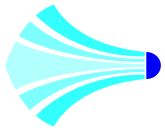




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Your Cincy Dance Connection

United States Amateur Ballroom Dancer's Association of Cincinnati

Issue 11, November 04

Member Appreciation Dinner/Dance

November 13

Dinner 6:30 - 7:30pm

Lesson 8:00 - 9:00pm Dance 9:00 - 11:30pm

\$10 member

\$20 non-member guests

(Members will be reimbursed \$3 when you arrive at dinner for dance admission. Non members will be charged \$10 for dinner and \$10 for dance)

Please send in your reservation by November 7



Dinner Menu

Roast Beef and Gravy
Home Roast Turkey
Buttered/Parsley Red Skin Potatoes
Green Beans, Carrots
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Dessert
Drink



Lesson: Waltz

Instructor: Luana Conte, Always Ballroom

USABDA is proud to have Luana Conte as the instructor for the evening's lesson. Luana, from Italy, has a sincere dedication to her craft. With her partner Erminio, she has represented the United States with impressive credits that include 3rd place in the United States National Championship, held in Provo Utah, and 6th place in the Open British Championship held in Blackpool, England. She specializes in American and International Standard and welcomes dancers of all ages and abilities.

From the Newsletter Editor....

You probably noticed, the newsletter looks a little different this month. Don't panic - you will get used to the change - I promise! As the new editor, I am looking forward to keeping members informed of the dance scene in Cincinnati through the USABDA newsletter. In the past 10 years I have produced many newsletters for work, social clubs ranging from an independent Scuba club and local dive center, the Aronoff Theatre volunteers team and a departmental newsletter for Vineyard Community Church.

I wish to thank Sue Gilkey for her many hours of work and contribution as the editor for the past 3 years. I KNOW how much time it takes to put together month after month the USABDA News. Sue has graciously helped me in getting started and has volunteered to help whenever needed.

Looking ahead, the newsletter will include monthly columns and articles written by a great support staff. They will report on club events and cover topics of interest to all dancers from

beginners to the more experienced. Please feel free to approach me at any dance (or email me) with any ideas. Periodically we will ask your opinion at the dances on certain topics so I can gear the newsletter towards what information you want and see if I am on track.

I know there are aspiring writers and or artists out there that would enjoy contributing to our newsletter. Don't worry about having to come up with topics - my "idea team" has given me plenty. Volunteers are critical to me and I value your time and input. Now, I do have friends that have learned to screen their calls when they know I am on my volunteer kick, but if anything suits your fancy in the Newsletter Help Want Ads on page 2, contact me right away.

Susan Cappa, *newsletter editor*
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Interim Mailing*****

Hopefully you have received the interim mailing with the ballots and the membership data update to return by Nov. 13th. If you did not receive this mailing, please call the information line.

General Housekeeping

Door help

Help check in members at the door during the dances. You would only be scheduled to work a half an hour at most, taking money, and checking the membership list. Contact Vivian Cosio 469-1952.

Clean up

Everyone can help. Please make our clean up task easier after the dances by throwing all your refreshment in the trash.

Data Collection and Verification

We need volunteers to verify membership information at the dances. If you have 1/2 hour to spare, contact Susan Cappa at cappasusan@hotmail.com

Newsletter Help Wanted Ad

Use your talents, meet new people and help the dance club. If any of these positions sound like fun contact the newsletter editor Susan Cappa (cappasusan@hotmail.com).

Dance Diva Columnist

Need tongue-in-cheek humorist to answer dance related etiquette questions.

Event Reporter

Person who attends USABDA functions to give a short recap of the dances and/or any special events.

Newsletter Artist

Preferably a black and white line drawing artist to do some simple artwork ideas for the newsletter. This person needs to be able to take the ideas I have in my head and have scratched on napkins and draw them.

Web Development Committee

Anyone well versed in web design? We need to have a committee to brainstorm and develop an updated website. Contact the editor if you are able to help.

FOUND

At Music Hall after the Anniversary Ball. Eyeglasses and shoe bag with shoes. Contact Karen at dancemucho@aol.com or call 961-0136 with description.

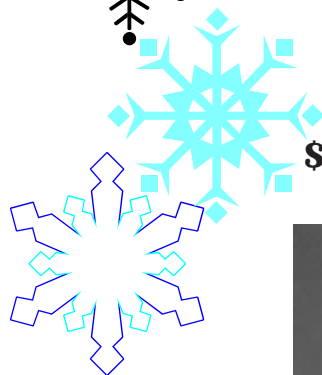
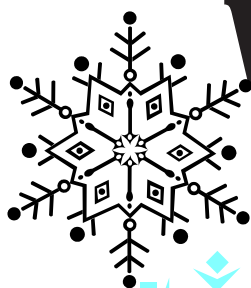
Winter Dance

December 11

Music Hall Ballroom

8:00pm - Midnight

\$15 per person - Tickets Required



Entertainment
Fiesta Dance
Group



How to Get Tickets

Tickets will be available at the November Dance. Call our infoline or send in the reservation form from the interim mailing.

Need Winter Dance Volunteers

Thanks to Barbara Alvarez and her Winter Dance planning. BUT - Barbara needs your help. Don't want to commit to a regular volunteer job? We have just the right opportunity - a volunteer once/get it over with position. Saturday, December 11, Barbara needs help to decorate the Music Hall Ballroom. If you are able to help out the day of the dance, please give Barbara a call asap at 513-233-2951 We also need your help to clean up.



9th Annual Dancefest

Student/teacher exhibitions - pro show - dinner, cash bar

Lots of general dancing - D.I. Jack Meinking

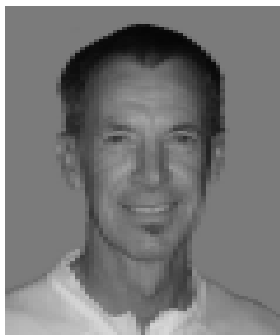
Presented by the Independent Ballroom Dance Teachers of Greater Cincinnati

Sunday November 7th from 12pm-8pm

Receptions 1379 Donaldson Hwy. in Erlanger, Ky (just near the airport)

Tickets/\$45 per person to be purchased from the following Independent Dance Teachers. Peggy James with "Top Hat", Jeff Bill with "Dance Club" Mary Ramirez-Cook with "A-Marika Dance Studio", Tracy Kellum, and Doreen Beatrice with "Step-N-Out".
The deadline is October 28th and final count due Nov. 1st. - Limited availability!

Member Focus - Dean Stout



This issue we interviewed USABDA Member - Dean Stout. Dean is always full of energy and a very considerate fun-loving person to dance with. You can spot Dean on the dance floor as he slips those stylish lindy steps into his swing dancing or "hustles" his dance partner with ease and enthusiasm. And of course I was surprised (but pleased) to find out bolero was his favorite dance. Let's find out more from him..... Susan Cappa, Editor

I've been a member of USABDA for approximately 12 years. I have two sons Jeff & Tom and two grandchildren (Samantha, and Justin) who now lives in Dallas with his wife Jennifer. Tom works and attends school part time in Columbus.

Born in Tennessee 1947, my family moved to Baltimore, then Akron, then Cincinnati in 1972. At that time I was working for a company called TRW as District Manager. Currently I'm president of Stout Corporation, developing and selling products for distribution, mostly to retail store chains. I'm single, live in Landen (Cincinnati) and enjoy jogging, swimming, tennis and golf. I have a marketing degree from Akron U and an MBA from Xavier.

My dancing career began by taking group lessons in 1992 from Bernice Dubro at her studio in Dayton, Ohio. My partner Gerri was kind enough to take me under her wing and dance with me. We started our lessons in April. I was ambitious and wanted to learn and felt that I could have all the dances mastered by November. That was 12 years ago and I am still learning.

Membership Dues Change

For the Anniversary Ball, the Spring Ball and the Holiday Dance (the latter to be held at Music Hall in December), the admission charge for full-time students (with student ID), and for persons under the age of 21 years, shall be \$10 per person. No late fees shall be applied to these admission charges.

For the monthly dances (such as the ones currently held at the Evendale Recreational Center), the charge for people in the aforementioned categories shall be \$3 per person.

By-Laws Errata

The following items should be inserted in the Proposed Bylaws previously sent to you:

1. Article IV. Paragraph D. 1 Include this sentence at the end: "The newly elected Board shall assume its duties on January 1 of the succeeding year."
2. Article IV. Paragraph D. 3 Include this sentence at the end: "The new Board, elected pursuant to this provision, shall assume its duties immediately."
3. Article VIII. Paragraph B. At the end of the sentence, add "at a Board meeting."



Ask The Dance Diva

Dear Dance Diva,

OUCH! Pardon my scribbles. I am sitting here writing with my left hand cause my right has been put out of commission. Last night I went dancing and found myself in a struggle for survival during a hot rendition of Livin' La Vida Loca! I guess it really isn't that bad, MS. Diva. But tell me how do I tell a guy that he is leading me WAAAAAY too hard and to ease off without scaring off a dance partner?

Signed,
Too Timid to Say STOP!

Dear TISS,

Wow – that brings back memories of my first dance partner, Bubba. After a night of wild turns and burns with the SwingMaster, I would go home like a Monday night football player, bruised and worn out. And did strong Bubba ever have a fragile ego.

One night, after the ibuprofen kicked in, I thought about how I could convey my pain to him. There are two things I could do. Very nicely tell Bubba to SLACK OFF...and learn how to protect myself. It is your right to say BACK OFF BUBBA. Some guys don't realize what they are doing and given the correct, specific knowledge would change. Delivery/timing is everything. Tell your partner about the great double turn but slip in that you could do it so much better with a little less lead. Protect yourself by learning how and when to relax your arms and never allow them to get overextended. YOU learn how to balance yourself to better handle the rough stuff. When all else fails a smack upside the head gets their attention (just kidding). A kindly suggestion of private lessons may help.

Let's not forget the Bubbettes that claw down on the man's hand and hang on for dear life. No No girls. When they walk off the dance floor rubbing their shoulder, that is a warning sign. Anyway Bubba and I got along fine after I told him until he decided that motorcycles was his new adventure hobby. It was pretty hard to bolero with a guy in leather chaps! See you on the dance floor...

Dance Diva

Have a question? Need advice from the Dance Diva. Email usabdancediva@hotmail.com She is here to inform and advise.



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Next Board Meeting - Wednesday, Dec 1, 7pm at Mahogany Hall. All members are welcome to attend

“All the ills of mankind, all the tragic misfortunes that fill the history books, all the political blunders, all the failures of the great leaders have arisen merely from a lack of skill at dancing.” By Moliere, 17th century french dramatist

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Information and items of interest are welcome. In order to be considered for inclusion in the newsletters send requests by email to cappasusan@hotmail.com.



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Change Service Requested

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USABDA 2004/2005 Dance Schedule

2004

Nov 13	ERC	Waltz	Luana Conte, Always Ballroom
Dec 11	CMH	No Lesson	Performance by Fiesta Dance Group

2005

Jan 15	ERC	Chacha	Bonita Brockert	John Bramhall
Feb 19	ERC	WC Swing	Mary Ramirez-Cook	Tony Rimkus
Mar 19	CMH	No Lesson		Jack Meinking
Apr 23	ERC	Lead/Follow	Larry May	Jack Yaus
May 21	ERC	Rumba	Doreen Beatrice	Tony Rimkus
Jun 18	ERC	Waltz	Terry Cavanaugh	Jack Meinking
Jul 16	ERC	Tango	Staff, Always Ballroom	Terry Cavanaugh
Aug 13	ERC	Samba	Tracy Kellum	Jack Yaus
Sep 17	ERC	EC Swing	Jeff Bill	Tony Rimkus
Oct 29	CMH	No Lesson		Jack Meinking
Nov 12	ERC	Fox Trot	Piper Landis	John Bramhall
Dec 10	CMH	No Lesson		Jack Yaus

Group Lesson 8-9pm, General Dancing 9-11:30pm Subject to change
 ERC Evendale Recreational Center, 10500 Reading Road (just north of Glendale Milford)
 CMH Cincinnati Music Hall 1243 Elm Street, Downtown Cincinnati
 Admission \$7 for member, \$10 for non-members

Shall We Dance Publicity Night



If you decided to sit home on the couch instead of attending our Cinci Mills *Shall We Dance* publicity party - you missed out! Dancing for people who are not used to "Ballroom" is definitely cool. We entertained the mall crowd, publicized the movie and got a few plugs in for USABDA all at once.

Thanks to all who participated. We extended the evening by dancing even more at the Copacabanna. Owner Don Mowry invited USABDA members to see his new facility

and keep the evening going. Oh and the movie - well you will just have to buy a ticket and find out if Richard Gere prefers American or International and has learned to dip Jennifer Lopez? (Forget about Jennifer Lopez, I kept waiting for Richard Gere to show up - Did you forget to send him an invitation Vivian?) *Susan Cappa, editor*

P.S. Thanks to Vivian Cosio for her hard work in organizing the event and to those who showed up early to get things started.

COMP-Spot

The newsletter staff is happy to introduce Sherry Borchelt as a writer/reporter for the *Competition News* or the "Comp-Spot". We will focus as Sherry puts it "on the journey rather than the destination". Let's learn more about Sherry and her background....

By Sherry Borchelt

Welcome readers to COMP-Spot! My objective is to make this an informative journey into the exciting world of ballroom competition. You may want to know what makes me knowledgeable to write this column.

Like many of you, an event motivated my husband, Jim to sign us up for dance lessons. Flash back to 1999. Jim and I were married 33 years and had never danced together. Jim's objective was simple - for him to feel at least partially comfortable dancing at our daughter's wedding. He achieved that goal, and we both became hooked on wanting to learn more so we could move competently around the dance floor in a social setting.

Our progress, as well as passion for competitive dancing grew as a result of the excellent coaching received from our professional instructor, Jozsef Parragh. We started competing three years ago as an Amateur couple and are currently ranked 9th in the USA DanceSport Superbowl for Amateur couples. Jozsef and I compete in the Professional/Amateur (Pro/Am) division. We earned the National Runner-Up title for Bronze 10 Dance Championships at Las Vegas in 2003. In 2004, we were selected as one of the top 24 couples in the USA for the Open International Standard team match held in Atlanta.

While winning at a competition is always a thrill, it's just as much fun and exhilarating to see the progress made at competitions whether you win a trophy or not. That's why focus for this column will be more about the journey than the destination. I will be introducing twelve topics over the next year that hopefully will peak your interest about competing. If there are specific areas you want to learn more about let us know. Watch for the next edition, "Is Competing for You & How to Get Started?" Until then, keep on dancing!

Note: Don't forget Ohio Star Ball Comps coming up November 16-21. For more information: www.ohiostarball.com.



Lessons and Studio Events

A-Marika

Sharonville
Mary Ramirez-Cook 769-0409
Come in and see our new studio at 10831 Sharondale Road. Call for direction.
Beginning Nov 14, 21, 28
Beginning Swing 7:15-8:15pm
Advanced Foxtrot *:30- 9:30pm
Cost per class \$5, \$10 per set (all 3)

Always Ballroom

Elizabeth Apesos - 937-256-2626
alwaysballroom@aol.com
www.alwaysballroom.com
Luana Conte will be teaching Waltz at the November 13th USABDA dance.

Bernice DuBro Dance

East Dayton
Bernice DuBro
(937) 435-9099 or 254-6442
artmay@aol.com calsn.net/bdance

November Schedule

Monday

6:30 - Inter. Merengue/Salsa/Cont'd
7:30 - Begin Bronze Lev 1, 6 wk Basic Ballroom (Waltz - FoxTrot - Swing - Rumba) (*This special 6 week course starts Nov. 8, 7:30pm.)*
8:30 - Bronze Lev 2, 6 week Basic Ballroom

Wednesday

6:30 - Intermediate West Coast Swing/Continued
7:30 - Intermediate/Bronze Level 3 Fox Trot
8:30 - Advanced Bronze Level 4 Swing

Thursday

6:30 - Beginning/Silver Cha Cha
7:30 - Intermediate/Silver Rumba
8:30 - Advanced/Silver Fox Trot
Friday Night Dances will be held on Friday, November 19 and on Friday, December 17, from 8:00pm to 11:00pm. at the studio. Cost is \$6 each person. Refreshments included. Music provided by D.J. John Bramhall.

Brockert Dance Studio

Bonita Brockert
(513) 851-8101 geneb@one.net

Copacabanna

Fairfield, Cinti Mills
A Non-Alcoholic and Non-Smoking Nightclub where you have room to dance!
www.Copacabanna.com

These Events Recur Each and Every Week

Tue, 1-3pm Senior Citizens Big Band Sounds and some Line Dances \$3pp \$5 dancing couple

Wed, 7-8pm "ADVANCED LEVEL SALSA LESSON" 8-11pm Dance to a mix of Salsa, Merengue, ChaCha, Cumbia, Bachata, Swing and Ballroom Style \$8

Fri, 7-8pm Intermediate to Advanced Lesson
Instructor & Dance Lesson to be announced

8-11pm Open Dance \$10

Sat, 8-11pm Open Dance \$10

Sun, 6-8pm Beginner Class \$10

Danse Royale Ballroom

West Chester
Veronica Rocco (Homme) (513) 779-0500
DanseRoyaleBallroom@fuse.net
www.danseroyaleballroom.com

Please check website calendar before making schedule decisions.

National Dance Board member Larry May is currently at our studio- anyone interested in his very excellent instruction please email us.

Mondays - 6 wk Salsa Series (all levels) registration required

Tuesdays - Private lessons only

Wednesdays - 7:30-10:30PM Latin Night Lesson 7:30 (different dance every week, including Hustle) \$10 lesson + dance, \$5 dance only.

Thursdays - Ballroom Techniques (7:30pm smooth and 8:30pm rhythm)

Fridays & Saturdays - Monthly Parties - 2nd Friday (Ballroom), 4th Saturday (Salsa)

Cincinnati Salsa Club - Yearly membership and monthly Sat.dances - for more information: cincinnati@salsaclub@fuse.net

Saturday, November 27th - Cincinnati Salsa Club monthly social 8:30PM-1:00AM. All day Salsa workshops coming email / call for information.

Dance Club

Withamsville
Jeff Bill 753-5265

Elegance In Dance

Miamisburg
Terry & Angie Cavanaugh (93) 885-0108
acavanaugh@earthlink.net

Larry May Dance Studio

Dayton/Cincinnati
Larry May 937-219-4612

Mahogany Hall

Evendale
Nancy Farrell (513) 769-3262
nancysbk@fuse.net

Jozsef Parragh's Workshops

November 7 = Rumba

November 14 = Samba

November 21 = No Workshop (will be competing at Ohio Star Ball)

November 28 = No Workshop (Thanksgiving - enjoy family gatherings)

Step-N-Out

Covington
Doreen Beatrice
stepnoutstudio.com
Friday Night Practice Dance Nov. 12th 8-10:30 pm including group \$5
Sunday Evening Ballroom Dance Nov. 21st 6-7 workshop dancing after until 8:30pm \$15.
Check out website for more info.
If you want to join us for the Saturday Evening Show at The Ohio Star Ball on Nov. 20th, I need to have the ticket monies in ASAP. (\$50/ticket).

The Best of Ballroom

Blue Ash
Piper Landis (513) 984-6222
thebestofballroom@yahoo.com

Top Hat Dance Studio

Hamilton and Fairfield
Peggy James (513) 896-4287
ecurbsemaj@juno.com
Over 20 years experience. Certified bronze and silver. Call for information for private lessons..
Annual showcase, November 7 - call for details.

Tracy Kellum Studio

Tracy Kellum (513) 688-1662

Wissel Dance Studio

Lebanon
Dave Wissel (513) 932-3349



Dayton Dances - Arbor Hall

Nov. 6th: 76 Dance Club
Nov. 13th: Dancetonian Dance Club
Nov. 27th: Swing and Sway Dance Club

Arbor Hall

2150 Arbor Blvd, Dayton, OH
Open to the public
8:00PM - 11:00PM. \$10 per person



Look for these columns in the future:

From Bolero to Biceps - Dance Fitness
Around the Town - Places to dance in Cincinnati

USABDA does not endorse any particular studio or instructor, but recognizes that good instruction is available from a variety of people throughout the area. For the rest of the year we will continue to list your lessons and events as in previous newsletters. This page however, will be evolving over the next few months. Your comments and suggestions will be appreciated.