

Tucson Swing Dance Club Newsletter



The Official Publication of the Tucson Swing Dance Club: Established 1977 by Rose Marie Burrell

President's Message

Hello everyone.
I hope you are enjoying our great spring weather in the desert. It's perfect for dancing.

Recently we had an "incident" at the Club. There was a miscommunication between our dance director Lisa and one of our Club instructors on who was teaching at the Club on 2/2/06. Consequently nobody was teaching at the Club on 2/2 which became abundantly clear by about 7:10 PM. Lisa asked Darian Barrett to drop everything and rush right over to the Club to cover the lesson. Darian wasn't involved in the original miscommunication, and so with no warning at all she did literally drop everything and come right over. A special thank you to Darian for being such a huge help that night. I appreciate all of our great instructors but this was a special effort. Thanks again.

We will soon start our ticket lottery for 4th of July tickets. This started years ago when it was very hard to get tickets to the Phoenix convention. More people from the Club

wanted to go then tickets were available. I remember in the first few years I went some people who wanted to go were not able to. In the past few years it has been available for anyone who wanted to go to get a ticket. We do still do our lottery, because we don't know what the demand will be for tickets this year. For every week you attend the Club while the lottery is running you get to enter your name into the drawing. The winners of the drawing then have the right to buy a ticket. On the night of the drawing you must be prepared to buy the tickets with cash or check. If you have never been to a big convention the Phoenix convention is one of the best in the nation and it is just up the road. Also, I have always found the Camelback to be the nicest hotel of all the conventions I have been to. If you love to compete this convention is about J & J's. It's also a luxury resort, so take your pick.

This month we have pot luck for our St. Patrick's Day dance Thursday 3/16. If you bring a pot luck dish you get in for no charge. Hope to see you all there and until next month I'll see you out dancing.
Bill Garrity

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**President
Bill Garrity**

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Photos by Shadow! Nightwing

Instructor Spotlight - L Perez



L Perez was born in NYC and raised in the burbs of Lawngylan and Weschestuh. At age 5 his grandmother taught him his first Swing and Salsa steps thereby giving him the terminal danceitis he still has today. After studying Aeronautics and Psychology in college he finally chose to pursue Acting and Film Production. One day he went to an audition held at a huge dance club in NYC, the Palladium. There were 1,000 other kids auditioning for 20 dance regular parts. LP won a spot on the late 80s show CLUB MTV and danced for 2 seasons, one of which he later found out was with fellow West Coast Swing notable Deborah Szekely. After earning his Film degree with honors he headed for Hollywood in 1990. In 1992 he received a call from an old flame that lived in Tucson and worked in the Film biz so he packed up and headed for the Old Pueblo to work on a little film called Tombstone. After that ill-fated romance died he could be found dancing at the Cactus Moon where he was recruited to work at Studio West School of dance and began studying all other dances beyond his old Swing, Salsa and Hip-Hop styles. One night, Louis Rojo brought him to the 1993 'Wednesday haunt of the TSDC' and introduced him to his future bride Spider. Spider had been competing in top level West Coast Swing Jack & Jills on the So Cal circuit since the mid 80s before most events ever had a Champion/Invitational level. LP has many Advanced level Jack & Jill wins but in 1999 in Florida LP and Spider were invited to compete in their first Champion level Jack & Jill and in 2005 LP placed 4th in a Champion level Jack and Jill contest amongst a field of top level WCS competitors. In 2000 LP and Spider opened DANZON! School of dance, their 500 square foot studio attached to their home in northwest Tucson where LP still choreographs and teaches over 20 different partner dances from beginner to professional levels at about half the rates of the "big" studios.

The Almighty Father blessed LP and Spider with 12 beautiful years together before Spider succumbed to human imperfection in the form of cancer in November 2005. Tracks Of My Tears: People say I'm the life of the party cause I tell a joke or two. Although I might be laughing loud and hardy, deep inside I'm blue. Outsiide I'm masquerading. Insiide my heart is breaking...

If you get a chance, tell LP a joke, make him smile; his friends are all he has left. Or call him at 792-2067 and just say hi.

February Valentine Party Photos



Photos by Shadow! Nightwing

St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck – Thursday March 16th – Lessons as Usual – Wear Green

Bring a Pot Luck Dish for FREE Admission

Thank You Albert Banks for donating NEW men's dance shoes. Size 9 1/2.

The Tucson Swing Dance Club is selling them for \$30.00.

See Marta or Jane at the sign-in table.

SwingDiego Winners:

Novice: 1st Place: Chris Hughes
2nd Place: Jordan Taylor
Masters: 1st Place: Scott Miller

The Lottery begins for the opportunity to purchase
The Phoenix 4th of July Dance Convention Tickets

Put your name in the drawing bucket each week that
you attend with paying admission

Happy Hour FREE from 7pm to 9pm
3rd Saturday each month
At The Maverick

Contact Cathy Schreiber for information 272-3355
Or call the TSDC hotline 520 745-0255

Lesson with LP: Beginning lesson at 5:30 \$5.00 paid to LP
Intermediate lesson at 6:15 \$5.00 paid to LP



**Instructors of the
Month of March**

Hondo Velasco

and

**Ellen
Colonna
Grootegoed**



Have you renewed your membership? Why not? What are you waiting for? Do you want to get this great newsletter? Do you want to compete in the Jack & Jill contest? Do you want to pay more each Thursday?

Don't forget to show Jane your current membership card every time that you sign in.

February Jack and Jill Contest

Novice:

- 1st Place: Todd Crawford and Christine Daum
- 2nd Place: Don Adamavich and Bean Metcalf
- 3rd Place: Jim Shiner and Jan Rust

Intermediate:

- 1st Place: Chris McLean and Jordan Taylor
- 2nd Place: Chris Hughes and Shirley Murray
- 3rd Place: Jim Davis and Heather McLean

Advanced: NOT ENOUGH PARTICIPANTS, sad!

- 1st Place:
- 2nd Place:
- 3rd Place:

Please fill out the membership form completely and LEGIBLY. Some of the long-time members just scribble "same" on their form, but that's not much help if I have to go back to the hardcopies for whatever reason (like a computer crash). And virtually no one has good handwriting anymore; I've really had to puzzle over names in particular. Email addresses can be troublesome too. Jim Davis—Membership

**Membership
Renewals
are now
delinquent.
You must be a member to
compete in the contests.**

Greater Phoenix Swing Dance Club
Dances are held every Sunday night
At the VFW Post 720
4853 E. Thomas Road , Phoenix
Lessons—5:00 to 7:00 PM
Open Dancing - 7:00 to 10:00PM
For more information call the hotline
(602) 269—5657
or visit the website
www.gpsdc.com

**The
Phoenix Swing
Dance Club
has a
Workshop with
Robert Cordoba
and
Deborah Szekely**

**March 18 & 19
www.gpsdc.com
Sorry to have missed
announcement for
February
workshops**

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Real Estate offered through Tierra
Realty**

Paid Advertisement expires July 2006

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Board Elections Coming Soon!

- President**
- Vice President**
- Treasurer**
- Corporate Secretary**
- Membership Secretary**
- Hospitality Director**
- Dance Director**
- Music Director**
- Sergeant at Arms**
- Public Relations**

Keep your Dance Club up and dancing by participating on the Board or as an Officer or as a Director.

Volunteers are always needed.

If you are interested about serving on the Board or being and Officer or Director, please notify Bill Garrity, your President.

A printed job description manual is available to review with Jane at the door table.

See the website for additional information at www.tsdn.net

Newsletter online In color

Send newsletter input to tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com

March 2006

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 West Coast Wednesday At Arizona Ballroom See Lisa Brink	2 J & J Contest Instructors Hondo and Ellen DJ Jim B	3 The Blues Cubed play at The Westward Look	4 The Blues Cubed play at The Westward Look
5 GPSDC Sunday Night Lesson and Dance	6	7	8 West Coast Wednesday At Arizona Ballroom See Lisa Brink	9 Instructors Hondo and Ellen DJ L Perez	10	11
12 GPSDC Sunday Night Lesson and Dance	13	14 Board Meeting 7pm 810 N Belvedere Ave	15 Newsletter Deadline West Coast Wednesday At Arizona Ballroom	16 St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck and Party DJ Scott Miller	17	18 Happy Hour At the Maverick
19 GPSDC Sunday Night Lesson and Dance	20	21	22 West Coast Wednesday At Arizona Ballroom See Lisa Brink	23 Instructors Hondo and Ellen DJ Ron Gonzales	24	25 The Blues Cubed play at The La Mision de San Miguel Patagonia
26 GPSDC Sunday Night Lesson and Dance	27	28	29 West Coast Wednesday At Arizona Ballroom See Lisa Brink	30 Instructors Hondo and Ellen DJ Joe Erker J & J Evaluation	31	TSDC BOARD ELECTIONS IN APRIL

Thursday dances: 6245 E. Bellevue Street 520 745-0255 www.tsd.net

Beginning lesson 7-7:45pm Intermediate lesson 8-8:30pm Dancing until 10:30pm

March Birthdays

Dave Pedigo
3/2

Rhoda Quijada
3/3

Elly Cummings
3/5

Jim Shiner
3/8

Jordan Taylor
3/14

Barbara Lacinski
3/23

Mahnia Villazon
3/25

Sherry Lotz
3/29

**Get in FREE
during the week
of your
Birthday**

**Did we miss
your birthday?**

**Maybe you have
not renewed
your
membership.**

**Corrections:
misspelled name**

**Mahnia Villazon
Oops! Sorry.**

Missed Birthday's

Bill Garrity 2/11

**Stephen Madsen
2/2**

New Member

John Johnson

Support TSDC by advertising in the newsletter. Send camera-ready ads and checks payable to the Tucson Swing Dance Club to: TSDC, P.O. Box 32226, Tucson, Arizona 85751-2226, or email a Postscript file of your ad to tsdcnewsletter@gmail.com and drop your check in the mail.

Must be received by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

Issues	1	2	4	6
Business card	\$7	\$13.50	\$25	\$35
Quarter page	\$14	\$27	\$50	\$68.50
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	-	-	-

TSDC 2005-2006 Board

Elected positions:

President Bill Garrity
Vice President Wayne Scheibe
Treasurer OPEN
Membership Jim Davis
ww3lstep@gmail.com
Corporate Secretary Laura Loman-Pressler

Appointed directors:

Music Director Jim Buchanan
Sergeant-at-arms OPEN
Hospitality/Publicity Director Marta Buchanan
Dance Director Lisa Brink
Appointed coordinator:
Contest Coordinator Terry Waters
Newsletter Editor Jane Morgan
Photographer OPEN

The Blues Cubed

(the band that played at the TSDC on December 22)
Great Band For West Coast Swing!

Fri. & Sat. March 3rd. & 4th. -

Westward Look Resort - Lookout Bar & Grill

245 W. Ina Rd. 297-1151

8:30pm - 11:30, food served, dance floor, adult, no cover charge

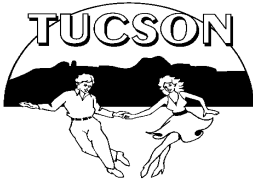
Sat. March 25th. -

La Mision de San Miguel

335 McKeown Ave. Patagonia 520-394-0123

8pm to midnight, non-smoking venue, food served from the Velvet Elvis,
large dance floor, plenty of seating, adult, \$5 cover charge

Paid advertisement for March



P.O. Box 32226
Tucson, AZ 85751-2226

We're on the WEB!
WWW.TSDC.NET

Swing Dance Club

Tucson Swing Dance Club

The only place to be on Thursday

Free pass

This pass entitles _____
to a free beginner's lesson at the Tucson Swing Dance Club, compliments of

who is a club member. **Good for the first visit only.**

Tucson Swing Dance Club - 6245 E. Bellevue - 520 745-0255 www.tsdc.net

Beginning Lesson at 7pm
Intermediate Lesson at 8pm
Open dance till 10:30pm

Member entry donation \$3.00
Guest and non members \$5.00

Annual membership \$25.00

Hot Line phone #520 745 0255

Dance Lessons At the Club

Each month the club dance instructors teach the beginning patterns in West Coast Swing. Students may start the lesson 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: Sugar push, tuck throwout, turning basic.

Fourth Thursday: Basic whip, whip with an inside turn, whip with an outside turn.

Fifth Thursday: Basket whip and variations.

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