

Swingcopations

Short and sweet from the President

Hi Dancers

Thanks to all of you, we are starting the summer off with a bang. Attendance is high and I am so thrilled to see old faces popping up. We have missed you! Our guest attendance has also increased. So thank you for bringing your friends!

There are some important dates coming up that you need to mark in your calendars. First of all, we have changed the date of the Jack and Jill finals to August 21st. It appears that several of our members or coordinators will be on a dance cruise on the 7th, our previously scheduled date. Lucky them! So those of you competing will have a couple of extra weeks to practice.

Next, please note that our annual Christmas party will be held in the Tucson Convention Center on December 13th. December is always a busy month for everyone, so mark your calendars early, because you don't want to miss it!

And finally, as I mentioned last month, there will be no dance on July 3rd, but you can buzz on down to Phoenix Wednesday and Thursday for their pre-convention 4th of July dances. You do not need a convention ticket on those nights and the admission is \$5. Also, as always, the weekend will be loaded with workshops by instructors from

all over the country and you can attend the workshops for \$10 each with or without a convention ticket. See their Web site for further info: www.gpsdc.org. Thank you for your attention!

Peace and harmony... *Ellen*

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Happy Hour fun for all

It's great to come to the club and take the lessons on Thursday nights. The best way to improve your dancing is to dance. To quote Nike, "JUST DO IT!" The Tucson Swing Dance Club holds a "happy hour" once a month, and if you haven't joined us yet then please consider this a personal invitation. The happy hours have often been on the third Saturday of the month from 7-9 pm. It's a great opportunity to get together with other dancers in a casual social setting. Don't worry that you're "not good enough." Dancers of all skill levels come out and have a good time. The clubs where we meet allow us to play our own CDs, so the music is guaranteed to be good. If you need lubrication, the bar is

close at hand. The lighting is kind to all. It's fun to get out and practice some of the moves you've learned in the lessons or try out something you've seen. The happy hours have been at The Keys on Oracle and Wetmore because there's a reasonable amount of space for dancing and it gives the folks who live on the west or northwest side of town a little bit of a break in travel time. The next happy hour will be held on Saturday, July 19th from 7-9 pm at The Keys and we hope to see you there.

— Rosanne Crago

Welcome Josh Holden, back from serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq.

June Jack & Jill winners

Novice: Rosanne Crago and Don Adamovich finished in 1st place, Christa DeVitt and Martin Fricke were in 2nd place, and Jo Getchen and Rohn Brown came in 3rd place.

Intermediate: Dani Barrett and Martin Rubio were in 1st place, followed by Deanna Severance and Jim Davis in 2nd place and Autumn Bear and Danny Carlson in 3rd place.

Advanced: Michelle Phillips and Harvey Dong took 1st place, while Ellen Colonna and Jim Buchanan were in 2nd place and Jane Morgan and Hondo Velasco finished in 3rd place.

Football isn't a contact sport; it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport.

— Vince Lombardi

July Birthdays

July 3rd	Earline Kay
July 5th	April Amstutz
July 9th	Sharon Massey
July 13th	Garnet Sanders
July 13th	Deanna Severance
July 15th	Steven Stewart
July 16th	Jan Naples
July 18th	Cathy Tigges
July 21st	Lynn Mergell
July 23rd	Eric Wade
July 27th	Martha Tenery

Basic
 West Coast Swing
 Lessons
 By Al Henderson and Jane Morgan
 6-week class at Robinson's May
 El Con Mall 3rd floor – Oasis Center
 7-9 pm Mondays
 520 206-6468
 Refer to the Pima Community College
 Catalog for class registration dates.
 Partners not required

New members:

Wendy York

***Fergie
Ferguson***

Alan Roberts

DeAnne Blea

***Lacey
Petterson***

Robert Vaughn

Lisa Brink

Autumn Bear

Sarah Masse

***Michael
Holcomb***

Britta Sneep

The Phoenix Jack & Jill Finals

Club members drove to Phoenix Sunday night, June 22nd, for the last contest in the Jack & Jill season of the Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club. Tucsonans won in the novice, intermediate, and advanced divisions: Rosanne Crago and her partner Layne Thomas took the 3rd place trophy in the novice contest, Parker Antin and his partner Christine Jessup also placed 3rd in the intermediate contest, and Wesley Kent and his partner Anne Barnes took the 1st place trophy in the advanced contest. Dez DiPaola helped

judge all three competitions. And while she didn't compete, Wendy Lowe took home the most compliments on her adorable infant son Drew.

You'll have a chance to see some of these dancers in our own Jack & Jill Finals on August 21st.

Dance lessons at the club

Each month the club dance instructors teach the beginning patterns in West Coast Swing. Students can start the lesson sequence on any Thursday.

First Thursday of the month: Left side pass, underarm turn, underarm turn with a hand change, and the right side pass.

Second Thursday: 4-beat starter step, throwout, closed basic.

Third Thursday: Sugar push, tuck throwout, turning basic.

Fourth Thursday: Basic whip, whip with an inside turn, whip with an outside turn.

Fifth Thursday: Basket whip and variations.

We recommend taking the basic class for three months before going on to the intermediate class, though beginning students are welcome to watch the intermediate class and stay for the open dance afterwards.

Intermediate classes teach pattern variations, combinations, and syncopations beyond the basics.

***Entertainment
Books will be
on sale at the
club for \$35 in
August.***

Tucson dance spots

Cactus Moon 748-0049

DV8 885-3030

The Keys 888-8084

Savoy Opera House 296-4551

Beginning/intermediate WCS lesson the first Wednesday of each month from 7-7:45 pm.

Smugglers Inn 296-3292

Studio West 747-9464

Intermediate WCS lesson every Monday night from 8-9 pm. Contact L Perez, 792-2067.

Swingzone 290-2990

Beginning WCS lesson every Wednesday night (except July 2nd) from 7-8 pm.

Westward Look 297-1151

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

Proposed bylaw changes

Section 6.07

- A. Designated members of the Board of Directors have the authority to expend funds of a regular and recurring nature with the advance approval of the Board; regular and recurring being defined as those expenditures necessary to perform your duties on a weekly basis. Such expenditures are subject to the following conditions and limitations:
- a. The maximum amount that may be expended in any given calendar month is fifty dollars (\$50).
 - b. Any new or additional regular and recurring payments or expenditures not previously approved shall require the advance approval of the Board.
 - c. Irregular and/or nonrecurring expenditures shall require specific advance approval by the Board.
 - d. All payments or expenditures made must be covered by an invoice or receipt.

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You can now make a tax-deductible donation to the club. See the club treasurer for details.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Jack & Jill Finals, August 21st. The top five leaders and followers in the novice, intermediate, and advanced divisions compete for fame, fortune, and glory — or at least a nice trophy.
- ◆ TSDC 26th Anniversary Party, September 25th.
- ◆ TSDC 14th annual Christmas Party, December 13th, at the Tucson Convention Center. Featuring a large dance floor and a late-night breakfast buffet.
- ◆ GPSDC New Year's Eve Party, December 31st.
- ◆ Due to the holidays there will be no club dance on November 27th, December 25th, or January 1st, 2004, all of which fall on a Thursday.



July 2003

Tucson Swing Dance Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 No dance!	4	5
6	7	8 Board meeting, 7pm 1651 N. Nancy Rose	9	10 Club dance Jack & Jill contest DJ Jim Buchanan	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Club dance DJ Dez DiPaola	18	19 Happy Hour, 7-9pm The Keys 445 W. Wetmore Rd.
20	21	22	23	24 Club dance DJ Jim Buchanan	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Club dance DJ Dez DiPaola		

6245 E. Bellevue Street • 520 745-0255 • www.tsdc.net

Beginning lesson 7-7:45 pm • Intermediate lesson 8-8:30 pm • Dancing until 10:30 pm • July instructors Ellen and Hondo

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