

Game ON! The 2025 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention is Ready to Go

An unforgettable weekend of square dancing lies just ahead. The 2025 ILSDC, taking place July 18-20, at the Sheraton Suites Chicago O'Hare, in Rosemont, Illinois, will bring people together from near and far to dance to nationally known caller Patty Greene and a talented lineup of dance leaders from the Midwest and beyond—including Texas and Delaware.

With our theme GAME ON!, you'll unlock new levels of fun in SSD to Advanced dance halls, plus Rounds and Lines. Explore Vendor Row, bid on items in the Silent Auction, check out the Game Room and challenge yourself at an array of Saturday dance workshops—all perfect side quests for your weekend adventure.



Featured caller Patty Green will light up the dance floors for a full weekend of special activities and fun. This year's event boasts a roster of 40 callers and cuers for your dancing pleasure.

Convention...



Get your official "Game On!" Bingo Card at the Registration desk and start exploring around the ILSDC convention. Each square highlights a different activity or experience. Complete five squares in a row, bring your card to the Info table, and win a prize. What a great way to familiarize yourself with the many options for fun at the convention.

To double your fun, your Bingo card includes a raffle ticket for a prize drawing in the Game Room (Gateway Room).

Current
340+
Registrations

Love taking photos? Scan this QR code to sign up to join the small but mighty team of amateur photographers who will help capture the fun of this convention in memorable digital images and video.



Welcome to the Sheraton Suites Chicago O'Hare

ILSDC attendees can enjoy convenient amenities during their visit:

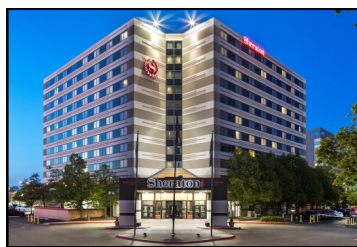
Flight Restaurant – Dine in or grab a treat at the bar. ILSDC hotel guests will receive a \$13 breakfast buffet coupon (charged to your room if used). Look for the special Square Dance Express menu or order off the full menu if time permits.

Starbucks (Lobby) – Open 24/7 for coffee, snacks, and light breakfast.

Atrium – Rest your weary feet as you chat with friends in the Sheraton's open lounge.

Fitness Center – Available for dancer attendees with way too much energy.

Airport Shuttle -- Free service runs every half hour between O'Hare and Sheraton.



The Sheraton Suites—our conference home.

Free Parking... Made Simple

Parking is free for all ILSDC attendees at the Sheraton Suites Chicago O'Hare. Here's how to park like a pro:

Hotel Guests: Pull a ticket at the gate, park, and turn in your ticket at check-in. Use your room key to enter/exit.

Non-Hotel Guests: At the Sheraton lot, pull a ticket, park, then get a Sheraton Validated Pass from the front desk or Info Table. To exit, scan your ticket, then the pass.

Overflow Garage: If the Sheraton hotel parking is full, use the Overflow Parking Garage (3-minute walk).

Game On! Dance -- A chance to break out your most creative game-themed outfit for the Saturday evening dance. What will you wear?!

Try the Mic -- come support dancers who are brave enough to pick up a mic and try calling a few moves. Saturday, 3 pm, O'Hare Room

Registration for the 2026 ILSDC opens Saturday at 2 pm. Next year's convention will take place in Rock Island, IL, July 23-26, 2026, and will feature Caller Jack Pladdys.

SCISDA's Annual Meeting will take place Saturday at 9 am in the Gateway Room. All square dancers are invited to learn what goes on at the state level.



For details, see the Parking flyer at ILSDC.dance, or scan this QR code.



READ MORE

Check out Page 2 for resources and ideas to make your ILSDC weekend special!

Also, see a special listing of our outstanding callers, cuers, and leaders.

✳ Must See ✳ ILSDC

Visit the Info Table

Stop by the ILSDC Info Table in the Foyer. Volunteers will check in here, and you'll also find details about local attractions. We'll also have a few things for purchase, including dance socks, and 2025 convention bars and dangles for your badge, along with 2024 bars and dangles, in case you missed them last year.

Step into the Game Room



The ILSDC Game Room, located in the Gateway Room, is your spot for fun off the dance floor. Open Friday evening and again Saturday afternoon and evening, the Game Room will be packed with activities. Join a guided session on Offbeat Board Games, Saturday at 2 p.m., then try your luck at Traditional, old school Bingo, Saturday at 4 p.m. Help complete a community jigsaw puzzle, solve a giant crossword puzzle, and don't forget to drop your raffle ticket in a prize box.

Help Pack Up Flooring (PLEASE!)

After dancing ends, we will surely appreciate your help packing up the ballroom's hard flooring—but there are lightweight—but there are many! If you can stay a little longer -- on Saturday night in the side halls, and Sunday at noon in the Ballroom, your assistance will make a big difference.

Sunday Morning Duets with Patty Green!!



Join us on Sunday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to noon, for the final dance session of the Game On! convention. Patty Greene will share the stage with her fellow callers in a series of singing call duets. Enjoy the rhythm, the dancing together one more time. A great way to end the weekend on a high note.

ILSDC Schedule of Events—ONLINE

The full ILSDC Schedule of Events will be available online several days before the convention. You can review the dance schedule ahead of time to game out your personal ILSDC experience.

Visit: squaredancetech.com/2025-il/, or scan this QR code with your mobile device. Many thanks to SquareDanceTech.com for making this resource available.



SUPER SATURDAY

Workshops: Classic Twists, New Turns

On Saturday, July 19, the ILSDC will offer a full lineup of dance workshops for all interests. Alongside favorites like hex squares, level-up intros, DBD, rounds, and lines, dancers can also explore something a little different—old-time square dance calls and rectangle square dancing. These special sessions add a nod to tradition and a fresh way to move. Whether you're learning or just curious, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday Ceremonies To Kick Off the Night

Join us in the Ballroom at 6:00 p.m. Saturday for a special pre-dance ceremony. We'll begin with the National Anthem and a few words of welcome, followed by a moment of silence to honor callers and community members we've lost. Then enjoy a playful skit from the 2026 convention team, pose for a group photo (especially if you're in your Game On! costume), and take part in a festive Grand March to launch the evening dance.

After Parties: Keep the Fun Going



Try the Mic



Don't head to bed just yet—plan to join us for two lively after parties. Both promise good times and a great way to unwind.



Friday, 10 pm–11 pm – “Life’s a Zoo” will feature dancing games with a twist. Expect laughs, movement and maybe a few wild surprises.

Saturday, 10:30 pm–11:30 pm – Patty Greene hosts a square dance-style Family Feud. Square dance “families” will compete for bragging rights in this playful game show showdown.



This year, we feature a brand new session that targets any square dancer who may be “caller curious,” giving them a chance to try moving dancers around the square under the guidance of Caller Patty Greene. In advance, Patty will provide patter modules or links to

singing calls, giving you a chance to practice beforehand. Try the Mic will take place Saturday, July 17, from 3 pm to 4:30 pm during the ILSDC. Pre-registration requested—scan the QR code and DO IT!

The 2025 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention

Dance Leaders



Patty Green, Featured Caller, Monroe, NC

Avery Arnold, Caller, Cedar Lake, IN

Bob Asp, Caller, Rockton, IL

Kevin Bersing, Caller, St. Louis, MO

Ron Betzelberger, Caller/Cuer, Lincoln IL



Curt Braffet, Caller, Carlock, IL

James Cha, Caller, Morton Grove, IL

Peggy Chavey, Cuer, Beloit, WI

Dave Crowley, Caller, Madison, WI

Mike & Mary Foral, Cuers, Aurora, IL



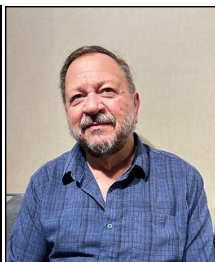
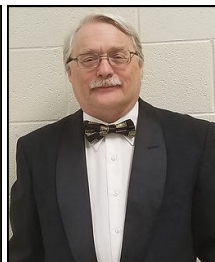
Mark Hall, Caller, Palos Heights, IL

John & Liz Hand, Cuer, Garner, IL

Candice Hansen, Caller, Deerfield, IL

John Harden, Caller, Caledonia, IL

Howard Hartsock, Caller, Clinton, IL



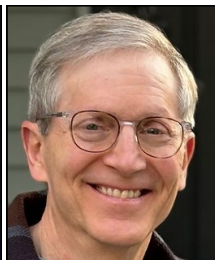
Myron Hollaz, Caller, Merrill, WI

Wayne Irwin, Caller, Dousman, WI

Barry Johnson, Caller, Medford, MN

Larry Johnson, Cuer, Chicago, IL

Vernon Jones, Caller, Springtown, TX



Tom Manning, Caller, Burlington, IA

Dave Mischler, Caller, Evanston, IL

Chris Murray, Caller, Rolling Meadows, IL

Margie Nison, Line Dance, Chicago, IL

Deb Oberst, Line Dance, Vernon Hills, IL



Steve Ocskasy, Caller, St. Charles, MO

Carol Pabst, Cuer, Marietta, OH

Edward Pabst, Caller, Marietta, OH

Bobby Poyner, Caller, Joliet, IL

Tom Rainer, Caller, Ocean View, DE

MORE 

The 2025 Illinois Square and Round Dance Convention

Dance Leaders



Jason Raleigh, Caller, Grove City, OH
Kati Raleigh, Line Dance, Grove City, OH
Therron Ricks, Caller, Chicago, IL
Kathi Sawyer, Caller, Grayslake, IL
Don Seaman, Caller, Morton, IL

Amanda Skidmore, Caller, Crestwood, KY
Don & Doug Sprosty, Callers, Bettendorf, IA
Natalie Sprosty, Cuer, Bettendorf, IA
Christine Steffy, Caller, McHenry, IL
Romney Tannehill, Caller, Eldon, MO



Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention

July 19-20, 2024 | Rosemont, Illinois | ILSDC.dance



FRIDAY AT A GLANCE

July 18, 2025

10 am - 4 pm	Caller Clinic	Gateway
1 pm - 4:30 pm	Registration	Foyer
1 pm - 4:30 pm	Info Table	Foyer
2 pm - 4:30 pm	Split the Pot ticket sales	Foyer
2 pm - 5 pm	Afternoon Dancing	Ballroom
2 pm - 5 pm	Vendors	Ballroom
2 pm - 5 pm	Silent Auction bidding	Ballroom
4 pm - 4:30 pm	First-Timers Orientation	Chicago II
4:30 pm	Volunteer Group Photo	Ballroom
4:30 pm - 6 pm	DINNER BREAK	
6 pm - 8 pm	Registration	Foyer
6 pm - 9 pm	Info Table	Foyer
6:30 pm - 9 pm	Split the Pot ticket sales	Foyer
6:30 pm - 10 pm	Silent Auction bidding	Ballroom
6:30 pm - 10 pm	Vendors	Ballroom
6:30 pm - 7 pm	Dancing	Ballroom
7 pm - 9 pm	Game Room	Gateway
7 pm - 9:30 pm	Dancing	All Halls
8 pm - 10 pm	Rounds	Chicago II
9:30 pm - 10 pm	Dancing	Ballroom
9:40 pm	Split-the-Pot drawing	Ballroom
10 pm - 11 pm	"Life's a Zoo" After Party	Ballroom



SATURDAY AT A GLANCE

July 19, 2025

9 am - 10 am	SCISDA Annual Meeting	Gateway
9:30 am - 4 pm	Registration & Info Table	Foyer
10 am - 2 pm	Dance Workshops	Various Halls
10 am - 4:30 pm	Silent Auction bidding	Ballroom
10 am - 4:30 pm	Split the Pot ticket sales	Foyer
10 am - 4:30 pm	Vendors	Ballroom
12 pm - 4:30 pm	Dancing	Various Halls
2 pm - 4:30 pm	2026 ILSDC Registration	Foyer
2 pm - 5 pm	Game Room	Gateway
4:30 pm - 6 pm	DINNER BREAK	
6 pm - 7 pm	Ceremonies & 'Game On' Dance	Ballroom
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Registration	Foyer
6 pm - 8 pm	Silent Auction bidding	Ballroom
6 pm - 9 pm	Split the Pot & Info Table	Foyer
6 pm - 9 pm	Vendors	Ballroom
6 pm - 9 pm	2026 ILSDC Registration	Foyer
7 pm - 9 pm	Game Room	Gateway
7 pm - 9:30 pm	Dancing	Various Halls
8 pm - 10 pm	Rounds	Chicago II
9:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Dancing	Ballroom
9:50 pm	Split-the-Pot drawing	Ballroom
10:30 pm - 11:30 pm	"Family Feud" After Party	Ballroom

