

DANCE PATTERN with Ken & Myrna:

The Time is Now, the 66th NSDC is Upon Us

Welcome to the 66th National Square Dance Convention (NSDC). There is so much going on, it is hard to talk about it all. My best suggestion for you is to visit our website: <http://66nsdc.com/>. There you will find information about our schedules, forms and rules for the Competition Squares and Youth Hall, list of dance leaders, the articles highlighting the Contra, Lines, and Exhibitions, information on Trail Thru dances along with Trail End and After Parties at the Duke Convention Center. I am personally surprised and impressed that we have over 240 dance leaders filling over 1400 dance slots. This covers Exhibitions, Contra, Lines, Rounds from II to VI, and Squares of Mainstream, Plus, DBD Plus, High Energy Plus, C1 and C2. If you want to dance like you dance at home, you can do that. If you want to dance things you can't do at home, we have that as well. It will be a great convention.

Information about band names and times and special events for Solos and Contra are all on the website or in previous articles in this magazine, also on the website. Look for it, you will be impressed and it will be helpful.

I also want to mention our ice breaker theme days. We thought it would be cool for people to wear special shirts as conversation starters. Myrna and I often ask people about their shirts, where they got them, and the story behind the shirt. Thursday will be your favorite dance themed shirt. This could be a dance weekend, a week long dance event, or dancing in general. Friday will be Club Shirt day; wear your favorite club shirt. These shirts sometimes have interesting names, logos, and often identify the location. All of these can be fun to talk about. Saturday will be a shirt from your favorite sports team. These shirts are sure to initiate finding a

common interest or good natured ribbing. To go along with this we will have mascots from the MLB Cincinnati Reds roaming the convention center during the afternoon and the Guinness World Record Event. This will be a lot of fun, try and participate!

We have a great dance convention planned. Tell your friends of the great opportunities. Please come and enjoy!