

Swing Times



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on May 10, 1970 by Paul Benton**

From Our President Vinh Mines

Greetings Swing Dance Enthusiasts!



As the warmth of summer begins to subside and a refreshing breeze sweeps through San Diego, we're excited to welcome September with open arms and dancing feet. It's been an incredible journey so far, and I couldn't be prouder of the spirit and energy that defines our San Diego Swing Dance Club.

Our club has always been a vibrant community that celebrates the joy of swing dancing, and this September, we're adding a touch of history and elegance to our dance floors. I am thrilled to announce our upcoming fundraiser event, an evening dedicated to supporting the California Swing Dance Hall of Fame—a haven that immortalizes the rich legacy of swing dancing in our Golden State.

The event will be graced by the presence of special guest instructors and swing dance champions, the remarkable Sharlot Bott and Mark Scheuffele. They will be leading an exclusive swing dance workshop, imparting their expertise and passion to elevate our dancing skills to new heights. This is an oppor-

tunity you wouldn't want to miss.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! Our DJ for the evening is none other than the fabulous Sharlot Bott herself. Get ready to be swept away by her incredible music selections as we glide, twirl, and spin the night away.

Thank you for being an integral part of the San Diego Swing Dance Club family, and for your unwavering enthusiasm for swing dancing. I'm looking forward to dancing with all of you at the fundraiser event!

Let's swing through time and create an event to remember!

Swingingly yours,

Vinh Mines
President

Please Welcome our New Members

David Searl
Dawn Wood
Diane Ackerman
Eva Meier
Glenn Haight
Lisa Lecko

Martha Amador
Mel Lyons
Patrick Plagens
Paul Ackerman
Susie Lotzof

Upcoming events at the San Diego Swing Dance Club

Join us every Sunday afternoon. Lesson(s) promptly at 1:30, Dance at 2:30

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| Sept 3 | Large Ballroom | Shawn Torgerson teaches Nightclub Two-Step | Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS |
| Sept 10 | Large Ballroom | Larry Armstrong teaches WCS | Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS |
| Sept 17 | Large Ballroom | Larry Armstrong and Meredith Anderson teach WCS | Small Ballroom: Intro to WCS |
| Sept 24 | Large Ballroom | Sharlot Bott and Mark Scheuffele — Special WCS Workshop — no Intro to WCS | |

From Our Dance Director Meredith Anderson



Shawn Torgerson

Sept. 3rd

Nightclub 2-Step

In 2005, Shawn established Dance For 2, which has since transformed into the renowned Dance Headquarters of San Diego.

What began as a modest space in the American Legion has evolved into a sprawling 7,700-square-foot sanctuary boasting top-tier staff, students, flooring, sound, lighting, and location. With expertise spanning various dance styles,

Shawn's specialty lies in club dances, using his hip-hop and breakdancing background to craft unique partner dance pattern combinations. While now primarily focused on managing the studio's growth, he continues to teach selective classes, driven by his vision of inclusivity—where dance transcends boundaries. His enduring dedication has nurtured a hub for diverse dancers, embodying the belief that "Dance is a form of expression and everyone should learn to express themselves," solidifying his legacy as a trailblazer in the dance community.



Sharlot Bott and Mark Scheuffele

Sept 24th

Intermediate West Coast Swing

Sharlot and Mark are distinguished figures in the world of West Coast Swing, each boasts exceptional careers as champion dancers, instructors, and community influencers. Sharlot's timeless and inspiring style has earned her multiple National Championships and prestigious inductions, while Mark, also known as "Mark the Marine," transitioned from a two-decade military service to become a celebrated Swing Dance Champion. Their deep friendship and shared passion have led to unparalleled achievements, including Hall of Fame recogni-

tions, reflecting their influential roles. Together, they invite dancers of all levels to an enriching workshop, promising to impart their remarkable expertise, signature moves, and infectious enthusiasm, thereby encapsulating the true spirit of West Coast Swing.



Our September Dance Instructors



On the second and third weeks of September, Larry Armstrong will be teaching our West Coast Swing lessons. Meredith Anderson will join him on the 17th. Though West Coast Swing is a constantly evolving dance, going

through many changes throughout its short history, and incorporating techniques from numerous dance styles, it still has definite guidelines that should be followed to maintain the true

character of the dance. Larry believes in the importance of developing these solid basic characteristics in all his classes, yet also delights in constantly introducing new and innovative styling keeping classes fun and exciting for new and experienced dancers. Larry is a PDIA certified West Coast Swing instructor and has been dancing for over 20 years. Although he enjoys many dances, his favorite remains WCS because "it allows so much freedom, creativity, and interpretation of the music."

**SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
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Webmaster Jody Kravitz

Due to endless SPAM attacks, a single email address is now offered for contacting board members. This email box is checked regularly and forwarded to the correct member if it is not SPAM. You may address the entire board also using this address:

SDSDCBoard@sandiegoswingdance.com

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
Generally on the 2nd Sunday of the
Month at Noon**

OUR NEXT MEETINGS ARE:

September 10th 12:00 pm

October 8th 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.

From your Webmaster

The SDSDC website should be your "go to" address for up-to-the-minute information about upcoming SDSDC events. The top-center section of the website always contains the latest information that has been posted. The most recent newsletter is available by clicking on the Newsletter banner. I am continuing improve the website.

**IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING EMAIL FROM US —
PLEASE VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH
CHRIS AT THE FRONT DESK. — THANKS!**

Please consider sharing the link to the website with friends that might be interested in attending our events: **www.sandiegoswingdance.com**

As always, your input on improving the website is welcome,

Jody Kravitz, SDSDC Webmaster

September Birthdays

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| 01 | Frank Solimine | 12 | Judy Wilson |
| 03 | Debbie Kelley | 12 | Michael West |
| 03 | Jim Schaeffer | 13 | David Finegold |
| 03 | Linda Gu | 15 | Robert Palladino |
| 04 | Gunnar Haugo | 17 | Arthur Beltran |
| 05 | Melody Sussan | 18 | Lisa Simmons |
| 06 | Meredith Anderson | 18 | Ron Kofron |
| 08 | Art Gallo | 20 | Karen Melbye |
| 08 | Olga Aleshin | 22 | Dahne Ta |
| 09 | Paula Fialkoff | 24 | Gerrie Woo |
| 10 | Kathy Grauer | 25 | Garry Bowman |
| 10 | Liz Holston | 27 | James Bound |
| 10 | Mark Ainslie | 29 | Margaret Fazio |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

The club will provide a cake and supplies to celebrate birthdays on the 1st Sunday of the month.

AFTER DANCE DINNER INVITATION

Would you like to get to know your fellow dancer better — and not have to give up dance time ? Larry Armstrong arranges an after-dance dinner almost every week. A sign-up list is kept at the DJ booth so he can make a reservation for enough seating. We go to various local restaurants. The "Restaurant of the Day" will be announced during the announcements.



We have positioned a "Suggestion Box" by the DJ's booth. This is your club, and we want to hear your opinions. If you have changed your phone number or email address in the last few months, please let Chris at the front desk know the your new contact information.



Scan to access
the Website!



PO Box 1954
Bonita, CA 91908-1954

Mystery Photo.

If you can identify the person in this photo please let Meredith Anderson know. We'll make an announcement about it once everyone has a chance to guess.



Upper Left: Jody and Lisa in the DJ Booth — with the suggestion box in the foreground. Upper Right Craig and Taylor. Lower Left: Olga, Russ, and Lisa. Lower Right Ann Taylor and Maria Tee. Thanks Maria for the photos!

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. **No Partner Needed!** Admission is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Except on the 4th Sunday, lessons are free with paid admission to the dance. On the 4th Sunday, we have a special workshop before the dance for an additional charge. Mid-month Sundays have both Intro and Intermediate WCS lessons that are free with paid admission to the dance. Schedule is subject to change. Lesson is always prior to regular dance.)

(See Flyers posted and/or the website 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

SEE WEBSITE FOR
MAP & DIRECTIONS
www.sandiegoswingdance.com

HOTLINE — Voice or Text — (619) 333-6603

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

Or bring the form and cash or check to the next dance you attend.

- ☐ New member \$35
☐ Renewal \$35
☐ Info Update (Existing Member) Free

Date _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Birth date (month/day) _____
Email _____
Optional Emergency Contact:
Name _____
Phone _____
How did you find us _____