

Tucson Swing Dance Club Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello everyone.

Well you should get this just in time to make last minute plans to attend our Christmas Dance. If you haven't already made plans to attend you should. Good company, good food and good music are what it's all about. Tickets can be purchased at the door if you have procrastinated until now.

On the last Thursday of the month (12/28/2006) we are going to have a New Years Eve dessert party. Dress nice to say bye to 2006 and hello to 2007. You the members need to bring the desserts, I'm sure everyone has a favorite. Just what everyone needed, another desert during the Holiday's. We thought it would be nice to do something different for the end of the year. And I know you all really do love chocolate.

And speaking of something different, we are tentatively having a live band on the 3rd Thursday of January (1/18/2007). In order to help with the cost of this, we will charge an extra dollar on that night for both members and guests. We have had live music before, but never an additional nightly charge. Let me know what you think of this. We thought the feedback was positive the last time we had a band. We love to

hear your thoughts.

I know many people who attend regularly are beginner dancers. I would offer 2 tips to all of the men out there. Most men start out taking very large steps, which is almost never the right thing to do in dancing. I think it stems from sports, you move quickly and aggressively in all the sports I was in. It took me years to learn to move without large steps. This went hand in hand with leading very rough. If you take large steps you are usually going to be in the wrong place to lead properly. Not knowing this then produces the result of trying to muscle the woman around. In the past I have encouraged new dancers who are enthusiastic but struggling to get a private lesson. I would also say that it is well worth your while to get a lesson from a male instructor. When I was first learning WCS I had a lesson with Linda Lowell at Studio West. Louie Rojo came over and said "dance with me for a while". He was leading, I was doing a semblance of following, but as I felt what a good lead felt like to a follower a light kept going off in my head. "Oh, that's how the move goes". So stick with it if you're new to WCS. It really is as fun as it looks when you become a proficient dancer. I'll have words of wisdom for the ladies next month.

Until next year, I'll see you out dancing through the Holiday's.
Bill Garrity.

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**December
2006**



**President
Bill Garrity**

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Photos by
Shadow! Nightwing



October Halloween Party Photos



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More Halloween Photos



December 2nd
TSDC
Christmas Party

Saturday Night at the Tucson Convention Center in a Banquet Room

Purchase Tickets from Jane or Marta at the Thursday TSDC sign in table

Dress to Impress

Breakfast Buffet served at approx 10pm

Bar Available

Tickets \$25.00 in advance

Volunteers needed to decorate before the party and clean up after
See Marta

Happy New Year Party

On Thursday

December 28th

At The TDSC

Dance Up More Than

Usual

Bring a Dessert

Lessons as Usual

**Membership Renewals
Due in January**

\$25.00

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

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

National Swing Dance Website
www.swingdance council.com

Volunteer Instructors for the Month of DECEMBER Ellen and Hondo



Photos
By Shadow!
Nightwing

Novice November Jack and Jill Contest Winners:

3rd: Giuliana and Steve

2nd: Sue and Don

1st: Cathy and Jim Shiner



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

See the Newsletter online in color

Send newsletter input to
tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com

December 2006

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2 Christmas Party Convention Center
3	4	5	6	7 Jack and Jill Contest Instructors Ellen and Hondo DJ LP	8	9
10	11	12 Board Meeting	13	14 Instructors Ellen and Hondo DJ Tamra	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Happy Hour at The Maverick 7pm
17	18	19	20	21 Instructors Ellen and Hondo DJ Scott	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Happy New Party Instructors Ellen and Hondo DJ LP	29	30
31	Happy New Year					

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

December Birthdays

- Scott Miller
12/2
- Carrie Hasley
12/3
- Gale Harris
12/4
- Sheldon Ross
12/5
- Paul Suba
12/9
- Albert Banks
12/10
- Jessee Dickson
12/10
- Mike Gadberry
12/10
- Barbara Howes
12/11
- John Goodpaster
12/12
- Bill Ganoe
12/15
- Diane Leer
12/18
- Donald Sweeney
12/19
- Gary Koeppel
12/19
- Marta Buchanan
12/22
- Jim Buchanan
12/27
- Brooke Collins
12/27
- Pat Timm
12/28

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.

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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

New Members

- Terri Carter
- Deborah L. Foster
- Larry Weigel
- Sandra Exline
- Mary Lee Vergara
- Michele Rappoport

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

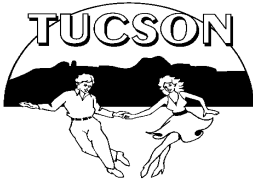
Open Dancing - 7:00 to 10:00PM

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.