

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's January 2011

Newsletter

This Month

Lacey Petterson is the volunteer dance instructor for January.

- Thursday, January 6th: Jack & Jill Contest. **Jim Davis** is the DJ.
- Tuesday, January 11th: Board meeting 7 pm at Village Inn, 4245 E Speedway Blvd. All members are welcome.
- Thursday, January 13th: **Scott Miller** is the DJ.
- Thursday, January 20th: **Ron Gonzales** is the DJ.
- Thursday, January 27th: **Joe Erker** is the DJ.



*At the Club Christmas Party TSDC President, **Zo Carroll**, and Vice-President, **Ellen Colonna**, were ready to conduct some serious club business on the dance floor.*



***Harvey Dong** and **Suzan Moore** were all smiles while dancing at the Club Christmas Party on December 4th.*

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, February 10th: National WCS Champion **Pete Green** will be teaching two workshops at the Club. See insert for more information.

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wow, is it just me or did 2010 seem to rush by like a steaming locomotive? I sincerely hope that 2011 will be your best year ever. I want to thank you for making this past year such a wonderful one for our club. Because of you we had two successful workshops, great Thursday night classes and dances, wonderful club-sponsored holiday parties and even extra parties thrown by members at their own homes... inviting everyone over to dance (we just can't ever seem to get enough dancing in). Because of the warm, friendly, exciting atmosphere that you have created at TSDC, we continue to attract new members every month who want to be a part of our family. None of this would have been possible without you guys.



I want to send out special thanks to Susan who handles everything at the front desk and greets us with a beautiful smile each week. Thanks go out to our hard working Board members and volunteers who are the glue that hold everything together at TSDC. They work behind the scenes to make sure that our club continues to grow and prosper year after year after year. Thanks guys!

With the approach of a new year, many resolutions are made by those hopeful of better days to come. What the heck is a resolution and why are we so bad at keeping them? Webster's Dictionary defines resolution as, "the quality of having a fixed purpose; determination; firmness." What is your fixed purpose in WCS? Is it to attend more classes, attend workshops, take privates, learn better technique, learn your basic patterns, evaluate or enter competitions? Maybe you want to get out and dance more often, dance with people you've never danced with before, learn club members' names or whatever. Have you

etched your purpose in stone? Do your actions show your determination and firmness?

If your goal is to improve your WCS dance skills really think about what it is exactly that you want to improve. Determine what you're willing to do and then apply the necessary action to get the job done. Otherwise this time next year you'll still be dancing the same way.

Speaking of improving your dance skills, I hope all of you will turn out in force to learn from National Champion Pete Green on Thursday, February 10th. Pete is known for his creative, exciting dance style and is one of the top WCS instructors in the nation. He will conduct two workshops (6:30-7:30 & 7:30-8:30pm). The workshops will be followed by dancing until 10:30pm. The Board specifically chose Thursday night in order to keep the cost as low as possible for our members. \$10 is all you will pay for two workshops with a pro, along with a night of dancing...yes, only \$10 (if you're a member, that's a mere \$7 more than you usually pay for a regular Thursday night at the club). You can't beat the price! Typically, these two workshops would cost \$30 or more. Don't miss out on this incredible evening and watch your dancing soar!

Our workshop with Pete Green will kick off what is sure to be an exciting 2011 for TSDC. Thursday night workshops will no doubt be a big hit and TSDC is looking forward to continuing this concept as often as possible with other National Champions.

Make 2011 the year that you tell all your friends about our club. Continue to support our events while volunteering your time and efforts to ensure that our club continues for the next 34 years. Let's ROCK the house TSDC and make Tucson a household name in the WCS community.

See You on the Dance Floor...

Zo Carroll



TSDC 2010 Christmas Party

Glitz, glamour, a special tango performance, delicious food, great music and incredible dancing!

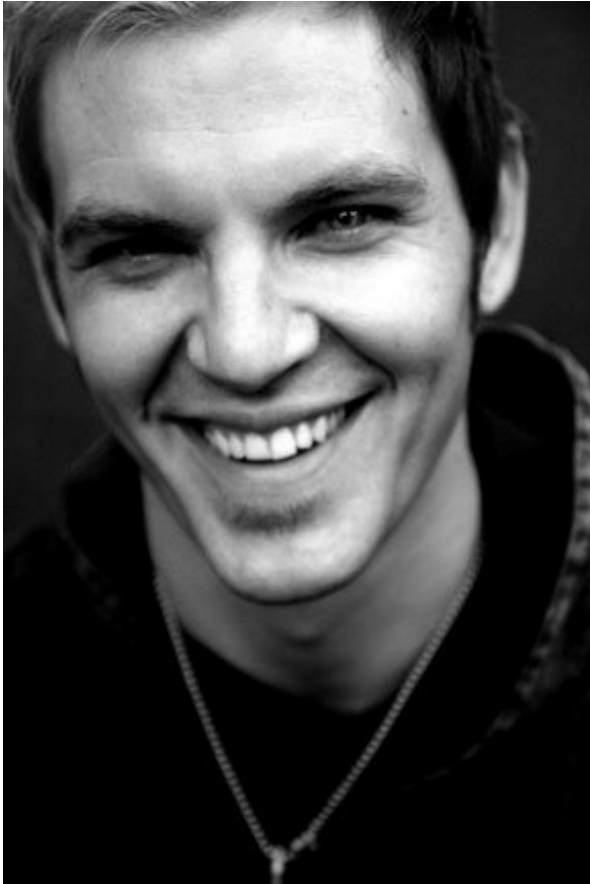


Holidays mean parties...but TSDC members love any excuse to dance and will often throw house parties (in addition to regular club-sponsored parties). If you've never attended one of these house parties, you're missing out on pure FUN! Make it a point to attend at least one in 2011 (you'll hear them announced every couple of months or so). It's a chance to dance, laugh, chat and get to know your fellow dancers. Everyone's invited!



*The Tucson Swing Dance Club Presents
National West Coast Swing Champion*

PETE GREEN



**Thursday, February 10th
Workshops 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Dance 8:30-10:30 p.m.
DJ Scott Miller**

**Two Exciting Workshops...
One Amazing Price!**

ONLY \$10

Includes Workshops and Dance

Since **Pete Green** began dancing in 2001, he has been dancing and teaching non-stop. Quickly picking up both West Coast Swing and Lindy Hop, he is now a Champion dancer in both styles of swing. Drawing from ballroom, jazz, Latin, African, hip hop, and ballet, Pete brings a unique perspective and style to swing dancing. Over the course of 2007, he studied Alexander Technique and related somatic body works, and has incorporated these theories of movement, dynamic balance and tension release into his dancing and teaching. Believing that dance should originate from within, Pete places a strong emphasis on both the technique and the heart of the dance in his group and private classes.

***Workshops and Dance held at:
Tucson Woman's Club
6245 E. Bellvue Street
Tucson, AZ***

***Pete Green is available for private lessons.
Please call Ellen Colonna
at (520) 548-6777 to schedule your lesson.***





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January Birthdays

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

January 1 st	Debra Burke
January 2 nd	Chauncey Meyer
January 4 th	Viki Jacobson
January 11 th	Charlene Gaubis
January 17 th	Lorri Hobbs
January 18 th	Rebecca Townsend
January 18 th	Karen Ward
January 19 th	Randee Luben
January 20 th	Elisa Hranicky
January 22 nd	Cathy Schreiber
January 22 nd	Robert Grace
January 25 th	Kathy Lussier
January 28 th	Chris Dixon
January 31 st	Terri Carter

New Members

Welcome...

Sondra Adams
James Collopy
Joni Collopy
Nam-Tran Doan
John Goodpaster
John Hendrix
Norma Lazur
Terry Lim
Randee Luben
Terry Sanderson
Martin Sayles
Kelly Ann Speckman
Julie Wilmer
Tanya Witman

Ask a new member to dance!

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 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.

2010-2011 TSDC Board

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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.

- Lawrence Bonfoey:
dontdelaydancetoday.com
- Ellen Colonna: 520-548-6777
- Matthew Loukopoulos: 520-248-7290
- Wendy Miller: 520-318-9236,
wendymillerdance.com
- Lacey Petterson: 520-339-4643
- L Perez: 520-792-2067
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- Jeannie Tucker: jeannietucker.com

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who you are and what you do!



2010-2011 TSDC Board

**(Left to Right) Bill Garrity, Ellen Colonna, Eleanor Schrandt, Heather McLean, Mary Carroll, Mary Lou Duckworth, Zo Carroll
(In Back) Scott Miller, Vera Tucker
Not Pictured...Matt Rounseville, Tom Grubaugh, Ewa Sikorski**

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