

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's December 2008

Newsletter

This month

Jim Davis and Heather McLean are December's volunteer dance instructors.

- Thursday, December 4th: **Jack & Jill contest**. Sign up deadline is 8:45pm. L Perez is the DJ.
- Tuesday, December 9th: Board meeting 7pm at Village Inn, 4245 E Speedway Blvd. All members are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, December 11th: Matt Rounseville is the DJ.
- Saturday, December 13th: **TSDC Christmas Party**. See the insert for details.
- Thursday, December 18th: Tamra Hood is the DJ. **Jack & Jill evaluations** for new competitors.
- Saturday, December 20th: Happy Hour at the Maverick, 6622 E Tanque Verde Rd, from 7-9pm.
- Thursday, December 25th: **closed** for Christmas, and closed on Thursday, January 1st 2009 for New Years too. The next dance will be on Thursday, January 8th.



The TSDC November workshop

Upcoming events

- Saturday, February 28th, 2009: **TSDC February workshop** with Patty Vo.

Inside

President's message.....	2
December's video link	2
Local WCS instructors	2
November Jack & Jill results	3
On the road	3
Halloween Swingthing	4
TSDC 2008-2009 Board	5
Dance lessons at the club	5
About the TSDC	5
Ad rates	5

President's message

I'm very happy to say that our TSDC November workshop was a huge success! The workshops given by Wendy Miller and Michael and Amber Cross had a lot of great information, and the dance with DJ Tamra Hood ended up going over because the floor was still packed at 10pm! Thank you so much to everyone who participated. I'd like to give an especially big thank you to Sam Fox, our workshop committee leader. The event literally would not have happened without her hard work and dedication.



If you went to the workshop, you had an opportunity to fill out a survey about the event. The survey results were overwhelmingly positive with an average overall rating of 4.7 out of 5. 100% of survey participants said they would come to future TSDC workshops. We also received some excellent suggestions on how we could improve the next one. Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey.

Member feedback (both positive and negative) is extremely important to your Board of Directors. We are currently working on giving you more ways to let us know what you think of our club. For example, we've placed an anonymous feedback box near the front desk and are working on a way to leave feedback via the website.

Tickets for our annual TSDC Christmas Party are on sale now. The Christmas party is the biggest event our club puts on all year so you won't want to miss it! Buy your tickets early because the price increases at the door. Check the flyer insert for details and inquire at the front desk or tsdctickets@gmail.com.

James

December's video link

Check the website at www.tsd.net for December's West Coast Swing video link.

Local WCS instructors

If you're a current TSDC member and you'd like to be listed here, send your contact info to tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com.

- Laurence Bonfoey:
www.dontdelaydancetoday.com
- Ellen Colonna: 520-548-6777
- Jesse Dickson: jessedickson.com
- Tamra Hood: 520-360-4891, email wcsdancers@gmail.com
- Wendy Miller: 520-318-9236, www.wendymillerdance.com
- Cassy Olson: 602-750-7368
- L Perez: 520-792-2067
- Ro Vaughn: 520-260-2200

November Jack & Jill results

- Novice: Kevin Burke and Debbie Burke were in 1st place, Zo Carroll and Robin Chlad were 2nd, and Zo Carroll and Mary Carroll were 3rd.
- Intermediate: Robert Grace and Maryanne O'Shaughnessy were in 1st place, Chris McLean and Tosha Meshell were 2nd, and Jim Shiner and Maryanne O'Shaughnessy were 3rd.
- Advanced: James Hood and Cassy Olson were in 1st place, Hondo Velasco and Jane Morgan were 2nd, and James Hood and Raquel Montanez were 3rd.

On the road

At Halloween Swingthing in Irvine, California, Cassy Olson was in 1st place in the Advanced Jack & Jill and James Hood and Lacey Petterson were 3rd. Scott Miller was 3rd in the Masters Jack & Jill, and in the All American Jack & Jill James Hood was 3rd, Wendy Miller 4th, and Scott Miller 5th. And James Hood and Tamra Hood were 2nd in the Strictly Swing "B" division.



Kevin, Debbie, Zo, and Mary



Jim, Emcee Rosanne, and Robert



Cassy, James, Raquel, Hondo, and Jane

Desert Garden Design

Landscape Plans and Consultations

Specializing in help for the do-it-yourselfer's & people needing an extreme landscape make over. I design with **YOU** in mind!

Vicki France 519-9324
www.desertgardendesign.com

Halloween Swingthing

Halloween Swing Thing, the annual national West Coast Swing event in Orange County, California, was a hoot for me over Halloween weekend. After seeing little Mary (my 3 year old curly haired girl) off in her Care Bear costume, I set out to lovely California, solo. To my delightful surprise, the one and only Jim Davis shared my flight, and the weekend began with good conversation and quality time with friends.

Every time I attend a national swing dance convention, I look forward to seeing friends I have known for years whose residences span world wide, friends whom I know I will only see at swing events. From the moment I arrived at the hotel, hugs welcomed me, even tears, when I reunited with people whom I love and rarely get to see. I danced the nights away on the social dance floor with an array of different dance styles and levels, pushing my dancing to new styles and levels.

My days were mostly filled with competing, a fun and optional component to these conventions. It was an honor to sit with Tamra Hood and Cassy Olsen and Scott Miller in the Advanced Jack & Jill finals, and I was a lucky duck to have drawn James Hood for our spot lit, adrenaline filled competition dance!

Before I left the hotel to head home I was already contemplating which convention I will attend next. There are many ways I could spend a vacation, but I just can't resist the intensive dancing and great people I meet when I travel for West Coast Swing.

Lacey Petterson

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.

Debbie Burke is the Event Liaison, Kevin Burke is the Sergeant at arms, Ellen Colonna is the Head Judge, Jim Davis is the Newsletter Editor, Bill Garrity is the Contest 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, and closed basic.
- Third Thursday: Sugarpush, tuck throwout, and 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 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 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.

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
Half page	\$25	\$45	\$70	\$100
Full page	\$40			
Single-sided insert	\$50			
Double-sided insert	\$80			



Join Us for the Annual TSDC



Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2008

7:00 pm- 1:00 am

Tucson Convention Center
260 S Church Street



Don't miss our biggest party of the year! Celebrate the holiday with us and enjoy six great hours of dancing, music by DJs Tamra Hood and Shawn Jessup, a late-night breakfast buffet, cash bar, and exciting dance performances.



Swing Dance Club

Bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys For Tots and be entered in a drawing to win a prize!



Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$35 at the door

Contact Eleanor Schrandt for ticket sales
(tsdctickets@gmail.com) or inquire at the front desk.

Check our website at www.tsd.net for directions!