

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's May 2008

Newsletter

This month

Ro Vaughn and Raquel Montanez are May's volunteer dance instructors.

- Thursday, May 1st: Jack & Jill contest. Tamra Hood is the DJ.
- Thursday, May 8th: Scott Miller is the DJ.
- Tuesday, May 13th: Board meeting 7pm at IHOP, 5101 E Grant Road.
- Thursday, May 15th: L Perez is the DJ.
- Saturday, May 17th: Happy Hour at the Maverick, 6622 E Tanque Verde Road, from 7-9pm.
- Thursday, May 22nd: Scott Miller is the DJ.
- Thursday, May 29th: L Perez is the DJ, and it's *Blues Night!*



Jane and Pete Green

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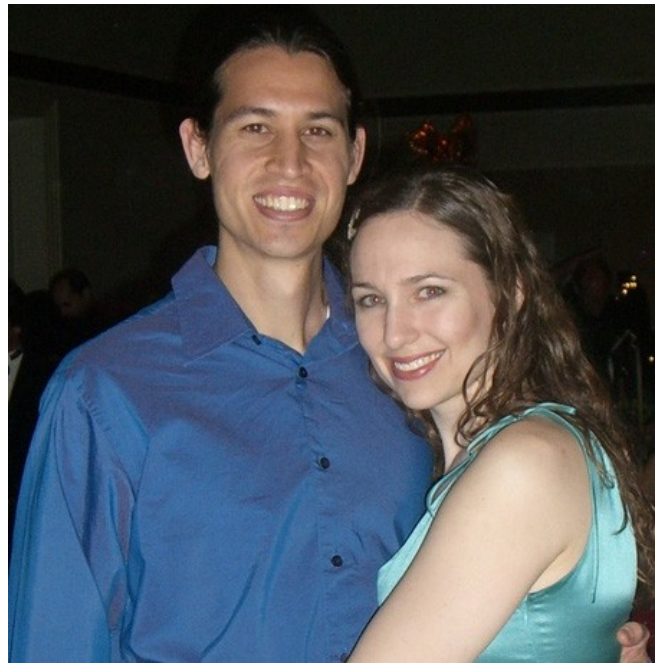
President's message

I'm very excited to have been elected President of the Tucson Swing Dance Club! I'm looking forward to doing what I can to contribute to this great club. I thought for my first President's message, I'd give you a brief bio of myself so you can get to know me if you don't already.

I was born and raised in Tucson. When I was 6, I started gymnastics and it became my life until I was 15. After that, I played guitar (Blues/Jazz/Rock) very seriously and even considered going to school to study guitar at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. I went to a summer camp they had in LA and decided that it wasn't really what I was looking for.

When I was a senior in high school, my dad, Lon, took me to Arizona Ballroom Company where I saw West Coast Swing and Ballroom for the first time. I had no idea my dad could dance so well, and I was so inspired by what I saw that night, I started taking group classes there. When I began college at the University of Arizona, I joined the Arizona SwingCats club and learned some Jitterbug and Lindyhop. My second year at the UA, I served as President of the SwingCats and also met Tamra, whom I would later marry.

Tamra was very interested in learning West Coast Swing. We tried some group classes and I promptly decided I hated the dance because I thought it was just too hard! But Tamra's enthusiasm for WCS won out, and I continued to learn it off and on for the next few years. Then we decided to attend the Phoenix 4th of July convention in 2004. I was blown away by the level of dancing I saw there. After that, I was hooked and I haven't looked back since. Tamra and I now compete nationally, going to conventions whenever we can afford it.



James and Tamra

I graduated from college in 2003 with a degree in Computer Engineering and got a job with IBM Tucson as a software engineer. In October of 2004, Tamra and I were married and in March of 2006, we had our first baby, Julie Rose. We're now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our second child, due in August.

I've been a member of the Tucson Swing Dance Club for the past 3 years, and although I've never previously been on the Board of Directors, I've volunteered to do various things within the club such as setting up musical equipment, teaching group classes, and evaluating Jack & Jill competitors. I'm honored to be part of the Tucson Swing Dance Club, and I look forward to working with the Board and all of the other incredibly dedicated volunteers we have.

James Hood

April Jack & Jill results

- Novice: Matt Rounseville and Robin Chlad were in 1st place, Jeff Brucker and Debbie Burke were 2nd, and Matt Rounseville and Sarah Yanez were 3rd. Music: *Won't Get Up* by Gerald Levert, *Just a Matter of Time* by Hil St Soul, *DJ Don't* by Gerald Levert, *After Party* by Koffee Brown, and the Allskate song was *Blues Stew* by Kenny Neal.
- Intermediate: Shadow! Nightwing and Heather McLean were in 1st place, Robert Grace and Tosha Meshell were 2nd, and Jim Davis and Guiliana Donnelly were 3rd. Music: *Whatever U Want* by Christina Milan, *Sophisticated Lady* by Mya, *Got to Give it Up* by Aaliyah, *Sweet Music* by Kylie Minogue, and *There's Gotta be More to Life* by Stacie Orrico.
- Advanced: L Perez and April Amstutz were in 1st place, Hondo Velasco and Jane Morgan were 2nd, and Harvey Dong and April Amstutz were 3rd. Music: *Shop Around* by L.A. Blues Alliance, *Blue Bop* by Johnny Ferreira, *I Ain't Worried No More* by Mike Morgan, *I Got the Blues* by Brother Yusef, and *Slow Walk* by Sil Austin.

On the road

At the Reno Dance Sensation, Cassey Olson was 3rd in the Open Strictly Swing and 4th in the Advanced Jack & Jill.



Jeff, Debbie, Robin, Matt, and Sarah



Guiliana, Jim, Tosha, Robert, Heather, and Shadow!



LP, April, Hondo, Jane, and Harvey

Thanks to everyone who served on the 2007–2008 Board of Directors.
It was an eventful year!





Photos by Chris McLean



New members

Welcome Donna Condoulis, Kimberly Condoulis, Tosha Meshell, Peggy Hyde, Sheri Bootman, Glenna Jenkins, and Michael Darter.

Birthdays

Members get in free the week of their birthday!

May 2nd: David Duarte

May 3rd: Eleanor Schrandt, Javier Gallegos, Edina Strum

May 5th: Ferne Ross

May 6th: Hondo Velasco

May 7th: Ed Brown

May 11th: Ro Vaughn

May 15th: Sofia Penrod

May 19th: Richard Maxwell, Richard Hogan

May 20th: Wendy Miller

May 21st: Dan Carlson

May 22nd: Amy Keoepke

May 26th: Larry Mulhern

May 30th: Bruce Johnson, Robin Chlad

May 31st: Mary Anne O'Shaughnessy

May's video link

Check the website at www.tsd.net for a video link to Pete Green and Lacey Schwimmer.

TSDC 2008-2009 Board

James Hood is President, Heather McLean is Vice President, Don Bennett is the Treasurer, Robin Chlad is the Membership Secretary, and Cathy Schreiber is the Corporate Secretary.

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 and inside turn, whip with and outside turn.
- And in months with a fifth Thursday: Basket whip and variations.

We recommend taking the beginning class for three months before going on to the intermediate class. Intermediate classes teach pattern variations, combinations, and syncopations beyond the basics.

Did you know

that videos of the intermediate patterns are on the club website? Go to www.tsd.net and click on 'Lesson Library'.

About the TSDC

Founded in 1977 by Rose Marie Burrell, the Tucson Swing Dance Club has dances Thursday night at the Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 E Bellevue Street. There are dances every Thursday night 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. 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.

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www.dancepartytucson.com



Miro's dance studio

Ad rates

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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
Half page	\$25	\$45	\$70	\$100
Full page	\$40			
Single-sided insert	\$50			
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Westcoast Wednesday is back! starting May 7th

just like it used to be only better!

Where: ABC / Arizona Ballroom Co.
5536 E. Grant near Safeway & Burger King / cross streets S.E. corner Cray Croft & Grant.

When: Every Wednesday.

Beginner's lesson 7-8pm.

Open dancing 8-10:30pm.

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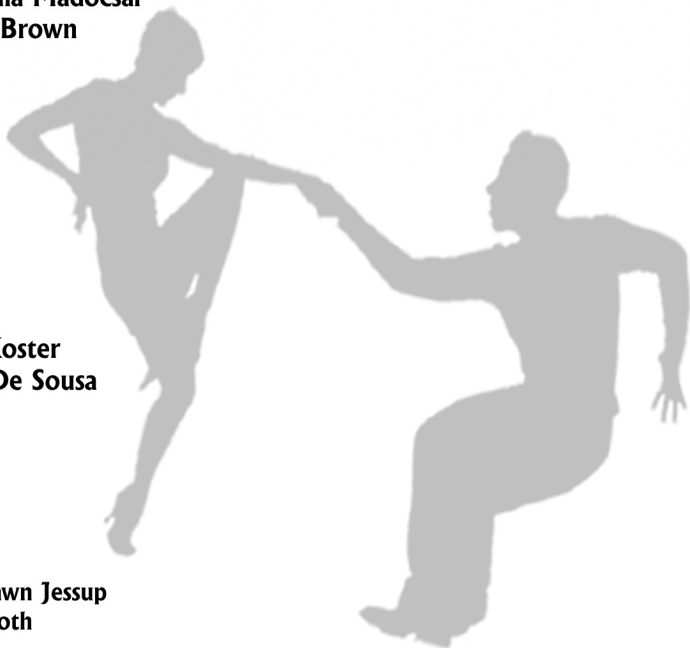
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