

Swing Times



July 2023

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

From Our President Vinh Mines



Dear San Diego Swing Dance Club Members,

I hope you're all doing well and staying healthy. As the President of our beloved club, I wanted to share some exciting updates and important announcements with you all in this July edition of our newsletter.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm for swing dance. Your passion and dedication make our club such a vibrant and welcoming community. Together, we have created a space where people of all backgrounds can come together to enjoy the exhilarating rhythms of swing and experience the joy of dancing.

In the spirit of continuous growth and improvement, I am thrilled to announce that we have lined up some fantastic events and workshops for the upcoming month. Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated SwingLive Spectacular on July 30th, where we will host the renowned Mercedes Moore Band. This will be an incredible opportunity to learn new moves, refine your technique, and dance the afternoon away to live music provided by a local swing band. Don't miss out on this unforgettable evening!

Additionally, we have expanded our class schedule to cater to dancers of all skill levels. Whether you're a beginner taking your first steps or an experienced dancer looking to master advanced techniques, we have classes tailored to your needs. Our talented instructors are passionate about sharing their knowledge and helping you reach your full potential on the dance floor. Visit our website or speak with our friendly staff to explore the wide range of classes we offer.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members who have joined our community in recent months. We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to dancing with you all. Remember, swing dancing is not just about the steps; it's about the connections we build and the friendships we forge. So don't be shy—reach out, introduce yourself, and let's create some magical moments on the dance floor together.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our events run smoothly. Your hard work and commitment are invaluable, and we couldn't do it without you. If you're interested in getting involved and contributing to the club, please don't hesitate to let us know. There are plenty of opportunities to lend a hand and make a difference.

As always, I encourage you to stay connected with us through our social media channels. We will continue to bring you the latest updates and inspiring stories from the world of swing dance.

Thank you once again for being part of the San Diego Swing Dance Club. Let's keep the rhythm alive, embrace the joy of swing, and dance our hearts out together.

Swingingly yours,

Vinh Mines
President, San Diego Swing Dance Club

Upcoming events at the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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

July 2:	Large Ballroom	Stephen Showers teaches Hustle	Small Ballroom	Intro to WCS
July 9	Large Ballroom	Larry Clendenin and Maria Tee teach WCS	Small Ballroom:	Intro to WCS
July 16	Large Ballroom	Larry Armstrong and Meredith Anderson teach WCS	Small Ballroom:	Intro to WCS
July 23	Large Ballroom	Trish Connery Walkup and David Walkup — Special WCS Workshop —	no Intro to WCS	
July 30	Large Ballroom	Larry Armstrong and Meredith Anderson teach WCS	Small Ballroom:	Intro to WCS

From Our Activities Director Taylor Frederking

Hello SDSDC!



I am thrilled to have the opportunity to write my inaugural article for Swing Times as your new Events and Activities Director! Before we embark on this exciting journey together, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mary Manzella for her dedicated service in this role. She has set a high standard, and I am both

humbled and excited to follow in her footsteps. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of crossing paths with me just yet, allow me to introduce myself:

How I got here: I moved to San Diego in the Fall of 2022 following a major life change and stumbled upon an advertisement for a two-step class led by David and Trish Walkup on Facebook. With a bit of courage, I walked into Dance HQ alone, sporting my trusted country dancing cowgirl boots, and left with a community that embraced me and opened my eyes to the wonderful world of partner dancing! I swiftly became a member, invested in WCS dancing shoes (I love my Toms!), and have been smiling on the dance floor ever since. As your new Events and Activities Director, I am honored to give back to the community that has given me so much!

My background in events and activities: I work as a Strategist for a corporate event agency called Unbridled Solutions, where I am responsible for creating unforgettable experiences for clients worldwide. From intimate gatherings of ten top-performers in Bali to large-scale events with 15,000 attendees in Las Vegas, I have spent the last decade immersing myself in the undeniable magic of bringing people together, inspiring them, and fostering connections. I am thrilled to combine my industry knowledge with my passion for the dance community in this role!

Upcoming activities: In collaboration with the board, we have some exciting plans in the pipeline! Our focus is on honoring beloved traditions and cherished events while also introducing fresh ideas to create new memories that will strengthen our community bonds. Stay tuned for more information!

Want to get involved with events and activities? We value your ideas and would love to hear them! Please find me on Sundays and share your thoughts, or feel free to drop a note in our suggestion box. Additionally, we are looking to establish an events committee to provide support to the board. If you'd like to join this fantastic team and contribute to one or all of the upcoming events, please let a board member know, and we will ensure you're included and celebrated!

Hope to see you on the dance floor!
—Taylor

July Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 04 | Chau Mezher | 16 | Laurie Wenger |
| 06 | Arturo Rodriguez | 16 | Parker Addison |
| 06 | Don Piche | 18 | Adam Snider |
| 06 | Marlynn Peak | 19 | Linda Maize |
| 06 | Michele Brannon | 20 | Rick Braswell |
| 07 | Marty Lane | 21 | Christine Wilkinson |
| 10 | Gary Hincman | 21 | Rick Jones |
| 11 | Dianna Gilmore | 22 | Gina Floyd |
| 11 | Kate Friedman | 22 | Mary Manzella |
| 11 | Nafisa Bodenstein | 23 | Margie Stroud |
| 11 | Sherry Roberts | 27 | Andy Lieber |
| 13 | Gary Grewer | 31 | G Whitman |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



Vinh and Taylor hanging out in the DJ Booth

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2023-2024

Executive Board

President Vinh Mines
Vice President Larry Armstrong
Membership Cristian Flores
Treasurer Garry Bowman
Secretary Liz Deilke
Newsletter Editor..... Jody Kravitz
Activity Director..... Taylor Frederking
Dance Director..... Meredith Anderson
Hospitality Director Larry Clendenin
Publicity Director..... Maria Tee
Past President Craig Helm

Appointed by the Board

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

NEXT MEETINGS ARE:

July 9th 12:00 pm
August 13th 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.



Our June Workshop Instructors
Chanetlle Pianetta and Joel Torgeson.

Don't miss our 4th Sunday WCS Workshop with Award Winning Instructors Trish Connery Walkup and David Walkup



UCWDC World Champions!



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 in the center section or by selecting the "Newsletter" tab at the top where older newsletters are also available. I am continuing improve the website. We have recently changed our "hosting service" to a more modern one. Security is better and email delivery of announcements, newsletters, and membership notices is more reliable. **IF YOU ARE NOT GETTING EMAIL FROM US — PLEASE VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH CHRIS AT THE FRONT DESK. — THANKS.**

Please consider sharing a link to the website with friends that might be interested in attending an event. Go to <https://www.sandiegoswingdance.com/> or use this QR Code on the right. As always, your input on improving the website is welcome,

Jody Kravitz, SDSDC Webmaster



A full floor for our June workshop!

July 2023

Please Welcome our New Members

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Adam Snider | Don Piche | Nafisa Bodenstein |
| Alan Wright | Ellen Brophy | Pamela White |
| Anastasia Avina | Geoff Burns | Rhonda Musgrave |
| Arlene Bundy | Greg Good | Rick Jones |
| Barbara Crist | Jay Huff | Rita Crosby |
| Barbara Shuler | Jeff White | Rita Havercamp |
| Betty Gagne | Joe Gulez | Ron Kofron |
| Carol Brown | Julia Fosman | Sherry Roberts |
| Cathy Meyn | Kathleen Stevenson | Stewart Breier |
| Charlete Jones | Ken Kadansky | Susan Chesebro |
| Chau Mezher | Kim Fogg | Susan Marie Walsh |
| Cristian Flores | Margo Melton | Tisha Trinh |
| Dahne Ta | Mark Siprut | Tom Mountain |
| Dale Crist | Mark Crosby | Trinidad Wilkinson |
| Dominique Lenoir | Moriah Good | |



Relaxing and Socializing between Dances

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.

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.



PO Box 1954
Bonita, CA 91908-1954

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. 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 PHONE (858) 274-6422

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 _____