



What is the General Dance Program?

GDP is three things:

- An easy and fun way to get more people square dancing
- A list of calls, about half the calls in the full program of Basic, Mainstream, and Plus
- A series of dances sponsored by SCVSDA using the GDP call list

Why should I come to GDP dances?

Because you want more square dancers. Learning the full Plus program takes a long time (particularly because most Plus clubs do at least some APD/DBD), and it's clear from the declining size of the square dance community that this discourages many people from square dancing. It takes less than half the time to learn GDP, which gives us a chance to grow the community again.

Because you'll have fun. The intent of GDP is "half the calls, ninety percent of the fun".

If you're a Plus dancer who sometimes feels that Plus hoedowns are a bit too hard, you definitely want to come to a GDP dance.

What is missing from GDP?

For the most part, the missing calls are similar in function to other calls (e.g., Dive Thru), rarely used (e.g., Do Paso), or more complicated (e.g., Linear Cycle). GDP dances also use simpler choreography, avoiding APD/DBD and concentrating on "standard applications".

But don't worry about what's missing, just come and have some fun!

SCVSDA General Dances also feature:

- **POPULAR CALLERS** – Many of the same callers who call Plus hoedowns.
- **REFRESHMENTS** – Plenty to eat during breaks.
- **ACTIVE SOLO ROTATION** – You can come with or without a partner.

For more details, see the full GDP FAQ: <http://www.scvsda.org/gdp/faq.html>

For the date of the next SCVSDA General Dance, see: <http://www.scvsda.org/gdp>