

# 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.

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful spring weather. It's April and the Club elections are upon us. I realize with positions being unopposed it seems like a formality. But now is the time to get involved in any of the many things that will need to be done. Let members of the Board know of your interest in helping. Several Board spots are open as well as some positions that just help out with specific functions. One position worth mentioning is that the Newsletter Editor is open. That position takes some computer knowledge or an ability to learn fast. Remember, our Club exists to promote WCS. So if you enjoy the dance and want a nice Club for the long term consider volunteering.

Tickets to Phoenix 4th of July convention are for sale at our front desk. I hope you get an early room reservation as well. The block of rooms is only held to the end of April or May. Look in the Phoenix web site for details, or like me, just get your room reservation now.

Our Club always has new faces in attendance. Look for them and ask them for a dance. Everyone is shy when they first start learning to dance. If you don't feel like you have regular partners then be sure to go to our lessons. Then in the open dance ask every person that you recognize from the lesson to dance. If you continue to do this for multiple weeks in a row you will start to develop a group of people who are expecting to dance with you if they see you there. That's what's called regular dance partners. As confidence grows you can ask dancers who are clearly experienced that you don't know and your circle will grow. Almost everyone enjoys being asked to dance. I follow this advice, and on a normal night at our club I can no longer dance

with everyone I know. I usually wear out and the evening is over for me, and there are still several people I did not get to dance with.

So if you feel you are not yet "in the group" then get out and ask the people you do recognize. And if you realize someone is new to the club and sitting there, then there's the perfect person to ask for the next dance. Remember, it's a dance club. Women are under every bit as much responsibility to follow this advice as men. Asking for a dance is not hitting on someone, and men are not going to always be asking first.

Finally my editorial on social dancing. In class it is easy to have nice eye contact and perhaps some conversation as you dance. But I find as a leader, in open dancing or at a bar, I am sometimes concentrating so much on the music, leading the moves, and watching where all other dancers are that I watch my partner with peripheral vision. I hardly look at her at all. I'm sure I may appear uninterested to an extent, but it is always more of a concern with physical safety and surroundings, then a lack of interest. After some dances I think the biggest accomplishment on my part is that my partner did not get smashed into on a crowded floor. It was far worse when I was a beginner. I was concentrating so hard I must have looked like I was in an exam. So if you think beginning men look bored, distracted, uninterested or incapable of dancing, only this last point is really at issue. So cut them a break, keep dancing with them and they will improve.

So until next month, I'll see you out dancing, even if I don't look right at you.

Bill Garrity.

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**April  
2007**



**President  
Bill Garrity**

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# March Photos



Photos by Shadow! Nightwing

## March Jack and Jill Photos

### Novice Winners



**1st Place:**  
Tom Fox and Sam Fox

**2nd Place:**  
Bruce Holland and  
Giuliana Donnelly

**3rd Place:**  
Vera Tucker and  
Jim Shiner

### Intermediate Winners



**1st Place:**  
Chris and Heather McLean

**2nd Place:**  
Martin Rubio and  
Rosanne Crago

**3rd Place:**  
Jim Davis and  
Rosanne Crago



**Demo  
Dance**

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 The Phoenix Dance Convention Ticket Purchase  
 If your membership is current \$105.00  
 For non members \$110.00  
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 Buy early do not delay  
 (No Lottery this year)

**Elections  
 for the 2007-2008  
 New Board Members  
 To be held on April 12th  
 What can you do  
 for your club?**

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

**Volunteer  
 Instructor  
 for the  
 Month of April**

**Wendy Miller**



**National Swing Dance Website  
 www.swingdance council.com**

**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**

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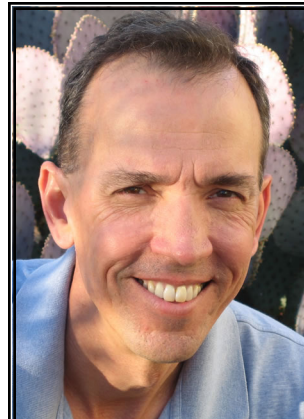
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## **Tucson Swing Dance Club Elections 2007 Absentee Ballot**

Place an X next to the candidate's name, or write in a candidate in the space provided.

### **President**

Steve Slocum [ ]

Write-in candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### **Vice President**

Ellen Colonna Grootegoed [ ]

Write-in candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### **Treasurer**

Don Bennett [ ]

Write-in candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### **Corporate Secretary**

Kari Rasmussen [ ]

Write-in candidate \_\_\_\_\_

### **Membership Secretary**

Vicki France [ ]

Write-in candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your ballot to TSDC, PO box 32226, Tucson, AZ, 85751, with your membership number on the outside of the envelope. Do not put your membership number on the ballot itself. Ballots must be received by April 12th, 2007.

# April 2007

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5 Jack n Jill Contest Instructor Wendy Miller DJ LP	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting 7pm	11	12 Election Night Instructor Wendy Miller DJ Scott Miller	13	14
15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19 Instructor Wendy Miller DJ Tamra Hood	20	21 Happy Hour at The Maverick 7-9pm
22	23	24	25	26 Instructor Wendy Miller DJ Scott Miller	27	28
29	30					

**Thursday dances: 6245 E. Bellevue Street 520 745-0255 [www.tsdcl.net](http://www.tsdcl.net)**

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

## April Birthdays

Vicki France  
4/13

Linda De La Torre  
4/15

Kathleen Kephart  
4/15

Gene Green  
4/15

Al Henderson  
4/21

Jim Davis  
4/21

Dennis Brunelli  
4/21

Bob Fogelsong  
4/26

Phil Holton  
4/26

Deborah Foster  
4/27

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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## 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
<b>Appointed coordinator:</b>	
Contest Coordinator	Sam Fox
Newsletter Editor	Jane Morgan

## New Members

H. VanDenAssem  
Bronia Koch  
Lisa Franco  
Debbie O'Sullivan  
Bruce Holland  
Murielle Gillet  
Daniel Moates  
Mathew Rounseville

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interested in replacing  
me as the editor of the  
newsletter, please see  
me at the sign in desk.  
Thank you  
Jane Morgan**

## 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**

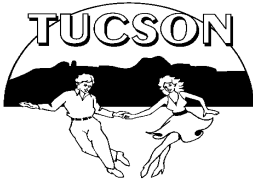
**Open Dancing - 7:00 to 10:00PM**

**For more information call the hotline**

**(602) 269—5657**

**or visit the website**

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



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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.tsdcc.net](http://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.