

A SQUARE DANCE TRAVEL GUIDE ©



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DEDICATION

This edition of the Travel Guide is dedicated to BOB BELLVILLE. On August 27, 1986, Bob was voted a full member of the Northern California Callers Association. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time a gay person has started a professional career in square dance calling with full awareness of his homosexuality at the time of his application to be an apprentice caller. He has set a precedence for which the door can never be completely closed again. I greatly admire his high principles and his courage to walk firmly where others have tended to tread softly. Bob represents what is good and just in the gay community's efforts to increase public consciousness that homosexuals are moral and worthy individuals. Thank you, Bob, for taking a stand.

A FEW COMMENTS

This Guide is to help you locate gay square dance clubs when you are traveling. As with any publication that is a representation of a growing body, the information is constantly changing--even as I am typing this page, there is likely to be at least one change. Perish the thought, but I could have made some mistakes! It is wise to confirm dance schedules prior to your trip.

One thing you will note this year is that there are quite a few comments about anticipated plans. This is a healthy sign for gay square dancing. It means that clubs are not stagnate; they are changing to meet the needs of their members. It seems to be a sign that square dancing in the gay community is here to stay for a long while; it is not a fad.

There are other dance activities associated with square dancing, such as clogging, bootscooting, C&W, and performance-only groups. This Travel Guide is not intended to encompass all these activities but focuses on square dance opportunities that are open to all who know the Callerlab format. It may not be exhaustive in completeness, but you should be able to start on your way to inquire about the possibility of gay square dancing when you travel. Just notice all the different places people are square dancing.

As always, I would appreciate knowing about errors and about changes to the information. I have plans for future editions, but execution will take some time. If you have comments or suggestions, I'd love to hear them.

ANOTHER HELPFUL BOOK

Art Smith, who helped found the Seattle square dancing community, has another update of his book "Square Dancing Orientation and Information for the beginning gay square dance club." It is immensely useful to any club even though he may think it's for new clubs attempting to get off the ground. It is written in a very personal style and shows his deep concern for square dancing in general, his knowledge of the subject, and his wonderful compassion for all human beings. It's available for a small charge: Art Smith, 936 North 76th St., Seattle, WA 98103. Telephone: (206)789-2668.

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ERRATUM

Bob Bellville was voted a full member of the Northern California Callers Association on July 27, 1986, not August 27, as indicated in the "Dedication."

ADDITION

This Travel Guide was taken to the printer on Wednesday, and that evening I learned of a new club that would have members at this Convention. So I halted the presses late Wednesday and am pleased to add this additional information.

State/Country City	Club Name/ Contact	When Dance/ Program(s)	Dance Location	Phone No.
K A N S A S				
Wichita	KANSAS CORNERS George Cooper & Mark Bassett 1776 Harvard Wichita, KS 67208 (316)686-7944	SUNDAY 2:30 - 4:30 Basic/Mainstream Class		
		This Club is less than one year old, with George & Mark having learned to square dance after attending the IAGSDC Convention in Denver for clogging.		
		They currently have 1-1/2 squares who are through Basic, but there is sufficient interest to start a new class. The current members are going through Basic again, and then the class will continue through Mainstream.		
		Currently relocating the class. Call to confirm location.		

AND ONE FINAL WORD

No club or frequent traveler should be without the "National Square Dance Directory" (actually, it is international in scope). Over 300 pages of club listings and vendor ads. You can list your club at no charge, and they will indicate you are a gay club if you so request. I used it when I was in London. Address: National Square Dance Directory, P.O. Box 54055, Jackson, MS 39208.

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Tucson	T SQUARES Maxine Smitherman 5763 E. 19th St Tucson, AZ 85711 (602)747-2875	SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:00 Basic Class	Rumorhazzit 2222 N. Stone Ave Tucson, AZ	(602)791-0309
		THURSDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Mainstream (some Plus)	Rumorhazzit (see above)	

CALIFORNIA

Orange County	GOLDEN STATE SQUARES Dale Jajodzinski 11382 Francis Garden Grove, CA 92643 (714)530-8964	WEDNESDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Basic Class	D.O.K. West 12887 Garden Grove Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92668	(714)534-9712
	NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS OF ORANGE COUNTY Dave "Happy" New Year 7235 Santa Teresa Circle Buena Park, CA 90620 (714)827-1863	MONDAY 7:00 - 9:30 Mainstream & Plus (at floor level) About 9/1/86 Basic/Mainstream class to begin.	The Mug 8612 Garden Grove Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92644	(714)534-9335
Palm Springs	SUN DANCERS Gil Leon 48100 Beverly Dr Palm Desert, CA 92260 (619)346-4864	SUNDAY 3:00 - 6:00 Country/Western dance only This Club is currently in reorganization. There is occasional square dancing. Call to confirm.	C. C. Construction Co. 68449 Perez Rd Cathedral City, CA	(619)324-4241
Sacramento	CAPITAL CITY SQUARES Tim Larrabee 40 Estuary Court Sacramento, CA 95831 (916)427-8907	TUESDAY 7:00 - 9:30 Mainstream & Plus Class	David Lubin Elementary School 3535 M St (at 35th St) Sacramento, CA	
		WEDNESDAY 7:00 - 9:30 Basic Class	Mark Twain Elementary School 4914 58th St Sacramento, CA	

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Sacramento	PRIME 8'S Stan Boyden & Bill St. John 3684 Kings Way #1 Sacramento, CA 95821 (916)488-8732	MONDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Plus Class	William Land Elementary School (Multipurpose Room) 12th & U Streets Sacramento, CA	
San Francisco	FOGGY CITY DANCERS P.O. Box 14324 San Francisco, CA 94114 Bill Whitefield 250 Hartford St #6 San Francisco, CA 94114 (415)864-1280	TUESDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Mainstream Club THURSDAY 7:00 - 9:00 (beginning about 1/1/87) Basic/Mainstream Class	Live Oak School 117 Diamond St (bet. 18th & 19th Sts) San Francisco, CA Rawhide II 280 7th St (at Folsom) San Francisco, CA	(415)621-1197
	MIDNIGHT SQUARES Tadd Waggoner 2196 15th St San Francisco, CA 94114 (415)626-1049	SUNDAY 3:00 - 5:00 C1 (dancing) 5:00 - 7:00 A2 (dancing)	Live Oak School 117 Diamond St (bet. 18th & 19th Sts) San Francisco, CA	
	WESTERN STAR DANCERS 584 Castro St, Suite 480 San Francisco, CA 94114 Scott Carey 2189 Market St San Francisco, CA 94114 (415)864-6134	MONDAY 8:15 - 10:15 (beginning 9/15/86) Basic/Mainstream Class WEDNESDAY 8:15 - 10:15 Mainstream Club FRIDAY 8:00 - 10:00 (1st & 3rd Fri each month) Full Plus	Central YMCA, 2nd Floor Theater 220 Golden Gate Ave San Francisco, CA Central YMCA (see above) Central YMCA (see above)	

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San Jose	EL CAMINO REELERS Marilyn Martinyak & Patricia Dixon 7148 Bark Lane San Jose, CA 95129 (408) 996-3788	TUESDAY 7:30 - 10:00 Mainstream Club Mid-September, 1986, Basic/Mainstream class to begin. Probably Thursday. To be announced. Anticipate Plus class in fall.	First Christian Church Hall 80 S. 5th St San Jose, CA	
West Hollywood	NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD Dave "Happy" New Year 7235 Santa Teresa Circle Buena Park, CA 90620 (714) 827-1863	THURSDAY 7:00 - 8:30 Basic/Mainstream Class 8:30 - 10:00 Plus	Fiesta Hall (in Plummer Park) 7377 Santa Monica Blvd West Hollywood, CA	
CANADA				
Vancouver, B.C.	SQUARES ACROSS THE BORDER Box 312, 1755 Robson St Vancouver, BC V6B 1C9 Murray Lush 1218 Burnaby St #503 Vancouver, BC V6E 1P5 (604) 685-4836	MONDAY 8:00 - 10:30 Mainstream & Plus (Western night at Streets. Line & 2-step from 10:30 to 2:00 a.m.) About 10/1/86 Basic class and a Mainstream class to start. Both probably on Wednesday night. Call to confirm.	Streets Dufferen Hotel 900 Seymour St Vancouver, BC	
COLORADO				
Denver	MILE HIGH SQUARES c/o Charlie's 7900 E. Colfax Denver, CO 80220 Bud Rhyne 1330 Lafayette #34 Denver, CO 80218 (303) 839-1048	TUESDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Mainstream Class WEDNESDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Plus Class	Charlie's 7900 E. Colfax Denver, CO 80220 Charlie's (see above)	(303) 399-1979
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Denver	ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAINBEAUS P.O. Box 18814 Denver, CO 80218 Karl Jaeckel 1519 S. Sherman Denver, CO 80210 (303)778-1937	MONDAY 7:30 - 10:00 Basic/Mainstream Class & Plus Class (simultaneous halls) In fall, 1986, will have "fun dance" one night/day a week. Call to confirm.	Events Center 16th & Gaylord Denver, CO	

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D.C. Maryland & Virginia Metro Area	D.C. LAMBDA SQUARES Doug Barnett 5 Olivewood Court Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301)345-5120	WEDNESDAY 8:00 - 10:30 Mainstream & Plus	Church of the Holy City 1411 16th St, NW Washington, DC	
		THURSDAY 7:30 - 10:30 Basic Class	Church of the Holy City (see above)	

FLORIDA

Ft. Lauderdale Hollywood Miami	SOUTH FLORIDA MUSTANGS P.O. Box 462 Hollywood, FL 33022 Wayne Paul (305)474-2715	SUNDAY 5:00 - 7:00 Basic Class 7:00 - indef Open dance at floor levels	Partners 625 E. Dania Beach Blvd Dania, FL	(305)921-9893
		MONDAY 8:00 - indef A1, C1 Class	Partners (see above)	
		TUESDAY 8:00 - indef Basic/Mainstream Class	Partners (see above)	
		THURSDAY 8:00 - indef Plus Class	Partners (see above)	
		FRIDAY 8:00 - indef Women's Basic Class (possible Mainstream in fall)	Partners (see above)	

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Gainesville Tallahassee	(unnamed at publication) Al Miller Rt 1, Box 1910 Citra, FL 32627 (904)351-2024	SATURDAY 8:00 - (2nd & 4th Sat each month) Basic Class	(a private residence) Northwest 135th Lane Citra, FL 32627	
		Activities available for non-dancing quests.		

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque	THE WILDE BUNCH P.O. Box 40393 Albuquerque, NM 87196 Bill Eyer 403 Cornell SE Albuquerque, NM 87106 (505)255-2150	SUNDAY 3:00 - 4:00 Plus Class & Flying Squares 4:00 - 6:00 Basic thru Plus dancing MONDAY (beginning about 10/1/86) to be announce Advanced Class WEDNESDAY 6:30 - 9:30 Basic/Mainstream Class	Albuquerque Social Club 4021 Central NE Albuquerque, NM (to be announced) Albuquerque Social Club (see above)	
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NEW YORK

New York City	TIMES SQUARES Skip Rognlien P.O. Box 1229, Ansonia Station New York, NY 10023 (212)580-8785 or Ken Pollack 115 East 9th St #9D New York, NY 10003 (212)505-7167	TUESDAY 7:30 - 10:00 Mainstream Club THURSDAY 7:30 - 10:00 (Whatever program currently in progress) About 11/1/86 Plus class planned. Probably Wednesday. Call to confirm.	Public School #3 Hudson St (near Christopher St) New York City Public School #3 (see above)	
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OREGON				
Portland	ROSETOWN RAMBLERS P.O. Box 5352 Portland, OR 97228 Larry Murchison (503) 228-7147	SUNDAY 5:30 - 7:30 Basic thru Plus dancing TUESDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Plus dancing WEDNESDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Mainstream Class THURSDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Plus Class (begin A1 about 10/1/86)	Embers 110 NW Broadway Portland, OR Embers (see above) Northwest Service Center 1819 NW Everett Portland, OR Northwest Service Center (see above)	(503) 222-3082
		About 11/1/86 Basic class to begin. To be announced.		
WASHINGTON				
Seattle	800 Doug McPherson 516-1/2 East Howell Seattle, WA 98102 (206) 328-2761	SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:00 Challenge	R Place 706 East Pike Seattle, WA	(206) 322-8828
	DOPPLER DANCERS Doug McPherson (see above)	SUNDAY 4:00 - 6:00 Advanced TUESDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Advanced Class WEDNESDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Advanced Club	R Place (see above) Pilgrim Congregational Church Broadway at Mercer Seattle, WA Pilgrim Congregational Church (see above)	
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Seattle	EMERALD CITY DANCERS Don Lee 1004 Belmont Ave East #501 Seattle, WA 98102 (206)343-9880--office	TUESDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Plus Class	Pilgrim Congregational Church (see above)	
		WEDNESDAY (1st & 3rd Wed each month) 7:00 - 9:30 Plus Club	Pilgrim Congregational Church (see above)	
		FRIDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Plus dancing	R Place (see above)	
Seattle	FUDDLETOWN SQUARES P.O. Box 20671 Seattle, WA 98102 John Kelly (206)783-2872	MONDAY 7:30 - 9:30 Basic/Mainstream Class	Pilgrim Congregational Church (see above)	
		SATURDAY 5:30 - 8:00 Mainstream dancing	Neighbours 1509 Broadway (enter thru alley) Seattle, WA	(206)324-5358
Spokane	(unnamed) Jeff or Barbara c/o Tin Ear 321 W. Sprague Spokane, WA 99204 (509)456-7826	WEDNESDAY 7:00 - 9:00 Basic Class This group is looking for a knowledgeable instructor. Want to have Mainstream class on Sunday. Lots of dedicated dancers if can keep instruction going. Contact Linda Eaton, owner, Tim Ear.	Tin Ear 321 W. Sprague Spokane, WA 99204	(509)456-7826
Tacoma	GASLIGHT SQUARES P.O. Box 803 Tacoma, WA 98401-0803 Steve Munkres 2625 S. 365th Place Federal Way, WA 98003 (206)838-8371	MONDAY 7:30 - 9:00 Mainstream Club Mid-September, 1986, new class to begin. Club would move to new night. Call to confirm.	733 Club 733 Commerce Tacoma, WA 98402	(206)627-0733



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