

# Spin Chain To Maine



*66<sup>th</sup> New England  
Square & Round Dance Convention  
April 26-28, 2023*

*DoubleTree by Hilton*

*Portland, Maine*

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





Janet T. Mills  
GOVERNOR

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January 31, 2024

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 66<sup>th</sup> New England Square and Round Dance Convention. I am delighted this event has returned to Maine for the second year in a row.

Square and round dancing has a deep history here in New England, carried across the Atlantic by our forebears in Europe. These styles of dance have endured through the centuries because they foster artistry, fellowship, and self-expression. Conventions like this help showcase and preserve our storied history, and I want to convey my gratitude to the hosts, committee members, and chairpersons for bringing this convention to Maine.

Over the next few days, I hope you all immerse yourselves in the traditional dances shared at this convention, and I encourage you to take advantage of the beauty and bounty of the Pine Tree State during your visit. From our western mountains, our rugged and rocky coastline, lush forests and rushing rivers – please enjoy our great State of Maine and visit us again soon.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills  
Governor





CITY OF  
**SOUTH  
PORTLAND**

Scott T. Morelli  
City Manager

April 26, 2024

Re: New England Square and Round Dance Convention 2024

Dear Dancers & Visitors,

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you and all participants of the 66<sup>th</sup> New England Square Dance Convention to the City of South Portland. In our vibrant and diverse community, we hold true to the motto, "All Things Are Possible", and we are very happy to have you here.

As the fourth-largest city in the state, South Portland boasts a plethora of offerings for residents and visitors alike. The proximity of the Maine Mall, the largest shopping mall in the State of Maine, right across from your hotel ensures convenient access to various shops and amenities. Whether you're seeking delicious dining experiences or unique local shops, you'll find them scattered throughout the area.

Should you find the time to explore, I encourage you to venture to the eastern part of the City. Bug Light Park awaits with its breathtaking views of the water and Casco Bay, and the historic Bug Light lighthouse. Additionally, discover the charm of Spring Point lighthouse, located at Fort Preble near the grounds of Southern Maine Community College. A stroll at Willard Beach is another option for those looking to partake in the beauty of our surroundings.

We are honored that you have chosen South Portland to be the backdrop of your convention, and I extend this warm welcome on behalf of the entire community - those who live, work and play here. Your presence adds to the richness of our city, and we hope your stay is enjoyable.

Best wishes to all of you as you embark on the 66<sup>th</sup> New England Round and Square Dance Convention.

Sincerely,

Misha C. Pride  
Mayor, City of South Portland



## "Spin Chain to Maine"



The 66<sup>th</sup> New England  
Square & Round Dance Convention  
Portland, Maine  
April 26 & 27, 2024

Hello Friends,

Once again, we find ourselves back in Portland Maine this time for the 66<sup>th</sup> NESRDC. Ken & I are so happy to be spending this weekend with all of you.

So much work has gone into hosting these two conventions, and we could not be prouder of our committee for all they have done. Please remember to acknowledge their hard work when you see them throughout the weekend.

We are so thrilled to have vendors & exhibitors with us again during the convention and would like to thank them for all they do to help keep Square Dancing alive and well.

We appreciate the time that our dance leaders volunteer to put on a very entertaining event. Thank you and we look forward to dancing to you!

We especially need to recognize the organizations that put on the New England Square and Round Dance Convention. EDSARDA, NECCA, & NECORTA through their joint committee known as CO-OP have been dedicated to hosting these conventions for, well, 66 years. Thank you.

Be sure to check in at the registration table to pick up your packet which contains the things you will need including your ribbons, schedules, and program booklet.

If you need assistance during this year's event, please stop in at the hospitality table. There will be information on where to dine and other local area info. Our lost & found box will be located here in case a belonging decides to venture around the convention on its own.

A special thank you to the staff of the Double Tree by Hilton for all they have done and will do this weekend to help make our Convention a successful and happy time for all!

Thank you dancers for choosing to join us for the weekend and remember to spread some smiles while you are here. Enjoy the convention!

Hugs,

Denise & Ken Carbonell  
General Chair  
66<sup>th</sup> NESRDC  
Portland, Maine



EASTERN DISTRICT  
SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, INC

**EDSARDA**



Dear Dancers,

On behalf of the executive board from the Eastern District Square and Round Dance Association (EDSARDA), we welcome you to the 66th New England Square and Round Dance Convention. We hope that you take advantage of all this conventions has to offer! We are thankful to the Double Tree by Hilton Portland Maine Hotel for the use of their facility and accommodations.

The convention committee, under the leadership of Ken and Denise Carbonell has worked tirelessly to provide you, the dancer with an extraordinary experience to be remembered. Everyone is encouraged to have fun and enjoy the weekend, from the Trail-In Dance on Thursday to the Trail-Out Dance on Sunday. If you attend several special events, you may even be eligible for our "Still Alive After 5" badge. We are offering four \$25 prizes for those who attend four or 5 events and complete a form with four or five stamps and place it in the gold barrel at the booth. The EDSARDA booth also offers red dots for the RED DOT DANCERS! What is a RED DOT DANCER? Stop by the booth and enter your Club in a drawing find out more information on all our programs. Friday morning we are offering a leadership seminar on advertising.

There are also Workshops where you can learn new steps or variations to the call in that level, and all of the Special Programs including Dancing by Definition (DBD), Fast Track for Mainstream and Plus, Hexagon & Contras & Round dancing. Stop by, Tag'Em Engraving, where you can purchase badges, dangles on/and accessories. Don't forget to buy your RAFFLE tickets, the beautiful quilt tree skirt and SQ/SO.

EDSARDA is proud to announce we are sponsoring an Afterparty on Friday Night, with the Great caller Duo Ted Lisette & Bill Mager, Rounds with Lynn Sa. Come jump in a Square and join the Party! Don't forget to wear your Waldo shirt.

This convention would not be possible without the generous gifts of time and talent from all our Callers & Cuers, and most of all with your friends who have not yet had the opportunity to explore this wonderful event. Please welcome all new dancers in the activity and serve as ambassadors to help them enjoy this great social activity!

Remember:

Please stop by the EDSARDA booth anytime during the convention to check out our display. Also think about joining our board to make a difference in the activity!

Hope to see you in a Square,

Sarah Mager

President

Eastern District Square and Round Dance Association



## NECCA Chairman's 'WELCOME!' Letter:



### Spin Chain To Maine!



Welcome to Maine and New England's annual square dance party this weekend in Portland. Maine is surely a beautiful, fun place to visit during springtime as the ski season winds down and warmer outdoor activities begin. With its great parks, lighthouses, seafood, etc. you'll find plenty to do while you're enjoying our great 66<sup>th</sup> Convention!

Just a few short years ago (48!) the NESRDC was held in Portland ME. Some of your callers for this year's Convention (myself included) also enjoyed calling for some of you (?) back in 1976. Let us know during this year's Convention if you were there, we truly enjoy sharing these great memories. According to NECCA documents Ken Ringland and Andy Williams were the Callers Chairmen for that Convention. Like a ship chartering both calm & stormy Maine seas, square dancing has stood the test of time and social challenges to stand tall as a fun, friendly activity we thoroughly enjoy!

➤ From my 'go to Guide' Charlotte Sinclair, thanks for this scenic tour! 🍷

Portland is set on a peninsula extending into Casco Bay. The Old Port waterfront features working fishing wharves and converted warehouses with restaurants and shops. Nearby, the Western Promenade is a public park atop a bluff, offering river and mountain views. Its surrounding district, the West End, is full of Victorian-era homes, including the Victoria Mansion museum. South of Portland, Cape Elizabeth has beautiful beaches and coastline for walking or for a pleasant drive.

Your convention committee did a great job last year and will be looking for opportunities to make 2024 even more fun! A GREAT BIG thanks to to Denise, Ken & Mike and entire committee! Please plan to attend our NECCA Clinic on Saturday morning for callers, cuers & dancers to gather and share experiences and new ideas to help promote our great activity.

As you renew acquaintances and meet new friends in a square I hope you have a wonderful dance and social experience during all the convention activities. And please take a little time to introduce yourselves to all your New England and visiting callers – we're always looking to make new friends and listen to dancers for a change! From all our New England Callers & Cuers, thank you for letting us share the fun with you all, take care, keep smiling and enjoy!



Kevin Bersing – NECCA Chairman





## NECORTA – The New England Council of Round Dance Teacher Associations

April 2024

Many of you may not be aware of who or what NECORTA is or does. We are the representative body for all the New England Round Dance Teacher Associations. It is from this organization that the convention Round Dance Programmer is chosen. It is also an organization which helps facilitate communication associations, teachers, and cuers to know what dances are favored throughout New England.

A core mission of NECORTA is "To assist in the improvement of the professional development and skills of the round dance leaders in the New England area." To accomplish this goal we are happy to announce plans for an Annual Cuer School here in New England. This school will provide instruction for new cuers and new teachers as well as help improve the skills of experienced cuers and teachers. Stay tuned for more information on this as it takes shape.

As an introduction to new cuer instruction (and recruitment), NECORTA will offer a one-hour new cuer experience at this convention. Please check the schedule and come see what cueing is about and give it a try!

This year, please enjoy your dancing at convention and be sure to say "Thank You" to Denise Carbonell, Convention General Chair; to Phil Gatchell, Convention Round Dance Programmer; and all the cuers and callers who are donating their time to make your dancing experience a memorable one.

Sincerely,



Al Hipkins  
Chair of NECORTA





# YANKEE CLIPPER AWARD

## FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO SQUARE & ROUND DANCING IN NEW ENGLAND

Nominations for the *Yankee Clipper Award for Distinguished Service to Square/Round Dancing in New England* will be judged upon the following criteria:

- a. The Nominee shall have been active a minimum of ten years in this New England activity.
- b. That during this time the dedicated service to square/round dancing has been of an exemplary nature.
- c. That the Nominee is a 'complete' person; that is, his/her total life brings credit to our activity.
- d. Normally this Award shall be considered a partner award. Service and activities of the partner when applicable shall be considered.
- e. Nominations shall be *confidential* and *not* discussed with the Nominee except as cleared by the Awards Committee in advance of such discussion.
- f. There shall be no announcement of the Award Recipient until the Award has been made publicly.
- g. The decisions of the Awards Committee are final, binding and not subject to review by any other authority.
- h. In making this Award, it shall be understood that the CO-OPERATION Committee is acting for square and round dancers in EDSARDA, callers in NECCA, and round dance teachers in NECORTA.

2023 Award Winners: Don and SallyAnn Bachelder, Bernardston, MA

Deadline for nominations - November 30  
Nomination forms can be obtained from:

**Gloria Vivier**  
**31 North St**  
**Granby, MA 01033**  
**(413) 467-3352**







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OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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April 25, 2024

Dear Dancers,

This is the 51th year that the Square Dance Foundation of New England has been in attendance at the New England Square and Round Dance Conventions and we are honored to be welcoming you to the 66th New England Square and Round Convention in Portland, Maine.

We invite you to visit our table and learn how the collections we donated to the University of New Hampshire and to the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, New York, are being preserved and made accessible to all of you through their websites.

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This year's General Chairmen, Denise and Ken Carbonell, along with their many Convention Committee Chairpersons, have many different activities planned for you. You will find them all listed in your registration packet.

Whether this is your first convention or your 50th, it is a time to meet old friends or make new ones. Enjoy the many callers and cures and dance to a variety of music. The important thing is to have fun.

We will be looking for you at the SDFNE's Trail-Out Dance on Sunday, April 28th from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the Mainstream Hall at the Double Tree hotel. It is a great way to end a fantastic convention.

We look forward to seeing you in a square,

Sheila Moody

President

Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc





*Denise and Ken  
Carbonell  
General Chairman*

Denise started square dancing 40 years ago. She has served on the board of almost every club she has been a member of holding several different positions. In October of 2015 she attended her first caller's school and started her own square dance group in Maine in January of 2016 with the help of her husband. The group is still going strong. She is the current Vice Chair of the CALLERLAB New Caller Committee.

Ken served in the USAF for 23 years where he was an aircraft Crew Chief. He started square dance lessons in 2004 and has enjoyed it ever since.

Denise & Ken were married at a Square Dance in North Carolina where they were living at that time. Their wedding cake topper were square dance figures.

Sheila started square dancing in 1980, with the Littleton Sixteen Footers SDC, in Littleton, Massachusetts and served on the board until the club folded in the early 2000's. She served on the North Shore Square Dance Convention Committee in 1998 and 1999. She also served as vice president and treasurer of NSSARDA. Sheila is currently President of the Square Dance Foundation of New England as well as President for Nubble Lighthouse Keepers Square Dance club in Wells, Maine.



*Sheila Moody  
Vice Chairman*



I started square dancing on Cape Cod in 2007, and it is by far the best activity! When I moved to Maine in 2009, I had an instant community and have made the best friends through square dancing. Having run a bookkeeping service for small businesses for 35 years has prepared me well for the NESCRD committee treasurer position.



*Irene Coon  
Treasurer*



*Mike and Barbara  
Mangion  
Dancer Registration*

Barbara and Mike began dancing 30 years ago in Massachusetts. We were angels once we could dance and supported our club by serving in multiple offices. After attending a number of conventions we served at the National Convention in Springfield in hospitality and at NESRDC Conventions in Rhode Island as registration. When we retired and moved to Maine we were welcomed by the square dance community here .



We are relatively new “Mainers”, since we retired in Maine in 2021. We love square (and round) dancing and have become active in several areas. We worked on the National Square Dance Convention committee in Springfield, MA, we served as General Chairman for the 58th & 59th NESRDC and we were registration Chairman for the convention 2 years ago in Hyannis. We have also been active at the club level, having served as Chairman for our club, Treasurer and Program coordinator.



*Steve & Steph Dionne  
Hospitality Chairman*



*Al Hipkins  
and Roberta Beal  
Signs & Maps*

Al and Roberta started dancing together in 2005 and have been active square and round dancers since. Al started calling in 2006 and cueing 2014 and is currently a travelling caller/cuer and the club caller for two clubs in Maine. The square and round dance community has enriched their lives with great dancing, wonder travel opportunities, and life-long friendships.





*Judy and Lou Morin*  
*Secretary*

Mike and Melissa have made their home in Chelsea, Maine with their two sons. They travel all over New England calling at dances of all square-dancing levels. Mike and Melissa started dancing in 2003 when Mikey, their oldest son, was just 6 days old. They took a short break when their boys were young. Mike calls at Friendship Squares and Squire Town Squares as well as “Mitchell’s Advanced Square Dance Addicts Club/Crew” weekly. Mike and Melissa have organized and scheduled all the callers for the 65<sup>th</sup> & 66th NESRDC conventions.

We started Square Dancing 15 years ago. We quickly grew to love dancing and the community involved with it. Soon after we also took up Round Dancing. We have been involved in our local clubs Mix N Mingle, Alfred Square & Round Dancers, and Nubble Lighthouse Keepers. The best part of square dancing is the wonderful friends that we have made in the past 15 years. We dance 2-3 times per week. Though we have attended many conventions, this is the first one where we have been on the committee.



*Mike and Melissa Dusoe*  
*Square Dance Caller*  
*Coordinator*



Marilyn and Phil are Maine round dance cuers. They give round dance workshops and are cuers at multiple dances locally. They are a wonderful addition to our 65th and 66th NESRDC committees.



*Marilyn Rivenburg and  
Phil Gatchell*

*Round Dance Cuer Coordinator*



*Dean Giffin  
And Cindi LaPlante  
Camping*

Dean square danced growing up until his young family needs took over and he stepped away to be a father. He came back to dancing in 2010 with Happy Time Squares. Cyndi got her first class in square dancing in NY in 1986, but a career change kept her from finishing the class. In 2010 after seeing an ad for Happy Time Squares, she gave it another try and she and Dean have been dance partners ever since. Cyndi is a ballroom dancer and she and Dean started round dancing in 2013. They are currently President and Vice President of Happy Time Squares.







*Neil & Cindy Hawley*  
*Photographer*

As a photographer Neil got his start in 1973 with an SLR camera while serving with the Marines in Okinawa. Neil has been a part time professional photographer ever since. Neil loves to be behind the camera shooting nature, portraits and events including several Square Dance Conventions and Camp and Dance Week-ends. Smile. .

We started square dancing in 2001 with SAGE in Brunswick, Maine and continue to dance with them. We moved to Virginia in 2010 for a job and returned to Maine in 2018. We didn't dance much while we were living in Virginia but did return to New England several times to dance while living in Virginia. I started the Maine Square Dance Web Site in 2007 to maintain the State wide schedule. I've since added a page for all the active clubs and kept in touch with Maine square dancers since I still maintain all of their web pages.



*Rick Powell*  
*Web Coordinator*



George started dancing in 2010 at Swinging Bears in South Paris with Al Hipkins calling. George is currently secretary for Friendship Squares in New Sharon and has also been a member of Sage in Brunswick and Mount Washington Stompers in North Conway, NH.



*George Gibson  
Hall Chairman*



*Milt and Charlotte  
Sinclair  
Program Booklet*

Milt and Charlotte were dairy farmers in Central Maine for nearly 40 years. In 2013 they started square dancing and have loved every chance they get to dance. Milt is currently President of Friendship Squares. "The dancing is wonderful and the people we have met are amazing. We love the fun and we love the really great friends we have made".



*Jayne Flanagan*

*Auditor*

*(not pictured)*

Jayne has been square and round dancing for about 13 years, starting at Mix n Mingle SDC with Kip and Linda Moulton. I have served as the club's President and Treasurer. Currently, I compose and distribute our dance posters and notices, our handbook for new class members, and am the facilities liaison with the School department. I have enjoyed dancing and new friends throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and online.

#### RED DOT DANCER

The idea behind the "red dot dancer" is to enable single dancers ease in finding a dance partner. In years past, our single dancers might have had an area to gather or a get acquainted gathering to meet and find partners. Today, some aggressive solos will maintain a spot in a square until another individual steps up to dance with them. To give all single dancers equal opportunity to enjoy the activity, the "red dot dancer" concept was conceived.

Upon entering a dance, a dancer may wish to display a sticky (easily removable) red dot on their badge or ribbon. This red dot indicates that you are: 1) a solo dancer (one who does not have a partner OR 2) a dancer who is willing to dance with others for certain tips during the event. If a person's partner doesn't wish or isn't able to dance every tip due to health or other issues, a red dot would show their availability to dance solo.

An additional feature may be added (a star within the red dot) which indicates the ability of the "red dot" wearer to dance either left or right side of the partnership.



## Sunrise Dance

at the 66th NESRDC

Saturday, April 27, 2024

6:30-8:00 am

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If weather is not on our side, the dancing  
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P.J.'s are welcome!



## Congratulations to the 66th NESRDC on a job well done!



From the Alfred Square & Round Dancers

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Denise Carbonell

Ken Carbonell

Larry Emery

Sylvia Emery

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Cyndi LaPlante

Deanie Seaman

Carolyn Horn

Barbara Horlor

Brian Beckman

Ellie Stein

Linda Baril

Glenn Hussey

Kimberly Hussey

Lenny Houle

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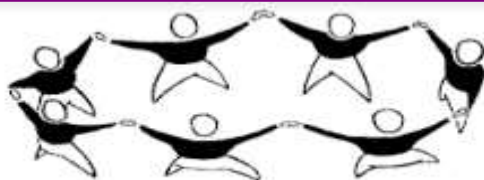
### *Denise Carbonell* - Square Dance Caller

Member of CALLERLAB, NECTA, & FCA  
Calls for Alfred Square & Round Dancers



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- 1 When a dancer goes down,  
a second dancer attends to him/her.
- 2 Remaining couples join hands  
and take a step backward.  
This will allow the injured person  
and attendant air and room.
- 3 Raise joined hands as high as  
possible in the form of an  
arched circle.
- 4 On seeing this signal, the caller or  
hall monitor will immediately place  
an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

EMERGENCY CALL  
for MEDICAL AID





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Round Dancing with Lynn Sa



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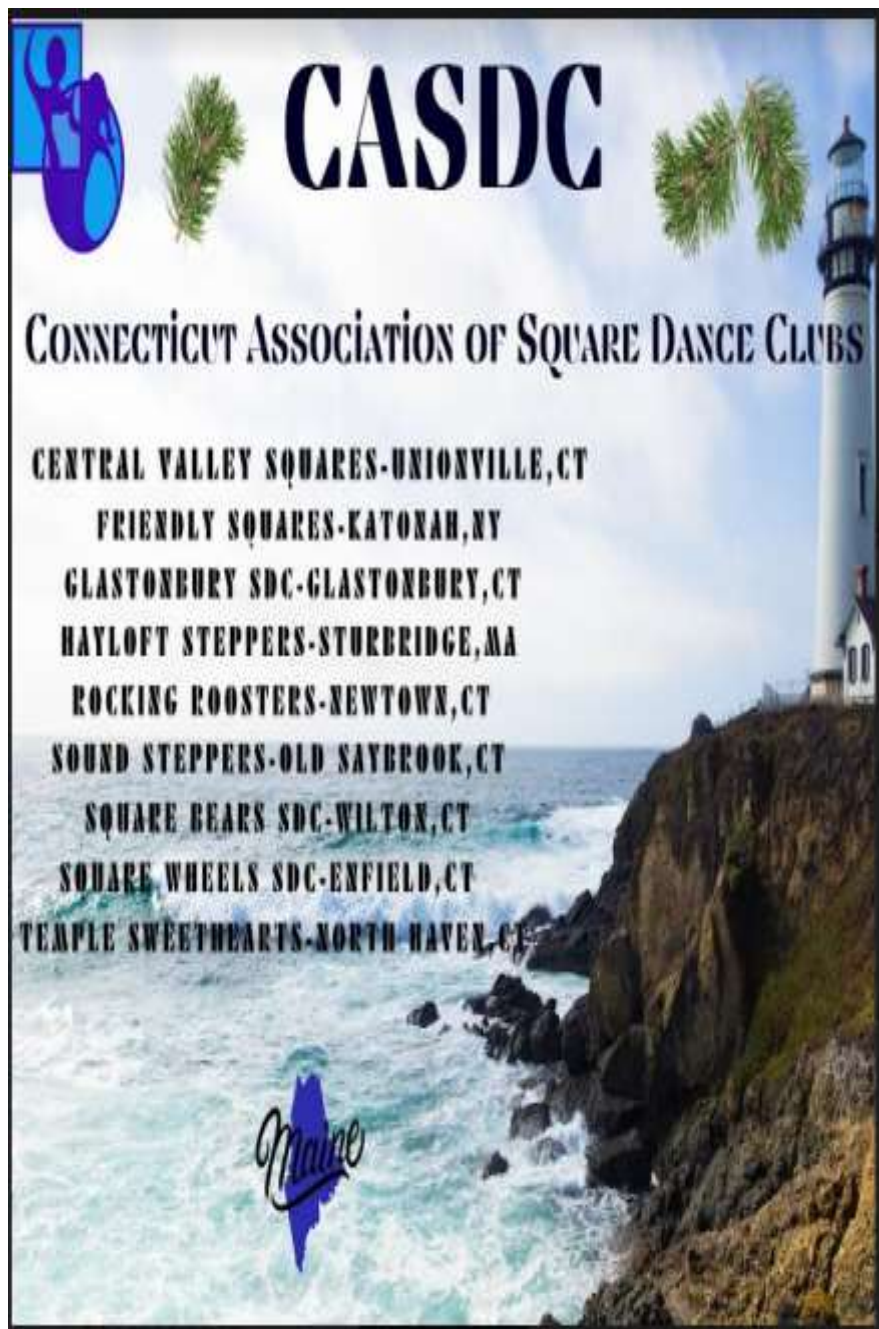
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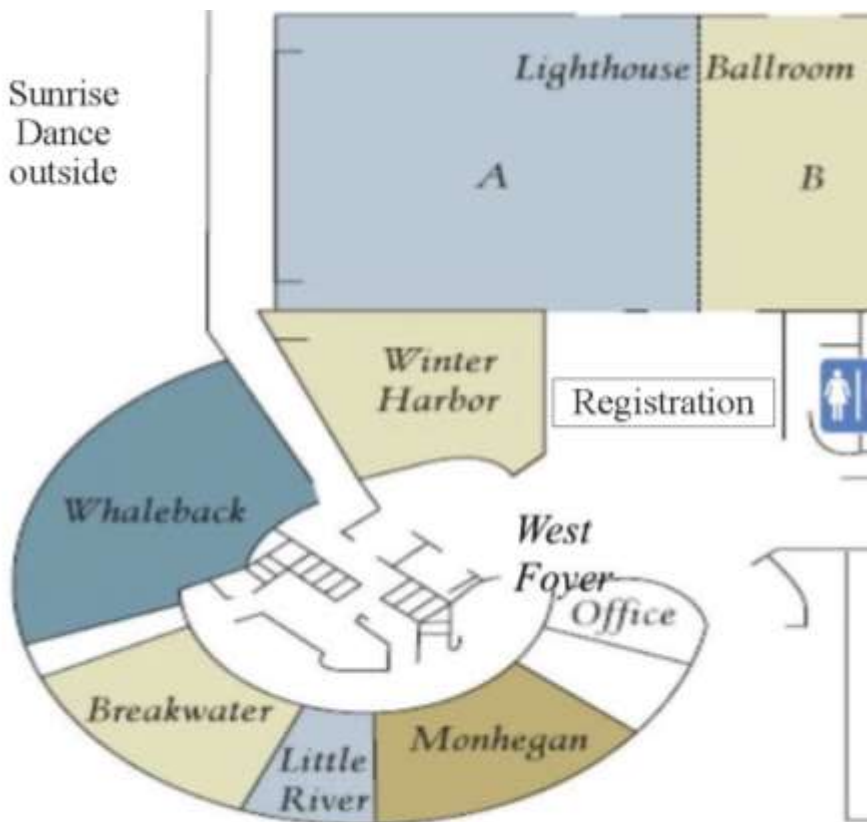
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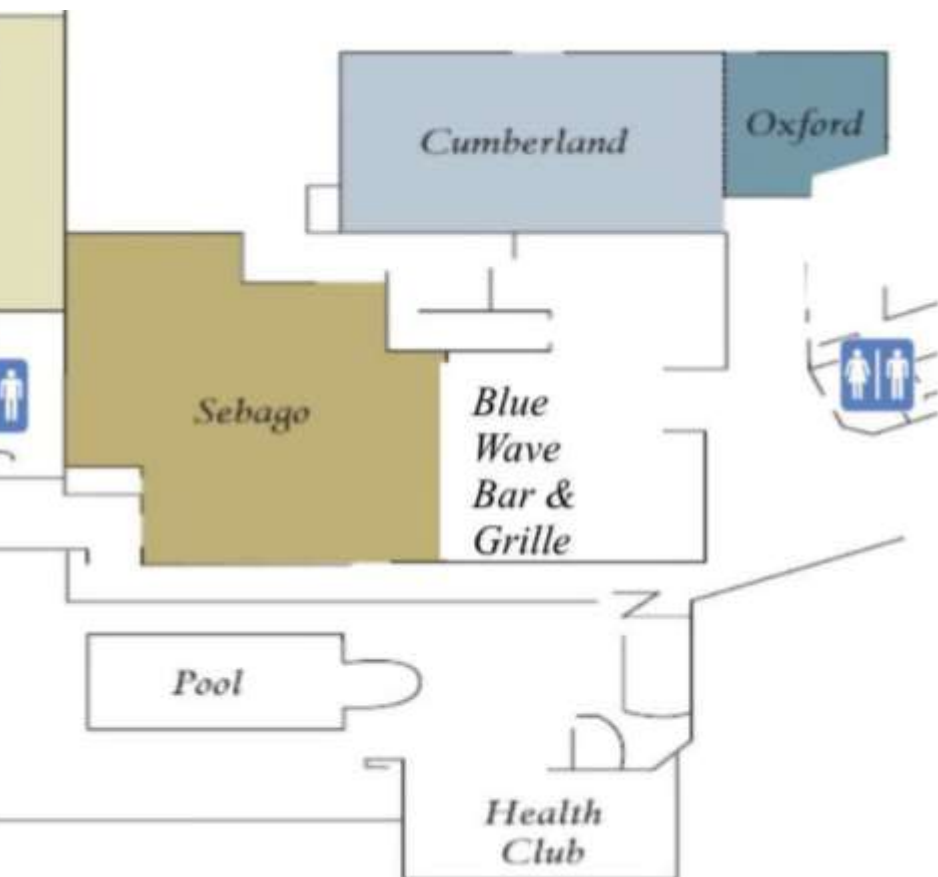
### Dance Halls

Sebago	Mainstream
Lighthouse Ballroom A	Plus
Lighthouse Ballroom B	Basic
Whaleback	A1 / A2
Monhegan	Challenge
Cumberland	Rounds

### Other rooms

Winter Harbor	Vendors and Basket Raffle
Pool Dances	Pool by Health Club





### **Special Events in Lighthouse Ballroom A**

Trail-In Dance	Thursday night
EDSARDA After Party	Friday night
Sunrise Dance	Outside weather permitting
Celebrity Hour	Saturday evening
Saturday After Party	Saturday night
Trail-Out Dance	Sunday Morning

All room assignments subject to change.





## Squire Town Squares

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Mike Dusoe, Club Caller

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**Bob Brown**  
**Square Dancing Caller**  
**Newport, Maine**

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**Central Maine  
Squares  
Waterville, Maine**



*Congratulations to the 66<sup>th</sup> New England Square and Round Dance  
Convention*

**Bob Brown Caller**  
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**Friendship Squares  
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Thank you for considering joining us  
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## ***Come Dance in Maine!***

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**RAY HILTON**  
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**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm – 5:00pm**

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Evening Schedule: 6:00-7:00pm Round Dance Party, 7:00-10:00pm Class & Mainstream/w Rounds, Plus/w Rounds, A1 & A2



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At the light (ctr Danville) turn onto Peacham Road.  
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6/22	AL HIPKINS	AL HIPKINS	SUMMER FUN
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7/20	KEN RITUCCI	ROY WILLIAMS	UNDER/SEA
7/27	TED LIZOTTE	LYNN SA	80'S NIGHT
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8/4	JEREMY BUTLER		ADVANCED
8/24	MATT MCGOVERN	MARY LOU GAGLIARDI	HAWAIIAN
8/31	BILL MAGER	MARILYN RIVENBURG	ICE CREAM
9/8	TED LIZOTTE		ADVANCED
9/28	MIKE DUSOE	ROY WILLIAMS	BOOK FUN
10/26	MATT MCGOVERN	BEV BOUDREAU	HALLOWEEN
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