

Swing Times



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

Our May Dance Instructors



Get ready to Salsa with Michael John Saltus, our May celebrity guest instructor. Since 2001 Michael has become one of San Diego's most popular club dance instructors teaching weekly at the Queen Bees Salsa/Bachata club for over 20-years and substituting at many other venues. He has also performed at the Pampas Argentine Restaurant's Tango Dinner show for over 15-years completing 1000 dinner shows! Michael has performed in well over 2,500 different shows in just over 25-years! Many were benefits or fundraisers of which he is most proud.

He continues to teach various workshops both locally in San Diego and on the road at many Dance Festivals & Congresses. The workshops are focused on traditional dance styles & fusion dances such as Bachatango, Salsatango, Zoukchata & Kizango in addition to Salsa, Cha-Cha, Tango, Swing, Kizomba & Bachata.



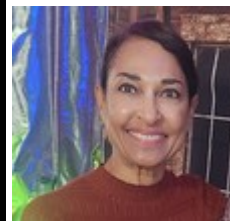
Mary Manzella will be teaching the following three weeks our club's most popular dance, the West Coast Swing. Mary is a well known instructor here in San Diego as well as throughout the country. She has taught innumerable workshops and judged at major dance conventions, including the US Open. As a former 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 her WCS lesson series for the month of May. All classes are included in price of admission.

May Dance Instructors continued.

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. One of our excellent instructors will teach on the 7th, 14th, and the 28th.

Angie Gonzalez, our Club's Membership Coordinator



We would like to welcome all new and renewing members to our San Diego Swing Dance club:

New: Daphne Ta and Ron Kofan

Renewals: Angely Gonzalez, Vinh Mines, Jim Schaeffer, Linda Schaeffer, Reenie Assa, Peggy

Shoval, Beverly Muth, Michael, Biggane, Pranee Biggane, Joyce Bartos, Liz - Elizabeth Deilke, David Rudgers, Declan Cordova

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.

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

May 7th	Salsa	Instructor	Michael John Saltus
May 14th	West Coast Swing	Instructor	Mary Manzella
May 21st	West Coast Swing	Instructor	Mary Manzella
May 28th	West Coast Swing	Instructor	Mary Manzella

**First Sunday of the month
we will normally teach an-
other dance. This month it
will be the Salsa**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**NEXT MEETINGS ARE:****May 21st 12:00 pm****June 16th 12:00 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

Dear members of the San Diego Swing Dance Club,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we enter the month of May, I am thrilled to see the club continuing to thrive and bring joy to our community through the love of swing dance.

On Sunday, May 7th, there will be presentations of nominations followed by a voting process. We encourage everyone to attend.

The club has planned some exciting events and activities throughout the month of May. We will be hosting a series of workshops, dance parties, and other fun events to help you improve your swing dance skills and connect with other members of our community.

I encourage all of you to participate in these events and make the most of this opportunity to celebrate the power of dance. Remember, dance is not just about learning new steps and mastering techniques. It's about letting go of your inhibitions, expressing yourself, and connecting with others through the universal language of movement. Whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting out, there is no better time to embrace the joy of dance and let loose on the dance floor.

So, mark your calendars and get ready to dance your way through the month of May. I look forward to seeing you all on the dance floor!

Sincerely,

Vinh Mines

President of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

May & June Birthdays

May

02 Michael Wise
07 Beverley Muth
11 Bob Pomeroy
19 Yumi Derry
21 Sue Lathe
22 Allone Twomey
23 Suzie Avila
27 Vinh Mines
31 Danyeung Wong

June

06 Patricia Chaffve
06 Gaylord Hanson
09 Imjeng Jeng
12 Judy Bowman
15 Margo Rodriguez
21 Paul Twomey
24 Chris Leavy
27 Karen Tabadisto
30 Raymond Edworts



FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR MARY

Hi All Dancers of the SDSDC,



This will be my final article in the SDSDC Newsletter as my term as Activities Director ends on May 31st. It has been a pleasure planning these monthly events for you. I hope you have enjoyed them as much as I have enjoyed the planning for you.

Exciting schedule for May.

There will be a special Sizzling Salsa Workshop on the first Sunday with Michael John Saltus in the main room.

I will be teaching the Intermediate class on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in the main room. Larry Armstrong will teach the Intro class in the adjacent room.

All classes will begin at 1:30. Please arrive by 1:15 so everyone is in attendance at the beginning of the class.

Of course, the first Sunday is reserved for Birthday celebrations. If you were born in May, please allow us to celebrate your special month with a delicious cake! I promise we won't ask your age!! LOL

On Mother's Day, May 14th, we will have a special gift for the first 50 Mothers in attendance. We will also recognize the Mother with the most children. Please bring in a photo of your family if you think this could be you.

I am looking forward to sharing the beautiful spring month of May with all of you on Sundays at the SDSDC.

Mary Manzella
Activities Director



On April 16th we celebrated Larry Clendenin and Maria Tee's Sweet 16 Birthday party w/the Band Alias, it was a huge successful attended by 170 dancers. See more pictures on the following page.

April at SDSDC was Awesome!



Russ Bradchulis and Souraya Lorenz brought us a wonderful and generously attended Country 2-Step lesson on April 23rd.



In April we continued to enjoy record numbers in attendance, especially when occasioned by live music as we did on Larry and Maria's Sweet 16/w Alias. Our club will be bringing live music, usually on months with 5 Sundays, and on the 5th Sunday of the month.



"Ladies down one" is the club's most familiar instruction as it asks ladies, after a few bars of music, to proceed to her next dance partner in our very popular Mixer.



This romantic west coast swing demonstration was performed by our birthday couple, Maria and Larry. It was choreographed by Mark Pablo.



Club members are anxiously awaiting our 53rd anniversary dance celebration which will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2023! For further details: <https://fb.me/e/DGtPjSzv>



Sometimes its just about fellowship, food and conversation with friends.



"Only one year after my debilitating fall which left me using a wheel chair and no hope of walking or dancing again, I was able to perform this routine with my won-



derful partner, Robert Soto. It's not "Dancing with the Stars" quality but it's significance is higher than the stars! At that point I knew I was on my way back to full recovery. Yes, GOD is "Still the One."



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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.
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Membership Application

To join the San Diego Swing Dance Club
Complete the information below and mail to:
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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 _____