

Sundancer Square and Round Dance Club Newsletter

Early last March we nearly graduated our Mainstream class and celebrated with a potluck at the home of Jim and Peg Andre. (Photos available on Web Site.) It was such a great evening! Our square dancers also performed a demo dance in country costume for a local elementary school and enjoyed the enthusiastic smiles on so many faces of children and staff. Thanks to Brad for recording the calls and music, and to our dancers including: Phil Pine, Rudy and Sue Fuselier, John and Nancy Scott, Colleen and Steve Fuhrman, and Colleen Nadoski.

Our transition plan for round dancing has been approved and our members are enthusiastic about resuming dancing. We plan to begin teaching a beginning class followed by a 3-4 level class beginning Sunday, May 9th. **Masks, hand sanitizing are required when you enter the Atrium. You can dance with your partner without a mask. If from the same household. If you are interested in starting at either level, please let us know,**

Our transition plan for square dance has been

approved. More to come on that.



Many of us have health concerns with square dancing as a result of the spread of COVID. Always keep in mind the following principles:

Wash your hands with soap and water often.

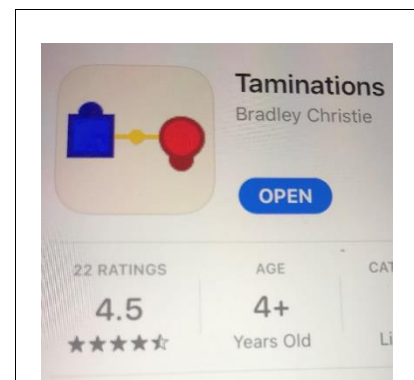
Always practice keeping your hands away from your face.

Wear a mask while indoors and within 6 ft of others while COVID still a problem AND if you are concerned about contracting other infections, feel free to wear a mask. Masks required at this time.

A note from Brad:

I miss all of you more than I can tell you. Maybe we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. There are some things we can do to mitigate the rust. Many of our dancers have taken to the virtual one couple dancing and found it to be quite fun as well as informative. I encourage all of you to look for those dances on Facebook or YouTube and give it a try. Sites are available on the Sundancer website.

I am going to begin by giving some plain English explanations of some calls that I think are the cornerstone for building a good foundation in your dancing skills. I hope you find the explanations helpful and informative. Last time we looked at CIRCULATE. This time, let's explore TRADE.



All trades are essentially the same yet feel different from one another. At its core a Trade says that one simply walks forward in a semi-circle to exchange places with another dancer. In saying semi-circle, the call is telling you that you will end up facing the opposite direction. This call is simplest when those directed to trade are facing opposite directions and connected by hand to one another. They simply rotate about the joined hands to exchange places. It is when they are not connected or

are facing the same direction that dancers become confused. But if they take that split second to locate the person with whom they are directed to TRADE and then simply walk forward to take that person's place. A TRADE will always happen next to you as opposed to someone in front of you. In other words, look to either side to locate the person you are to TRADE with.

I encourage every one of you to look at the TRADE calls on your favorite medium. Tamination and Saddlebrook squares should both be very informative. Pick a dancer or individual and follow that person through the call. Try to predict the ending point. Keep practicing this until you can confidently know that you will predict the finish for each position in the illustration.

I'll talk to you in the next edition with a different call and maybe a little background on my history in square dance.

Til then—Brad

**Dances can be found at
ASRDA.org**

During the Pandemic, there are virtual dances on zoom.

Wheel-N-Deal 50th Anniversary
Dance 3/29/2021

Teen Scholarship Dance 4/24/21

MidTex Festival 5/14/2021

**Future National Square Dance
Conventions:**

70th NSDC; 6/23-6/2021: Jackson,
MS. Register at www.70nsdc.com

71st NSDC; 6/23-25/2022.
Evansville, IN. Register at
www.71nsdc.org

72nd NSDC; 6/21-24/2023. Mobile,
AL. Register at www.72nsdc.com

73rd NSDC; 6/26-29/2024.
Milwaukee WI. www.73nsdc.com