

*DANCE PATTERN with Ken & Myrna:*

Here It Comes, the 66<sup>th</sup> NSDC Dance Program

Wow! The 66<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention is almost here! Let me tell you, we have been working hard! There are 241 dance leaders filling 1437 time slots. The schedules are now completed and are being submitted to the printer for publication in the Program Book. You can also be looking for the online app for your cell phone which will be available soon to help you with creating your personal schedule.

We have an outstanding schedule of dance levels and callers. For a list of dance leaders, look to our website: <http://66nsdc.com/dance-patters>. They are now all on there. You will note we have renowned dance leaders for all types of dance and up through Rounds Phase VI and Squares through C2. The callers are all on the website, so have a look.

We also have plenty of dancing. We have over 66 hours of Rounds Showcase, Teaches, and Dancing. With Squares we have 12 hours of C2, 24 hours of C1, 27 hours of Advanced, 27 hours of Plus, 38 hours of Mainstream, 9 hours with the Ghost Riders Country Band, and 15 hours of DBD. There will be 8 hours of CW/Lines on Friday and Saturday afternoon to give you a little break and a taste of dance leaders that will perhaps be new to you. Finally, we have a Contra Program put together by members of Contralab. There will be 3 hours of Contra every afternoon and 4 hours of band every evening. The bands are: 1) Thursday – Cull Hollow, 2) Friday – Wild Rumpus, 3) Saturday – The Ripples.

For the Solo dancers we will have a meet and greet mainstream dance every day from 10 am to noon. On Thursday this will be followed by a luncheon at the Duke Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor west

lounge. The first 200 dancers at the 10 am solo dance on Thursday will receive a coupon worth \$5 at the luncheon.

If you are interested in Competition Squares; we will have those again this year. The format will be a little different; we will do it in two heats. The first heat on Friday will downselect into the final four. The Final Four Championship will be held during the ceremonies Saturday evening in front of the big crowd. For more information, see the rules and forms that will be on our website. For the rules and forms, look under dance Competition Squares at:

<http://66nsdc.com/dance-patters>. Speaking of rules and forms, there will soon be the rules and forms for the Youth Hall on the website as well. In both the Competition Squares and the Youth Hall forms, if you could print the forms of and complete all of the entries before you get to the event, it will make everything go faster.

Now that I mentioned the Youth Hall, we will have a full program for that as well. There will be teaching things happening starting at 10 am, then dancing and party from 1:30 pm through the after parties at 11 pm! There will be a supper break from 5pm – 7pm.

We have a great dance convention planned. Please come and enjoy!