

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's June 2010

# Newsletter

## This Month

**Ellen Colonna and Hondo Velasco** are the volunteer dance instructors for June.

- Thursday, June 3rd: No Jack & Jill Contest. Season has ended. Finals are in August. **Scott Miller** is the DJ.
- Tuesday, June 8th: Board meeting 7 pm at Village Inn, 4245 E Speedway Blvd. All members are welcome.
- Thursday, June 10th: **Jim Davis** is the DJ.
- Thursday, June 17th: **L Perez** is the DJ.
- Thursday, June 24th: **Sherry Lotz** is the DJ.
- Thursday, July 1st: **Club will be closed** due to 4th of July Convention. Head up to Phoenix to dance.



*Harvey Dong and Heather McLean impress the audience with their elegance and finesse in the Advanced Division of the May Jack & Jill contest.*



*Don Bennett and Cassy Olson gettin' down and funky in the Advanced May J & J.*

## Upcoming Events

- **Saturday/Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>: National WCS Champion Arjay Centeno** comes to Phoenix!

[www.desertcityswing.com/SundayDance](http://www.desertcityswing.com/SundayDance)

- **GPSDC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Convention!** July 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in Phoenix. Early dances on Wed, June 30<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. July 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more info go to: [www.gpsdc.com](http://www.gpsdc.com)

## President's Message

Hello, fellow West Coast Swing addicts. Summer is turning on the heat which means lots of hot dancing ahead. Stock up on the water and a note for us guys-bring extra shirts for that extra sweat! I think the followers will be most appreciative of that little act.



It was so nice to see Kevin and Deb Burke at the club this past Thursday. For those of you who don't know Kevin and Deb, they have been long time active members of TSDC. About a year and a half ago, Kevin was struck on his motorcycle. He's undergone a series of surgeries (he almost lost his foot) which needless to say has prevented him from returning to the dance floor, yet.

It has been along time since Kevin and Deb have been to the club, so it was cool seeing them again. We hope that they will start attending on a regular basis once again. By the way Deb, thanks for the dance. That was a blast. Club members become like one of the family, so we miss them when they're gone and celebrate when they return.

Speaking of celebrating, Mary and I celebrate daily the fact that she walked away from a very serious car accident on May 14<sup>th</sup>. She was involved in a roll over (our car was totaled) and was blessed not to have been killed or severely injured. She did suffer a laceration to her left arm and a minor concussion along with bumps and bruises. Her stitches have been removed and she's doing very well considering what could have happened.

Being the dancer that she is, one of her first thoughts was that she'd have to miss Luis Crespo's workshop in Phoenix the next day. Now this is a true WCS dancer! Being the

dutiful husband that I am, I made sure to grab her dance bag out of our car before it was towed away. We dancers do have our priorities, right?! Seriously though, Mary and I know that God was looking over her the night of her accident. We thank all of you for your well wishes and offers of help. We're glad to have you guys in our lives.

After witnessing what Kevin has been going through and how lucky Mary was, I appreciate life's many blessings like being able to dance, more than ever before.

I couldn't imagine a life without dancing. I definitely could not imagine life without WCS. It reminds me to take full advantage of being able to do something that I love so much. Life can change in an instant, so it doesn't pay to take anything for granted-whether it be the special people in your life or a special activity (like dance). Charge forward with passion and grab every opportunity to do what you love.

Speaking of opportunities, I wanted to remind you to purchase tickets for GPSDC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Convention. If you can't afford the whole shebang, buy a day pass or buy a ticket for one of the nightly dances. We won't have our club dance during that week so come on up and dance with us at the convention.

You'll have a blast. There is no better chance to dance and meet new dancers than at conventions. Plus, it's a great time to hang out with club members and get to know them better. I hope you'll come up.

## See You on the Dance Floor! Zo Carroll

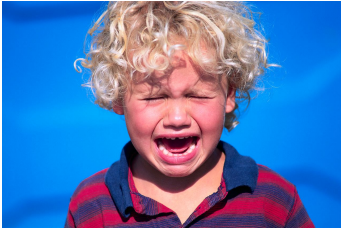


**Special Condolences  
(and our thoughts & prayers)  
go out to TSDC Member Rosame Cray.**

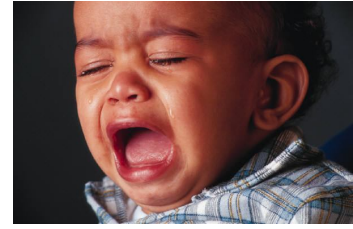


**Her father passed away in May.**

# May Jack & Jill Results



Something to cry about....  
No Novice Division in May!  
*Hope to See All Our Novice Dancers  
Next Season!*



## Intermediate Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup>- James Sisneros  
Sylvie Morel-Seytoux
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Phil Holton  
Alexandra Devine
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Matt Rounseville  
Eleanor Schrandt



## Advanced Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Don Bennett  
Cassy Olson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Harvey Dong  
Heather McLean
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Roger Belasco  
Dana Belasco

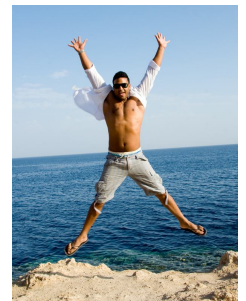
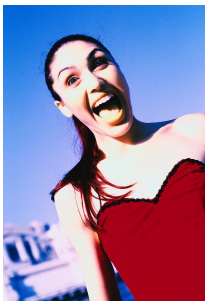


# Conventions on a Budget



Tips to make the experience more affordable!

- Share a room. You're hardly ever in there and it cuts your cost way down. The club can get the word out for you if you're looking for a roommate.
- Look for a nearby budget hotel, instead of staying at the fancy event hotel. It's not as convenient, but saves big bucks (especially if you share your low-cost room).
- Bring a cooler (and a few bags with your own food). Having pb&j and other yummy snacks in your room cuts your cost way down (same holds true for alcohol....a drink in your room from your own bottle of wine costs way, way less than a hotel drink).
- Some of us have even been known to bring our own microwave. Yeah, it's a little embarrassing carrying it in....but, hey when you're saving those dollars you get over it quickly (and, of course, you don't carry it in when you're checking-in at the front desk, that would be mortifying for even the most seasoned tightwads... wait until later).
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July convention has two excellent buffets that are free to those with an event pass (load up your plate at these and also take advantage of the free food that is usually in the hospitality suite).
- Not able to come for the whole weekend? Drive up for one of the early bird dances. The GPSDC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Convention has early bird dances on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. People dance **ALL NIGHT LONG**....I'm not kidding! So, for \$10 (the price for people without an event pass) you could come up and start dancing at 8:00pm and dance for as long as your body will allow you (some of the die-hards go til 5 or 6 in the morning, but I wouldn't suggest staying that long if you have to drive home, even with massive amounts of coffee that would be too dangerous). You'll go home tired, but extremely satisfied after an exciting night of dancing with some of the best WCS dancers from all over the world. Of course, after one night of dancing at a convention, you'll be determined to start saving for next year, so you can do the whole weekend (it's soooooo worth it.....don't miss out)!



Make it happen!  
You'll have a blast and your dancing will soar!

# May Jack & Jill Photos



## June Birthdays

Members get in **FREE** the week of their birthday!

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvey Dong

June 5<sup>th</sup> Martin Rubio

June 7<sup>th</sup> June Martin

June 10<sup>th</sup> Kim Condoulis

June 11<sup>th</sup> Jan Chen

June 13<sup>th</sup> Lon Hood

June 20<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Moran

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Ewa Sikorsky

June 25<sup>th</sup> Kim Kirkpatrick

June 25<sup>th</sup> Caitlin McCarthy

June 28<sup>th</sup> Mike Boldi

June 30<sup>th</sup> Sherrill Geer

## New Members

**Welcome...**

**Wilbur P. Carter**

**James Meringolo**

**Lara Pfaff**

***Ask a new member to dance!***

## National Convention Results

***Congratulations to our TSDC Members!***  
**SwingDiego-**

**Scott Miller**.....Finals in Masters

**Zo Carroll** .....Finals in Novice

**Daniel Einfrank** .....Alternate in Novice Finals

### **Fresno Dance Classic-**

**Wendy Miller**.....Champions Strictly Swing Finals  
Champions J & J 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Scott Miller**.....Masters J & J Finals  
Masters Strictly Swing Finals  
Advanced Strictly Swing 4<sup>th</sup> Place

## 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 every 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).

## 2010-2011 TSDC Board

President: Zo Carroll

Vice President: Ellen Colonna

Treasurer: Heather McLean

Membership Secretary: Tom Grubaugh

Corporate Secretary: Vera Tucker

Sergeant at Arms: Bill Garrity

Head Judge: Ellen Colonna

Newsletter Editor: Mary Carroll

Contest Coordinator: Jim Davis

Dance Director: Tom Grubaugh

Music Director: Scott Miller

Club Photographer: Matt Rounseville

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## Contact Us

We now have email addresses for most of the club officers:

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## Ad Rates

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Issues	1	2	4	6
Business card	\$7	\$13.50	\$25	\$35
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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			

## Local WCS Instructors

If you're a current TSDC member and you'd like to be listed here, send your contact information to [newsletter@tsdc.net](mailto:newsletter@tsdc.net).

- Lawrence Bonfoey: [dontdelaydancetoday.com](http://dontdelaydancetoday.com)
- Ellen Colonna: 520-548-6777
- Wendy Miller: 520-318-9236, [wendymillerdance.com](http://wendymillerdance.com)
- Cassy Olson: 602-750-7368
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- Jeannie Tucker: [jeannietucker.com](http://jeannietucker.com)
- Ro Vaughn: 520-260-2200

***"Ask the Swing Lady"***  
**will return next month!**

**Keep sending in your questions to:**  
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