

Swing Times



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Mary Manzella Will be the October Dance Instructor



Our club is fortunate to have for the entire month of October our very own Mary Manzella as our dance master and instructor. This will be an unparalleled opportunity for you to invite those family members and friends that have always expressed an interest in learning to dance but have not yet had a suitable motivation to get started.

Mary is not only an ideal beginner instructor but can simultaneously offer the most experienced dancers challenging and innovative lessons. Her instruction is well known throughout San Diego and most of the country. She has taught numerous workshops, judged major dance conventions, including the US Open, and she has won countless awards, among some of her most notable: Best Individual Footwork, Showmanship, Choreography, and Timing and Execution. She is also a former Western Regional and National Swing Dance Champion, also a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame inductee.

Mary will begin the five week month with perhaps one of the easiest dances to learn, the Nightclub Two Step. This dance is done everywhere, including West Coast Swing events, Ballroom, Country Western, and most other couples dancing venues. The weeks following, Mary will introduce numerous techniques to add "class and grace" to your WCS styling and overall dance experience. She will be assisted over the five week series by several other dance greats including James Bounds, Robert Soto, and our Club President, Vinh Mines.

Mary has been honored with the title Top Female Teacher in the field of dance. Be sure to visit her website at www.marymanzellaproductions.com or call her at 619-742-6080. Be sure to ask Mary about her Wedding First Dance Programs.



October is Halloween month and we are having our yearly Halloween bash. There will be lots of fantastic dancing, delicious snacks and treats, and prizes for several categories of

costume; so wear your best on the last Sunday's sometimes hilarious, occasionally frightening, but always fun "monster mash." Our Activities Director Mary will be announcing particulars on the event in the coming days.



November

October

02 Ron Huber
03 Dorie Herndon
05 Ed Barber
09 Elizabeth Van Oosbree
11 Linda Matamis
12 Beverly Assef
12 Cindy Spiers
20 Brenda Welch
25 Coralynn Pierce
28 Ann Taylor
29 Denny Cheng
29 Risa Goldberg

01 William Hebert
02 Alex Aleshin
02 Donald Walker
03 Barbara Ham
08 Kary Lynn Vail
09 Richard Smith
12 Kikue Ainslie
14 Brian Sussan
16 Joan Canonigo
18 Terry Ucitida
19 Belinda Young
21 Victoria Martin
22 David Gonzales
25 Micko Stegner
25 Sandi Muir
26 Patty Dalton
30 Howard Heilbrunn

Welcome new members:

Gail Fuller, Keith Fuller, Belinda Aurther, Dorie Herndon, Marina Davidovskaya, Ron Shankles, Rowena Dorsey

Coming events in and around the San Diego Swing Dance Club

Join us every Sunday afternoon promptly at 1:30pm for a WCS or other type dance lesson, followed at 2:30pm by open dancing until 5:00pm

October 2nd: Nightclub Two-Step Instructor Mary Manzella
October 9th: Playful Easy Lead Instructor Mary Manzella
October 16th: Follow Sequences/Adv. Beginner Mary Manzella
October 23th: Intermediate WCS Instructor Mary Manzella
October 30th: Adv. Intermediate WCS Instructor Mary Manzelzellla

First Sunday of the month we will teach another dance. This month it will be the "Nightclub Two-Step"

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San Diego, CA 92111**All members welcome.**

If you wish to address the Board you must be on the agenda one week prior to the meeting. Members may approach any of the Executive Board members to be placed on the agenda.

A Few Words From Our President

I don't know if I'm reading our attendance numbers or the weather report. We hit a record of 97 dancers for the last Sunday of August with Mark Scheuffele and Sharlot Bott. And we haven't been below 70 in quite some time. Thank you to all in attendance to elevate our club to a new level. In September we have San Diego's own champions David Walkup and Trish Connery Walkup teaching a Country 2-Step workshop. It's only \$10 for two champions....you do the math!!!

Who would've known that after 50 years and a pandemic that the SDSDC would be bigger and stronger than ever? We're not just a bunch of dancers showing up on a Sunday afternoon, we are a community and it shows. Oftentimes, it's hard for new people to break into an established community. But all of you have proven that it's not the case here, we're doing a great job in welcoming new people and making them feel at home on their first encounter. Thank you to each and everyone of you.

As the club gets larger, your board members are taking on much larger tasks than they originally signed up for. Many of these tasks are out of our skill levels and comfort zones, so we're reaching out to you for help. We need volunteers for the following campaigns: Halloween (Oct 30th), Holiday Party (Dec 3rd), New Year's Day (Jan 1st).

Please be patient with us and thank our volunteers.

Vinh Mines



This months biography highlights another mystery Board member. She is a native of San Diego and started dancing when she was just 23 doing jitterbug, and then moved to West Coast Swing with Pattie Wells. There she met Lowell Gosser (pictured on the right of her, James Boyd on her left, pic. circa 1995), one of Pattie's instructors who taught her lifts and styling as well as the enviable skill

to follow nearly any dancer's lead. She has loved WCS since.

She joined the SDSDC somewhere around 30 years ago, and is one of our most valued, accomplished, and young-oldest members. She also has proficiency in Country-Western Two- Step, Argentine Tango, Nightclub Two-Step, and many other styles.

She is also a frequent assistant for our regular Sunday dance instruction.

She has been a US mail carrier for 33 years. She has both a 33-year old daughter and a 35-year old son.

In her spare time, She enjoys gardening, hiking, healthy living, and of course dancing whenever she can. **Guess her Name.** Her identity will be revealed during announcements.

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR MARY

Hi Dancer,
Wow, what a wonderful Luau the SDSDC sponsored on September 18th! There were 90 people in attendance! All were greeted with Hawaiian leis as they walked into the beautifully decorated room by Meredith and her decoration committee.

The potluck/Luau was a huge success thanks to those who contributed their time, efforts and talent in helping to set up, decorate and clean up. We appreciate you!!

Please enjoy the photos and videos on the SDSDC Facebook page. Thank you Maria for your time and posting! My special appreciation is extended to those who participated in the Hula performance team, it was well received by the dancers.



Larry, Mary, Maria, Micko, & Craig

Needless to say, it was a most memorable event!

- Mary



Pictured above with Vinh is an extraordinary recent addition to our dance family, Nara Omar. She hosted the potluck station at the luau lovingly identifying every dish along with the names responsible for each—which by the way were unanimously declared delicious from every member, some even remarked they felt they were on an Hawaiian cruise ship, the atmosphere was so authentic and festive. Well, Nara contributed largely to this event organizing the station, assuring serving spoons, plates, napkins etc. were all available, served the dishes to many, and all this with a wonderful smile and cheerful greeting, from 12:30 to 5:00 PM, in addition, standing on an injured foot! This is an example of the incredible quality of people we enjoy at Swing Dance.



I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Lock for many years of maintaining the club's website and its content. He put a lot of hard work in over the years. Thank you Mike! With his encouragement, I've migrated the website to a new "Content Management System." This makes the website easier to keep up-to-date and it also makes the website mobile friendly (i.e. it works correctly on a small screen).

The website's contents are up to date, including Newsletters and Workshop postings. Expect to see new sections for Music and Activities announcements. Please check it out regularly. You can use this QR code from your phone



or type in <https://sandiegoswingdance.com> to your browser.

The CMS makes it possible to add blogs, surveys, photos and video clips, and other features, and it is possible to assign maintenance of particular pages or sections of the website to different people using a "what you see is what you get" editor. In other words, if you'd like to see something added, please let me know. If you'd like to make regular contributions to a section of the website, I'll teach you how.

Thanks for using the website! --Jody Kravitz (SDSDC Webmaster)



We were all thrilled to see the return of our dear friend Bill Hebert back on the dance floor after a absence battling some health issues. Welcome back Bill, looking great as always!



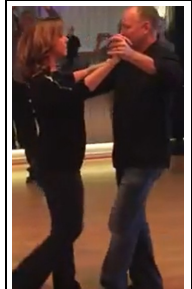
Meredith and Larry, September dance instructors



We finished the month with a Country Western Two-Step lesson from award winning greats David Walkup and Trish Connery Walkup



A celebration of food, dance, and our 50th State



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About SDSDC:

The San Diego Swing Dance Club is a private, non-profit organization. Its specific and primary purposes are to enjoy, promote, preserve, encourage, and teach West Coast Swing. Members receive discounts to weekly dances and special events and each issue of *Swing Times* newsletter. If you haven't been to the Club dances in a while, stop by soon so you can continue to enjoy the dancing, fun, and friendliness that makes SDSDC so special.

The San Diego Swing Dance Club Inc.

The SDSDC meets on Sunday afternoon and is open to the general public. You may come with or without a partner. Admission is \$10.00 for members, and \$15.00 for non-members. 1st Sunday is a free Lesson in a Non-WCS dance. Mid-month Sundays are free WCS lessons. Last Sundays we have an intermediate workshop. (Lesson and workshop Schedule subject to change. Lesson is always prior to regular dance.)

(See Flyers posted of workshops for further information)

Classes: Sunday - Beginners 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Dances: Sunday 2:30 - 5:00 P.M.

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5035 Shawline St.
San Diego, CA 92111

SEE WEBSITE FOR
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To join the San Diego Swing Dance Club
Complete the information below and mail to:
San Diego Swing Dance Club Inc.
P.O. Box 1954, Bonita, CA 91908-1954

☐ New member \$35
☐ Renewal \$35

Date _____

Name _____

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Birth date (month/day) _____

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