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Shoot the Lone Star 2016

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It's just a few months away . . .

Welcome, and thank you for choosing to join us for Shoot the Lone Star 2016!

We're certain that you're going to have a great time dancing with us on March 4 – 6. To assist you with your planning, we are sending you this early newsletter with some helpful information and event highlights.

We're offering you more dance options with a THIRD dance floor!

The 2016 edition of Shoot the Lone Star will offer three active dance floors for the first time. In addition to our two large dance floors, we've added a third, smaller floor for tips where fewer dancers are expected at the Mainstream and C2 levels. This plan ensures more dance hours can be filled at your favorite dance level, regardless of what level you dance.

Plan ahead with the updated dance schedule

The weekend schedule is available on our fly-in website so that you can plan your visit to us well ahead of time. We hope this helps out of town visitors to also plan to enjoy other aspects of our city at the same time.

For all the latest information, go to the fly-in web site at

<http://LoneStarLambdas.org/flyin2016.html>

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And remember that our generous cancellation policy entitles you to a full refund before March 1. Tell your friends that they can register early without risk.

Michael Levy joins Sandie and Vic behind the mic

With the addition of a third dance floor, we've hired another caller to fill the additional calling duties. Michael Levy was a guest GCA caller for our 2014 fly-in. Having enjoyed his talents, we were excited to add him to the staff in a more expanded role for 2016. Michael joins us from San Francisco and will be calling Mainstream thru C1 levels at Shoot the Lone Star 2016.



Host hotel is accepting reservations now

Our host hotel is again The Fairfield Inn & Suites, University Area, at 959 Reinli Street. For your convenience, this hotel is one of the closest lodging options near our dance venue, located just off IH-35 in north central Austin.

The Shoot the Lone Star room block includes the option of a room with two doubles, or a king suite with additional sleeper sofa. You can reserve your preference by following the link on our website or calling the hotel at 512.302.5550.

All rooms include complimentary breakfast each day, free parking, free Wi-Fi, and use of the indoor pool—all for the modest fly-in rate of \$109.00 per night.

You must reserve your room no later than February 19, 2016 to secure the fly-in rate.

Who's coming?

We're happy to have registered almost 100 attendees so far! Our goal is to achieve 120 full weekend registrants and we're well on our way to meeting that goal. Here's the current breakdown of dancers by level:

Level	Number of registrants
Mainstream	10
Plus	27
Advanced	19
C1	18
C2	15
Non-dancer	2

We are already expecting visitors from Albuquerque, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Ottawa, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Raleigh/Durham, San Antonio, San Francisco and the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, and Toronto!

Please encourage your friends to come join our party! And remember that our generous cancellation policy entitles you to a full refund before March 1. Register early without risk.

Workshops

Current Level Workshops

Workshops at all levels, Mainstream thru C-2, are offered with a focus on both challenging your skills and refining your knowledge .

Introduction to Advanced

For those well-versed in Plus-level dancing, this hour-long workshop, led by Michael Levy, enables you to try your hand at some of the fun calls and concepts at the Advanced level.

Fierce Plus Hour

So you think you know Plus well? This session, led by Vic Ceder, is meant to significantly challenge your knowledge and comfort with Plus call definitions. We wanted to up the ante over more common Dance by Definition (DBD) and Take No Prisoners sessions, and therefore chose a scarier name to convey that intent. This hour is not for the timid or shy!



Affinity tips: keeping Austin weird

We are offering several affinity (specialty) tips for those who are looking for something a bit different. Try one or more of these on for size:

Tattoo Tip: Show off your own (venue appropriate) body art, or adopt one or more of our own temporary additions for those just testing the waters.

Out and Loud Shirt Tip: In the spirit of friendly competition with Vic Ceder's own wardrobe, we invite you to do your best to stand out in our crowd. Wear your brightest tie-dye, Hawaiian, neon, or any other top that's spectacular enough to turn a few heads.

Last Square Standing: Sandie Bryant is looking for the best square on the floor in this competitive tip. Be in the square that best masters her calling and you'll win a prize to commemorate your victory!

All of our affinity tips will be staged at the Mainstream level so that everyone can join in the **fun!**

Extras

We Dance, We Eat, We Dance Some More. We Eat Some More!

Food is a big part of the culture of Texas and definitely a part of your registration for our fly-in!

Friday Evening Session: Catered hors d'oeuvres

Saturday Morning Session: Breakfast tacos and regional continental fare

Saturday Dinner: Catered Texas BBQ dinner

In addition, on Sunday morning before the dancing starts, you can dine with our private group at the original [Hyde Park Bar & Grill](#), a favorite home-grown Austin institution that's walking distance to the dance venue. The restaurant is offering the following specials to go along with their classic Texas comfort food: \$3 for Bloody Mary, Mimosa, Tequila Sunrise, or Screwdriver.

NOTE: Due to space constraints, private group seating is limited to 30 guests.

This season's Must-Have: The Shoot the Lone Star 2016 souvenir t-shirt!

Our 2016 souvenir tee shirt sports our traditional Shoot the Lone Star logo on the front. The back features a stylish Austin graphic inlaid with a variety of your favorite square dance calls. This tangerine-colored shirt is 100% cotton (not pre-shrunk), and you can order sizes Small thru 3XL.

Go to the fly-in web site to order in advance for only \$18 each.

