

Mountain Dew-ers News October 2023

It's October and fall garden chores and final "treks into the woods before the snow falls" are keeping a lot of us busy. Mainstream and Plus square dance lessons and ballroom waltz lessons are in progress. There are 7 new plus dancers which brings our total plus dancers to 18. There are approximately 50 mainstream dancers in the Upper Clearwater Valley. It is a joy to see so many dancers on the floor. If you have not attended a dance activity this fall, we hope you will join us soon.

Finding venues for dancing this year has been a challenge. Thursday square dance lessons are at the KOA. Tuesday ballroom dance lessons are at the Wa-A'Yas Community Center. Saturday square dances are at Kamiah Elementary School. The most current schedules for lessons and regular dances are available at <https://mountaindewers.weebly.com>.

Our first regular club dance is Saturday, October 14th, with pre-rounds @ 6:30 pm, Mainstream w/Rounds 7-9 pm, with one announced plus tip. Suggested donation for club dances is \$7pp. Mountain Dew-ers is a not-for-profit square and round dance club. Suggested donation amounts are set at a level to cover expenses for each event/lesson. A regular club square dance w/rounds costs the club \$110. A special club dance with a guest caller and cuer can cost the club up to \$320. Dues, raffles, and 50/50 Split the Pot can also generate revenue for a club.

The 2024 Idaho State Square and Round Dance Festival on June 13, 14, and 15 in Kamiah.

This is our first time to host a State Square Dance Festival. Mentoring from the Federation Board and guidance from the 2021 State Festival committee report was helpful in getting the project started. Many of you have expressed a willingness to help. Volunteers/chairs are needed for the following committees: setup and cleanup, decorations, raffles/silent auctions, refreshments, festival quilt raffle, and advertising. If you are willing to help, please let us know which committee you would like to join. Information on State festival reports and committees will be available at <https://mountaindewers.weebly.com>.

The least expensive State Festival you will ever attend is the one in your own backyard. Registration forms are available at <http://www.idahosquaredancing.com/state-festival.html> or pick up a copy at any Mountain Dew-ers dance activity. Official State Festival flyer is printed in color!!

We hope to see you on the dance floor soon!

Happy October!!!!

