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2012 Illinois SD Convention News

Point your dancing shoes at Oak Brook, Ill., in July 2012!

2012 Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention At A Glance

- **Dates:** July 27-29, 2012
- **Where:** Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, in Oak Brook, Illinois (less than 30 miles west of Chicago)
- **Featured Caller:** Jerry Story
- **Registration:** www.scisda.org/events/convention

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Bring Your Sweetheart To The 2012 Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention

What sweeter Valentine's gift to give your square dance sweetie than to register for the 29th annual Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention. It has fewer calories than chocolate, and will be so much more fun.

The big Illinois dance is slated for July 27-29, 2012, in Oak Brook, Ill. In addition to featured caller Jerry Story, dancers can

look forward to as many as 50 talented dance leaders from around the state volunteering their time and expertise.

As of the beginning of February, some 323 dancers had already signed up to attend, according to **Registration Chairmen Ken & Sue Davies**. Of them, about 90 have already made hotel reservations at the Oak

Brook Hills Marriott Resort.

The special SD Convention rate of \$89-per-night applies to the three days before, during and after the event. Oak Brook's handy location puts you within easy access to Chicago, Brookfield Zoo, Morton Arboretum, to name a few top attractions.

Download the registration form from this site: www.scisda.org/events/convention

Illinois SD Convention: By The Numbers

As of Feb. 1, some 323 people have registered for the Illinois SD Convention. Organizers expect to attract more than 1,000 attendees and up to 50 callers.

The **Squares** breakdown so far includes: Mainstream: 193; Plus: 236; Advanced: 70; DBD: 76; Challenge: 18.

For **Rounds**, Level II: 57; III: 48; IV: 30; and V: 6. We also have 39 dancers signed up for Lines, and 4 Coggers.

As for **Dance Leaders**: Squares: 26; Rounds: 7; Lines: 5; Contra: 1; and Clogging: 1.



Banner Committee member Madeline Harris, Southside Squares, displays a prototype of one of the posters you'll see in July.

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The 2012 Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention is jointly presented by the State Council of Illinois Square Dance Associations and host organization, the Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers.

Calling All Callers

Square dance callers looking to improve their calling technique, learn new calls and share tips with fellow callers will want to sign up for the Callers Workshop. Hosted by the Illinois Square Dance Callers Association, the one-day seminar will be taught by long-time caller Jerry Story.

The seminar will take place on Fri., July 27, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, Oak Brook, Ill. The registration fee is \$10 (no charge for members of the ISDCA).

To sign up, email Seminar Coordinator Bob Asp at Sqbobasp@aol.com to request the registration form.



**SD Convention
Events Schedule**

Here's an overview of what's happening when during the Illinois SD Convention.

Thurs., July 26
Golf Tournament

Fri., July 27
Caller Workshop
Opening Ceremonies
Vendor Sales
Trail-End Dance

Sat., July 28
Dancing
Interest Sessions
Vendor Sales

Sun., July 29
Dancing
Interest Sessions
Vendor Sales
Closing Ceremonies
Chicago Tour (optional)

Host Hotel: Oak Brook Hills Marriott

**Oak Brook Hills
Marriott Resort**
3500 Midwest Rd.
Oak Brook, Ill. 60523
Phone: 630-850-5555 or
800-228-9290

The special Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention rate of \$89/night is available from July 24 to Aug. 1, 2012. (By contrast, the normal room rate is \$189 per night.)

Since spaces for the extended stay are limited, be sure to book your rooms early. Mention the code SQU when you call to make reservations.

When you're not busy square dancing, you can work out in the Marriott's

Fitness Center, swim in the indoor or outdoor pools or play a round of golf at the Resort's Willow Crest Golf Club course.

Nearby attractions include the Brookfield Zoo, the Morton Arboretum, the historic Grau Mill Museum, the Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Lynfred Winery, Naper Settlement, and much more.

