

Dear Folks,

We have breaking news. The Summer Sizzler Weekend will no longer be at the Venice Inn Best Western. Upon arriving for this year's weekend, I found out that the Conference Center/Restaurant complex was leased out to an independent firm. I'm sure you can understand my surprise. I tried all weekend long to discuss the 2008 contract with someone but I could not get a response. Finally, on Sunday morning I was able to talk to the new owner. Even though there were problems with the Air Conditioning and staff services all weekend the new owner had no interest in working with our group. We have moved on.

During the last few months, with help from Dan Prosser, we visited many hotels. Things were not looking bright until two hotels showed interest. One hotel was willing to work with us on many issues but the dates for 2008 could not be worked out. The second hotel could help us on the 2008 dates we needed but they were not very flexible on the hall rental. I gave it some very deep thought and decided to gamble and take a chance for 2008.

The 2008 SIZZLER will be at Hotel Carlisle, located in Carlisle, PA. This is where it becomes a little tricky. Hotel Carlisle will require us to have 40 rooms booked per night, Friday and Saturday, in order for us to get the ballroom we need at a reasonable price per day. The fees will be manageable but it will still be a stretch for us. This is the important thing for the 2008 weekend. If we are one room under the 40 per night the ballrooms will be at full price and this we cannot afford. As it is we will not be dancing Sunday morning, even though we only dance for one and a half hours, because the hotel expects the same daily fee for Sunday that it gets for Friday and Saturday. Please do not get me wrong, Hotel Carlisle is an excellent facility with plenty of dance space, great air-conditioning and very nice room accommodations. It is very easy to get to because it is close to the junctions of Route 81 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. (See the Flyer)

I have decided to take this chance in order to have continuity and not cancel the dance for one year. Skipping a year is never a good idea and by having the 2008 SIZZLER weekend we know we will have a permanent place in 2009, 2010 and possibly 2011. The 2009 location has everything we need, including price, for great square dances. Hopefully everyone understanding that if we do not make the 40 rooms per night at Hotel Carlisle for 2008, I will have to cancel the weekend and focus on 2009.

The location for 2009, 2010, and 2011 will be the Yorktowne Hotel in York, PA. . The management is more than willing to work with us on the expense of the ballrooms and rooms. The staff at the Yorktowne is very familiar with square, round and contra weekends because these types of dances have been held there for nearly 40 years.

What are the differences between the 2 hotels and their ballrooms? The Carlisle Hotel has one room with wood and carpet and the other room is all carpet. This is basically no difference than what we had at the Venice. However, this carpet, as I have seen for myself, is very easy to dance on. The nap is very tight, so it is easy on the knees when you are moving and turning if you are wearing leather sole shoes. The Yorktown Hotel, where we will be in 2009 and beyond, has hardwood floors.

The room cost at the Hotel Carlisle will be 83.00 a night plus tax. I have enclosed a brochure of the hotel. I am asking for everyone to please promote the 2008 weekend so that it will be successful and we can look ahead to future years at the Yorktowne. I really appreciate your understanding of this situation. Please maintain your loyalty and support for this Summer Sizzler Weekend.

I have made all deposits of those who pre registered for Summer Sizzler 2008. I apologize for the delay.

**Everyone that pre registered are listed to stay in the Carlisle Hotel.**

Sincerely, Bill Harrison