

# The Tucson Swing Dance Club's July 2008

# Newsletter

## This month

Hondo Velasco and Ellen Colonna are July's volunteer dance instructors.

- Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: **NO DANCE.** We're closed for the Phoenix 4<sup>th</sup> of July convention.
- Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: Board meeting 7pm at Something Sweet, 5319 E Speedway Blvd. The club Bylaw changes announced in last month's newsletter will be voted on.
- Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>: Tamra Hood is the DJ.
- Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: L Perez is the DJ.
- Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: Happy Hour at the Maverick, 6622 E Tanque Verde Rd, from 7-9pm.
- Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: Tamra Hood is the DJ.
- Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: L Perez is the DJ.

## Upcoming events

- Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>: Jack & Jill Finals.
- Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: TSDC Christmas Party at the Tucson Convention Center.



*Debbie and Harvey*

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## President's message

A little while ago, I was at a convention in California dancing with someone I'd



never met before. We introduced ourselves and she asked where I was from. When I said Tucson, she immediately said, "Oh, I LOVE the Tucson Swing Dance Club! The people there are so friendly!" I like sharing this story because I feel it demonstrates what sets us apart as a dance club. Our members create a friendly, community environment that leaves a lasting impression on club visitors.

If you came to the June Strictly Swing, you got to see this firsthand. We had a great turnout with dancers of all levels competing for terrific prizes, such as tickets to the Christmas party and even free private dance lessons (wow!). Successful events like the Strictly Swing do not happen by accident--they are the result of caring members of our club volunteering their time, talent, and efforts.

I'd like to extend a big Thank You to all of the people who worked together behind the scenes to make sure the Strictly Swing was fun and ran smoothly.

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to our club atmosphere, while getting to know other members. I know from speaking with various club members, that a lot of people are interested in helping, but are unsure how to get involved or worry that they cannot help due to busy schedules. In reality, we have many volunteer opportunities at the club ranging from a small, one-time commitment, like helping to decorate for a holiday dance, to more long-term commitments such as a position on a club committee.

In this newsletter, you'll find ads for some of the many volunteer opportunities available around the club. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk for those interested in helping. If you want to help, but are still unsure exactly what you would like to help with, you will also be able to sign up to be on a mailing list to be notified of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

So get involved, and remember any contribution, no matter how small, makes a positive impact on the club.

*James Hood*

## Attention all music lovers!

I am looking for volunteers who are willing to DJ for our Thursday night dances.

So you might be wondering: what does it take to be a TSDC DJ? All of our DJs provide their own music, and all enjoy helping to create a positive atmosphere for our club. A regular dance requires two hours of music, or about 30-35 songs. Many dancers easily have enough music to play for one night!

DJs are scheduled according to their availability, so even if you are only able to help out once in a while, we could use your help.

We are very much in need of volunteers starting immediately. Please see me for details or inquire at the front desk.

*Tamra Hood*

TSDC Music Director

## Jack & Jill Finalists

Congratulations to the following contestants who qualified for the 2008 Jack & Jill Finals on August 14<sup>th</sup>:

- Novice leaders: Don Adamavich, Jeff Brucker, Bill Ganoe, Bruce Holland, Matt Rounseville, and Kim Sundermeyer
- Novice followers: Anna Basden, Debra Burke, Robin Chlad, Kim Kirkpatrick, Bri Mergenthaler, and Vera Tucker.
- Intermediate leaders: Jim Davis, Tom Fox, Robert Grace, Tom Grubaugh, Chris McLean, Shadow! Nightwing, Martin Rubio, and Tom White.
- Intermediate followers: Rosanne Crago, Guilianna Donnelly, Sam Fox, Heather McLean, Tosha Meshell, and Brooke Schilling.
- Advanced leaders: Don Bennett, Bob Brown, James Hood, Scott Miller, L Perez, Ro Vaughn, and Hondo Velasco.
- Advanced followers: April Amstutz, Ellen Colonna, Wendy Miller, Raquel Montanez, Jane Morgan, and Cassy Olson.

## On the road

At the Jack & Jill O'Rama in Anaheim, California, James Hood and Cassy Olson placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Advanced Jack & Jill, Tamra Hood was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Jack & Jill, James Hood was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tamra Hood 4<sup>th</sup> in the All-American Jack & Jill, and James and Tamra Hood were 4<sup>th</sup> in the Open Strictly Swing "B".

## A note from Ellen

I want to give a huge thank you to my very loyal Jack and Jill judges this past season. Thank you all for your hard work! I know it's not an easy job, especially given the fact we have so many great dancers at our club.

I am in the process of putting together a judges training session, because we are often short-staffed in the judging arena. If you are interested in learning how to judge and joining the TSDC judging panel, please let me know so I can add your name to the list! Remember, you don't have to be an advanced dancer to learn how to judge a contest.

*Ellen Colonna*

Judge Director

## Wanted: Publicity Director

Do you want to help the Tucson Swing Dance Club grow? We need a Publicity Director. If you're interested in volunteering time to help the club and think you have the knack for publicity then see James Hood about the position.

## Wanted: Party people!

I am looking for volunteers for set-up and take-down for the following club events: Jack & Jill finals, August 14<sup>th</sup>; Anniversary party in September; Christmas party, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in helping out stop by the front desk and let us know. Thanks

*Eleanor Schrandt*

Hospitality Director

## Strictly Swing results

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: James Hood and Sam Fox
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Robert Grace and Jane Morgan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Hondo Velasco and Donna Condoulis
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: Roger Belasco and Anna Basden
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: L Perez and Brooke Schilling





## Birthdays

Members get in free the week of their birthday!

July 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nick Moore and Earline Kay Brown

July 5<sup>th</sup>: April Amstutz

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Lahnia Hilemain and Michael Darter

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Miroslaw Tymosiak

July 15<sup>th</sup>: Roger Belasco

July 16<sup>th</sup>: Jan Naples and Carmen Quinones

July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Eric Wade

July 27<sup>th</sup>: Tosha Meshell

July 30<sup>th</sup>: Pamela Powers

## July's video link

Check the website at [www.tsdc.net](http://www.tsdc.net) for a video link to Ben Morris and Jessica Cox at Halloween Swingthing.

## Phoenix preconvention dances

There's no TSDC dance Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. So what's a dancer to do?

You can get a lot of the convention experience, for a lot less money, by going to the Phoenix preconvention dances on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. You don't need a convention ticket; simply pay at the door for workshops and the dance that evening. There are workshops both days and typically there are a lot of dancers at the convention by Thursday evening. If you've never seen a ballroom full of West Coast Swing dancers then that alone is worth the trip!

Check the schedule at [www.gspdc.org](http://www.gspdc.org) to get the details.

## TSDC 2008-2009 Board

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

Kevin Burke is the Sergeant at arms, Ellen Colonna is the Head Judge, Jim Davis is the Newsletter Editor, Bill Garrity is the Jack & Jill Coordinator, Tom Grubaugh is the Dance Director, Tamra Hood is the Music Director, Chris McLean is the Club Photographer, Heather McLean is the Website Administrator, and Eleanor Schrandt is the Hospitality Director.

## 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, whip with an 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.tsd.net)

Questions? Call our hotline at 520 745-0255.

We play your music at

## Dance Party Tucson

Lessons: Beginner 6:30pm.

Intermediate/Advanced 7:15pm. Open Dance - 8pm. Cost: \$15 for the evening. **\$2 discount on admission for TSDC members.** 5000 square foot wooden dance floor!

Boys and Girls Clubs - 3155 E Grant (east of Country Country Club). Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

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



Miro's dance studio

## Ad rates

Email ads to [tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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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You too can write an article for the newsletter! We're always interested in getting people to write something for the newsletter. See Jim Davis with your article or idea.



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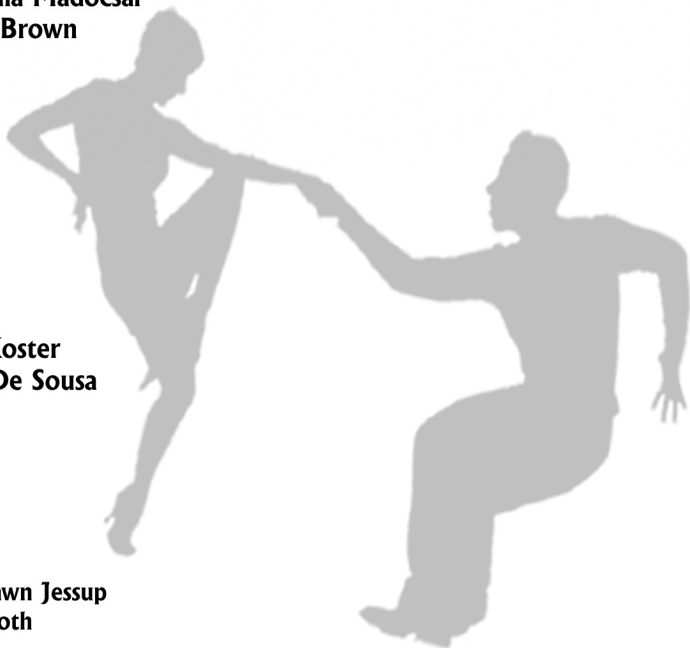
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