

Swing Times

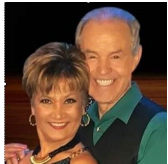


February 2023

**A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club which was established
on May 10, 1970 by Paul Benton**

Our February Dance Instructors

Maria Tee and Larry Clendenin will begin the month with a Waltz lesson, that popular smooth dance that travels around the line of dance. It is so elegant and easy to learn. Maria and Larry, with their decades of dance instruction are guaranteed to get you up and gliding across the floor in no time. The class is, as most of our club classes are, included in price of admission.



Vinh Mines will be continuing his series in West Coast Swing the second and third weeks. Vinh's objective is to refine your skills in the essentials necessary to maximizing your benefit from the monthly celebrity master instructors the club brings in at the end of each month. Although every class is valuable in itself, the entire series is intended to cover all the essentials, so you don't want to miss a single class. These classes are also included in price of admission.



Margie Adams and David Walkup will be our Master WCS instructors for the 4th week. For those of you unfamiliar with Margie, her dazzling background in dance began here in San Diego in her youth. She has trained in multiple performance dance styles including twenty years of ballet, tap and Contemporary. Fortunately for us, Margie later became fascinated with partner dancing, especially "the spontaneous lead/follow connection, and how it worked in social settings." After having trained in multiple styles of swing, and obtaining sufficient refinement, she became an instructor. She has added other club and ballroom dance styles to repertoire. Described by all who know her as both "an exceptional instructor, and stylish dancer, one that moves with intention and grace." Margie has been a professional dance instructor in San Diego for twenty years offering weekly classes and private lessons. For ten of those years, she has traveled through Europe teaching and performing as an international guest instructor at dance festivals and conventions in France, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria and Scotland. She also created a new opportunity for local San Diego dancers when she co-created and directed the SwingFX dance team, creating original choreographies and providing dance entertainment for corporate, public and private events here in the San Diego Area for seven years - Continued



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There is little doubt that Margie loves to teach as much as she loves to dance, and we are thrilled to have her. Her approach to teaching consistently brings her students back for more. You no doubt have seen her here on our dance floor at Swing Dance Club. The best dance advice she can give she herself received early: "Keep it fresh, keep learning, and creating as a dancer and as an instructor." She wouldn't have it any other way.

David Walkup who partners with Margie for our end-of-the month Master instruction holds two UCWDC Worlds Championships and a US Open Swing Dance Championship, and together with his wife Trish holds four UCWDC Worlds Championships and is also a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame inductee.



Continuing to compete on the Country and West Coast Swing circuits, he continues to teach a variety of dance styles including Country 2-Step, West Coast Swing, Hustle and Nightclub 2-Step. Dave and Trish provide teaching, coaching and choreography services for group classes, private lessons, competitors, wedding dance couples, performance teams, as well as specialty classes and exhibitions for private parties and special event

Larry Armstrong will be teaching our Introduction to WCS class in the adjoining room this month. Larry is a PDIA certified dance instructor for West Coast Swing. This is the class you will absolutely want to invite those friends whose interest in WCS has been expressed, but who lack the courage to walk into a class attended by experienced dancers. Larry excels at bringing the completely uninitiated up to a level of confidence that surprises even his students! He has been dancing for over 20 years. Although he enjoys several other dances, his favorite is WCS because it allows so much freedom, creativity, and interpretation of the music. He believes in the importance of developing solid basics and emphasizes those skills in all of his classes.



Upcoming events at 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

February 5th:	The Waltz	Instructors	Maria and Larry
February 12th:	West Coast Swing	Instructor	Vinh Mines
February 19th:	West Coast Swing	Instructor	Vinh Mines
February 26th:	West Coast Swing	Instructor	Margie Adams

First Sunday of the month we will normally teach another dance. This month it will be the Waltz.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**NEXT MEETINGS ARE:****February 26th: 12:30 pm****March 19th: 12:30 pm****Location: Dance Headquarters**5035 Shawline St
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 Vinh

Hello SDSDC Members,

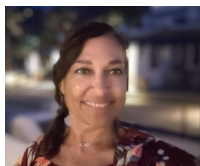
We are having an amazing start to 2023, averaging 110 dancers over 4 Sundays. Our "Intro to WCS" class is now in a separate room and is gaining momentum, attracting many new dancers to our club. With a surprise visit from Melissa Rutz, Parker Dearborn's class broke workshop attendance with 60 dancers. Thank you to all SDSDC members for your patience and acceptance of the changes your Board Members have been working on to set a foundation for the future. That said...we are not done by any stretch of the imagination. We may have turned a corner, but there's still quite a long distance to go.

Tragedy struck our dance community during a Lunar New Year celebration in Monterey Park. Our hearts go out to the victims and their loved ones. Know that the SDSDC Board is committed to keeping our dance safe and is looking to implement emergency procedures for your protection. If you would like to help, please reach out to a board member.

As you can tell, over the last year we haven't sat idly by. And, if the last year is any indication, we will be equally busy in the months to come because there is much that remains to be done. I am fortunate to work beside a board that appreciates the significance of that responsibility. And I am amazed at their determination to get the job done. We have achieved quite a great deal in the past year and I don't see us letting up any time soon.

Thank you,

Vinh Mines

Angie Gonzalez, our Club's Membership Coordinator

Welcome New and Renewal Members:

Russell Hegyi, Dianna Gilmore, Carla Funk, Rebecca Lane, Martha Lane, Cathy Lesnick, Margaret Fazio, Ronald Huber, Ji Kenworthy, John Croff, Leah Hurwitz, Parker Addison, Beth Bloomfield, Shiyuan Cheng, Gail Malone, Vicki Orourke, Cat Gautieri, Marilyn Lutheran, Art Rodriguez, Robert Soto

When you become a member, we add you to our membership list and it automatically generates a welcome letter. The same applies when you renew your membership.

If you do not receive an email letter from us welcoming you to the club, it is because we do not have your email address or your membership application has not been processed. Please stop by the front desk to share your email address so that we can keep you informed. Thank you for joining our club.

- Angie Gonzalez

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR MARY

To our wonderful SDSDC dancers,



February is the month of Love and Super Bowl!

So on February 12th, we are having a Potluck Superbowl/Valentine's Dance Party. The big game will be aired at 3:30 pm on 2 TVs and a big screen Projector. We will extend our dance till the end of the game so you don't have to rush home during half-time.

* Yes, dancing from 1:00 until 8:00 and no extra charge at the door! Pricing will still be \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members!



*Pot Luck. The Club will provide Hot dogs and beans. We ask that you bring a Super Bowl appetizer or Valentine dessert.

and

*Attire: Why not wear red or pink for Valentine's Day or the colors of your favorite team?

* Reminder, there will be a beginners class in the smaller room as well as the Intermediate class in the main room.

* Photo section for memorable pictures.



You will not want to miss this fabulous day of dancing and friendship.

Mary Manzella
Activities Director

PS: We need volunteers to help with this event, so please see me to let me know your available.

February & March Birthdays

February

01 Gail White
01 Larry Grogan
04 Vicki Grogan
05 Linda White
10 Jose Hernandez
10 Harvey Clark
15 Bob Avila
16 Angeley Gonzalez
19 Patty Callan
26 Wendy Rhodes
29 Carla Funk

March

02 Paul Heredia
02 Garry Schaeffer
05 Dennis Keith
07 Susan David
12 Bob Hauer
18 Cathy Lesnick
19 Mark Long
20 Julie Harper
20 Dennis Selich
22 Rowena Dorsey
23 Keith Fuller
27 Elliot Gersh
27 Roger Reynolds
29 David Rudgers



Next our Club President Vinh Mines began teaching a series of WCS essentials on January 8, 15 and the 29th. Its design is to bring all club members up to a level that maximizes their monthly masters level instruction.



January was Awsome!



January began with a fantastic Hustle lesson taught by Bob and Suzanne Avila; we are bringing some Disco back to town.



Lloyd Lickert began our concurrent West Coast Swing introductory class were we are experiencing phenomenal interest: chiefly owing to our January instructor Lloyd's ability to get students up and dancing confidently so quickly!!

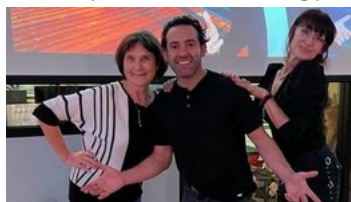


We also enjoyed a "JT TEAM" performance January 22nd!



Parker Dearborn and Mellissa Rutz brought us a record-breaking intermediate WCS class on January 22nd; the energy was amazing!

Not only do you encounter some of San Diego's finest dancers, but we're not at all ashamed to admit, we are also a very attractive social group.



Our dance floor seems to be shrinking... could it be the unparalleled attendance and club growth we're experiencing?



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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.

The 4th Sunday, we have an intermediate workshop. (Lesson and workshop Schedule is subject to change. Lesson is always prior to regular dance.)

(See Flyers posted of workshops for further information)

Classes: Sunday - 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

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Membership Application

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 _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Birth date (month/day) _____

Email _____

Newsletter: ☐ email

How did you find us _____