

Swing Times



April 2023

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on May 10, 1970 by Paul Benton**

Our April Dance Instructors

Mary Manzella will begin the month of April teaching the Cha Cha. The Cha Cha is one of today's most popular dances, we are given opportunities to enjoy it everywhere at most social dance venues. It is fun, easy to learn, and is guaranteed to bring you many happy memories.



Mary is a well known instructor here in San Diego as well as throughout the country. She has taught innumerable workshops and judged at major dance conventions, including the US Open. As a former Western Regional and National Swing Dance Champion, she holds awards for Best Individual Footwork, Showmanship, Choreography, as well as Timing and Execution. She is also a California Swing Dance Hall of Fame inductee. Mary was the owner of the Emerald Ballroom and has been recognized as a specialist in teaching Beginning Intermediate and Motion Study in West Coast Swing. She is a fun and enthusiastic teacher who loves to share her joy of dance. So be sure to join Mary Manzella for the first week in April as she will be bringing us one of her favorite dances, the Cha Cha. All classes are included in price of admission.

Maria Tee and Larry Clendenin will be returning this month with our clubs most popular dance, West Coast Swing. Maria learned and taught BSS at Arthur Murray's. Maria and Larry together have decades of dance instruction that includes ballroom, salsa & swing (BSS), most recently they were, for 15 years, active at Georgia's School Of Dance in Escondido.

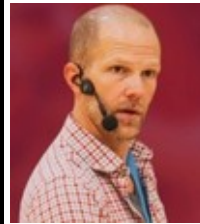


Maria & Larry are now enjoying their active retirement years which includes road trips, hosting dance parties, teaching, and continuing to enjoy dance themselves.

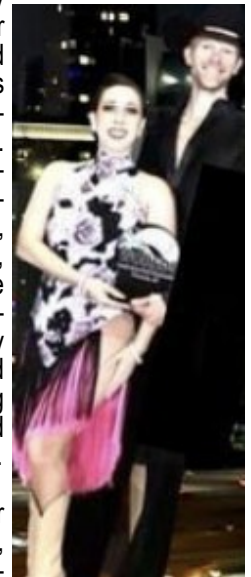
You can contact Maria and Larry at GETUPAND-DANCEML@YAHOO.COM

April Dance Instructors continued.

Russ Bradchulis is our celebrity dance instructor for the month and will be bringing us a lesson in Country Two-Step. Russ has competed in numerous two step, country, swing, and ballroom competitions across the country, earning World Championship titles in the United Country Western Dance Council's Line and ProAm divisions, as well as winning finals in West Coast Swing and Country Two Step Tour competitions.



More recently Russ and his partner Souraya Lorenz of about two years, found quickly a synergy and connection that brought them to compete in the UCWDC. Though a relatively new partnership, they were still able to walk away as Division Three World champions. They both teach locally to students of all levels. We are certainly fortunate and delighted to have them teaching our club on the 4th week of April, the 23ed, a lesson in Country Two-Step.



Our Introduction to West Coast Swing Class

Remember to invite your non-dancing friends to our introduction to West Coast Swing classes held simultaneously, 1:30 in the adjoining room, just adjacent to our large auditorium. The classes are free with admission and provide top quality instruction from our well staffed experienced teachers. Mary Manzella will be our instructor this month with lessons on the 9th, 16, and the 23ed.

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

April 2nd	Cha Cha	Instructor	Mary Manzella
April 9th	West Coast Swing	Instructors	Maria Tee and Larry Clendenin
April 16th	West Coast Swing	Instructors	Maria Tee and Larry Clendenin
April 23rd	Country 2-Step	Instructor	Russ Bradchulis & Souraya
April 30th	West Coast Swing	Instructors	Maria Tee and Larry Clendenin

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we will normally teach another dance. This month it
will be the Cha Cha**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

NEXT MEETINGS ARE:

March 19th: 12:30 pm

April 23ed: 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,

As the warmth of spring starts to embrace us, I am reminded of the beauty of change in seasons. Just like the earth transitions from dormancy to life, our lives also go through different seasons. Some seasons bring joy and happiness while others bring challenges and difficulties, but each season has its own set of blessings and opportunities.

As we enter this new season, I encourage you to embrace it with open arms. Let go of the past and the things that no longer serve you, and focus on the new beginnings that lie ahead. This is the perfect opportunity to do something new, something bold, something beautiful!

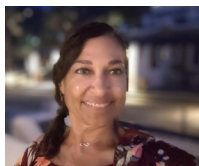
Remember, you may not have control over the seasons that come into your life, but you can control how you respond to them. Approach this season with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and grow. Allow it to refine and shape you, and watch as you become the best version of yourself.

I believe in you and I am excited to see what this new season holds for you. Embrace the change and let it bring you closer to your dreams and goals.

Warm regards,

Vinh Mines

Angie Gonzalez, our Club's Membership Coordinator



Welcome New and Renewal Members:

Ken Kadansky, Julia Fosman, Susan Walsh, Chris Leavy, Michael Wise, Margie Stroud, Mark Dudendsoffer, Denis Selich, Etta McQueary, Lon Clement, Pamela White, Adam Snyder, Jeff White

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.

- Angely Gonzalez

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR MARY

Hi SDSDC dancers and guests!



Thankfully Spring is here! Longer days, lighter and brighter clothing.

Please don't forget the first Sunday, April 2nd, we celebrate everyone who has an Aries birthday.

Traditionally Easter Sunday was a day to wear your finest Easter outfit. So why not? Bring it out on April 9th, Easter Sunday.



Our big event for this month will be on April 16th when we celebrate the mutual birthdays of Larry, turning 76 and Maria, who will be celebrating her 70th. They have planned a wonderful day of dancing for you by arranging the Alias band to be at our Sunday dance. There will be cake. What fun! Come celebrate the birthday of these two wonderful members who have given so much to our club.



SDSDC board members have begun planning for our **53rd Anniversary** which is slated for Friday, June 2nd at Dance Headquarters. It will be a very elegant, formal affair including delicious food and dancing to the Band Breezin. Now because of all the wonderful classes provided by our talented Instructors, we have developed some very good dancers who are ready to perform.

I am looking for some of our dancers who would like to participate in a performance team for our anniversary dance. It is fun, improves your dance skills, and will be free. Such a deal! If you are interested, please approach me on Sunday and I will start a list. More info in our weekly emails.

I will also need many volunteers to assist in such categories as preparing the table decorations, decorating the room, set up of the chairs and tables, making the place cards using calligraphy, just to name a few. Or just tell me you are willing to help and we will discuss other projects that need to be done. If you enjoy getting involved in community projects, text me your phone number to 619-742-6080 and do include your name. Get better acquainted with your fellow dancers. Great time to make new friends.

I am looking forward to sharing April with you and all the joys it brings.

Mary Mazella

Activities Director

April & May Birthdays

April

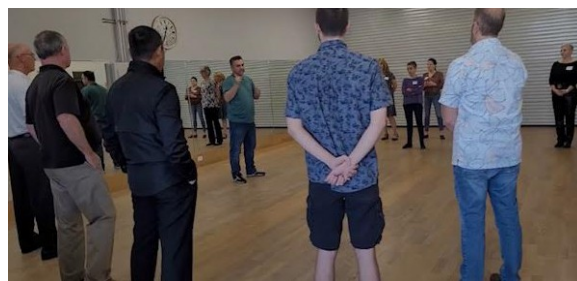
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12 Joan Wapner
17 Lloyd Lickert
20 Christina Dupont
21 Lon Clement
21 Reenie Assa
27 Belinda Aurther
27 Ette McQuealy
29 Doug Faber

May

02 Michael Wise
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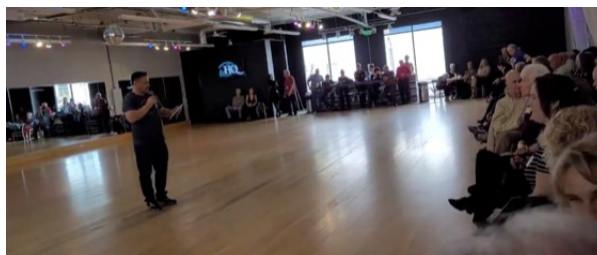
March was Awesome!



Vinh Mines taught our continually growing and very popular "West Coast Swing Introduction" Class. This lesson included the Sugar Push, Left Side Pass, Underarm Pass, and more. The enthusiasm was evident as it was translated after the lesson onto the dance floor. It is always great to see new faces with that familiar irrepressible dance smile.



In March we continued to enjoy record numbers in attendance, perhaps best illustrated by the limited available seating space, evidenced in the two images to the left.



Nobody appears to mind too much.



Larry and Meredith's Nightclub Two Step and West Coast Swing Classes this month were well attended and generously appreciated by the class participants. These courses are free with admission, fun, and highly effectual at improving one's dance. ,



Everyone's favorite, the dance mixer, always a great opportunity to meet new members and "mix" with club veterans.



World-renowned dancer Brandi Guild finished the month with a lesson in WCS.



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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.

Dance Headquarters
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) _____

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