

Sundancer Square and Round Dance Club Newsletter

Our students are learning quickly as many are attending lessons twice weekly. Their graduation is 1/31/22! We hope to offer beginning lessons 3 times/ year. Monday, February 7th is Fun Night. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend. Both 2/7 & 14 are FREE FOR ALL.

We continue to have Co-President, Vice President, and Secretary positions open for 2022. Co-president position would help me with scheduling rooms; VP helps with coordination of set up for special dances and contacting caterers for our Holiday party; Secretary takes meeting minutes 4-5/yr and writes a brief paragraph for Sun Rays. These are NOT terribly time consuming commitments. **Please reconsider! If we don't fill the VP position, special dances are questionable for 2022.**

Our Holiday Dinner and Dance is December 6th. We've invited the Pates to cue between tips. Fee is \$16/member and \$20/non-member. DoubleSky is our caterer and the dinner includes a typical holiday meal. We'll be collecting cash/check for Blue Santa. (see flyer) We'll also be collecting for Christmas gifts for Brad and the Pates during the next several dances.

Brad had done such a beautiful job explaining the concepts of circulate and trade for some of my previous newsletters. I thought I'd add **trade** to this newsletter since our students are learning these concepts now.

"All trades are essentially the same yet feel different from one another. At it's 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 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."

Dances can be found at www.asrda.org

Other area dances:

- **November 5 – 6, 2021:** The Houston Hoedown will be held in Hempsted, TX. with Dan Sahlstrom from Andover MN as the caller. Bob & Kay "Ski" Kurczewski will be the cuers

- **May 13 – 14, 2022:** The ASRDA annual Mid-Tex Festival will be held in Georgetown, TX. The featured caller will be Charlie Robertson of Sulfur Springs, OK and the Cuers will be Pat and Joe Hilton of Ballwin, MO.
- **June 9 – 12, 2022:** The 60th Annual Texas State Square & Round Dance Festival will be held in Temple, TX.
- **July 22 – 24, 2022:** The 34th Speegleville Roundup will be held at Allemande Hall in Waco, Texas. This is a high energy & DBD concepts dance. Callers will be Scott Bennett and Brad Caldwell. The 60th Annual Texas State Square & Round Dance Festival will be held in Temple, TX.

Future National Square Dance Conventions:

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. Register at www.73nsdc.com