

Swing Times

Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club www.resdc.org **OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008**

President's Message

Inspiration

There are lots of ways we learn about dancing. Group lessons offer the chance to learn and sometimes perfect new moves and patterns plus learn about how to dance more to the music. Private lessons work on elements which can be taught one-on-one such as connection and working with partners. Video lessons can teach moves or concepts (without much feedback). We may learn the most by just getting out there and dancing to different songs with different partners and paying attention while we have fun.

However we also can learn a lot by observing other dancers. I have heard it said that even if you went to a convention and didn't dance at all (you just watched and enjoyed), your dancing would improve. You might not be able to duplicate all of the moves you saw, but you would pick up things like how the dancers worked with each other. You can pick up timing from the dancers changing body positions and observe what works and what doesn't. If you are working on musicality, you can watch how the dancers work with the music to hit breaks, phrases, and other interesting things. You can also notice how one performance looks better than another and ponder why.

See if you can notice this. Did your dancing after you watched the Invitational Jack and Jill contest seem better than your dancing before? Do you dance better after watching a dance show on TV? Or after a good lesson? Or after a dance with a better dancer? Do you feel inspired by watching what can be done?

See you dancing.

—David Cooper, RESDC President



Editor's Note

Double Issue

I've had fun editing *Swing Times* for a little over a year, now, and it seems that the membership has enjoyed my work (which conclusion I gather from the fact that no one has complained!). This is to let you know that since October is going to be an *incredibly* busy month for me (moving in with my fiancée, Boogie by the Bay, a trip to my 30th reunion at the Naval Academy and for Lia to meet my Virginia and Texas family...), I'm publishing a double issue for October and November.

Enjoy!

—James Gafford, *Swing Times* Editor

October Club Nights Out

Friday, October 3

Monroe Hall

1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa
Beginning Lesson 7:15-8:15 with Dick & Edna
Intermediate Lesson 7:15-8:15 with Kelly Casanova
Dancing 8:15-11:00 with DJ Steve Luther
\$1.00 off admission with RESDC Membership Card

Saturday, October 18

Mt. Tam Swing at Mt. Tam Racquet Club

1 Larkspur Plaza Drive, Larkspur

Beginner Lesson 7:45-8:45 with Kelly Casanova
Dancing 9:00-12:00
Live Music with the Billy Dunn Bluesway Band

November Club Nights Out

Friday, November 7

Monroe Hall

1400 West College Avenue, Santa Rosa
Beginning Lesson 7:15-8:15 with Dick & Edna
Intermediate Lesson 7:15-8:15 with Kelly Casanova
Dancing 8:15-11:00 with DJ Steve Luther
\$1.00 off admission with RESDC Membership Card

Sunday, November 9

Kelly Casanova's 2nd Sunday Dance

Ellington Hall, 3535 Industrial Drive, Santa Rosa

Lessons with Kelly Casanova:
Beginner 5:00-6:00; Intermediate Variation 6:00-6:30
Dancing 6:30-10:00 with DJ Kelly Casanova
Admission \$10.00

Friday, November 14

The Groove Room

Ellington Hall, 3535 Industrial Drive, Santa Rosa

Dancing 8:30-11:30 with DJs David and Circl

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Membership Benefits

- Discounts on most RESDC dances (\$3 off adult rate)
- Discounts on affiliated club dances (Next Gen, Sacramento, Santa Cruz)
- Receive "Swing Times" monthly newsletter
- Borrow dance tapes from our video library (Contact Shelly at: (707) 579-4364. Check out the list of available videos on the web page!)
- Join other club members for Club Night Out (CNO)
- Become an Exhibition Dance Team member
- Obtain tickets to dance conventions at RESDC tables, with preferred seating—Receive early notice of workshops taught by local and national dance talent
- Can apply to serve on the RESDC Board of Directors
- Receive e-mail updates about dances
- New members receive one free dance pass

Contact Denise Suzuki, the RESDC Membership Secretary, at (707) 837-8335, or by email at denisesuzuki@comcast.net.

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Nick Jay Fred Loebenstein
Renee Novakovich Pat Powers
Jim Reeve Rod Rehe
Sara Slager Colleen Sutherland
Nicki Swenson Jason Taylor

Dave Vella

November Birthdays

Terry Block Andy Bouman
Erin Fagan Barbara Gabriel
Bob Knapp Linda Moore
David Pankratz Peggy Pronzini

Leiona Sheppard



August Jack & Jill Winners

From the August 23rd Club Dance at the Odd Fellows Hall in Santa Rosa.

Left to Right:

Third Place: Makenzie Brew & Andy Ferrara
Second Place: Jessica Greer & Jason Taylor
First Place: Chris Love & Nate Woodward

September Invitational Dance Wows 'Em!

The annual Invitational Dance on Saturday, September 27th at the Petaluma Veteran's Hall was a rousing success. If you missed the show put on by the competitors, then all we can do is feel sorry for you—a great time was had by all!



*Winners, Left to Right — 1st Place Rachel Baumgardner & Arjay Centeno
2nd Place: Yvonne Wayne & Nick Jay (Baby Harmony contemplates her next move)
3rd Place: Melissa Rutz & Nick King*

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<p>5 Country & WCS @ Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 5:00-9:30* every Sunday</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Michelle's Dance/Redwood City 6:00-10:00* (date change due to BbtB)</p>	6	<p>7 Flamingo Hotel/ Santa Rosa 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Monroe Hall/Santa Rosa 7:15-9:30*</p>	<p>8 Top of Beardsley's/San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>9 San Rafael Community Ctr.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom/Emeryville</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Bay West Ballrm. Boogie by the Bay /Burlingame</p>	<p>10 Two Left Feet/ Danville</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Groove Room, Ellington Hall</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Boogie by the Bay /Burlingame</p>	<p>11 BLSDC WCS Dance/Reno 7:00-11:00*</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Boogie by the Bay /Burlingame</p>
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<p>26 Bayside Hustle/Oakland 6:00-10:30*</p>	27	<p>28 Flamingo Hotel/ Santa Rosa</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Monroe Hall/ Santa Rosa</p>	<p>29 Top of Beardsley's/San Mateo</p>	<p>30 San Rafael Community Ctr</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Bay West Ballroom Halloween Swing Thing/Irvine</p>	<p>31 Two Left Feet/ Danville</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The Groove Room, Ellington Hall</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Halloween Swing Thing/Irvine</p>	

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<p>9 D Kelly's Dance Santa Rosa 5:00-10:00* CNO</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Mountain Magic/ S. Lake Tahoe (no michelle's dance in Redwood City due to Mtn. Magic)</p>	10	<p>11 Flamingo Hotel/ Santa Rosa</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Monroe Hall/ Santa Rosa</p>	<p>12 Top of Beardsley's /San Mateo 7:00-11:30*</p>	<p>13 San Rafael Community Ctr</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Allegro Ballroom</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Bay West Ballroom</p>	<p>14 Two Left Feet/Danville</p> <p>-----</p> <p>D The Groove Room, Ellington Hall CNO</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Bay W. Ballroom /San Rafael 8:00-11:00*</p>	<p>15 Capitol Swing Dance Club/Fair Oaks 5:30-10:30*</p>
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Conventions & Events

For a listing of conventions, and general WCS information go to: www.wcs-dancer.com.

For a full list of World Swing Dance Council (WSDC) registry dance events & location information go to:

Other Web Links

Sonoma County dancing connections and information available through Yahoo groups at:
groups.yahoo.com/group/northbaydancers/

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

We've been working on the best way to deliver *Swing Times*. Hardcopies have always gone out, but this year we began providing a URL to use for on-line access to the newsletter and flyer. We would like to know your preference. Please let us know at the next dance you attend, or by email to 2runningbare@comcast.net, and we will set you up with your preferred delivery method. Thank you for your attention to this. Happy dancing the rest of 2008!

—Denise Suzuki, Club Sergeant-at-Arms, Club Membership Director

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER CLUB DANCES

Join us on Oct. 25 and again on Nov. 22 (Saturdays) at the Odd Fellows Hall in Santa Rosa for our monthly club dances. Freddie Marsh-Lott will DJ in October, and November is Amateur DJ Night. Dancing is from 7PM until 11PM. Beginner lessons at 7PM will be taught by Elizabeth Mustaro (Oct.) & Susan Conway (Nov.). Details are on the enclosed flyers, and on the club web site: www.resdc.org.



The Redwood Empire Swing Dance Club (www.resdc.org) is a social non-profit incorporated club dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Swing Dancing, and in particular the California State Dance, West Coast Swing. For this purpose, we hold monthly dances, special dances, parties and sponsor workshops throughout the year. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Club members receive the RESDC "Swing Times" and receive discounts at RESDC events and events sponsored by other swing dance clubs.

If you are not already a member, join today! Contact Denise Suzuki at (707) 837-8335.