Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

Sports Jersey Night



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 October 10, 2026

Pre-Rounds 6:30 to 7:00pm

Plus 7:00 to 7:30pm

Mainstream 7:30 to 9:30 pm

The Square Crows Proudly Present

Scared Strait

Entry Donation \$10.00

Friday Oct 16th

Scott Coon. calling

Kyle Guande. cueing

Pre-Rounds 7:30 p.m.

Mainstream 8:00 - 10:00

Info: 206 914-2253 or 425 785-9046

Dance Location for this dance only:
Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd.
Mill Creek, WA 98012

SQUARE



CROWS

Blacklight Party

Shooting Stars Youth Club LEVEL DANCE

Rob Sax and Youth Callers

October 17th ★ 1:30 - 4:30
Tri-Way Grange



Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30

Mainstream 8pm

MONSTER MASH



October 17th

Dave Harry calling

Alyshia Main cueing



Costumes are encouraged

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdssquaredance@gmail.com



FREEWHEELERS



Dance around the Pumpkin

Sunday October 18

Caller: Andy Garboden

Cuer: Randy Preskitt



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

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

Contact: Randy at 206-367-9219

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

Www.squaredanceseattle.com



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th AVE NE, Kirkland

Caller: Stephen Cole

Lines: Lisa Weiser

October 23, 2026



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

Hearing enhancement
available
Credit Cards accepted



Chuckanut Squares

(formerly Rainbow Squares)



Mainstream on 4th Saturdays

Plus 6:30PM – MS 7:00-900 PM

With one round between tips

Oct. 24 – “Monster Mash Party”

~ Costumes Optional ~

With Caller Cuer Couple

Brent & Therese Mawdsley

Ten Mile Grange – 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA

\$10 Donation ~ ~ Experienced Clothing Sale

Hearing Enhancement ~ ~ Contact: Andrea 360-318-8239

Happy Hoppers Present:

Heroes & Villains

**Craig Abercrombie
Calling & Cueing**

Plus 6-6:30

Mainstream 6:30-8:30

**Sunday
Oct 25**



www.happyhoppers.org



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



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club

www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM



October 30



Howling with the D & D!

Wear Your Favorite Costume

Food Downstairs!

CALLER: Scott Coon

CUER: Shawn Cavness

Cedar Valley Grange,

20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood



REAL LEADERSHIP

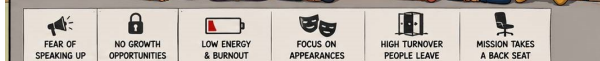
SERVES THE PEOPLE AND THE MISSION



REAL LEADERSHIP: LIFTS PEOPLE UP AND MOVES THE MISSION FORWARD.

FEIGNED LEADERSHIP

SERVES THE LEADER AND THEIR EGO



FEIGNED LEADERSHIP: FEEDS THE EGO AND HOLDS THE MISSION BACK.

Mount Baker Council Minutes
Sept 2nd, 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 Building. Roll call of officers found all present. Roll call of clubs found Dancing Shadows and MBTCC absent.

Guests in Attendance:

Karen Neverdowski, Fern Bluff Squares, Janice Lewis, Freewheelers, Lee Barnhart and Dan Blood, Samena Squares; Brent Veenstra and Beverly Veenstra, Shooting Stars, Dave Fredenberg, Whirlybirds, Ken Frey

Recording Secretary: Melody Scalzo 425-339-8440
rmbcrecsec@gmail.com

To support the transition of the New Dancer Handbook to a Google Docs format, Lynnea requested that the Council authorize up to \$100 annually for Google Doc functionality on the MBC website. Oren moved, Robert 2nd. Carried.

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.

Called for corrections to June minutes. Finding none, minutes were accepted as submitted.

President's Report: Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253 lopenn@aol.com

(See Page 5)

Vice President: Ken Frey 701-240-4023 kenfrey@yahoo.com

Thanks to the clubs and people that participated at the summer demonstration dances. The Council Dance sponsor list has been updated.

Treasurer: Tom Corning 949-228-0719 tomcorning@comcast.net

Tom went over the financial statement (see attached). Bills were report-

ed & delegates agreed to pay. Ray Gallagher moved and Karen Hammontree seconded to approve the report and pay the bills. Voted and approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Randy Lewis 206-367-9219
randy2126@hotmail.com

I continue to send out a “weekly” email of dance opportunities to about 200 dancers, callers & cuers. I’ve also created a group of former dancers who don’t want the weekly email but want to be informed when something major happens in the dance world (last one was the news of the sad passing of Mike Sikorsky).

I am currently in the process of updating and adding the 2026 / 2027 club officers to the distribution list. I am happy to add more dancers to the distribution list - just let me know at mbccorrsec@gmail.com.

This Thursday the email will contain a list of most dances between now and December 31st.

I did not send out cards in July or August 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

The New Delegate packets are here, but I do not have 2 copies for each club as several clubs did not turn in their packets in June. As a result, I went over my budget making copies. Please review all the information in your packet.

Parliamentarian: Steve Tompkins 425-319-2950

sandctompkins@gmail.com

Steve passed on refreshed copies of the Bylaws and Standing Rules to Steve Sworen for the Delegate books.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186

publicitymbc@gmail.com

I have entered everything I have into the calendar and uploaded all the flyers I have. I have added every dance to the flyers page so you will see gray squares when I do not have a flyer. I believe I have entered everything into WheresTheDance. I am really grateful when you double check.

Council Dances:

Spring Council Dance final report-Samena Squares-

Expense Report attached.

Lessons Learned, what went well and suggestions for future Council Dances report attached.

Fall Council Dance-Mount Baker Council

The Fall Council Dance will be held on Sunday, November 29th from 2-5 PM at the Northshore Senior Center. The theme is "Thankful For Our Callers and Cuers". The Callers and Cuers will be all of our council callers and cuers AND our new callers who will be going to CALLERLAB this year. Come support our NEW CALLERS! Dave Harry will be calling a Student Level Dance upstairs, and they will join us for the last half hour. As the Council is putting on this dance, we are requesting each club provide a Raffle Basket. I am looking for volunteers for the front desk taking money and selling tickets, Decorations, and raffle basket coordinator. Tickets will be handed out tonight to all the clubs. Prices are: Adults \$15, \$18 at the door, Youth \$10, \$12 at the door. Student tickets will be distributed next month, and they are \$10.

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

The new directories are here! Please pass them out to your club officers. Please also review the leadership on Page 24 and the back cover.

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

Did everyone receive their Sept 2026 issue? The post office now has tracking on this publication (with all the problems we've had) and we really need to know sooner rather than later if you have not received it, maybe within 5 days or the 29 or 30th. We sent it out Aug 24th. Almost all we asked had received it by Thurs, Aug 27th.

We had 40 names dropped off our total distribution list. Treasurers, please check to make sure you have included all members on your roster. Members who did not receive their Council Notes please check with your treasurer to make sure you are on the roster. Thank you!

Mt Baker Council Notes 2025-26 Dance Season	
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Print Total Exp	\$ (4,717.63)
Mail Total Exp	\$ (1,407.73)
Pub Total Exp	\$ (6,125.36)
Supplies Exp Total	\$ (677.29)
Total Cost	\$ (6,802.65)
Total Ad Income	\$ 8,035.00
Adjustments	\$ (90.00)
Total Profit/(Loss)	\$ 1,132.35
Avg Cost/Copy	\$ 1.69

Education/Leadership: _Stephen (Joyce) Sworen 425-308-3950
ssworen@msn.com

Please read my article in the September Council Notes.

Footnotes: Sammi Fredenburg 425-297-3210 sammi.98270@gmail.com

Summer schedule got away from me, and in early August I forgot to contact clubs to submit reports to me for the September issue of Footnotes - my bad. Please let me know if there has been a change of Footnote editors in your club.

We will return to the submission of articles to the way we used to do it. I was a little, okay, a lot too firm, cracking the rulebook, in the past, and I'm sorry. Write away, and we'll let Peggy do the cutting and edits if necessary. Technically, if only schedule is written, it's considered an ad, and those are charged I believe \$25. So, tell us when you dance, but include a lot more, like theme, excitement, etc. and by the 9th of the month if you can. If you can set a reminder in your calendar, that would be great, for months I'm swamped and not getting a reminder out with much time for you to put something together for me.

Please no longer send your articles to mbcrecsec address, though Melody will forward them to me when she sees anything she finds might be for me. But depending on our schedules, it may be delayed. Thanks everyone.

Heritage Center: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com

Heritage Center in Spokane was near the Forest Fires this summer. The Chair, Joshua Strickler, had to go out and purchase supplies to prevent smoke damage for the vintage clothing and paperwork in the collection. The building is fine and no damage was sustained. He is still continuing to bring the Heritage Center up to date. It should be complete over this next year of dancing.

Historian: Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Pyle if you are interested in taking over this position.

Membership & Insurance: Tom Corning 949-228-0719 tomcorning@comcast.net
See attached report.

State Festival 27: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com

Ways and means are selling well. We have advertised at the 26 festival, USA West, and the Canadian National. Please let Penny, publicitymbc@gmail.com know if you will be attending an out of town event so we can send flyers and forms with you. Every club has two flyers with QR codes. One is for Facebook for the Washington State Square Dance Festival. If you are on Facebook please follow it. It has Broadway Promenade in the banner picture. The other QR code is for the festival website. You can signup for the mailing list and register! We have 49 folks registered so far. Lets make it 300 by the end of October! See you all On Broadway!

New Dancer Books/Student Liaison: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

The **New dancer handbook** will be converted to a **handout** and will be available on the MBC website. Thank you to the **Freewheelers** for hosting an **Angel Workshop** with 34 attendees, 11 of which were 2026 graduates. The 2026 handout is on the MBC website.

If you attended the State Festival and signed up for the **Beach Dance Dangle**, good news - Lynnea has received them and will distribute them to you. The **Sasquatch Dangle Dance** sign up list was misplaced, so just let her know if you signed up for a dangle! Five hundred

dancers attended the State Festival this year.

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

No report

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

No report

Publicity & Promotion: Penny Curtis 206-365-3186 publicitymbc@gmail.com

No report

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

Mount Baker Council made many public appearances at 4 fairs this summer. It is important to keep square dancing in the public eye! We had the audience participate at each event. Dave Harry did the calling at Stanwood, Lynden, and Monroe, and Ray Gallagher at the Skagit fair.

2.5 squares attended the Stanwood Fair: We also had our float in the Stanwood parade and the dancers were fantastic...even in the rain! The Lynden Fair went off without a hitch at the Clock Tower again. This year they allowed audience participation. Skagit Fair: Ray Gallagher did great with the calling and everyone enjoyed the event with about 3 squares of dancers. Monroe Fair: Dave & Bonnie manned a council booth on Sunday, with afternoon help from devoted square dancers. We talked to interested people and gave out lesson information. We had 2 flashmobs in front of the booth. A solid 3 to 5 squares were at the Courtyard stage for the 2 official "square dance party" dances. A big thank you to all the participants.

A new sandwich board sign was created before the Monroe Fair, which can be used for any audience participation event.

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

Round of the Month for September 2026

"You Raise Me Up"

Chore: Doug & Cheryel Byrd

Music: Album Ballroom Perfection Susann Taylor Casa Musica

Waltz: Phase II + I (Cross Hover)

Download Casa Musica You Tube

Other Selections (You Light Up My Life--Siciliano)

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com

Effective **September 2026**, the requirement is **ten** signatures, as voted by council earlier in 2026. The updated form is on the MBC Website.

Congratulations to the following dancers who have earned and been awarded their Round Tuits: **Ann Kearney** - her **6th & 7th**, **Mike Allen** and **Sue Allen**!

Scrapbook: No report

Solo Coordinator: No report

Ways & Means: No report

Youth Coordinator: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held regarding the parade float owned by the Council. There has been some confusion about who is responsible for registration and licensing of the float. Penny suggested it should be included in the Properties for the Publicity Coordinator and the duties list for the position (in the Standing Rules) should include administrative responsibility for the float. Geri Johnson will update the Properties list, Steve Tompkins will update the appropriate Standing Rule.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sky Valley Whirlwinds has dissolved, and gifted their remaining funds, donated to the Council, to be distributed equally to:

Clubs who ask for financial assistance

Mount Baker Council Teachers, Callers and Cuers (MBTCC)

Publicity, Promotion and Advertising

Support for Youth activities, especially their competition

These funds are reflected in the 26-27 budget.

Delegate packets were distributed to the delegates. Council Dance tickets were distributed to the delegates.

Proposed budget was presented and discussed. Motion to accept budget Ray Gallagher. John St. Marie seconded. Motion approved.

DELEGATE REPORTS

A Blast: Judy Corning 206-794-5946 judyseatrvl@comcast.net

No report

Cascade Crossfires: Judy Corning 206-794-5946 judyseatrvl@comcast.net

No report

Chuckanut Squares (formerly Rainbow Squares): John St. Marie
425-248-8629 johnstmarie@yahoo.com

In an effort to revitalize our club we have been making changes, a lot of changes:

New Name: Chuckanut Squares Dance Club

New Lesson Caller: Rob Sax

New Dance Night: Thursdays

New Venue: BSAC North - 140 E Bellis Fair Parkway, Bellingham WA

Kickoff Thursday September 10th with a Free No Experience Dance – 6:30-8:30pm.

Lessons start Thursday September 17th - suggested donations \$8 students/\$5 angels.

New time and format: 6:30-8pm Lessons / 8-9pm Mainstream dancing

Note: We are still dancing 4th Saturdays at the Ten Mile Grange in Lynden with Brent & Therese Mawdsley Calling/Cueing. Due to scheduling conflicts, our only fall dance is our Monster Mash on Saturday October 24th. New time is 6:30 pre-plus and 7-9 mainstream. No social / snack time afterwards.

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

No report

Dudes & Dolls: Robert Reichle 425-337-2906

Robert_R_r52@yahoo.com

Dudes & Dolls had an exceptionally fun annual campout and auction in July, raising over \$5k to support our popular spring mystery caravan.

An auction highlight was a dance-themed blanket selling for \$120, generously donated by a new D&D Facebook fan and former dancer, MaryFrances. Her response, "OMG I am beyond happy. My heart is singing!!! REJOICE, REJOICE!"

On 9/11 we held a Community No-Experience Dance, and our weekly 7:15pm Tuesday lessons started 9/15. Angels are always appreciated! Note: Students can now pay online, a free dance voucher will be given to each graduating student along with an optional free item of experienced clothing.

Fern Bluff Squares: Ray Gallagher 425-772-3476
raybft@comcast.net

Our first lesson starts Wednesday, September 9th. Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Reminder, we have moved our lesson location to South Lake Stevens Grange in

Lake Stevens. Look forward to having a good class this year.

First dance is Saturday, September 12th at South Lake Stevens Grange

theme is Bandana Dance Welcome Back.

No potluck but we have changed our times a little.

Pre-rounds start at 6:30 to 7:00 pm, Plus 7:00 - 7:30 pm, Mainstream Dance from

7:30 - 9:30 pm. Rob Sax calling and Bob Berka is not available so Alyshia Main will be cueing.

Club dance October 10, 2026, theme Sports Jersey Night

Pre-rounds start at 6:30 - 7:00 pm, Plus 7:00 - 7:30 pm. Mainstream dance

from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Rob Sax calling and Alyshia Main cueing for us again.

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Leslie Keyes 425-409-4559
[L a keyes@msn.com](mailto:la_keyes@msn.com)

Wednesday, September 16th we begin a Mastering Mainstream Class from 7-9pm with Steve Noseck. Classes will run for 6 weeks and are open to all Mainstream and Plus dancers. The objective of this class will be to Have Fun; Sharpen your Mainstream skill set and learn what the "plus" is that goes beyond Mainstream. This class will transition to Plus Lessons beginning in October. Cost is \$10 per person. Contact

Don Carlson 360-303-7516 or don@karuson.com if you have questions.

Saturday, October 10th is our 50s Sock Hop & Chili Fundraiser dance with Steve Noseck calling and Katie Marteny cueing. The chili dinner will be served following the dance and will be on a donation basis. We will offer both meat & vegan options, cornbread, coleslaw, salad and dessert.

All dances are held at the Skagit Valley Grange from 1:30pm to 4pm unless otherwise noted. Be sure to check our new Facebook page for the most current club info (<https://www.facebook.com/people/Fidalgo-Fogcutters/61575369077899/>).

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

Our lessons continue on Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 at the TriWay Grange with Spyder Webb teaching. Beginning in October, we will not be accepting new students. We expect graduation to be in January.

We will have 2 dances in October. New caller, Kendra Still will call our October 4th Octoberfest Mainstream Dance with Alyshia Main cueing the rounds. On October 18th, we will Dance Around the Pumpkin with Andy Garboden calling Plus and Randy Preskitt cueing rounds. All our dances are held at the Cedar Valley Grange in Lynnwood with pre-rounds beginning at 6:30 followed by Square Dancing from 7-9 pm.

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

A group of Hoppers are going to Winthrop this year so we will be dark on September 27th.

October will bring two dances back for the start of the season. The 11th will be a special two-caller dance with Scott Coon and Adam Christman calling and Adam cueing. Colorful Bollywood is the theme. October 25th will have Craig Abercrombie calling and cueing a Heroes and Villains themed dance, with a costume contest.

We dance at the Lake Stevens Grange this year. Afternoon dancing on October 11 is from 2-4 with plus calls. From 6 to 6:30 is plus and from 6:30 to 8:30 is mainstream.

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer 206-883-6965
larry_mercer02@outlook.com

Happy Rounders will be dancing on all Tuesdays in October. We dance phase 3 & 4 at the Hayloft, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Randy Preskitt is the Cuer. We look forward to seeing new guests.

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

No report

Shooting Stars: Ryan Belsvik 425-770-0432 nbelsvik@gmail.com

Shooting Stars holds Mainstream dances with lines on the 3rd Saturday from 1:30PM – 4:30PM at TriWay Grange. Dances are called by Rob Sax and Youth callers.

Join us for Plus lessons on Wednesdays 6:30PM – 8:30PM with youth caller Kendra Still.

Samena Squares: Lee Barnhart 425-820-4188 leebarhart061@gmail.com

Dan Preedy will call and Alyshia Main will cue our October 9th dance. The theme will be 'Harvest Promenade'. On October 17 Samenas will caravan to the Whirlybirds. Our October 23rd dance will be a LEVEL dance with Stephen Cole calling and Lisa Weiser leading lines.

Don't forget you can now pay for your dance admission with credit or debit card.

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

The Skagit Squares dance at the Mount Vernon Community Center. We are starting Lessons on Tuesday **September 8th** at 7pm. Angels are always welcome for our Tuesday night lessons.

On the 1st Saturday of October, November & December (**Oct 3rd, Nov 7th & Dec 5th**) the Skagit Squares are having **Student Level Dances** from 7 to 9pm with Dave Harry calling.

Our upcoming 3rd *Saturday Skagit Squares Club Dances* are on

Sept 19th – Funny T-Shirts Theme

Oct 17th – Snoopy/Peanuts Theme

Pre-Rounds: 6:30 to 7pm with *Mainstream Square Dancing* from 7 to 9pm - Gunter Monroe calling and Bob/Linda Berka cueing. **Please note our new dances times** – we are starting an hour earlier & departing an hour earlier.

We still have some decorations from our 75th Anniversary Dance available if you are interested.

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

Square Crows Mainstream lessons with Ray Gallagher continue on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Northshore Senior Center, 10201

E Riverside Drive in Bothell. All are welcome, Angels are appreciated!

Our October 21st Scared Strait Dance with Scott Coon will feature the music of George Strait. Kyle Quande will cue. Pre-rounds at 7:30, Mainstream from 8 to 10 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: This dance (ONLY) will be held at the TriWay Grange, 3509 Seattle Hill Rd in Mill Creek.

Whirlybirds: Sammi Fredenburg 360 359-2304

sammi.98270@gmail.com

Whirlybirds are excited for the upcoming dance year. We are kicking things off this Friday with our First Friday Fun Fest. Dancing begins at 7:30 pm. Remember, this is our monthly no-experience dance, which we host now through June. It is a great way to introduce a non-dancer to our sport. Our mainstream dance will be on September 19th, and it will be a yodeling good time. September 19th is the official start to Oktoberfest, so we are joining Munich and Bavaria, Germany in kicking off the celebration. We will be hosting a social beginning at 7 pm with bratwursts, pretzels and root beer. Dancing will begin at 7:30 pm with prerounds and the mainstream program will begin at 8 pm. We plan on celebrating throughout the evening with a couple of activities you will not want to miss. We are kicking off lessons on September 17th, and we always appreciate angel help.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

The next Council meeting is Wednesday **October 7** at 7:30 PM.

Location: Marysville School District Board Room

1049 State Ave, 2nd Floor, Marysville, WA 98270

NOTE: NEW LOCATION

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Scalzo

Recording Secretary

Budget 2026-27						
DESCRIPTION	Grp #	Acct #	Income	Expense	25-26 Actual	NOTES
Council Income	10					
Fall Council Dance		11	\$300.00		(\$309.44)	
Spring Council Dance		12	\$300.00		\$388.40	
Interest on Saving Account		13	\$3.00		\$1.71	
Interest on CD Accounts		14	\$2,400.00		\$2,126.00	
Miscellaneous Income		15	\$50.00		\$6,612.28	Spokane \$550 SVWW \$6062.28
Council Affairs	20					
Federation Dues-Club		21	\$80.00	(\$80.00)	(\$80.00)	pass thru, clubs to state
Dues Dancers		22	\$600.00		\$1,170.00	
Federation Dues Council		23		(\$5.00)	(\$5.00)	
Youth Fund for Clubs		24		(\$600.00)	\$0.00	SR18
Ila Williams Engraving		25		(\$26.00)	(\$44.15)	SR 19
Caller/Cuer Scholarship		26		(\$750.00)	(\$500.00)	SR 22
Donation/Memorial		27		(\$50.00)	(\$75.00)	SR 20
Council Notes		28		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Heritage Center Delegate		29		(\$200.00)	\$0.00	SR 14
Promotions	30					
Demo Caller Reimbursement		31		(\$400.00)	(\$400.00)	SR 17
Publicity		32		(\$3,000.00)	(\$902.31)	
Business Cards		33		(\$375.00)	(\$100.00)	SR 13
Fairs		34		(\$1,000.00)	(\$765.99)	
Float		35		(\$400.00)	(\$49.50)	
Promotion Items		36		(\$500.00)	(\$228.00)	
Council Expenses	40					
Hall Rental		41		(\$350.00)	(\$455.00)	
State Corporation Fee		42		(\$20.00)	(\$20.00)	
Website Expense		43		(\$500.00)	(\$635.91)	
Angel Workshops		44		(\$600.00)	(\$445.00)	
Leadership Seminar		45			\$0.00	SR 5
Supplies		46		(\$200.00)	(\$56.83)	
State Federation Meeting		47		(\$300.00)	(\$276.14)	SR 6
Fair Coordinator Travel		48		(\$25.00)	\$0.00	SR 15
Award Celebrations		49		(\$250.00)	(\$285.67)	

Operating Expenses	50					
Directories		51		(\$200.00)	(\$173.42)	SR 26
New Dancer Books		52		\$0.00	(\$211.01)	Online
Delegate Packets		53		(\$30.00)	\$0.00	
Officer Badges		54		(\$300.00)	(\$143.73)	
Round To-It Dangles		55		(\$100.00)	(\$181.19)	
Printing/ Miscellaneous		56		(\$200.00)	\$0.00	
Presidents Appreciation		57		(\$200.00)	(\$357.73)	
Totals			\$3,733.00	(\$10,661.00)		
Other	60					
Seed Money		61			(\$10,000.00)	
MBCTCC		62		(\$1,515.57)		SVWW Dissolution
Promotion & Advertising		63		(\$1,515.57)		SVWW Dissolution
Youth Activities		64		(\$1,515.57)		SVWW Dissolution
Financial Asst for Clubs		65		(\$1,515.57)		SVWW Dissolution

**Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council
Treasurer Report 9/1/2026**

Treasurer Report 9/1/2026		Due	2/8/2026	6/8/2026	
	Checking	Savings	CD 2mo	CD 4mo	Total
Balance as reported on 8/1/2026	477.60	15,393.28	-	46,113.04	61,983.92
Plus deposits					
Membership dues	258.00				
Sky Valley Whirlwinds dissolution	6,062.28				
Bank Charges					
8/31/2026 Interest					
	31-Jul	0.13		121.28	
8/31/2026	31-Aug	0.13		125.66	
Subtotal Income:	6,320.28	0.26	-	246.94	6,567.48
Less Payments					
775 L&L Engraving: Ila Williams engraving	21.20				
776 Marysville School District: May Rent	35.00				
777 Club Dues to SFDFW-	80.00				
777 Council Dues to SFDFW	5.00				
Subtotal Expense:	141.20	-	-	-	141.20
Book Balance as of 8/31/2026	6,656.68	15,393.54	-	46,359.98	68,410.20
Outstanding Checks					
763 Penny Curtis: Tockify website	80.00				
775 L&L Engraving: Ila Williams engraving	21.20				
Bank Balance as of 8/31/2026	6,757.88	15,393.54	-	46,359.98	68,511.40

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**Featuring all Mount Baker
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**Northshore Senior Center
10201 E Riverside Dr, Bothell**

Adults: \$15 presale, \$18 at the door
Youth: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door
MBC Students: \$10

*Student Level Dance upstairs with
Dave Harry!*

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