

Swingcopations

Short and sweet from the President

Hello Dancers,

The nominations are in! As is customary, the end of January marks the deadline for the nomination of officers for the upcoming year. The members running for office next term are, Yours Truly, Ellen Colonna, running for president, Bill Garrity is running for vice president, Elly Cummings, treasurer, Jo Getchen, membership director, and Rhoda Quijada is running for recording secretary. Elections will be held April 15th, 2004. Remember, volunteers are always needed. Please let me know if you'd like to be a committee member, plan an event, play music, guest instruct... the possibilities are endless!

Changing gears a little and putting on my dance director hat, I wanted to talk a little about group lessons. As you know, we always recommend taking the beginning four-week series for at least three months before moving on to the intermediate lesson. It is so important to have a strong foundation before you start building on the basic patterns. I would even go so far as to say that I find it extremely beneficial to go back and take the basic class again after you're an accomplished dancer, because it's amazing what you can learn from a basic class when you think you know it all.

If we're repeating a class or learning a step we already "know," the tendency is to watch everyone else and try to give helpful hints to newcomers, but if we really pay attention to the instructor, it's almost guaranteed we'll hear something new and helpful. Also, watch the instructors. Speaking from an instructor's point of view, it's hard to say it all in a group class, so you can also learn by watching. Pay attention to where their feet are or how they hold their arms or where they weight their body. In short, the best tip I can give you to make the most of your group lesson: Listen like you've never heard it before, even if you have.

Happy dancing!

Peace and harmony,

— Ellen



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January Jack & Jill winners

Novice: Vicki Christensen and Al Sipes were in first place, followed by Jo Getchen and Don Adamavich in second place and Jo Getchen and Josh Holden in third place.

Intermediate: Rosanne Crago and Lars Odsather finished first, Maryanne O'Shaughnessy and Danny Carlson were second, and Brooke Schilling and Jim Corneby finished third.

Advanced: April Amstutz and Scott Miller came in first; Danielle Sainz and Robert Vaughn finished second and Ellen Colonna and Harvey Dong were in third place.

New members:

Scott Miller

Jesse Dickson

*Ruth Ann
Matthews*

New Year's Dance Camp in Palm Springs

Dancing all night long is a great way to usher in the New Year! New Year's Dance Camp in Palm Springs, a West Coast and Salsa Extravaganza, was so much fun. There were lots of folks from Tucson at this event, including Darian Barrett, Autumn Bear, Jim & Marta Buchanan, Rosanne & Melissa Crago, Jesse Dickson, Harvey Dong, Nicole Durkin, Eric Fleming, Bill Garrity, Jennifer Goff, Irina Chausovskya, Dan & Laura Loman-Pressler, Linda Pace, Rhoda Quijada, Sheldon Ross, Bonnie & Wayne Schiebe, Al Sipes & Connie Luttrell, and George Wagner.

Tucsonans really distinguished themselves in both the West Coast and Salsa competitions. Bonnie and Irina received Gold Awards in Pro Am, Irina took 3rd in the Novice WCS J&J, Autumn took 2nd in the Advanced Salsa J&J and 1st in Novice WCS Strictly Swing with Eric. Jesse not only took 3rd in the Advanced Salsa J&J, but brought down the house by winning 1st place in the Open Invitational WCS J&J with Katherine Krok in grand style to a madly cheering, screaming, foot stomping, standing ovation from the crowd.

There was a great dinner buffet on New Year's Eve, followed by a floorshow that included a very entertaining performance by Dez DiPaola as one of the pirates who just wanted to "dance in his shiny pants."

The audience was also treated to Sarah Vann Drake and Jordan Frisbee performing their routine from the US Open, created on short notice when their regular partners Kyle Redd and Tatiana Mollman were injured. In the Cabaret Showcase competition, Tucsonans Eric Fleming and Nicole Durkin did a beautiful Argentine Tango performance. Dez also presented a great hip-hop routine, Funky Feet III, and one of his featured performers was Laura Loman-Pressler.

Saturday evening was the scene of a late night pajama party in the West Coast Ballroom, featuring a number of interesting outfits including Sheldon's Incredible Hulk pajamas (which fortunately stayed in one piece unlike the cartoon character's).

Jim Buchanan helped to provide some of the outstanding music during the weekend. The music in the Salsa ballroom stopped at 4am each morning, but the West Coast went on all night. Half-price tickets to Summer Dance Camp were awarded to the brave souls who stayed up to greet the dawn at 7am Sunday morning. Hosts Jay and Molly do this twice a year, so start making plans for Summer Dance Camp, August 12-15, 2004.

— Rosanne Crago

February birthdays

Irina Chausovskya	February 1st	Bill Garrity	February 11th
Steve Madsen	February 2nd	Maxine Hewitt	February 18th
Jo Getchen	February 8th	Randy Malak	February 22nd
Don Hastings	February 9th	Randy McNellis	February 22nd
Lacey Petterson	February 9th	Martha Weaver-Rawson	February 25th
Allison Alexandra	February 11th	Kathy Wilsey	February 25th
Carmen Demler	February 11th		

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— John Dryden

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Contact Lisa Brink, 250-7914.

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night from 5-7 pm; open dancing until
10pm. <http://www.gpsdc.org>

*Dance spot information is provided as a
service to TSDC members and is not an
endorsement.*

***Our condolences
to Bill Garrity
and his family
on the recent
loss of his father***

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6-week class at Robinson's May

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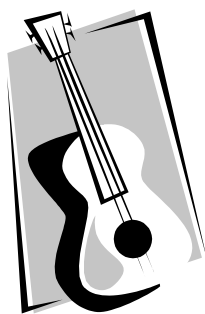
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Larry Mason

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TSDC 2003-2004 Board

Elected positions:

Ellen Colonna, President

Swngdans@aol.com

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Bill Garrity, Vice President

Elly Cummings, Treasurer

Jo Getchen, Membership Secretary

DanceMe@cox.net

Darian Barrett, Corporate Secretary

Appointed directors:

Jim Buchanan, Music Director

Rosanne Crago, Publicity Director

Al Henderson, Sergeant-at-arms

323-7547

Wayne Scheibe, Hospitality director

Appointed coordinators:

Linda de la Torre, Jack & Jill coordinator

Carrie Rodriguez, Web site coordinator

L Perez, Judges coordinator

Jim Davis, Newsletter editor

jaydavis1@earthlink.net

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Nominees for the elected positions on the
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President: Ellen Colonna

Vice President: Bill Garrity

Treasurer: Elly Cummings

Membership Secretary: Jo Getchen

Corporate Secretary: Rhoda Quijada

Tucson Swing Dance Club

P.O. Box 32226
Tucson, Arizona
85751-2226

TSDC hotline: 520 745-0255
www.tsdc.net



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Valentine's Dance on February 12th!
- ◆ Workshop with Stan Jaquish in Phoenix on February 22nd. Sponsored by the Greater Phoenix Swing Club; see <http://gspdc.org> for details.
- ◆ Elections for the 2004-2005 Board will be held April 15th.
- ◆ No dance on Thursday, July 1st, and Thursday, November 25th.

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February 2004

Tucson Swing Dance Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Club dance DJ Jim Buchanan Jack & Jill contest	6	7
8	9	10 Board meeting, 7pm 1651 N. Nancy Rose	11	12 Club dance DJ Jim Buchanan Valentine's Dance	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Club dance DJ Ron Gonzales	20	21 Happy Hour, 7-9pm The Keys 445 W. Wetmore Rd.
22	23	24	25	26 Club dance DJ Joe Erker	27	28
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TSDC
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Tucson, Arizona 85751-2226

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Dues paid through December 31, 2004

Date _____ Paid by Cash or Check

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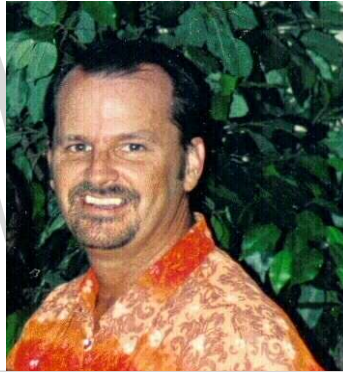
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