

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's January 2008

Newsletter

This month

L Perez and Brooke Schilling are January's volunteer dance instructors.

- Thursday, January 3rd: Jack & Jill contest. Tamra Hood is the DJ.
- Tuesday, January 8th: Board meeting
- Thursday, January 10th: Jim Buchanan is the DJ.
- Thursday, January 17th: Bob Brown is the DJ.
- Saturday, January 19th: Happy Hour at the Maverick, 6622 E. Tanque Verde Road, from 7-9pm.
- Thursday, January 24th: Scott Miller is the DJ.
- Thursday, January 31st: Joe Erker is the DJ. Jack & Jill testing for new contestants.



Hondo and April at the TSDC Christmas Party

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President's message

Hello everybody! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and will have a great new year. It was great to see everybody at the TSDC holiday party. It warmed my heart to see everybody out there having such a great time. Our first term hospitality director, Eleanor Schrandt, did a fantastic job with all the preparations. Thanks also to Tamra Hood and Jim Buchanan for spinning the disks. I thought the music was fantastic. Thanks to Jessie and Bri for the amazing Salsa demo as well. All in all, it was a great night.

With the arrival of the new year, we have few things coming up. Its time to start thinking about serving on the board of directors. I hear that we are in need of a new president, as the current president is AWOL. The club by-laws state that the new president must be a board member from the previous year. So one of the current board members will be taking over the duties of president. If you have any interest at all in serving the club by volunteering to be one of the officers, please speak up. All the board positions are noted on page 4 in this newsletter, as well as on our

club web site, tsdc.net. President, VP, both secretaries, and treasurer are elected positions, while the others are appointed by the president and approved by the elected board members. Please let me or any of the board members know if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity. Thanks!

Valentines Day is coming up, and it will be on a Thursday night, so guess what? Another good excuse for a PARTY! What better way to spend Valentines Day evening than dancing. More details follow in the newsletter, and will be posted on the web site.

That's all for now.

Steve



Left to right:
Jim Davis, newsletter editor
Heather McLean, Corporate Secretary and webmistress
Don Bennett, Treasurer
Ellen Colonna, Vice President
Vicki France, Membership Secretary
Steve Slocum, President
Bill Garrity, Contest Coordinator
Marta Buchanan, Contest Coordinator
Tamra Hood, Music Director
Eleanor Schrandt, Hospitality Director
Lisa Brink, Dance Director

Not pictured: Jim Buchanan, Sergeant-at-arms, and Chris McLean, club photographer

December Jack & Jill Results

- Novice: Jeff Brucker and Anna Basden were in 1st place, Kim Sundermeyer and Vera Tucker were 2nd, and Kim Sundermeyer and Debra Burke were 3rd.
- Intermediate: Tom Grubaugh and Brooke Schilling were in 1st place, Jim Davis and Heather McLean were 2nd, and Chris McLean and Cathy Schreiber were 3rd.
- Advanced: James Hood and Cassy Olson were in 1st place, Ro Vaughn and Raquel Montanez were 2nd, and Hondo Velasco and Ellen Colonna were 3rd.



Vera, Kim, Debra, Anna, and Jeff



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Tom, Brooke, Heather, Jim, Cathy, and Chris



Julie, Cassey, James, Raquel, Ro, Ellen, and Hondo

New Members

Welcome Susan Mann, Jeanie Darnall, Sarah Yanez, LeaAnne Pritts, Ester Holubiczko, and Bob Osborne.

Birthdays

Members get in free the week of their birthday!

January 1st: Debra Burke

January 5th: Karen Goodner

January 11th: Kevin Burke

January 14th: Kim Sundermeyer

January 16th: Jeanie Darnall

January 20th: Lucy Barraza and Wayne Scheibe

January 22nd: Cathy Schreiber

January 28th: Chris Dixon and Betty Singer

January 31st: Terri Carter

TSDC 2007-2008 Board

Steve Slocum is the President, Ellen Colonna the Vice President, Don Bennett is the Treasurer, Vicki France is the Membership Secretary, and Heather McLean is the Corporate Secretary.

The Music Director is Tamra Hood; Jim Buchanan is the Sergeant-at-arms, Eleanor Schrandt is the Hospitality and Publicity Director, Steve Slocum is the Public Relations Director, and Lisa Brink is the Dance Director. Bill Garrity is the Contest Coordinator, Heather McLean runs the club website, Chris McLean is the club photographer, and Jim Davis edits the newsletter.

Dance lessons at the club

Each month the club's dance instructors teach the beginning patterns in West Coast Swing. Students may start the 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: Sugarpush, tuck throwout, turning basic.
- Fourth Thursday: Basic whip, whip with an inside turn, and whip with an outside turn.
- And on months with a 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.

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January's Dance Instructor's Bio: L Perez & Brooke

L Perez was born in NYC and raised in the NY metropolitan area. At age 5 his grandmother taught him his first Swing and Salsa steps thereby giving him the chronic case of dance-itis he has today. In 1993 LP began his career as a full-time professional instructor in Tucson. LP has won many Advanced level, national Jack & Jill contests and placed at the Invitational/Champion level in 2005. He has coached dozens of TSDC members since opening DANZON! School of dance, the 500 square foot studio attached to his home in northwest Tucson where he coaches and choreographs over 20 different partner dances in all styles (Ballroom, Swing, Latin & Country) from beginner to professional levels at about half the rates of the "big" studios. Brooke Schilling was born in Cleveland and has been dancing WCS for nearly a decade. While in college in Boston, she studied WCS with Maxwell Ho. She currently competes at the Intermediate level at the TSDC even though many advanced leaders tell her she should be in Advanced level. In June of 2006 LP asked Brooke to partner with him for the Strictly Swing contest at the TSDC. She accepted, though they could not possibly know then what they would soon discover... that as spectacularly as they dance together, they have way more chemistry than their dancing indicates! Brooke and LP now look forward to a long life of love and teaching their future children to dance.

Brooke and LP teach two WCS classes (beginner and intermediate) every Saturday at the Maverick starting at 5:30. You can reach LP & Brooke at 792-2067 or LPerez.Dancer@yahoo.com or view LP's website at http://www.myspace.com/l_perez



About the TSDC

Founded in 1977 by Rose Marie Burrell, the Tucson Swing Dance Club holds dances Thursday evenings at the Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 E. Bellevue St. There are dances every Thursday except on Thanksgiving or other major holidays.

Club instructors teach a beginning lesson from 7-7:45pm and an intermediate lesson from 8-8:30pm, with dancing until 10:30pm.

Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 otherwise; annual memberships cost \$25 and run from January 1st through December 31st. With typically 50 dances a year, a membership can easily pay for itself! Members are also eligible to compete in the club Jack & Jill contests and can choose to get a printed copy of the newsletter. Anyone can read the newsletter online at www.tsdc.net.

Questions? Call our hotline at 520 745-0255.

Ad rates

Email ads to tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com and send a check payable to the Tucson Swing Dance Club to TSDC, P.O. Box 32226, Tucson, AZ 85751.

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Membership Renewal Time

I have been the Membership Secretary for two terms now. I have been in the Club for three years. I have seen the Board offering more and more special prices and events for members. We have had live bands. There is reduced admission every week to the dances. We may sponsor more guest instructors too. Participants in the Jack and Jill Contests must also be members.

When filling out the membership form please print or write clearly. This is especially important with your email address. I love to read all of the creative addresses, but this makes it hard to use my imagination to figure it out! Also try not to use "same" in the address and phone number information. The mailing list has passed through many hands and we are getting newsletters back as undeliverable. I want to do a thorough review of the list this year and make all information as current as possible. Thanks for renewing early this year.

Vicki

Upcoming Events

Valentine's
Dance
Thursday
February 14th

Christmas Party 2007



Photos by Chris McLean



