

ALASKA 2024 STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL

JULY 4, 2024 - JULY 7, 2024

Hosted by Paws & Taws Square Dance Club
Palmer, Alaska (45 Miles N of Anchorage, AK)



Bob & Cinda Asp
Rockton, Illinois

Bob learned to square dance at age 8 with his parents. He was away from the activity during college, Army & family things. He returned to dancing in 1976 & began calling in 1977. Bob has called at dances, festivals, conventions & weekends for over 40 years. He has served as President of the Illinois Callers Association & of the Wisconsin Southwest Dance Leaders Association. He is a member of CALLERLAB & has served on the Board of Governors & the ARC Committee. Bob records on Solid Gold Records & is co-owner of Solid Gold Sound. Bob met Cinda at a square dance convention. They married in 1991. Bob has three boys & Cinda has two. They have 14 grandchildren they thoroughly enjoy. Bob & Cinda regularly dance at local clubs, weekends, & conventions. They have been chairs for the Illinois State Square Dance Convention & have provided seminars on a variety of subjects at both National and State conventions. In 2009, Bob and Cinda were inducted into the Illinois Square Dance Hall of Fame, recognizing their contributions to this activity.

Tom started dancing in 1970 at the age of 8 & the calling bug hit in 1974. At 12, Tom called guest tips & dances around SE Iowa. He called full time for 15 years, traveling extensively from CA to FL doing dances, weekends, & festivals, in 40 states. He stays closer to home now as he teaches Business at Burlington High School. Tom married his high school sweetheart, Ella, in 1983. They have 3 daughters & 3 grandchildren. Tom owns & produces Solid Gold Records & partners with Bob Asp in Solid Gold Sound, providing sound for National and State Conventions and area festivals. He has recorded on Cross Country, Chicago Country, & Yellow Rose records. He is a member of CALLERLAB, serving on Mainstream, Plus & the Applications Review Committees. He is also a member of the SE Iowa Callers Association & the Iowa State Callers, Cuers, and Instructors Association. In 2002, Tom was inducted into the Iowa Square Dance Callers Hall of Fame. In 2010, he & Ella were inducted into the Illinois Square Dance Hall of Fame.



Tom & Ella Manning
Burlington, Iowa

*"Flying,
Floating
and Fun"
in the
49th State*



Curt & Peggy Braffet
Carlock, Illinois



Curt began dancing in 1972 & calling in 1985. His style is very smooth & singing voice top notch. He attributes much of his success to his 3 mentors, Charley Engelhardt, Brad Carter & father Pat Braffet. Curt is President of the Illinois Callers Assoc. Curt has been employed at the Illinois Dept. of Ag as a Plant & Pesticide Specialist since Nov. 1994. Curt and Peggy married in 1982, have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. They own & operate (mainly Peggy) a U-Pick Strawberry & Blueberry Farm & an Apple Orchard & kitchen where you can get fresh Apple Cider & other goodies. Peggy retired from teaching Physical Ed & is dearly missed by her students & peers. Curt & Peggy enjoyed their 2019 Alaskan trip so much they couldn't wait to come back & participate in the Alaska State Festival again in 2024.

Dan started square dancing in 1978 (age 12) and called his first dance in 1979. Dan loves to teach basic through C1 levels and calls them on a weekly basis as part of his home program in MN. He also cues rounds through phase 4 and does a lot of party dances. He enjoys being on staff and recording for the Rawhide and Hi Hat music labels. Dan and his wife Janet have 4 children who travel with them doing square dance festivals, weekends and conventions throughout the US where Dan is often the featured caller.



Dan & Janet Sahlstrom
Andover, Minnesota

Double your pleasure (twice)! Quadruple your enjoyment with a terrific calling staff that will favor us at the Alaska State Festival before they begin their Denali Explorer Cruise tour along our beautiful Alaska coast line.

Details on reverse.

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MAT-SU BOROUGH GYM – NEW FLOOR!!! 350 E Dahlia Ave.,
 Palmer Alaska (45 miles N of Anchorage, Alaska)

Renown Callers (See Reverse) will be providing best vocal entertainment for the dances prior to sailing away on their Alaska Square Dance Land and Cruise July 8-20, 2024.



MIKE PRESKITT

Alaska's very own accomplished Round Dance Cuer will be providing most excellent tips and instruction. Mike is also a talented square dance caller. He has been calling square dances since 1968 when he picked up a microphone for the first time and called at a dance in Penticton, BC. He moved to Alaska the next year and got his first regular gig calling for the Dudes and Dames Square Dance Club. Since then, he has called for a number of clubs, including the Devils and Angels Youth Club, Aurora Squares, & the Paw & Taws club in Palmer. He currently calls for the Denali Dancers and Stardusters Square Dance Clubs. Besides calling for two clubs, Mike also teaches new dancer lessons and conducts party dances for all occasions. Mike and his wife, Debbie married in 1978 and live in Anchorage, Alaska.

THURSDAY JULY 4: Local Callers & Cuers; Guest Callers and Cuers optional

6:30 - 7:30 – **Registration**

7:30 -10:00 **Trails in Dance**
 Mainstream, Plus and Rounds

FRIDAY JULY 5: Festival Callers & Cuers

10:00 – 12:00 **Mainstream Workshop**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch -Visit Downtown Palmer "Friday Fling" food vendors or the many other eateries around town. Map available at sign in.

2:00 – 4:00 **Round Dance Workshop (Intro and attendees' level)**

4:00 -6:00 **Square Dance Workshop – Intro to Hex (Try it, you'll like it...Caller will stick to Mainstream so everyone can do it!)**

7:00 – 7:30 **Pre Rounds**

7:30-10:00 **Evening Dance**

SATURDAY JULY 6: Festival Callers & Cuers

10:00 – 12:00 **Mainstream Workshop**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch -Visit various food vendors at the Palmer Food Court on Main Street or the many other eateries around town. Map available at sign in.

1:30 – 3:30 **Round Dance Workshop (Intro and attendees' level)**

3:30 -5:00 **Plus Workshop**

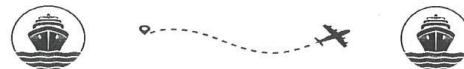
5:00 -7:00 **Dinner Break**

7:00- 7:30 **Pre Rounds**

7:30-10:00 **Opening Ceremony/Evening Dance**

10:30 After Party

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ALL EVENTS	\$65.00 per person
Includes all workshops, "Trails In" & After Party.	
EVENING DANCES	\$20.00
(Square Dance Attire)	
WORKSHOPS	\$15.00
Youth under 18 - Evening \$10.00 Workshops \$5.00	

SUNDAY JULY 7: All Callers and Cuers

Free time / Churches in the area – See Flyer

9:30- 11:00 **Federation Breakfast/Meeting**

11:00 –12:00 **Last Chance Dance – All in**

RV PARKING	Contact	Miles to Hall
Springer RV & Campground	907-982-7077	2.55
Mt View RV Park	907-745-5747	4.14
Matanuska River Park	MatSugov.us	1.00
Camp Pioneer 16900 E Maud, Palmer 99645		2.23
Kepler Park	907-745-3053	7.66
Fox Run Campground	907-355-8641	8.84
Big Bear Campground & RV	907-745-7455	8.36

LEVELS YOU DANCE: <input type="checkbox"/> MS <input type="checkbox"/> PLUS <input type="checkbox"/> ADVANCED:		ROUNDS PH: <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> VI	
Mark All Applicable Boxes <input type="checkbox"/> A1 <input type="checkbox"/> A2		Other: Specify _____ DATE: _____	
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EMAIL: _____		PREFERRED PHONE #: () _____	
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Make Checks payable to "Paws & Taws Square Dance Club". Mail to Phyllis Shafer, P. O. Box 3475, Palmer, AK 99645 Info: e-mail – Pjoshaf@hotmai.com;