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MT. BAKER COUNCIL - SPECIAL EVENTS

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--|
| APRIL 1 Council Meeting | 7:30 PM | Marysville School District Board Room, 4220 80th St NE Marysville, WA 98271 |
| APRIL 4 Alzheimer's Dance | 1 PM | Juanita Community Center 13027 100th Ave W Kirkland |

New Dancer Spotlight

Meet Neil, Steve, and Thomas!

Let's find out how they discovered square dancing, and why they're loving every minute of it.

Neil discovered square dancing last year when his wife took lessons. She loved it and encouraged him to give it a try. Turns out, she was onto something!

Steve has a different story. An old friend and former co-worker invited him to take lessons. She got him started, and even brought him to Friday Fun Fest. One invitation, and he was in!

Thomas on the other hand, saw a flyer from the Marysville Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department and decided to check it out. Sometimes all it takes is a little curiosity and a simple "why not?"

Their advice for new dancers:

- Listen carefully when the caller calls.
- Attend level dance, and if you can, consider taking lessons at two clubs. The repetition really helps!
- Smile and laugh, even when you make a mistake.
- Go to as many dances as you can.
- Don't worry about mistakes. Just have fun! Getting better comes with practice.

Why they love square dancing:

- Everyone is welcoming and helpful.
- There's a real sense of accomplishment at the end of each lesson.
- It's healthy! It gets you out of the house for a wholesome activity. It works your brain, your limbs, your facial muscles, and requires socializing and coordination with others.
- And of course, all the wonderful people they've met along the way.

A little more about them:

Neil: Wood carving... and now square dancing!





Steve: Gardening and playing with his Goldendoodle. He's active in his church and is looking forward to playing more pickleball as the weather improves.

Thomas: No official hobby yet, but he's exploring! He's signed up for all kinds of activities like whirlyball, bowling, archery tag, social mingles, parties, plays, dancing, golf (weather permitting), and reading good fantasy books.

I've noticed something: since Thomas is still exploring, let's help make square dancing one of his favorite hobbies. And maybe we can sprinkle a little magic on Steve so square dancing becomes one of his top hobbies too. As for Neil, he's already found his groove. Square dancing has officially earned its place on his hobby list!

They just graduated! So if you see them at a dance, you know what to do, grab them for a spin or jump into their square. They need all the fun and encouragement they can get, so they can proudly say square dancing is one of their top hobbies!

Congrats guys, on your graduation! Hope to see you all in a square!

Grace Maria



Hello New Graduates!

All clubs that began lessons last Fall have now graduated!
Congratulations to everyone!

Did you hear that 2026 Mainstream Graduates will get in for free at the Spring Council Dance? It's true! The Mt Baker Council will be reimbursing Samena Squares for the 2026 mainstream graduates that attend. A big thank you to our council! Be sure to get a ticket prior to the dance and let the seller know you just graduated so they can mark the ticket appropriately

Remember - clubs are powered by volunteers. Ask your club how you can help! There is likely a lot of planning for the 2026/2027 happening right now!

Lynnea Dunbar, MBC Student Liason



President's Message

Jo Ann Pyle 206-914-2253

lopann@aol.com or

mbcpres@gmail.com



Many clubs have graduated their students and some clubs are in their second set of lessons. Student liaison Lynnea Dunbar will be having our student coordinator meeting in June so we can debrief about how this year's lessons went.

Turns out that the Mount Baker Council will host the fall council dance this year. Your board of officers will be meeting on March 15th to start our planning process. Steve Sworen will be the chair of the committee with the other officers assisting.

We're looking forward to hosting the State Federation spring meeting on May 15-16. We want to offer a list of hotels near either Maltby or the Hayloft for attendees from around the state. We appreciate Judy Corning volunteering to work on this.

Sammi Fredenburg mentioned last month that we would need volunteers to help with breakfast and lunch on Saturday May 16th. We need members to help with bringing food and also for set up and cleanup. If interested in helping out please talk to Sammi or me. I'll talk about this more next month.

I was asked to bring up to the council the issue of providing more support for new callers. Maybe to increase the scholarships to caller school and also to have more opportunities for new callers to call while they are learning. Our standing rules currently call for a \$750 budget for caller scholarships with up to \$250 each going to future callers to attend caller training. The current registration fee for caller school is \$500. We had some discussion at our March meeting and I will bring up again next month. The officers will also discuss this at our meeting on the 15th.

I finally remembered to make voting cards for the Shooting Stars. If any of you need replacement club or committee cards please let me know.

Next month the Whirlybirds and Skagit Squares will provide snacks.



*Dancing Shadows
Dance Practice
Every Thursday*



1:00—3:00

*Dance to recorded cues by
the late Debbie Taylor*

phase 2,3,4,5

suggested donation \$10

Cedar Valley Grange

20526 52nd Ave w Lynnwood



Dancing Shadows

With Eastside Plus

*April 4th Steve Noseck
& Brent Mawdsley*



Round Dancing

With

Shawn & Wendy Cavness

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

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

Plus 7:30-9:30

Juanita Community Club 13027 100th NE Kirkland

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. So come join us NOW to review your skills and get a jumpstart for the fall, as we will be dancing the new Plus 2026 program starting in September.

Skagit Valley Grange

21273 Cook Rd. Burlington WA



Fidalgo
Fogcutters



Qs: rwwebster@hotmail.com



Cascade Crossfires

Plus Square Dancing

MONDAYS 7-9 PM

Cedar Valley Grange, Lynnwood

Caller: Stephen Cole

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

Full Plus 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

April 3rd

No Experience Dance

No Partner Needed

Dancing Begins at 7:30



Ages 8 years and Above

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

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com

Skagit Squares



STUDENT LEVEL DANCE

Saturday, April 4th

7- 9 PM

Dave Harry Calling

MT. VERNON SENIOR CENTER
1401 Cleveland Ave, Mt Vernon
www.skagitsquares.org



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



THE RAT PACK

APRIL 10 Fly Me To the Moon

Songs of the Rat Pack
Line Dancing—No Rounds

CALLER: SCOTT COON

LINE DANCING: Lisa Weiser

Cedar Valley Grange 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood



Juanita Community Club
13027 100th NE, Kirkland

Friday
April 10th

RAINBOW RHAPSODY

Leo Catt

calling

Alyshia Main

cueing

7:30 - 8 pm Plus

8 - 10 pm Mainstream

Rounds between tips

Hearing enhancement

available

Credit card accepted

Dark on April 24th

Dance with us at
Dudes & Dolls



Fidalgo Fogcutters invites you to our



Spring fling

April 11, 2026

1:30 - 2 pre rounds

2-4 Plus dance w/ rounds

Stephen Cole - caller

Bob Berka - cuer

Skagit Valley Grange 221273 Cook Rd. Burlington
Q's em: rwwebster@hotmail.com



Facebook - Fern Bluff Squares



Caller: Rob Sax
Cuer: Bob & Linda Berka

21st Anniversary Level Dance

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 April 11, 2026

Potluck 6:00 to 7:00pm

Pre-Rounds 7:00 to 7:30pm

Plus 7:30 to 8:00 pm

Mainstream 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

**Sunday
April 12**

Island Hoppers



Andy Garboden calling
Alyshia Main cueing



www.happyhoppers.org



Plus 6:00-6:30 Mainstream 6:30-8:30

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

Rainbows & Dreams

Friday, April 17, 2026

Caller – Steve Edlund

Cuer – Kyle Quande

7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Pre-Rounds

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

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



Entry Donation
\$10.00 per person

Square Crows Dance Club

Dance Location: Maltby Community Club

8711 206th St. SE

Snohomish WA 98296

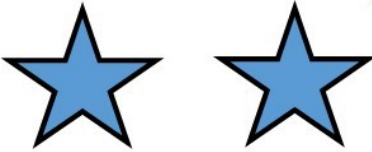
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CROWS



Dress to the
7,8,90's



Saturday, April 18

Rob Sax and Teen Callers

Dance 1:30 to 4:30

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Tulip Time
Student Level
Dance



Skagit Squares



April 18 2026

GUNTER MONROE, Caller

Bob & Linda Berka, Cuer

PRE ROUNDS 7:30 - DANCE 8:00 TO 10:00

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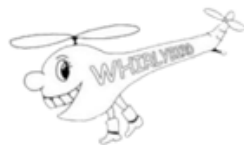
www.skagitsquares.org

Come Dance with Whirlybirds

Pre-Rounds 7:30 pm

Mainstream 8:00 pm

Sock Hop



April 18th

Dave Harry calling
&
Alyshia Main cueing



We Dance the Third Saturday

Dust off your letterman jackets, poodle skirts and saddle shoes

Hayloft Dance Hall 15320 35th Ave W, Lynnwood

whirlybirdsclub@gmail.com



FREEWHEELERS

April Showers Sunday, April 19th

Caller: Spyder Webb

Cuer: Katie Marteny



Plus Dance



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

Freewheelerssquaredance@gmail.com

www.squaredancesseattle.com



Dudes and Dolls Square Dance Club
www.dudesanddolls.org

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

Mainstream Dance 8:00-10:00 PM

April 24th

SCOTT COON

BRENT MAWDSLEY

SHAWN CAVNESS



\$15 DONATION PER PERSON

Wear Black and White and celebrate with us!

Cedar Valley Grange, 20526 52nd Ave W, Lynnwood

RAINBOW SQUARES

Mainstream on 4th Saturday in April

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

APRIL 25th – “Rock’n Thru the Decades”
Dance to your favorite Tunes Thru the Ages

Brent & Therese Mawdsley Caller / Cuer Couple

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Sky Valley Whirlwinds
APRIL 25TH
Spring Has Sprung!

LEO & ROCHELLE CATT



6PM Rounds 6:30PM PLUS

7-9 PM Mainstream Dance

Tri-Way Grange 3509 Seattle Hill Rd Mill Creek

Happy Hoppers

Carl Gipson Center
3025 Lombard Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

www.happyhoppers.org

**Sunday
April 26**



69
YEARS
ANNIVERSARY




Brent Mawdsley calling and cueing



Plus 6:00-6:30 Mainstream 6:30-8:30

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

APRIL 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 MBC Meeting 7:30 <i>Fogcutters</i> NEW Plus <i>Lessons</i> | 2 Dancing Shadows <i>Whirlybirds</i> <i>Lessons</i> | 3 Whirlybirds (No experience) | 4 A-Blast ALZHEIMERS DANCE Skagit Squares (Student Level) Dancing Shadows/ Eastside Plus |
| 5  | 6 Cascade Crossfires | 7 Happy Rounders <i>ABlast, Skagit</i> <i>Squares</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Line Dancing</i> | 8 <i>Fogcutters</i> NEW Plus <i>Lessons</i> | 9 Dancing Shadows <i>WB Lessons</i> | 10 Dudes & Dolls Samena Squares | 11 Fogcutters Fern Bluff |
| 12 Happy Hoppers <i>Dancing Shadows</i> <i>Lessons</i> <i>Shooting Stars</i> | 13 Cascade Crossfires | 14 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> | 15 <i>Fogcutters</i> NEW Plus <i>Lessons</i> | 16 Dancing Shadows <i>WB Lessons</i> | 17 Square Crows | 18 Shooting Stars Whirlybirds Skagit Squares (Student Level) |
| 19 Freewheelers PLUS <i>Dancing Shadows</i> <i>Shooting Stars</i> | 20 Cascade Crossfires | 21 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> | 22 <i>Fogcutters</i> NEW Plus <i>Lessons</i> | 23 Dancing Shadows <i>WB Lessons</i> | 24 Dudes & Dolls 75TH Anniversary | 25 Rainbow Squares Whirlwinds |
| 26 Happy Hoppers <i>Dancing Shadows</i> <i>Shooting Stars</i> | 27 Cascade Crossfires | 28 Happy Rounders <i>AB, SkS Lessons</i> | 29 <i>Fogcutters</i> NEW Plus <i>Lessons</i> | 30 Dancing Shadows <i>WB Lessons</i> | | |



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**Mount Baker Council Minutes
March 4th, 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: Jo Ann Pyle, Ken Frey, Sammi Fredenburg, Tom Corning, Judy Corning, Geri Johnson, Steve Sworen, and Oren Gaskill were all present.

Guests in Attendance: Dave Fredenburg, Janice Lewis.

Recording Secretary: Sammi Fredenburg, 360 359-2304 Please send any correspondence to mbcrecsec@gmail.com. Appreciate that most of you have given hard and digital copies of delegate reports to me. Thank you. **Motion by Brooks Bennett to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Oren Gaskill. Carried.**

President's Report: Jo Ann Pyle, 206 914-2253 SEE PAGE 5

(Note: Skagit Squares and Whirlybirds are still in lessons.)

Judy Corning volunteered to find a list of hotels for guests to stay in for the spring State Federation meeting.

Vice President: Ken Frey 701 240-4023 kfrey1@yahoo.com No digital report provided.

For the fall of 2026, the scheduled club decided to postpone hosting for a later date. Do we move the Whirlybirds up? Fall of 27 club has already booked a national caller.

Treasurer: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, tomcorning@comcast.net Treasurer's report attached at the end of this report. Bills were itemized and paid. **Ken moved Brooks seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report, Accept financial statement subject to audit. Carried**

Corresponding Secretary: Randy Lewis, 206.367.9219, randy2126@gmail.com I sent out the Corresponding Secretary contact list to each of the MBC clubs for review. I offered to include any club members who might want to receive my weekly email directly and remove anyone who wanted off the distribution list. My thanks to Dudes & Dolls, Happy Hoppers and Samena Squares for responding. My distribution list is currently limited to the individuals listed in the MBC Directory, State Officers, local callers & cuers, all the Freewheelers & Sky Valley Whirlwinds members and individuals who requested to receive the weekly email. I recommend clubs designate one member to forward any notifications of last-minute changes to plans. Thankfully this year, I do not think any dances were cancelled due to weather.

MBC Directory correction: Karen Hammontree, Happy Hoppers, email should be kmtree99@gmail.com. I have cleaned up the correspondence (flyers) hanging folder bin. Removing the non-club hanging folders (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Area Nominating, State Delegate, Council Notes, Fair Coordinator, & Round Dance). Please email me at the Corresponding Secretary account (mbccorrsec@gmail.com) when events change your published dance or lesson plans.

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

Area Nominating: Geri Johnson 425-337-Please let me know if you have anyone in mind to nominate for a State officer position or for a Council Board position. All positions are open for nominations. We are especially in need of a Recording Secretary for next year as our current recording secretary is stepping down. Also my position as Area Nominating is expiring and there is a need for a new Nominating officer. I have provided each club with an Election

Form to fill out if you or someone in your club would like to be more active in our Council. (If need be, the qualifications listed on the form can be waived.) Section 4 A of our By-Laws says that nominations may be made from the floor at the March and April Meetings.” Taking a position means you need to come to a Council Meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month from September to June. Elections take place in May.

Advisor: Stephen Sworen 425-30a8-3950 ssworen@gmail.com No Report.

Parliamentarian: Oren Gaskill 360-733-4487 olgaskill@comcast.net No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Computer Coordinator: Penny Curtis 206 235-34196 19 publicitymbc@gmail.
No Report

Council Dances: Samena Squares – No Digital Report

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

Council Notes: Joyce Sworen 360-631-8919 mncouncilnotes@gmail. We are at our 2nd billing cycle for the 2025-26 dance season. Steve Sworen will be passing out club invoices so please see him before leaving the meeting. Thank you all for paying promptly! For the March Notes, 375 copies were printed at \$428.61 and mailed out 376 for \$148.21. It appears that the booklets got to you late. There is one person in the post office who does the bulk mail and she must have been out of the office sick or on vacation and the mailing went out a couple days late. We will try to remember in the future for March to get the MBC Notes out a little earlier since February is a short month and will allow a few extra days for this situation. Our postal bulk mail permit annual renewal of \$350 will be due this month.

Education/Leadership: Stephen Sworen 425-308-3950 ssworen@gmail. The deadline for early bird pricing is fast approaching for the WA State Festival in Ocean Shores Convention Center July 16-18, 2026. The registration fee for adults now is \$75 but on April 1, it will go to \$95pp. There is no featured caller but callers & cuers from all over WA and some from OR. There are some

callers who have been calling for several years but we also have some very new callers. Come out and support them! The beach is calling you! There will be some educational seminars but more to come on that. If you have a particular interest, see Steve Sworen as he is putting together the classes that will be offered at the festival. I (Joyce Sworen) will be at various dances around Mt Baker Council this month with swag for purchase and registration forms. I can take cash, checks, and credit cards.

Fair Coordinator: Bonnie Harry friends@petticoatjct.com I've applied for fair entertainment slots at Stanwood, Mount Vernon, and Monroe Fairs. No firm details are known at this time. I'm working with Skagit Squares to try to avoid conflict with their car parking fundraiser at the Senior Center during that time. I've applied for a booth at the Monroe Fair again for the one-day "Healthy Community Days", Sept. 3. I've discussed with both fairs about having booths at Stanwood and Mount Vernon. We would like a little guidance from the Council as to interest. Dave and I will not be available during the Mount Vernon fair. The parade in Stanwood is open for applications. Again, I would like to hear from Council members as to their interest in participating in the parade.

Footnotes: Sammi Fredenburg 360-359-2304 sammi.98270@gmail.com March Footnotes have been posted online. Contact the editor on the State Federation website if you wish to be added to the distribution. Rainbow Squares also generously sends out the link in their monthly emails. Footnotes digital reports for our council are due by the night of the 8th of the month.

Heritage Center: Joyce Sworen 425-308-3950 mbcouncilnotes@gmail.com We are looking for new board members for 2026-2028 if anyone is interested, please see me. The chair person, Josh Strickler is continuing to get the Heritage Center in Spokane updated and caught up. I would like to put some discussion out there about Mt Baker Council sending in a memorial donation for Cued Debbie Taylor. She cued in the Mt Baker Council for over 40 years. As of yet no clubs have stepped up to put her history into the Heritage Center. I would like to propose a \$50 donation from Mt Baker Council to the Heritage Club in her honor. I also challenge the clubs she cued for to send in do-

nations as well. The website to visit is 2026.wasdf.org and you can also register and pay here. If you're ever in Spokane, please stop in and look at this beautiful museum. I is almost finished with updates and upgrades and is looking fabulous in displaying the history of square dancing in the State of Washington. **Steve Sworen made a motion that we propose a \$50 donation to the Heritage Center in honor of Debbie Taylor. Robert seconded the motion. Carried.** Joyce will fill out the form.

Historian: Position Vacant. Contact Jo Ann Pyle if interested in this position.

Membership & Insurance: Tom Corning, 949.228.0719, tomcorning@comcast.net No Digital Report.

State Festival '27 Report: Bonnie Harry friends@petticoatjct.com Highlights of actions of 2027 festival committee: Dave Harry is producing a short musical piece for use in a presentation skit to promote the festival at the 2026 State Festival and at other larger events. We invite all dancers that will be going to 2026 festival to be CAST MEMBERS (skit presentation Saturday dinner) AND BOX OFFICE STAFF (registration table and ways n means sales)! This Broadway event is soon to be on-the-road, volunteer positions are waiting for you! We will have an information area at the spring Council dance for becoming involved, if not committed before!

Committee members, Cast Member or Box Office Staff, you will be able to obtain your clothing items before going to Ocean Shores...polo shirts, over-skirts, ties, ladies embellished tops. More to come! March 16th at Noon, we invite you to come to the sewing party at the Harrys. Contact Bonnie to get the details. If you don't sew, we can train you to cut or iron! We have committees looking into hotels and parking options for Everett. Registration forms will come soon after when all details are firm.

Student Liaison: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail.com. Graduations are wrapping up and we will be reporting on our 2026 mainstream graduation metrics in April. The final graduation is in March. Two clubs are conducting their second round of lessons and we'll include those graduates in our end of season metrics.

Round Tuit: Lynnea Dunbar 425-314-8369 lynneadunbar@gmail. Congratulations to the following students who earned and have been presented their Round Tuits: Cheyenne Culich, Vicki Sorg, Ann Kearney (her 2nd!), Geri Faris, Jim Faris, Steve Locke (he earned 2!) and Andrene Zuanich (her 2nd!). Congratulations to the following experienced dancers who earned and have been presented their Round Tuits: Joe Bahr and Lois Cassidy.

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

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

Round Dance: Bob (Linda) Berka 360-675-8691 bekarl@whidbey.net Round of the Month for March 2026 (CLASSIC MONTH) "AF EN AF" Chore: MIKE & MICHELLE SEURER Music: ALBUM DIE DIEPTE VAN MY HART by KURT DARREN. Two Step: Phase II. Download at Amazon, Itune & YouTube. Other Selections ROCK PAPER SCISSORS & DEAR FUTURE HUSBAND

Scrapbook: Claire Ball 425-206-8709 ball.gordy@gmail.com No Report

Solo Coordinator: Vacant

Ways & Means: Vacant

Youth Report: No Digital Report

OLD BUSINESS: Continuation of discussion ensued regarding new callers, concerning if they are covered by ASCAP license prior to being certified, and what opportunities are out there for them to practice.

Ila Williams Award: a biography and why you think they deserve the award is necessary. Send your nominations to the Cornings.

NEW BUSINESS: Requests for nominations from the floor. This request will be repeated again next month. For both the State Federation and the MBC.

DELEGATE REPORTS:

A Blast: Geri Johnson 425-337-ABlast On April 4th, Bob Jervis will be calling an A1/A2 dance at the TriWay Grange in Mill Creek from 1 to 3:30 pm. Advanced workshops with Spyder Webb continue on Tuesday evenings at the TriWay Grange from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. All advanced dancers are welcome to join us!

Cascade Crossfires: Judy (Tom) Corning 206-794-5946 judyse-atrvl@comcast.net. No Report

Dancing Shadows: Fonda Ross 916-849-8554 tinkertaz@aol.com No Report

Dudes & Dolls: Amber Cox March 7th we have our quarterly meeting April 10th is dedicated to the Rat Pack with the "Fly Me to the Moon" dance. Scott Coon is calling and Lisa Weiser is cueing line dancing. On April 11th we caravan to Fern Bluff Squares. April 24th is our 75th Anniversary dance. We will have a two callers with Brent Mawdsley and Scott Coon and Shawn Cavness cueing. Please come celebrate this special day with us. Finally we will be caravanning to Rainbow Squares on April 25th.

Fern Bluff Squares: Ray Gallagher 425 772-3476 raybft@comcast.net No Digital Report.

Fidalgo Fogcutters: Leslie Keyes,425-409-4559, l_a_keyes@msn. No Digital Report

Freewheelers: Randy Lewis There will be no first Sunday dance in April because of Easter. Sunday, April 19th, is our April Showers plus dance with Spyder Webb and Katie Marteny. On April 25 th we caravan to Rainbow Squares with Brent Mawdsley. Sunday, May 3rd , is our Disney Dance with Spyder Webb and Randy Preskitt. The Sky Valley Whirlwinds and the Whirlybirds are visiting us. We dance first and third Sundays at the Cedar Valley Grange, with advanced rounds from 6:30 to 7:00 followed by the dance from 7:00-9:00 p.m. with a plus tip at the end of our mainstream dances.

Happy Hoppers: Karen Hammontree 425-870-1632 Kmtree99@gmail.com
We had a great turnout for our pajama dance. It was fun to see so many different ones that people chose. Leopard rollers in hair along with her PJ's

won the best PJ award. Jennifer Coy was the winner!! Thanks everyone that participated in this fun dance. The Hopper appreciation dinner is scheduled at Olive Garden on April 9 th . All Hoppers are invited to attend. April 12th Andy Garboden will be the caller and Alyshia Main will be the cuer. April 26 th Brent Mawdsley will be calling and cueing our 69 th Anniversary Dance.

Happy Rounders: Larry Mercer We will not be dancing in April 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 On Saturday, April 25th, the 4th Saturday in March, Rainbow Squares will feature “Rock’n Thru the Decades;” with Brent Calling to all your favorites from over the past decades. Plus dancing will be 7 to 7:30 PM with Mainstream from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The experienced clothing shop will be open (with a 50% off everything sale), and we will have snacks after the dance. See you at the Ten Mile Grange, 6950 Hannegan Rd, Lynden, WA.

Samena Squares: Lee Barnhart April showers also bring fun Spring dances. Samenas are dancing to the Rainbow Rhapsody on April 10th . Leo Catt and Alyshia Main will be on stage. On the 24th , the Samenas will go dark to do our annual caravan to the Dudes and Dolls anniversary dance. This is a fun exchange to enhance relations between our two clubs. Just for fun our Same-na Ladies will have their almost annual Tea Party. A chance for the ladies to get together for a dressy, fun social event. We hope Spring brings lots of good weather and joy to our square dance community.

Shooting Stars: No Report

Skagit Squares: Gini Johnson. We had a surprise on March 3, 2026, because several students from Western joined us for our continuing lessons we offer each Tuesday night at the Mount Vernon Senior Center between 7-9 pm with Dave Harry. One of the students is the granddaughter of someone who had enjoyed square dancing for many years, but due to her and her hubby’s health, had to give it up. The granddaughter and her friends had a lot of

catching up to do since we had officially started lessons 2 weeks prior, but at their age they caught on fast. We did enjoy having them on the dance floor. March brought a sea of yellow daffodils to the Skagit Valley and in April the Valley is decked out in an array of colors with tulips in bloom. Prior to our Saturday, April 18, Tulip Time Dance, why don't you come early and enjoy a drive amongst the tulip fields? Then enjoy pre-rounds with Bob Berka starting at 7:30 pm and mainstream with Gunter Monroe, caller, at 8 pm. We dance at the Mount Vernon Senior Center until 10 pm. You have another and earlier chance to cruise around the tulip fields by attending our first Saturday Level Dance on Saturday, April 4, with Dave Harry calling 7-9 pm. Our club members will probably dislike leaving the colorful Valley, but we will caravan to the Dudes and Dolls on Friday, April 24. Do enjoy your "tip-toe thru the tulips" time!

Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Geri Johnson. Our March dance will be a level dance on March 28 with Spyder Webb calling and Lisa Weiser leading line dancing. On April 25, Leo Catt will be calling our Mainstream dance and Rochelle Catt will cue rounds. All our dances are at the TriWay Grange beginning with lines and/or rounds at 6 pm followed by Plus at 6:30 and Mainstream dancing from 7 to 9 pm. Our Mainstream Strengthening Workshops co-sponsored with the Freewheelers with caller/teacher Spyder Webb have come to an end. We will be starting classes again on Thursday evenings beginning in September. Stay tuned for more information. The Alzheimer's Benefit Dance for 2026 is Saturday, April 4 th at the Juanita Community Center from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Square Crows: Reported by Delegate Brooks Bennett (206) 914-4632 brooksbennett79@gmail.com Square Crows graduated nine dancers with seven joining our club. Feedback from students was very positive. Crows next dances: March 20th - Tribute to Dr Seuss with Ray Gallagher & Kyle Quande April 17th - Rainbows & Dreams with Steve Edlund & Kyle Quande - We will caravan to Sky Valley Whirlwinds on April 25th.

Whirlybirds: No Digital Report

Good of the Order: Next Council Meeting will be on April 1, 2026, MSD

Board Room, 4220 80th St. NE Marysville

April Snacks will be provided by the Whirlybirds and the Skagit Squares.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sammi Fredenburg

Recording Secretary

**Mount Baker Square and Round Dance Council
Treasurer Report 2/1/2026**

| | Checking | Savings | Due 2/8/2026 CD 2mo | 6/8/2026 CD 4mo | Total |
|---|----------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Balance as reported on 2/1/2026 | 1,039.09 | 15,892.64 | 45,602.57 | - | 62,534.30 |
| Plus deposits | | | | | |
| Renewal | | | -45630.58 | 45,630.58 | |
| Bank Charges | | | | | |
| Interest | | | 0.12 | | |
| 2/28/2026 | | | 28.01 | 84.09 | |
| Subtotal Income: | - | 0.12 | (45,602.57) | 45,714.67 | 112.22 |
| Less Payments | | | | | |
| 751 Marysville School District: December Rent | 35.00 | | | | |
| 752 Whirlybirds: Student Level Dance Coupon | 30.00 | | | | |
| 753 Petticoat Junction: No Experience Caller Fee | 100.00 | | | | |
| 754 Sky Valley Whirlwinds: Student Level Dance Coupon | 50.00 | | | | |
| 755 Dudes & Dolls: Student Level Dance Coupon | 20.00 | | | | |
| Subtotal Expense: | 235.00 | - | - | - | 235.00 |
| Book Balance as of 2/28/2026 | 804.09 | 15,892.76 | - | 45,714.67 | 62,411.52 |
| Outstanding Checks | | | | | |
| 755 Dudes & Dolls: Student Level Dance Coupon | 20.00 | | | | |
| Bank Balance as of 2/28/2026 | 824.09 | 15,892.76 | - | 45,714.67 | 62,431.52 |

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