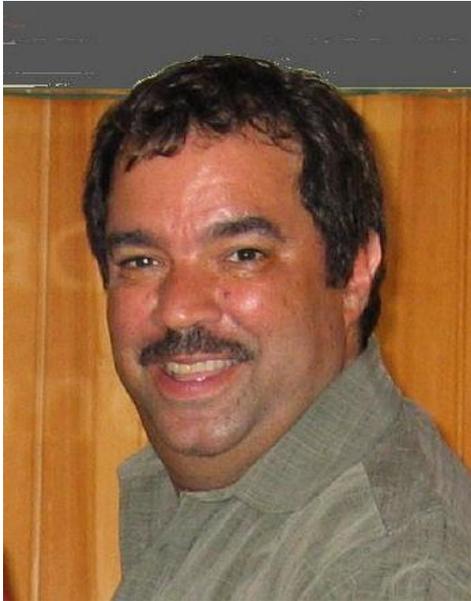


Callers and Cuers for the 44th Montana Annual State and Round Dance Festival



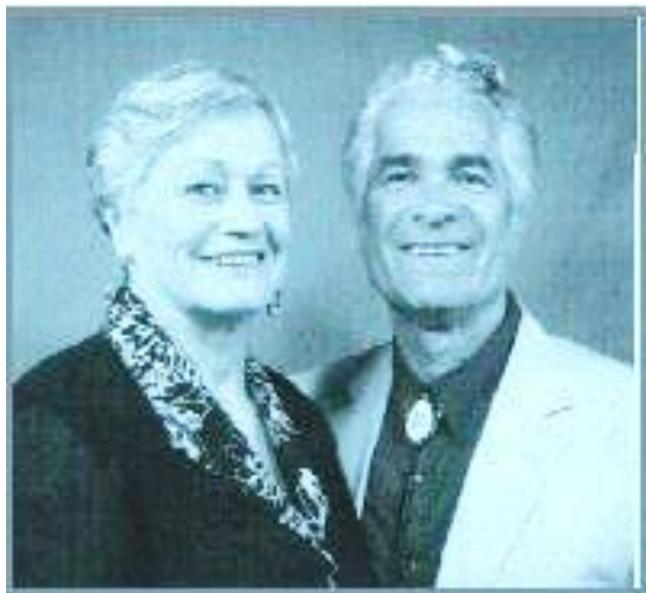
Johnny Preston

Johnny calls Basic through C1. He calls full time and travels all over the USA and around the world. He conducts caller seminars and does one-night stands. He is licensed by BMI and ASCAP. He is the founder of Hoedowns for Humanity, a charity foundation to promote square dancing through a charitable cause.

Lamont and Laraine Preston

The Prestons live in Preston, Idaho. Their principle hobby is round dancing. They began square dancing in 1972 while residing in Hawaii. However, in 1975, they quit dancing to raise a family. They returned to square dancing in 1998 and began round dancing in 2000.

They treasure the comradery of all the friends they have made while dancing. The Prestons became Round Dance leaders in 2005 and have been programmed at many festivals and weekends. They love to dance and hope to see you at a festival sometime, somewhere.





Hunter Keller

Hunter has been around square dancing all of his life, having been dragged from dance to dance by his grandparents and parents. He met and became friends with many national callers with whom he is still friends today. After the death of his grandfather – his hero – in 2002, Hunter decided that he wanted to do something that would always remind him of his grandfather, and decided to start taking square dance lessons in 2004. A mere six months later he picked up a microphone and began calling. He eventually became the caller for four clubs in the Billings, Montana, area, the Magic Diamonds, the 59ers, the Hoedowners, and, in 2008, revived his grandfather's old club, the Checkerboard Squares.

Hunter called his first festival in July of 2007 in California and has also traveled to Japan, Germany, Australia, Canada, Belgium and Taiwan to call. He has also been staff on square dance land and cruise vacations as well. Hunter is a member of Callerlab and is a member Callerlab Ways and Means Committee and the Callerlab Marketing Committee. He is also past Callerlab Liaison for the State of Montana and is the past Chairman of the Callerlab Youth Committee. In October of 2007, Hunter attended the 4Dance Caller's Academy in Napa, California with Scot Byars as the instructor. In June of 2008, he also attended the Yellowstone Callers College in West Yellowstone, Montana with Tony Oxendine and Jerry Jestin as the instructors.

Both of these callers colleges were made possible by the Bob Mace Memorial Fund. Bob Mace was a caller that Hunter grew up around when his parents and grandparents danced. Thank you to that fund for bettering callers. After the death of his grandmother, Shirley, in January of 2014, Hunter, along with the help of Grand Square Inc. (GSI), formed the Frank & Shirley Leenknecht Caller's Scholarship Fund. Hunter believes that this fund will not only help preserve the memory of his grandparents, but also help callers, which is what Frank & Shirley loved to do. Whether it was putting them up at the house, setting up a dance, or cooking for them, Frank & Shirley believed callers deserved the best treatment possible. This fund will continue to honor their memory and their wishes.

In 2008, Hunter was honored with a chance to become a recording artist for Royal Records. He recorded his first song, Wild Horses, in October of 2008. Hunter's influences include, first and foremost, his grandparents, Frank & Shirley Leenknecht, plus renowned callers Joe Saltel, Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemaker, and too many more to name. Hunter now resides in Menifee, California.