

64TH WISCONSIN SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 2022 E-NEWSLETTER



2023

Hi Everyone!

We are really thrilled to be the General Chairman for the upcoming 64th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention in Middleton WI. Our Chairman have already started and are getting ready to show you a Great Time while we **"Let the Good Times Roll in 2023"**. Get your Fifties clothing, Poodle Skirts and Saddle shoes, and get ready to dance the weekend away, at the 64th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention! We need your help by registering early, so don't wait - get your registration in now. We are currently at 150 registered dancers. If you have not yet registered, we are offering a lot of options for ways that you can register:

1. Go to our convention website, www.wisquaredanceconvention.org, download the registration form, fill it out and mail it in with your fees
2. Pick up a registration form, at one of your local dances, fill it out and mail it in with your fees
3. From the Convention website, click on "On-line Registration form", fill it out on-line, use your credit card and submit
4. Join us at one of our Sock Hop dances and we would be happy to help you get registered.

If you have already registered, Thank You! Please wear your ribbon to help promote the convention. Remember Callers and Cuers, you need to be registered by January 1, 2023 in order to be programmed to Call or Cue.

We have a great group of committee chairman and they are all busy working to make the 64th Convention one of the best Wisconsin conventions. In upcoming Newsletters, we will be sharing information about what we are working on and things you will want to know about our Convention. We will share a listing of all of the callers, cuers and prompters who will be attending and participating at the convention. In this issue, check out the Bio for our Special Guest Caller "Jet Roberts". We are so fortunate to have Jet and if you have not heard him call, please go to the front page of our website, where there is an audio clip, and listen to him. He has a wonderful voice and is very talented. He can call to the dance floor, and will keep everyone excited and dancing.

We are happy to be back at the Madison Marriott West Conference Center. It has been all remodeled now and they are ready to show you a good time. Please make your reservations at the Madison Marriott West Hotel early, as the room block is filling quickly. There is a special link that you need to have to get to the special pricing for our convention. Go to our Convention Website, www.wisquaredanceconvention.org, and follow the Marriott Hotel link. We would really appreciate it if you would choose to stay at the Marriott, all under one roof, as this helps us with our pricing for the Conference Center.

We are going to continue with the Kwik Trip Cards. Check at dances where you can purchase some, they make great Christmas gifts!

Remember, get your Poodle Skirts and Saddle Shoes or Pink and Black outfits ready, and help us **"Let the Good Times Roll in 2023"**.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN A SQUARE SOON! TOM & KATHY NICKEL, GENERAL CHAIRMAN

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2023 CONVENTION REGISTRATION NUMBERS

152

142 adults and 10 youth
14 callers and 3 cuers

SIGN UP AND PLAN TO JOIN US IN 2023!!

Now offering online registrations!!

www.wisquaredanceconvention.org

hotel: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1663605201719&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

2023 CONVENTION CUERS



KATHY NICKEL



RAY STEINICH

2023 CONVENTION CALLERS



TOM NICKEL



DAVE SCHULZ



ROBERT MAIDEN

2023 CONVENTION CALLERS AND CUERS

Callers and Cuers have already started to sign up for the convention in Middleton, WI in 2023. Plan to sign up and join us for a great time and enjoy the calling and/or cueing from your favorite callers/cuers. Here are just a few that have signed up so far—each newsletter we will showcase more of the callers and cuers who have registered.



SHARON ALBRIGHT



JET ROBERTS



BRIAN FREED

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REGISTRATION COMMITTEE WELCOME LETTER

Let the Good Times Roll!

The 2023 Registration team is off to a great start! To date, we have registered 150 dancers for the Middleton Convention. Of this total, there are 14 callers and 3 cuers registered. Let's keep the numbers going!

If you haven't yet registered here are some upcoming events we are scheduled at:

- SW Area Fall Jamboree in November - we will be taking registrations.
- Both David and myself will be retiring the end of the year and plan to travel in January to the Florida State Square/Round dance convention as well.

If your Square/Round Dance Club would like us to visit live, simply send me an email and we would be glad to come to your dance and take registrations there. Our conventions are needing all your smiling faces!

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL! SHARON SCHMIDT AND DAVID LUST, REGISTRATION CHAIRMEN

JET ROBERTS—SPECIAL GUEST CALLER

Jet Roberts started calling in 1971 at the young age of eight years old. Three years later he was calling for three local clubs in the Sacramento, California area. By age 19 he was established as a full time caller on the west coast. Jet has called throughout the USA and has been featured in other countries as well. Jet calls levels from basic through A-2 including the new SSD program. In 2021 Jet became the newest staff caller on Royal Records which is considered one of the top record labels of all time with an all-star staff.

In the summer of 2004 Jet married Sylvia Bjork from Sweden. Jet is the proud father of two girls, Lacey born in 1988 & Lindsey in 1991 from a previous marriage and in February of 2009 Jet & Sylvia were blessed with the birth of their daughter Stella.

Jet is known for his smooth & interesting choreography & always puts his heart and soul into the singing calls.



COME TO THE 2023 CONVENTION AND LISTEN IN PERSON!

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HOUSING--MADISON MARRIOTT WEST HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

Make sure you are able to take advantage of the newly remodeled and "all under one roof" hotel for the weekend. The Marriott Hotel is now accepting reservations for August 2023. Get your reservation in early as our blocked rooms are filling up quickly.

The Marriott West is offering Suites for an additional \$30 a night.

You may want to think about extending your stay and taking the opportunity to explore the Middleton area. The Marriott Hotel will honor our discounted prices of \$129 a night, for Thursday through Sunday.

The Marriott Hotel recently changed their pricing and are now charging a parking fee for all their guests. We are pleased to announce that they are going to honor our contract and will be removing the parking charge for our registered guests.

Please use the following Website for your room reservations to receive our Convention discounts.

Madison Marriott West Hotel Website:

[https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?
id=1663605201719&key=GRP&app=resvlink](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1663605201719&key=GRP&app=resvlink)



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DANE COUNTY PARKS

608-244-3730

danecountyparks.com/recreation/camping

Mendota County Park—9 miles

William J Lunney Farm County Park—13 miles

Babcock County Park—17 miles

Token Creek County Park—18 miles



WISCONSIN STATE PARKS

wisconsin.goingtocamp.com

Lake Kegonsa State Park—22 miles
2504 Door Creek Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589

Badgerland Campground.—23 miles
2671 Circle Dr, Stoughton, WI 53589

608-873-5800

badgerlandcampground.com

Madison Campground (formerly Madison KOA)—19 miles
4859 County Road V, DeForest, WI 53532

608-846-4528

madisoncampground.com

HOUSING - CAMPING

There is no camping at the event site for the 64th convention, but there are many campgrounds in the area.

Dane County offers various camping opportunities through county park facilities and private campgrounds.

On the back of the registration form for the 64th Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention, you will also find this list of campgrounds along with information for making reservations. If you are interested in camping, don't delay! Summer weekends are busy in the area and will fill up quickly. Dane County Park campground reservations must be made online and for 2023 can be made on or after the first Monday in November of 2022.

DEBI & DAVE ODEKIRK, HOUSING/CAMPING CHAIRMAN

