

The Tucson Swing Dance Club's February 2009

Newsletter

This month

Ro Vaughn is February's volunteer dance instructor.

- Thursday, February 5th: **Jack & Jill contest**. Sign up deadline is 8:45pm. L Perez is the DJ.
- Tuesday, February 10th: Board meeting 7pm at Village Inn, 4245 E Speedway Blvd. All members are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, February 12th: Matt Rounseville is the DJ. It's our **Valentine's Day dance!**
- Thursday, February 19th: Scott Miller is the DJ.
- Saturday, February 21st: Happy Hour at the Maverick, 6622 E Tanque Verde Rd, from 7-9pm.
- Thursday, February 26th: Jim Davis is the DJ. **Jack & Jill evaluations** for new competitors.



Patty Vo

Upcoming events

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

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President's message

For those of you who haven't heard, our Sergeant at Arms, Kevin Burke, was in a serious motorcycle accident on Jan 2. Amazingly, he managed to avoid brain, spinal and internal organ damage, but has many broken bones. Kevin and Debbie have received a tremendous amount of support from TSDC club members through visits and phone calls. On January 11, his room at UMC was literally filled with members, wishing him a happy birthday, complete with cake and presents. I've been extremely inspired by the club's response, as it is yet another example of the strong, friendly community that defines the Tucson Swing Dance Club.



Kevin was recently moved from UMC to Life Care Center on the Northwest side of town. Contact Life Care at (520) 575-0900 to talk to Kevin or find out about visitation hours. His recovery so far has been nothing short of miraculous, but he still has a long road ahead of him so let's keep up the support.

I'm pleased to announce that the position of club PR Director has been filled by Annie Schill. Annie's love of dance and enthusiasm for the club are contagious. Welcome to the Board Annie!

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, please make sure you do so quickly. By renewing your membership, you'll be eligible to compete in the February Jack & Jill competition, and you'll also be able to take advantage of the many benefits of being a TSDC club member, such as discounts on admission to club dances and workshops.

Speaking of workshops, our club is following up its successful November workshop with a February workshop and dance featuring National Champion Dancer Patty Vo! This is yet another great opportunity to better your dancing from one of the best west coast swing dancers in the country. See the flyer included in this newsletter for all the details.

Patty will also be available for private lessons all weekend. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and schedule your lesson soon as slots are filling up fast. Private lessons are by far the best way to improve your dancing since you'll receive personalized feedback and tips. You'll be amazed at the amount of information you'll be able to get out of one hour with an experienced teacher like Patty Vo. If you're concerned about cost, consider partnering up with another club member and splitting the price of the lesson.

See you on the floor!

James

Board updates

The TSDC Board of Directors has proposed changes to the Job Description Manual, adding job descriptions for Judge Director and Website Administrator, and dropping the contest coordinator duty from the Vice President's job description. The details of the changes will be available in the club information binder at the front desk, or on the website.

The changes will be voted on at the March 10th Board meeting. Board meetings are open to any interested member.

January Jack & Jill results

- Novice: Matt Rounseville and Robin Chlad were in 1st place, Matt Rounseville and Anna Basden were 2nd, and Jeff Brucker and Annie Schill were 3rd.
- Intermediate: Tom Grubaugh and Alexandra Devine were in 1st place, Chris McLean and Tosha Mischel were 2nd, and Robert Grace and Tosha Mischel were 3rd.
- Advanced: Hondo Velasco and Ellen Colonna were in 1st place, James Hood and Raquel Montanez were 2nd, and Ro Vaughn and Jane Morgan were 3rd.

*Thursday February 12th is the club's
Valentine's Day Dance!
Wear pink or red*

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Jeff, Annie, Anna, Matt, and Robin



Tom, Alexandra, Chris, Tosha, and Robert



Ellen, Hondo, Raquel, James, Jane, and Ro

New Year's Dance Camp

Was your New Year's EVENTFUL? Well if you were in Palm Springs it was. Every year there is a New Year's Dance Camp, and competition held in Palm Springs. It is all located in one hotel, where you can dance, party, eat, and sleep all in one building! What more could you ask for?



This year we had dancers come from all over the world to learn and compete. We have them from France, Scotland, Canada, and those are just the few that I was privileged to meet. They held an international competition, and they were incredible.

There was entertainment drizzled in here and there for us as well, we were able to watch the champions dance their choreography. There were several performance groups that did shows for us also. We also got to see more dance choreography on the first night when we had to chance to attend the formal New Years Masquerade Ball. This is the first time you see everyone, and you get to get dressed up, drink champagne, and dance the rest of the night.

The whole week you don't stop moving, there are workshops all day long, all different levels, and instructors; most of the time they are champions. How often do you get a lesson from a champion???? Well obviously it's not a private lesson; you are in a work shop with at least thirty other couples, but it's pretty close.

I never knew how big this dance community was until I actually saw it with my own eyes. You get to learn from so many people, look at other styles, work on your dancing, and your only homework for that week is DANCE! That is the only homework I enjoy.

By the end of the week you are left with sore blistered feet, and too many amazing memories. This event is the only event I have attended, and this year was my second year going, but that has really made me want to go to more events. This year I think I will be going to the Chicago event, and maybe Capital. And any more if I can. But we need more people representing Tucson out there, so get your dance shoes on!

Alex Devine

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,
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

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, Annie Schill is the Publicity Director, 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.

Contact us!

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

President: president@tsdc.net

Vice President: vp@tsdc.net

Membership Secretary: members@tsdc.net

Dance Director: dance@tsdc.net

Music Director: music@tsdc.net

Hospitality Director: hospitality@tsdc.net

Website Administrator: webadmin@tsdc.net

Newsletter Editor: newsletter@tsdc.net

2009 TSDC Membership Application

Annual membership donation \$25; dependent under age 16 \$5
Mailing address: TSDC, PO Box 32226, Tucson, AZ 85751-2226

Name _____ Card number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Birthday Month _____ Day _____ Year (optional) _____

How did you first hear about the Tucson Swing Dance Club?

Do you want a paper copy of the newsletter? Yes No

Email address _____

By entering your email address above you'll receive a notice to view the newsletter on the club's website, and you'll receive special notices and reminders of club activities.

Release: I agree to abide by the bylaws of the Tucson Swing Dance Club, and I also agree to hold the Tucson Swing Dance Club harmless from all suits, claims, or damages of any kind arising from this activity.

Signature _____

Date paid _____ Cash or Check

Receipt for Tucson Swing Dance Club membership paid through December 31st, 2009

Name _____ Cash or Check

Received by _____ Date _____

This is your temporary membership card. You must show your card every week to enter the club at the member price. You will receive your real membership card in 4 to 6 weeks. Thank you for joining! If you have any questions please feel free to call on any board member.

Join us for the TSDC February Workshop

*With WCS Champion Patty Vo
Great for all levels of dancers!*

*Don't miss this exciting day of workshops, a two-hour
dance with DJ Tamra Hood, and a potluck dinner.*



Saturday, February 28th, 2008
Workshops 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm;
Dance 8:00 pm- 10:00 pm
Arizona Ballroom Company
5536 E Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ



*Patty Vo has been dancing for 15
years and is recognized as a top
instructor, judge, and competitor .
She competes at the champion level
and has won numerous national
competitions and awards, including
placing at the U.S. Open Swing
Dance Championships and the
United Country Western Dance
Championships.*

*Take your dancing to the next level
with three challenging workshops:*

- ***Innovative Patterns***
- ***Body Isolation Styling for Men
and Women***
- ***Music: Making Your Dance
Change.***

Workshops and Dance in Advance: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members

At the door: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members

Separate Classes: \$15 each; Dance Only: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Patty will also be available for private lessons. Space is limited. Inquire at the front desk, talk to Sam Fox, or email us at workshop@tsdc.net to schedule your lesson today.