

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. 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, 14, and the 28th.

I can fill space with either Presidents message or activities directors piece.

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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2022-2023
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS**NEXT MEETINGS ARE:****May 00 12:00 pm****June 00 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

Angie Gonzalez, our Club's Membership Coordinator

We would like to welcome new and renewal members to our 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.

FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR MARY



Report Pending

I'll fill empty space with month's pictures

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 Edwards



April was Awesome!



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



On April 16th we celebrated a successful and hugely attended (170) Sweet 16 Birthday party w/the Band Alias for Larry Clendenin and Maria Tee. See pictures on the following page.



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



This very romantic west coast swing performance was performed by our birthday couple, Maria and Larry, and was choreographed by Mark Pablo



"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 wonderful 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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MAP & DIRECTIONS
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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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How did you find us _____