

*DANCE PATTERN with Diane & Jeff Hissong*

Country Western Dance

Hi everyone. We, Jeff and Diane Hissong (Lakeland, FL), are the Vice Chairman of Country Western Dancing. We, with everyone else, are getting excited about the upcoming 66<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention in Cincinnati, OH! In addition to great callers and cuers, we will also have quite a staff of Country Western Dance Leaders in the C/W Hall!

Two major Education Clinics will get things rolling on Friday and Saturday mornings from 10:30 – 12 noon. Friday's session will consist of **Easy Line Dances for the Square Dance Community**. Saturday's session will include **Fixed Pattern Partner Dances for the Square Dance Community**. Along with us, our Assistant Vice Chairman of Country and Western Dance, Doug and Donna Riley (Staunton, VA) will be hosting both sessions. The goal of these two clinics is to showcase fun and easy dances (both line and partner) that can be brought back to your square dance clubs and included between dance tips.

Our regular Country Western Hall hours of operation will be Friday and Saturday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Our leaders come from all over this country. They will be teaching beginner and intermediate line dances and fixed pattern partner dances.

You may be asking what is "fixed pattern partner dancing"? For those of you who enjoy Round Dancing, Fixed Pattern Partner Dancing is very much like non-cued Round Dancing. Many popular line dances also have a corresponding Fixed Pattern Partner dance, as well. While the line dancers are enjoying their time on the floor, the partners can also dance around the outside.

Rest assured that everyone will be able to participate in the Country Western Hall at the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDC in Cincinnati, OH. Our goal is to have fun and dance! See you there.