



34th Annual IAGSDC Convention .. Palm Springs, California
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The Event Highlights Keep Expanding

Our enthusiasm keeps growing as we add to your options for a fantastic weekend of Square Dancing and more. Within this Newsletter are updated and new items that will transfer our excitement to your expectations for a great weekend.

Discounted Convention Rates Are Still Active

Please be sure to have you, and your dancing friends, register by the last day of January 2017 for a discounted rate of \$240; as after that date the regular \$275 rate will apply.

First time convention attendees (dancers) receive a special rate of \$185, sponsored by the All Join Hands Foundation. Your local dance club has all the details and request forms. All non-dancing attendees have a special low rate of \$110. These two rates are effective now with no increase in February.

All the above rates do include two meals .. The Convention Banquet and the Convention Brunch. To register, or review a previously made registration (and verify your meal selection for the Banquet), visit the IAGSDC website — www.IAGSDC.org

Tea Dances

A Welcome and Farewell tea dance to retro hits from the height of the disco and dance era, as well as more modern favorites, will be enjoyed poolside. Ever want to attend "The Dinah" ... the women's gold weekend social event? Or, ever want to check out a "White Party" circuit event? We will be doing our own version of these popular and well-attended Palm Springs classics at our hotel poolside. Our website will soon be updated with the details.

Hotel Registration Is Open

Linkage is now established that takes everyone to a custom page on the Marriott website where our rates, dates, and other details are pre-established.

You can go directly to this web page from the IAGSDC.ORG website homepage. Look for: "Click here to book your room for PS Swing and Mix 2017."

Our website, PALMSPRINGS2017 also has a direct link within the HOTEL page.

This hotel is directly connected to the Palm Springs Convention Center, which is the site for all weekend events. You never have to leave the comfort of cool air conditioning. Also, there is complimentary hotel shuttle service from/to the airport.

Our negotiated terms offer flat rates for 1-4 occupants in regular rooms (\$149 special rate) or junior suites (facing street, \$169 special rate) or suites (facing pool, \$189 special rate). Taxes are extra and are computed for you before you finalize your reservation. Parking has been negotiated at \$6 per night. Our rates are for stays between 6/23/2017 thru 7/06/2017.

Friday Afternoon With Your Sisters ... Bingo

Want to win some money? Come to Friday afternoon's Sister Bingo, with the Palm Springs Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Enjoy their "holinesses in habit", while they get to know our group of square dancers. This is a perfect way to have some fun in the afternoon before the Trail In Dance.

Special Meal Deal "Twist"

Although there are fine restaurants within the hotel, your Swing & Mix crew is providing you with another option: a convention with "a twist."

We have special Meal Deals that offer great cuisine and fast convenience ... we want everyone to be available to dance as much as possible, and also enjoy the great comfort of never having to leave an air-conditioned environment.

Your convention registration does include an evening banquet and a morning brunch. This Meal Deal program fills the gap for every other meal time dining. Gluten free meals are now available as an option.

All the meals will be served buffet style from chaffing dishes. Our website does give complete details including each food item. Breakfast is \$12, Lunch is \$17, and Dinner is \$20. If you are going to take advantage of every Meal Deal serving ... the total price is reduced \$10. (\$149)

You can only use the form on our website to order the meal coupons. If you need to change your options after purchase, please follow the instructions included in your confirmation e-mail. Do Not ... fill out the form again.

All orders and payments must be received before June 25th, 2017. You will be given the appropriate coupons in your convention registration package at the convention check-in. We may be able to accommodate requests for Meal Deals initiated after that date. Inquire at the Swing & Mix 2017 Registration Desk at the convention.

This Meal Deal is refundable for any reason; however if you paid by PayPal (credit card system) we will deduct the fee we paid PayPal and refund the remainder by check. We recommend paying by check as your paid amount is fully refundable. Check our website for the date of accepting changes or cancellations.



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Poolside Activities

You never have to go outdoors at our convention. However, if you do venture out to the pool, be prepared to jump in to some real cool fin. Swing & Mix will offer several sessions of Pool Tips, called by our staff callers, who may just get a little wet doing so. Be prepared for appearances from some of your favorite "old queens" and watch the illustrious return of the Bathing Beauties adding glamor to the pool deck.

Hunky Trunks King Contest

Many of you may remember the three years that there was a Hunky Trunks King poolside competition. This year, Swing & Mix will bring back this treasure trove of eye candy. Anyone wearing trunks, and likes the term "Hunky" may enter. The contest is not gender specific as anyone can enter. Just strut your stuff around the pool and get those moments of stardom you KNOW you were born for. Contact Miss Belle Watling at HTK@palmsprings2017.org for more info. Soon, our website will be updated on this activity.

Honky Tonk Queen Contest

Contact the reigning Honky Tonk Queen, Freeda Evryone, and tell her how much you love her ... Plus, if you're interested in being a candidate for the 2017 HTQ competition, let her know.

Our website will soon be updated, as plans for this event are in the final stages.

Two Fun Badge Tours

Now you can dance, frolic and see the sights of Palm Springs and the beautiful Coachella Valley all at the same time. On our sightseeing bus you will enjoy beverages and laugh at the antics of our tour bus escorts.

Choose the Sunday Sunrise Tour (the coolest time of day), or the Monday Sunset Tour (warm, but not in the direct sun). Or do both tours, as each tour will have different stops. Register NOW as space is limited. We hope you can be a part of these "first ever" dawn and dusk Fun Badge Tours.

Our website has the complete booking procedure.