

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's February 2008

Newsletter

This month

Jesse Dickson is February's volunteer dance instructor.

- Thursday, February 7th: Jack & Jill contest. L Perez is the DJ.
- Friday, February 8th: Ad deadline for the March newsletter.
- Tuesday, February 12th: Board meeting 7pm at Ellen's house.
- Thursday, February 14th: **Valentine's Dance.** L Perez is the DJ. Nominations Meeting for the elected positions on the 2008 – 2009 Board.
- Saturday, February 16th: Happy Hour at the Maverick, 6622 E Tanque Verde Road, from 7-9pm.
- Thursday, February 21st: Tamra Hood is the DJ.
- Thursday, February 28th: Scott Miller is the DJ. Jack & Jill testing for new contestants.



Cassy and Scott

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President's Message

Hello again everybody!

We are already moving along into the new year. I hope your dancing continues to be enjoyable and that you are achieving your dance goals. Whether your goal is simply to have fun and socialize or whether it is to take a lot of private lessons and improve your dance contest finishes, or anything in between. We have a great club for both. Speaking of our club, we have some great opportunities for you to get involved. We could especially use some more DJs. I don't know about you, but I find that the selection of music has a big influence on my dancing. So this is a great opportunity to put smiles on a lot of people's faces. If you are interested in getting involved by being a DJ once a month or so, take a look at the job description that Tamra, our music director, has put together:

I am looking for *highly dependable* and responsible individuals who love music and have a knack for mixing songs for the enjoyment of others. If you meet the above requirements and have a variety of WCS music including Blues, Pop, Jazz, R&B, and Soul in an assortment of speeds, then you're the kind of DJ I'm looking for. No experience required. I will show you how to set up, use, and break down the equipment. Please see me if you are interested in joining the TSDC DJ team.

Steve Slocum

Wanted: Dancing Hams

Have you ever noticed how many places in Tucson have wonderful, danceable music, yet nobody gets up to dance? Too much good music is going to waste, and your swing club wants to do something about it!

To that end, TSDC is putting out the call for dancers of all levels who would enjoy dancing in public at various venues around town. From antique car shows and art exhibits to farmer's markets and music festivals, there are literally dozens of informal opportunities to dance each week in Tucson.

It would be great exposure for the club and a whole lot of fun for the dancers. If you'd like to participate, send an email to Michele Rappoport at jdancenow@cox.net.

Mailing list update

Memberships for 2007 are given a grace period until the end of January. We will be sending paper copies of the Newsletters in the mail to only the members who request them. All non members will no longer be receiving them. The newsletters and information about the Club is available on the internet to anyone at www.tsd.net. This also means that as of February 1 if you are not a member, your dances will be \$5 at the door instead of the membership price of \$3.

Thanks,
Vicki

January Jack & Jill results

- Novice: Bruce Holland and Kim Kirkpatrick were in 1st place, Don Adamavich and Debbie Burke were 2nd, and Bruce Johnson and Jeannie Crawford were 3rd.
- Intermediate: Tom Grubaugh and Guliana Donnelly were in 1st place, Jim Davis and Brooke Schilling were 2nd, and Jim Davis and Rosanne Crago were 3rd.
- Advanced: Scott Miller and Wendy Miller were in 1st place, James Hood and Wendy Miller were 2nd, and Ro Vaughn-Basden and Raquel Montanez were 3rd.



Bruce, Kim, Don, Debbie, and Bruce

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Rosanne, Jim, Brooke, Tom, and Guliana

On the road

At the New Years Dance Camp Scott Miller placed 3rd in Advanced Strictly Swing, Cameo Cross was 2nd in the Intermediate Jack & Jill, Matthew Loukopoulos was 4th and Scott Miller 5th in the Advanced Jack & Jill. Ro Vaughn-Basden was 2nd in the All-American Jack & Jill.

A current 2008 membership will be required to compete in the February Jack & Jill!



Scott, Wendy, James, and Ro

New Members

Welcome Nick Moor, Vic Ringel, Donna Hogan, Richard Hogan, Robert Grace, Gabrielle Feinholtz, and Ruth Bradley.

Birthdays

Members get in free the week of their birthday!

February 2nd: Stephen Madsen

February 4th: Vera Tucker

February 6th: Bronia Koch

February 7th: Robert Chang

February 10th: Stryder Crown and Cameo Cross

February 11th: Bill Garrity

February 13th: James Hood and Susan Mann

February 15th: Sandra Exline

February 19th: Sarah Yanez

February 22nd: Randy McNellis and Randy Malak

February 25th: Martha Weaver

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; Eleanor Schrandt is the Hospitality Director, Steve Slocum is the Public Relations Director, and Lisa Brink is the Dance Director. Bill Garrity is the Contest Coordinator and Publicity Director, 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 in 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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About the TSDC

Founded in 1977 by Rose Marie Burrell, the Tucson Swing Dance Club holds dances every Thursday evening 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.tsd.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

Issues	1	2	4	6
Business card	\$7	\$13.50	\$25	\$35
Quarter page	\$14	\$27	\$50	\$68.60
Third page	\$19.50	\$37.50	\$65	\$95
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Valentine's Dance

Thursday, February 14th

Bring a dessert to share and get in free!

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Interested in running for office? See Jim Davis if you want to run for any of the elected positions on the 2008 – 2009 Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, or Corporate Secretary. The Nominations Meeting will be on February 14th at the club.