

# Tucson Swing Dance Club Newsletter



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**President  
Bill Garrity**

## President's Message

Hello everyone.

I hope you had a great time at our Christmas Party. I did. It was a great night, and I want to thank everyone who helped out. Many people helped in big or small ways, our Club could not function without the members helping out. In the spirit of doing fun things at the Club, we do have Blues Cubed playing Thursday January 18th. I always enjoy live music. We will charge an extra dollar at the door to help cover the cost. This would be a great night to invite friends who wonder what your dancing is all about. Your feedback on all our events is always welcome. If everyone likes the live music we will invite different bands to the Club in the future.

So this is the New Year. As always I'm sure most people have some resolutions that they are working on. Resolutions that involve dance can be fun and easy to keep as the year progresses if you build your circle of social dance friends. If you know you will find people to dance with when you go out it's easier to go out consistently, and that's how we all improve. If dancing becomes part of your lifestyle then it is the resolution that you succeed in keeping. We all know most resolutions fade as time goes by no matter how sincere you were at the time you made it. Dancing impacts our mental and physical health as well as fulfilling social needs. So it is well worth the effort to keep your dance

resolutions.

And now is a great time to consider if you might want to help in producing our Club events. You can think of running for the Board of Directors in a few months or get involved in helping in other ways. Our Club parties happen consistently, and an extra hand is always needed.

Speaking of dancing, how can we improve so that our dancing is more fun? Last month I had some advice for leaders, now for followers. If you have a good frame a leader can lead you into moves that you don't know. A good frame is covered in lessons at the Club, or you can ask me sometime if you don't know what I'm talking about. A good frame is the basis for everything else that happens in the dance. The next thing is that sometimes a follower keeps moving away from their partner on the final triple step. This will have the same result as leaders taking big steps. You will be too far away and a lot of the time all stretched out as well. You don't want to keep moving away on the final triple. That is where a lot of your footwork and fancy moves come in, but in relation to your partner you are staying in the same spot. If any of this does not make sense to you, ask me what I mean. And remember, our Club lessons are high quality and priced right. Also, most of our instructors offer private lessons. I always mention this because I took lots of private lessons to understand this dance. So, if I don't see you at the Club, I'll see you out dancing. Until next month, Bill Garrity



## Behind the scenes those who make your dance club function

Photos by  
Shadow! Nightwing

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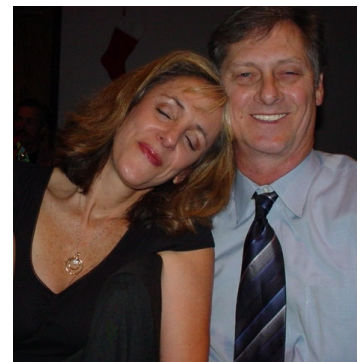
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# Christmas Party Photos



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## More Christmas Party Photos



January 18th  
Live Band

"Blues Cubed"

Extra \$1.00 will be added to admission  
at the door

We will have lessons as usual

The band will play for your  
social dancing pleasure after the lessons

## All 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](http://www.swingdance council.com)

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contract it out,  
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and resources to plan it and plant it.

Vicki France 519-9342

## Volunteer Instructor for the Month of January Jesse Dickson



Photos  
By Shadow! Nightwing

### December Jack and Jill Contest Winners

**Novice:**

**1st Place:** Guiliana and Shadow!  
**2nd Place:** Sue Koepke and Tom Fox  
**3rd Place:** Gail and Shadow!

**Intermediate:**

**1st Place:** Brooke and Chris Mc Lean  
**2nd Place:** Heather Mc Lean and Jim Davis  
**3rd Place:** Rosanne and Chris Mc Lean

**Advanced:**

**1st Place:** Wendy and James Hood  
**2nd Place:** Ellen and Hondo  
**3rd Place:** Wendy and LP

Just a note to say thank you to all that helped make the Christmas Party such a success. Tamra Hood and Jim Buchanan for their great music. Jim Buchanan for another Christmas CD full of music. Harvey Dong for always willing to do anything I ask from setting up to tearing down. Lynn Willcox, Jane Morgan, Rosie Craigo for donating the raffle prizes. And the board of TSDC for willing to giving up some dance time to help out at the door. And of course our PHX friends that came down to join us. Please forgive me if I forgot to name anybody.

Thank you  
Marta Buchanan

See the website for additional information  
at [www.tsdc.net](http://www.tsdc.net)  
See the Newsletter online in color

Send newsletter input to  
[tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com)

## December Jack and Jill Contest Photos



# 2007 TSDC Membership Application

Annual membership donation \$25; Dependent under age 16 \$5

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CARD# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birth day \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
(month and day only)

How did you first hear about the Tucson Swing Dance Club?

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

By entering your email address above you will automatically be enrolled to receive an electronic notice to view the newsletter on the club's website AND you will receive special notices and reminders of club activities as they arise.

Do you want a paper copy of the newsletter? Yes No

Release: I agree to hold the Tucson Swing Dance Club (TSDC) harmless from all suits, claims or damage of any kind arising from this activity. I also agree to abide by the bylaws of the TSDC.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check

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**Receipt for Tucson Swing Dance Club Membership**

Dues paid through December 31, 2007

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or Check

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

This is your Temporary Membership Card. You must show your card each week to enter the club at member price. You will receive your real membership card in 4 to 6 weeks. We are pleased to have you as a member. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call on any board member.

# January 2007

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2	3	4 Jack and Jill Contest Instructor Jesse  DJ LP	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting 7pm  5049 E. Fairmount	10	11 Instructor Jesse  DJ Scott	12	13
14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18 Live Band for social dance After the lessons Instructor Jesse DJ Tamra	19	20 Happy Hour at The Maverick 7-9pm
21	22	23	24	25 Instructor Jesse  DJ Scott	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**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**

**January Birthdays**

Debra Burke  
1/1

Kevin Burke  
1/11

Brett Collins  
1/13

Valerie Seabre  
1/13

Martin Fricke  
1/19

Wayne Scheibe  
1/10

Cathy Schreiber  
1/22

Kathy Costello  
1/25

Chris Dixon  
1/28

Betty Singer  
1/28

Terri Carter  
1/31

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](mailto: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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Full page	\$40	-	-	-
Single-sided insert	\$50	-	-	-
Double-sided insert	\$80	-	-	-

**TSDC 2005-2006 -2007 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 Todd Crawford

Newsletter Editor Jane Morgan

**New Members**

Caroline  
(returning member)

Roy Meng

Kim Kirkpatrick

**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

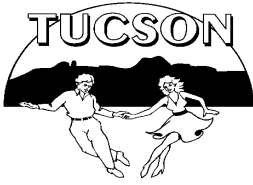
Open Dancing - 7:00 to 10:00PM

For more information call the hotline

(602) 269—5657

or visit the website

[www.gpsdc.com](http://www.gpsdc.com)



P.O. Box 32226  
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We're on the WEB!  
WWW.TSDC.NET

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## **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.tsdc.net](http://www.tsdc.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.