

Tucson Swing Dance Club Newsletter



The Official Publication of the Tucson Swing Dance Club: Established 1977 by Rose Marie Burrell

President's Message

Hello everyone.

Well if you like our Club J & J contests the big event is upon us. The Club finals are Thursday the 10th. I would like to cover specific issues on the finals to be sure everyone is clear on what is expected. There is a mandatory contestants meeting at 8:30 PM on contest night. If you are not at that meeting you will not be allowed to compete. The contest will start at 9:00 PM. You should dress to impress. Dressing casually can definitely influence a judges score. There are no Lifts, Drops or Splits allowed. A lift is you lifting your partner off the ground. A split would be assisted or not, no splits. A drop is your partners head going below the belt line in a dip, or you supporting your partners weight. If you let go and they fall over then that's a drop. In the past these rules have not been enforced well in the opinion of the current board. So two members of the executive

board are going to watch the contest just to make sure all moves are legal. As the promoters of the contest we reserve the final authority to disqualify a couple for an illegal move. I have seen splits and drops that placed in previous contests. Those moves will be disqualified in this contest. It is not fair to dancers who can do fancier moves like splits/drops and don't do them because they are told they can't, then couples have done the illegal moves and placed. We don't want to be hard nosed about it, we want to be fair. These are the current rules of the club. If you want to change them in the future (next contest season) then get on the dance committee and give your input. All opinions on how to run our contest are welcome. For this contest it is in your best interest as a competitor if you talk to others in your division so you all know what moves you can and can't do. This is the contest where the cash is the prize. I would hate to disqualify a great dance because someone does a split or some type of drop. Good luck everyone, I'll see you at the finals. Bill Garrity.

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President
Bill Garrity

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Photos



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Member Spotlight

Chris and Heather McLean

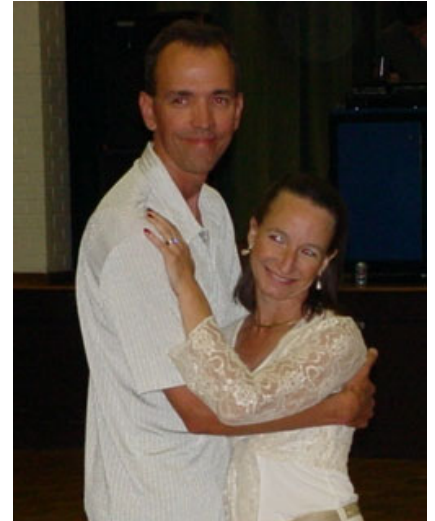


Heather and Chris
maintain our Website

Take a look at what a
professional job they do

www.tsd.net

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Guess where Heather & Chris met? In dance class!

At the time, Heather belonged to a church with a huge singles group. They had brought in Gary Long to teach some Push dance classes. After the series was over, Heather followed Gary to his regular group classes and guess who was there? Chris already knew the dance, but Gary let him attend the beginning classes for free, because he needed more guys. Wedding bells followed about a year later, in 1989.

Heather was born in Phoenix and grew up in Scottsdale. Coincidentally, right down the street from where the Phoenix Swing Club meets! She was a CPA and tax accountant. She decided she was making too much money, and so she quit, went back to school and received her Masters in Social Work in 1993. She did some work with Child Protection Agency and later had at a great job with the Daire Center, a community center for adults with AIDS.

Chris worked for Texas Instruments designing guidance systems for missiles. After their first child was born, Quentin, in 1995, Chris transferred to the computer division and wrote the programming for the graphics on the TI calculators. Chris was interested in day trading and wrote some programming to help him decide what futures and options to trade. A few years later, this became his first company, Optionsanalysis.

Their daughter, Sierra, was born in 1998. Two years later, they all came out to Tucson. The plan was to stay for 7 months so that Chris & John, his optionsanalysis partner could get some software work done. (John had gotten transferred to Tucson when Raytheon bought the TI defense department.) It took Chris about 15 minutes in Tucson, to decide he wanted to stay. So they went back to Dallas and packed up and sold their house and moved here for good.

And here they are! About 3 years ago, while Heather was surfing the internet, she came across the Tucson Swing Club website. It seemed like it might be similar to Push, which they learned so long ago. So they showed up to the club and were very frustrated – it was so similar to push, but not quite the same. Trying to get the double resistance out of their old dance was a bit of work. They remember watching the intermediate classes and thinking they would never be able to do that!

For fun, they read (a lot) and surf the internet. Chris has recently started a second Business – Keep "Input" Simple Commercial Loans, www.kiscl.com, and is now a mortgage broker. He still works from home. They unschool their kids (homeschooling where the kids follow their interests) and are active in Sonoran Desert Homeschoolers, a large homeschool group.

**Volunteer
Instructors for
the Month
of
August**

**Hondo
Velasco
and
Ellen
Colonna
Grootegoed**



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Jack and Jill Finals August 10th

Contestant List

NOVICE MEN

**Todd Crawford
Jim Shiner
Don Adamovich
Shadow! Nightwing
Steve Slocum
Martin Fricke**

NOVICE WOMEN

**Cathy Schreiber
Jan Rust
Bean Metcalf
Christine Daum
Jennifer Chuchul
Gail Vamadeva**

INTERMEDIATE MEN

**Chris McLean
Rich Cridebring
Jim Davis
Mike Gadberry
James Hood
Eddie Gil**

**Alternate
Martin Rubio
Al Sipes**

INTERMEDIATE WOMEN

**Lori Sunderland
Heather McLean
Brooke Schilling
Maryanne O'Shaughnessy
Jennifer Goff
Jordan Taylor**

**Alternate
Irina Skaya
Shirley Murray**

ADVANCED MEN

- 1. Scott Miller**
- 2. Hondo Velasco**
- 3. Louie Perez**
- 4. Don Bennett**
- 5. Cruz Dominguez**
- 6. Ro Vaughn**

**Alternate
Harvey Dong**

ADVANCED WOMEN

**Wendy Miller
Ellen Colonna
Marta Buchanan
Jane Morgan
April Amstutz
Lacey Patterson**

August 10th
9pm
Jack and Jill
Finals Contest

Lessons as usual 7pm & 8pm

Dress to Impress
Color Theme "BLUE"

September 21st
TSDC
29th Anniversary Party
Live Band
"Blues Cubed"
and
Potluck
Costume Theme "Hell's Angel—Harley Biker"

Happy Hour FREE from 7pm to 9pm
3rd Saturday each month
At The Maverick

Contact Cathy Schreiber for information 272-3355
Or call the TSDC hotline 520 745-0255

December 2nd
TSDC
Christmas Party
Mark your calendar

The BY LAWS and TSDC Club Rules
and Jack n Jill Contest Rules
are available at the sign in desk

Wanted

DJs to play music on Thursday nights
at our TSDC

If you are interested contact L Perez

See the website for additional information
at www.tsdc.net

See the Newsletter online in color

Send newsletter input to
tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com

August 2006

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3 Instructors Ellen and Hondo	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting 5049 E Fairmount 7pm	9	10 Jack & Jill Finals Lessons as usual 7pm & 8pm	11	12
13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 Instructors Ellen and Hondo	18	19 Happy Hour 7-9pm at The Maverick
20	21	22	23	24 Instructors Ellen and Hondo	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Instructors Ellen and Hondo		

Thursday dances: 6245 E. Bellevue Street 520 745-0255 www.tsdclub.net

Beginning lesson 7-7:45pm Intermediate lesson 8-8:30pm Dancing until 10:30pm

August Birthdays

- John Wright
8/2
- Sally Gibson
8/5
- Ron Gonzales
8/5
- Roy Markle
8/5
- Lisbeth Bergstrom
8/8
- Cindy Hoppe
8/12
- Bob Brown
8/18
- Grace Fryberger
8/20
- Terry Waters
8/20
- Lauren Hughes
8/21
- Chris McLean
8/21
- Don Bennett
8/24
- Edith Allen
8/25
- Cheryl Hughes
8/29
- Jenny Wilson
8/29
- Linda Bollhalter
8/30
- Gary Downard
8/31

Support TSDC by advertising in the newsletter. Send camera-ready ads and checks payable to the Tucson Swing Dance Club to: TSDC, P.O. Box 32226, Tucson, Arizona 85751-2226, or email a Postscript file of your ad to tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com and drop your check in the mail.

Must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

Issues	1	2	4	6
Business card	\$7	\$13.50	\$25	\$35
Quarter page	\$14	\$27	\$50	\$68.50
Third page	\$19.50	\$37.50	\$65	\$95
Half page	\$25	\$45	\$70	\$100
Full page	\$40	-	-	-
Single-sided insert	\$50	-	-	-
Double-sided insert	\$80	-	-	-

TSDC 2005-2006 Board

Elected positions:

- President Bill Garrity
- Vice President Wayne Scheibe
- Treasurer Don Bennett
- Membership Vicki France
- Corporate Secretary Kari Rasmussen

Appointed directors:

- Music Director L Perez
- Sergeant-at-arms Jim Buchanan
- Hospitality/Publicity Director Marta Buchanan
- Public Relations Steve Slocum
- Dance Director Lisa Brink
- Appointed coordinator:**
- Contest Coordinator Terry Waters
- Newsletter Editor Jane Morgan

The TSDC Board of Directors Board Meeting

At 5049 E Fairmount

Tuesday August 8th 7:00pm

Get in FREE during the week of your Birthday

Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club

Dances are held every Sunday night

At the VFW Post 720

4853 E. Thomas Road , Phoenix

Lessons—5:00 to 7:00 PM

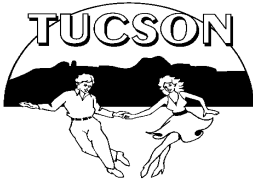
Open Dancing - 7:00 to 10:00PM

For more information call the hotline

(602) 269—5657

or visit the website

www.gpsdc.com



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

We're on the WEB!
WWW.TSDC.NET

Swing Dance Club

Tucson Swing Dance Club

The only place to be on Thursday

Free pass

This pass entitles _____
to a free beginner's lesson at the Tucson Swing Dance Club, compliments of

who is a club member. **Good for the first visit only.**

Tucson Swing Dance Club - 6245 E. Bellevue - 520 745-0255 www.tsdcc.net

Beginning Lesson at 7pm
Intermediate Lesson at 8pm
Open dance till 10:30pm

Member entry donation \$3.00
Guest and non members \$5.00

Annual membership \$25.00

Hot Line phone #520 745 0255

Dance Lessons At the Club

Each month the club dance instructors teach the beginning patterns in West Coast Swing. Students may 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. Intermediate classes teach pattern variations, combinations, and syncopations beyond the basics.