



# Blue Spirit Region Newsletter

## 1st Quarter 2010

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### \$\$\$ KFSD Financials \$\$\$

Now that New Years has come and gone and we have made our New Years resolutions, I would like to take some time to discuss our organization's finances. In late 2007 when several dancers and callers got together and formed the Kentucky Federation of Square Dancing, Inc. (KFSD) everyone realized that there would be a lot of work ahead. Part of that work is fund raising and trying to put enough money in the treasury to be able to fulfill the desired goals that lead to the group's formation.

One of the purposes of the new organization was to conduct an annual state convention that would move to different areas of the state and be accessible to as many dancers as possible. For the past two years the officers of the KFSD have attempted to come up with ideas to raise money primarily for the state convention. The table below presents a summary of the KFSD finances through Oct. of last year. One significant expense (approx. \$1,000) that is not currently reflected in the table is the electronic equipment (turntables, amplifiers & speakers) necessary to conduct a state convention. Several callers have donated their own equipment until such time as the KFSD is able to afford this cost.

**KFSD Financials**

	Income	Expenses
Convention Registration	\$ 4,402.00	\$ -
Vendor Registration	\$ 1,820.00	\$ -
Administration Expenses	\$ 54.50	\$ 940.95
Booster Sales	\$ 270.00	\$ -
Camping	\$ 242.00	\$ 192.00
Recycling	\$ 95.00	\$ -
Yard Sales/Blue & Gold Regions	\$ 1,353.20	\$ -
Insurance - General Liability	\$ -	\$ 886.00
Donations from Various Clubs	\$ 246.00	\$ -
Keeneland Receipts	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 30.00
Shirt Sales	\$ 651.00	\$ 1,114.14
AD Sales	\$ 252.00	\$ 231.46
Badge Sales	\$ 179.00	\$ 1,540.21
Golf Scramble	\$ 780.00	\$ 540.00
Raffle & Split the Pot	\$ 1,305.00	\$ -
Gold Region Banner	\$ -	\$ 294.36
Regional Dances	\$ 3,236.50	\$ 470.00
Corporate Sponsor	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Convention 2009 Hall Rental	\$ -	\$ 6,529.75
Convention 2010 Hall Rental	\$ 56.00	\$ 2,100.00
Convention 2011 Hall Rental	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	\$17,482.20	\$15,368.87

The convention ribbons sales are not nearly enough to pay for the convention. The people that volunteered to work one or more days at Keeneland and have Keeneland direct the donation for their day's pay to the KFSD was a significant financial help. The dancers that conducted garage sales along with those that donated their treasures to sell also helped the treasury. Our largest fund raising success has been the series of regional dances that have been held. This appears to be the most successful means to raise money. Many clubs and dancers have provided gift baskets to raffle and/or their time and effort to conduct the dance. The callers that donate their time & efforts for these regional dances are probably the largest donation we have received. While I'm on that particular subject I can't take the space to mention all the callers that contributed but I have to mention two that I think have been the largest driving force in this area and they are Mark Patterson & Wes Dyer.

## Message from the KFSD President



Happy New Year Dancers,

CONGRATULATIONS, we have made it through another year. There are more dancers, new clubs, and we are spreading our brand of good clean family fun to more areas.

We have lost several of our good friends. We will miss them. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends. The good times and special memories will help them to live on in our hearts.

Our Half -Way Dances were great successes. The students visited other

clubs, got to see how a dance was run and how much fun they can be, and a little about the work it takes to put a dance on. We hope everyone will continue to go to other clubs, dance often and make new friends.

The new year finds us looking for new officers in the regions and at the state levels. We have a great crew who has worked very hard to get our Federation going. It is time now for some of you to step up and help with your many talents and resources. Our convention last September was all we could have hoped for and more. The budget is in the newsletter and you can see what it cost and why we have kept asking for your help. Now the job starts again with finding funding, supporters and volunteers. Our Federation was founded on the principal of being for all square dancers. Each club should be able to help in some

way, whether it is with officers, volunteers, ideas, money, or whatever it takes so we can continue to grow and improve.

We have really enjoyed working and getting to know everyone of you and will continue to do the best we know how. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, ideas, complaints or compliments. When we all do just a little the job is much easier and sharing the load takes the burden from us. Square Dancing is the most fun and enjoyment there is and we wish to see it continue to grow and prosper.

God Bless you all,

Harry & Virginia Marshall

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## Message from the KFSD Blue Spirit Region President



Fellow Dancers,

Happy New Year!

In contacting club presidents for information about their upcoming dances we contacted several that were no longer presidents of their clubs.

Therefore, in the future, we would appreciate being notified of changes in officers. You can call or email us.

We were unable to get current dance schedules from a couple of clubs—our emails sent 12/17 requesting the information were unanswered and/or the phone numbers we had were not correct. Sorry if your club was one of these.

Also, we would like to know if the newsletter meets your expectations. Is there additional information it needs to provide about the square dancing community? We would greatly appreciate your feedback. Again, call or email us.

We look forward to a great year of dancing in 2010, especially with the National Convention in Louisville in June. If you don't take advantage of this opportunity you will be missing a wonderful experience. It will never be closer. If you can't attend for the whole time, at least go over for one day.

Hope to see each and every one of you in a square.

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## \$\$\$ KFSD Financials (cont'd.) \$\$\$

Mark & Wes always are MC'ing our dances and constantly promoting the KFSD where ever they call. Guys, thank you for your time & effort, it wouldn't be possible without you.

The combination of callers that don't charge for calling and getting a dance hall for little or no money has been the best recipe for fund raising that we have found. That and the many dancers that have helped publicize the dance, set up/clean up the halls, and bring food for the dance.

I don't want people that read this financial summary to think that after conducting our first convention, we have all the money in the bank that we need and don't need to raise any more. Nothing could be further from the truth. Your ideas for raising money and your comments and questions regarding the financials are needed and welcome.

### KFSD Regional Dance March 20

The Blue Spirit Region is conducting a regional dance at the Elkhorn Elementary School. Mark Patterson and Wes Dyer will serve as MCs as some of the regions finest callers, cuers and line dance leaders will be available for our dancing pleasure.

As more regional dances are scheduled in the coming year, we need to keep supporting them. It is always a fun afternoon and we all need to attend.

Elkhorn Elementary School,  
928 East Main St., Frankfort, KY  
Saturday March 20.  
1:00 - 4:00 PM

### Do Si Dos Starting Mainstream Lessons

January 9th is the date new lessons begin at the Rabbit Run Recreation Center, 1920 Fort Harrods Dr, Lexington, KY. They will be held twice a week—Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:30 and Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. Instructors will be Mark Patterson and Rein Nabar. They are looking for a good turnout, so tell all your non-square dancing friends to join them and try it out. The first two lessons are free!

### Constitution Squares Changes Dance Time

Effective Jan. 16, 2010 Constitution Squares will open the food table at 7:00 PM and dancing will be from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. Mark Patterson will be calling. All future dances will use this time schedule until further notice.

*The preceding was a public service announcement, the following is the personal opinion of the editor.* When we were taking square lessons part of our square dance etiquette was that if you go to a dance, you stay until the dance is over unless there is an emergency. Once the last tip was finished you personally thanked the caller and at least one of the club's officers for the good time you had at the dance. We were told that to leave a dance early was basically saying to a club and the caller, we didn't have a good time at your dance. Recently at many of the dances in the Blue Spirit Region, a dance will start with 4 - 6 squares but the last tip will have only 1 or 2 squares. We've observed that several clubs have begun the practice of not giving away the half and half pot until the last tip is squared up in hopes of having dancers for the last tip. Are we really in that much of a hurry that we can't stay until the end and say good bye to everyone? We hope by ending our dance a half hour earlier more dancers will be able to stay until the end.

### Two Area Clubs Fold

When you look at the Club Dance schedules you may notice the absence of two of our clubs. The Gateway Twirlers and Western Swingers are no longer with us. Both clubs conducted their final dance in Dec. We will miss them and hope to see their members at other dances.

## 59th National Square Dance Convention

June 23 - 25, 2010 the 59th National Square Dance Convention will be held at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. If you have never attended a national convention, it will never be easier or more convenient than this summer. Imagine, dancing continuously from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM with several hundred other dancers. The callers change every 10 minutes. Don't expect to get much rest during the change-over, it will only take a few minutes, not enough to sit down. Oh, don't forget the after parties, they start at 10:00 PM and last until 11:30 PM. You will have more than enough dancing!

Have you ever square danced to music provided by a live band? The Ghost Riders Band will provide live music from 7:00 - 10:00 PM in the Mainstream Hall every night. The band provides the music as callers change every 10 minutes. Yeah, the guys in the band do have to take rest breaks, but during the breaks, recorded music is used so that dancing is virtually continuous. I will warn you, most of the calling is singing calls that are done at a very up tempo pace. The band does know a few slow songs, but not many. Dancing to the Ghost Riders is a very special experience!

**Warning:** the National Square Dance Convention will be one of the largest dances you will ever attend. There will be 14 dance halls at the Louisville convention. The Mainstream Hall will be Freedom Hall and that is where the Ghost Riders Band will be every night. Dancing will be on the floor of Freedom Hall and you can sit up in the seats to observe the dancing. Most of the other dance halls will be in the East and South Wings.

The major thing we have learned in attending the past few national conventions is that you can't dance as much as you would like to. You have to learn how to pace yourself. Study the schedules, find callers that you have heard of and want to dance to and be in a square when that caller's time period comes around. We especially like to find the foreign callers and dance to them. Last year the schedulers put several foreign callers together in one hour in each afternoon (mainstream one day and plus the next). I liked having them all together because I didn't have to hunt all over the schedule to find them. Yes, all of the calls are in English but be aware, some of the callers have a pronounced accent (yeah, I'm one to talk). This is a true story, last year in the Plus Hall one of the Japanese callers made the call "Relay the Sushi". Yes, there was a laugh from most of the squares on the floor, but after a slight pause, everybody did "Relay the Deucey".

The national convention is all about variety, here's a sample:

**Square Dancing:** Halls for Mainstream, Plus and Advanced will have continuous dancing from 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM. The Challenge Hall will dance from 10 AM - 10 PM with hour breaks for lunch & dinner. There will be a Solo Hall for singles. There will be a Variety Hall which will offer a variety - High Energy, Young and New Callers, DBD, Hexagon and Exploding Squares. The Variety Hall will be used each evening for Handicapable dancing. There will be a Youth Hall dedicated to our youngest dancers, adults cannot dance in there, they may only observe. There will be a Square Dance Competition open to all dancers on Thursday afternoon and a youth only competition on Friday afternoon.

**Round Dancing:** There will be three halls for Round Dancing. One for Phase 2, another for Phase 3 & 4 and another for Phase 5 & 6. There will be a Showcase of Rounds each morning. Each of the halls will have its own clinics & teaching sessions with rounds each evening.

**Contra Dancing:** A Trail End dance Wed. night will feature a live band. The 5,000 square foot Contra Hall will have seminars, clinics and dancing with the live band returning on Friday & Saturday nights.

**Clogging:** The Clogging Hall will feature teachers at all levels so as to accommodate beginners to advanced cloggers. There will be a fun "Introduction to Clogging" each day after lunch.

**Line Dancing:** I'm very sure at least one hall will have line dancing, however I don't know any of the specifics at this time.

I'll present more information about the Fashion Show, sewing seminars, Education, Exhibition Dances and Trail End Dance in next month's newsletter.

If you want to look up the information yourself, the official web site is :

<http://www.59thnsdc.com/>





## Square Dance Calls Revisited



We are going to present a couple of square dance calls for your review each quarter. **Know the definitions** and you will become better dancers.

### Mainstream Call - Tag The Line

Starting formation: Any line with an even number of dancers.

- Each dancer turns to face the center of the line. Taking a slight side step to the left, each dancer walks forward passing right shoulders with oncoming dancers until they have walked past all of the dancers from the other half of the line.

The call may be followed by any one of the directions In, Out, Right or Left. When this happens, dancers turn in place one quarter (90°) in the direction indicated.

Half Tag: Like tag the line except each dancer stops walking forward when the original center from each side meets the original end from the other side.

If started from a four person line, the ending is a right hand box circulate formation; from longer lines the ending is a right hand column formation.

### Plus Call - Dixie Grand

Starting formation: Double Pass Through, Dixie Grand Circle, Quarter Tag or any formation where two dancers can start.

- Those who can start the call by joining right hands with the facing dancer and pulling by. Each dancer moves to the next position in the formation and gives a left hand to the next, pulling by, and a right hand to the next and pulling by. If dancers are facing out, they do a courtesy turn. This continues until the caller issues the next call.

Styling: Styling is similar to the description for the basic right and left grand. Dancers use handshake hold for alternating pull by motions, releasing hands as dancers pass each other.

Dancers performing a courtesy turn should maintain the column-like formation.

### Advanced Call - Turn and Deal

Starting formation: From a general line (don't forget a wave is also a form of line).

- As one smooth motion, all Half Tag, then turn individually another quarter in the same direction you turned to start the Half Tag. This call is considered to have a single part and cannot be fractionalized.

This call is done as an individual not as a couple. The toughest part of this call is remembering the direction you turned in order to start the Half Tag. Be very careful when you do this call from a wave.



Do you have dance information, club news, advertisements or suggestions?

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## Club Dance Schedule and Information - 1st Quarter 2010

<b>Bachelor &amp; Bachelorettes (B&amp;Bs)</b> St. Michael's Episcopal Church 2025 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington, KY		1st Saturday 8:00-10:30 pm	President: Henry Sowers (502) 863-4344
<u>Date</u> Jan. 2, 2010 Feb. 6, 2010 Mar. 6, 2010	<u>Caller</u> Mel Liter Tim Carman	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u> Jan Dawson Glenn Kelley	<u>Remarks</u>  Cancelled for Lure Lodge
<b>Blue Grass Motivators</b> Down Under Hall 120 Wilson Court, Nicholasville, KY		2nd & 4th Sunday 4:00-6:00 pm	A-2 Club
<u>Date</u> Jan. 10, 2010 Jan. 24, 2010 Feb. 14, 2010 Feb. 28, 2010 Mar. 14, 2010 Mar. 28, 2010	<u>Caller</u> Mark Patterson Mark Patterson Mark Patterson Mark Patterson Mark Patterson Mark Patterson	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b>Constitution Squares</b> Mercer County Elementary School 741 Tapp Road, Harrodsburg, KY		3rd Saturday 7:30-10:00 pm Food served 7:00	President: David & Jean Cornwell (859) 734-0177 dave67corn@yahoo.com
<u>Date</u> Jan. 16, 2010 Feb. 20, 2010 Mar. 20, 2010	<u>Caller</u> Mark Patterson Les Centers Mark Patterson	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>  Mainstream Graduation Dance
<b>Do Si Dos</b> Beaumont Presbyterian Church 1070 Lane Allen Road, Lexington, KY		2nd & 4th Friday 8:00-10:30 pm	President: Terry & Donna Bay (859) 268-5264 donna.bay@insightbb.com
<u>Date</u> Jan. 8, 2010 Feb. 12, 2010 Feb. 26, 2010 Mar. 12, 2010 Mar. 26, 2010	<u>Caller</u> Mark Patterson Mark Patterson & Rein Nabar Less Centers Kenny Jarvis Mark Patterson & Rein Nabar	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>  Sweetheart Dance/Student Half Way Dance  Mainstream Graduation Dance
<b>Down Under Squares</b> Down Under Hall 120 Wilson Ct., Nicholasville, KY		2nd & 4th Saturday 8:00-10:30 pm 7:00-Advanced Tip	President: Harry & Virginia Marshall (502) 803-5719 deerdancer55@yahoo.com
<u>Date</u> Jan. 9, 2010 Feb. 13, 2010 Feb. 27, 2010 Mar. 13, 2010 Mar. 27, 2010	<u>Caller</u> Mark Patterson Mark Patterson Tony Kincade Mark Patterson Kevin Robinson	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>  Hat & Coat Dance Red, White & True  Mainstream Graduation Dance

## Club Dance Schedule and Information - 1st Quarter 2010 (Continued)

<b>Dudes &amp; Dolls</b> The Old Depot Depot Street, Corbin, KY		3rd Saturday 8:00-10:30 pm	President: Howard & June Daniels (606) 528-6543 htdan@newwavecomm.net
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jan. 16, 2010 Feb. 20, 2010	Kevin Robinson Mark Patterson		Food 7:30-8:00; Mainstream/Plus Advanced 6:00-7:30; Food 7:30-8:00; Mainstream/Plus
Mar. 20, 2010	Tim McFadden		Food 7:30-8:00; Mainstream/Plus
<b>Hill Country Dancers</b> Hambley Athletic Center 120 Championship Drive, Pikeville, KY		1st Saturday 8:00-11:00 pm	President: James & JoAnn Holbrook (606) 432-2722 jameseholbrook@hotmail.com
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jan. 2, 2010 Feb. 6, 2010 Mar. 6, 2010	Kevin Lowe Mark Patterson Tom Davis		
<b>Lake Cumberland Squares</b> Rocky Hollow Park 142 South Central Avenue, Somerset, KY		1st Saturday 8:00-10:30 pm	President: Charles Walton
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Dance Schedule</i>	<i>Not Provided</i>		
<b>Rhythm Rounds</b> Tates Creek Recreation Center 1400 Gainesway Drive, Lexington, Kentucky		Every Wednesday 8:00-10:00 pm	President: Rick & Darlene Kustes (502) 477-1267 fiftyplusisus@bellsouth.net
<u>Date</u>	<u>Cuers</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
Jan. 20 & 27, 2010 Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010 Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010	Glenn & Rosalee Kelley Glenn & Rosalee Kelley Glenn & Rosalee Kelley		Lessons 7:00-8:00 pm, Dance 8:00-10:00 pm Lessons 7:00-8:00 pm, Dance 8:00-10:00 pm Lessons 7:00-8:00 pm, Dance 8:00-10:00 pm
<b>Russell County Ramblers</b> Russell County Sportsman Club 2225 E. Hwy.619, Russell Springs, KY		4th Friday 8:00-10:30 pm CST	President: Jim Beckner
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Dance Schedule</i>	<i>Not Provided</i>		
<b>Somer-Sets</b> Rocky Hollow Park 142 South Central Avenue, Somerset, KY		2nd Saturday 8:00-10:30 pm	President: Doris Pitts (606) 561-5205 dorispitts@newwavecomm.net
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jan. 9, 2010 Feb. 13, 2010 Mar. 13, 2010	Terry McGill Charlie Wheatley Kenny Jarvis		

## Club Dance Schedule and Information - 1st Quarter 2010 (Continued)

<b>Vagabonds</b> Laurel County Court House Community Room 101 South Main Street, London, KY		4th Saturday 7:00-9:30 pm	President: Don & Edeline Harper (606) 864-6309
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Dance Schedule</i>	<i>Not Provided</i>		

<b>Wheeler Dealers</b> Hunter Presbyterian Church 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington, KY		1st, 3rd, 5th Friday 8:00-10:30 pm	President: Bob & Wanda Wagner (859) 272-4769 purpleribbon@blueone.net
<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer / LD Leader</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Jan. 15, 2010 Feb. 5, 2010 Feb. 19, 2010 Mar. 5 & 6, 2010 Mar. 19, 2010	Mark Patterson Brien Grace Mark Patterson Mark Patterson Les Centers		Lure Lodge

## Future Special Dances & Weekend Dance Opportunities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Callers / Cuers</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Information</u>
Jan. 22-23, 2010	31st Annual Snow-Ball Jamboree	Kenny Jarvis, Nick Hartley, Tom Davis, Darrin Henry/ Glenn & Rosalee Kelley	Best Western, Lexington, KY	Trish Jarvis (502) 955-8341 kfjavis@windstream.com
Jan 22, 2010	KY Grand Squares Student Dance	Dan Graham & Samuel Mestel	Strode Station Elem. School 2 Educational Plaza Dr. Winchester, KY	Dan or Margaret Graham (859) 745-2871 ky.grandsquares@hotmail.com
Jan. 29 & 30, 2010	Winter Frolic	Mark Patterson, Wes Dyer, Rick Frasure	Center for Rural Dev. Somerset, KY	Beth Nagel (270) 668-7228 b.nagel@insightbb.com
Mar. 5 & 6, 2010	Lure Lodge Weekend	Mark Patterson	Lake Cumberland	(859) 272-4769
Mar. 20, 2010	Blue Spirit Reg. Dance	Kentucky's Finest Callers Mark Patterson & Wes Dyer will MC	Elkhorn Elementary School 928 East Main St. Frankfort, KY	(502) 803-5719 1:00 - 4:00 PM

