

LINE DANCING is a popular activity here in Pennbrooke Fairways for many reasons. Twice a week, on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, there is a class for line dancers of all varieties—from beginners to more advanced. We start a brand-new beginner line dance class every April and November. We start the beginners out very slowly, so everyone can catch on to it. Then we gradually add more dances as the weeks go by and they improve. It is an ideal activity for both men and women, and we have many of both in our classes. It is perfect for people who would like to dance but either their partner doesn't want to dance, or they are single. But there are also many couples who attend.

Have you ever wondered what it is that "line dancers" do that makes it such a popular activity in Pennbrooke Fairways? It isn't just the dancing, although that's fun. It isn't just the exercise, although we all could use more of that. It isn't just because we make good coffee, although we do & it doesn't cost you anything extra. The answer is: It's because of THE PEOPLE who do the line dancing. Some people come just to socialize with old and new friends, and some people even do not dance while they are there. The lessons cost \$2 each day. We have line dance lessons twice a week, but also have a dinner/dance for the line dancers and their spouses every other month, where the entrée is furnished & everyone brings a dish to go along with it. We have had 200+ people at some of our dances. We decorate the Grand Hall for it & have a lot of fun, and occasionally have funny skits.

There is also an annual cruise we open to anyone who wants to go. **Our 2020 cruise is scheduled for November 29 – December 6, 2020 on Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas to Cococay, Roatan, Costa Maya and Cozumel.** We enjoy seeing each other every night at dinner and sharing our activities of the day (and well into the night). We had around 40 people on our last cruise. Please see my website for complete itinerary and pricing at shirleyhedge.com.

Another activity that we sponsor are the concerts by the Lake County Band. Twice a year, the band comes to give a free concert in the Grand Hall--donations are accepted at the door however to cover their costs. The line dancers advertise the concerts and provide cookies, coffee, and lemonade for the band members and the audience. It is always a lovely afternoon.

Every December, we arrange to sing Christmas carols via golf cart throughout Pennbrooke. People come who don't even sing, just to have fun and ring bells or dress up in Santa suits/Mrs. Claus outfits or Victorian caroler's dress. We give out cookies to each home where we carol. Then we go to someone's home for cookies and hot chocolate together. Groups of people within line dancing have organized trips to various restaurants around, including Mission Inn and Ipanema in Ocala, and Sakura Japanese restaurant. We have also toured a Gypsy Vanner horse farm in Belleview, and plan to do so again soon.

Come join the fun and dance or just socialize. We are prejudiced, but we believe we have the nicest people in Pennbrooke Fairways coming to line dancing. If you have any questions, please call Peter Statham at 352-787-9653, or Shirley Hedge at 352-321-4019.