



Newsletter

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January 2013

President's Corner

By Bob Olszewski

It was a wonderful Christmas Party! I want to thank all who helped make it so successful. Those that supplied the great food, the beautiful decorations, the DJ, and all involved in organizing. Great job. I think my first article should be to introduce the board of directors you elected and give you insight of our plans and goals for the club. Bob "O" - President, Betsy Beldner- Vice President, Connie Vance - Treasurer, Toni Roberts - Asst. Treasurer, Kim McDermott - Secretary, Directors Steve Martindale, Barry Weissglass, Raymond Paskauskas, and Inge Sander.

Our goal is to increase membership and to make the dance experience pleasant and fun. Since we are all volunteers, another goal is to split -up responsibilities, so no one member is over burdened. We plan to budget for our activities, segregate financial duties to afford us checks and balances, and prepare an organized form to make it easier for the host to reconcile. Guidelines are being developed for group lessons, floor fees, expense reimbursements, and pantry inventory control.

I can't close before telling you that since joining the Ballroom Club, I have met so many friendly wonderful new friends. And, I sure can't close without thanking all those women who helped me and survived my poor leads and dancing. Have a healthy, happy 2013.

Happy Birthday!

Tina Baxley	Jan 14
Margit Beres-Paskauskas	Jan 26
Marie Cristo	Jan 1
George Gatounis.....	Jan 1
Lee Montminy	Jan 17
Toni Roberts	Jan 7
James Shanks	Jan 8

Special Events

BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Regular Sunday Night Swing Dances

Sundays, Jan 6, 13, 20, 27

6:00 Beginning Swing, 7:00 Advanced Swing

7:30 – 10:00 Dance Party

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Monthly Board Meeting

Friday, January 18, 6:00 – 7:30

Ballroom Dance Club

Potluck – Soup Party

Saturday, January 19

7:30 Lesson, 8:30 Dance

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Please bring your favorite soup, side dish, or dessert.

Elite International Dance Studio Night at BDC

Saturday, January 26

7:30 Lesson, Waltz, Marina

8:30 Dance Party

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

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Mystery Dancer

Be the first to guess the identity of this mystery dancer and win 2 free passes to a regular Friday or Saturday night dance! If you think you know, contact ConnieVance10@gmail.com. (Last month's mystery dancer was Normandie Updyke)



This mystery dancer grew up in Cleveland, Ohio along with four brothers and two sisters. The military took him to Schwabisch Gmund, Germany for a time where he was a nuclear missile crewman. Then he was off to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a job and finally, to Charleston in 1989 for a new job.

He began line dancing about 15 years ago and joined a team, which performed at the Ladson Fair and several nursing homes. We ladies are very glad he switched over to ballroom though! He competed in UCWDC Pro-Am for two years, which included West Coast, Cha-Cha, Night Club Two-Step, and Waltz. When he is not dancing, he enjoys riding his motorcycle, boating, and hanging out with LS and AV.

He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Lakeland College in Cleveland, a degree in Electrical Engineering from Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana, and finally, a masters degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Who is he?

Member Procedures

Expense Reimbursement

- 1) For general items: Get prior approval from President Bob O in person, by phone, or e-mail then make purchase. 843-482-0871, 609-827-8832, mbolszewski@homesc.com
- 2) For hosting special parties: Get prior approval of budget amount from Betsy 843-830-5947 or leb880@aol.com
- 3) Fill out expense voucher located on website or at front desk in file
- 4) Attach receipts
- 5) Mail or give to President Bob for approval:
BDC President Bob Olszewski,
208 Schooner Bend Ave
Summerville, SC 29483

Hosting Parties

- 1) Follow food and other guidelines from Vice President/Party Director Betsy
- 2) Record usage of any unopened packages or jars on inventory sheet located in the pantry on the wall.
- 3) Follow directions on back of attendance sheet, complete form.

Private Lessons

- 1) Instructor posts his/her name on calendar located in DJ corner.
- 2) Students sign in on sheet at front desk
- 3) By 10th of following month, instructor should leave a check or cash along with detail of payment, including dates, in the box provided (not party cash box) or give it to Assistant Treasurer Toni.

Floor Use Rental

- 1) Schedule on calendar if possible or coordinate with Toni for long-term use
- 2) Sign in on sheet at front desk
- 3) Put check to BDC or cash with envelope provided in separate box (not party cash box) or give it to Asst Treas. Toni.
- 4) Member fee is \$10 per hour.

Group Lessons

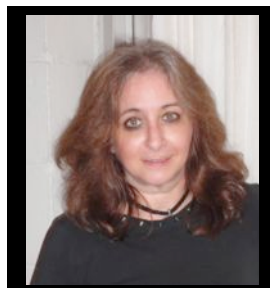
- 1) Instructor enter planned lessons three months ahead on the form provided (on the bulletin board.)

Dance Instructors

Private Lessons: The BDC is fortunate in that it has five great professional dance instructors, if you are interested in private lessons.



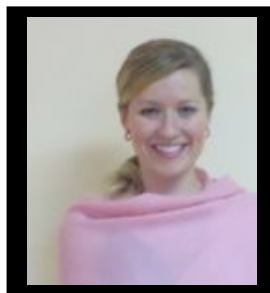
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Dance Lessons Galore!

Mondays - Group Lessons

Debbie Housand, 7:00-8:00

Advanced Samba 4 weeks)

Stephen Duane 4:15-5:15

Youth Swing, Lindy Hop \$5 Person

Tuesdays – Group Lessons

David Roland, 7:00-8:30

Night Club 2-Step (4 weeks)

Thursdays – Group Lessons

Stephen Duane, 7:00-8:00

Beginner Waltz (5 weeks)

Marina Fridmanovich, 8:00-9:00

Intermediate Bolero (5 weeks)

Saturdays – Group Youth International Lessons

Sandrina, 11:30-12:30, \$5

Sundays – Advanced Group Youth Lessons

David Roland 1:00 – 2:00

Class Price List	
1 Monday Class - (4 weeks)	\$30
1 Tuesday Class - (4 weeks)	40
1 Monday, 1 Tuesday	60
1 Thursday Class (5 weeks)	40
2 Thursday Classes (5 weeks)	70
Non-members add \$10 per class for M, T	

Friday/Saturdays Lessons vary every week--see the calendar for details. There is an hour-long lesson before the regular dance AND it is included in the price of party admission! Light snack food, sodas, and coffee are also included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Dress code is always your choice!

NEW!! Sundays: Stephen Duane will host a regular Sunday night swing dance starting January 6. The time is 6:00 – 10:00 and will have either a live band or DJ and party snacks. The cost \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members. See page 4 for more information.

Gift Certificates Available!



Contact Toni for gift certificates.
gizmo@qz42.com or 843-482-0871.

Available in \$5 and \$10 increments.

NEW! Night Club Two-Step



David will be teaching Night Club Two-Step group classes in January. This beautiful and graceful dance is similar to Bolero

The "Two Step" was developed in 1965 by a 15 year old teen from Whitaker, Illinois named Buddy Schwimmer. Buddy was doing a line dance called "Surfer Stomp". It was based on two steps and a stomp. This worked well with fast music, but the footwork was too slow for medium and slow tempo songs. The timing was changed and it went from a line dance to a partnership dance. This then became the dance called "Two Step". Eventually in 1978, Buddy opened a dance studio in Costa Mesa, California and started teaching "Night Club Two Step".

The "Two Step", like all dances has gone through changes over time. It has evolved into two different feeling dances. The original footwork was "Rock, In Place, Side" (Quick, Quick, Slow), which exists in the dance called "Night Club Two Step".

The Country Western dancers have adopted it and have included it in their competitions. However, it has been "ballroomized" into a dance called "Ballroom Two Step". Ballroom Two Step's basic foot work is "Side, Cross Behind, In Place (Slow, Quick, Quick). These two variations have very different feelings.

The "Ballroom Two Step" is very gliding, continuous, strong and powerful with a big sweeping feeling. It is precise and quite technical. "Night Club Two Step" feels more like a choppy Cha Cha and is quite compact. It has a more casual relaxed feeling.

The "Ballroom Two Step" and "Night club Two Step" are not fad dances. They are here to stay. The "Two Step" is popular in California and all along the west coast. It's popularity is slowly moving east. It is taught at BYU (Brigham-Young University) and is starting to be taught in Europe. It is just a matter of time before it is danced everywhere in the United States.

Source: Internet

NEW! Sunday Night Swing



If you like great music, BDC is the place to be on Sunday nights! Join Stephen Duane every Sunday night for a lesson at 6:00 and then for dancing and party snacks. Stephen has a great selection of authentic jazz music or there will be a live band, which always adds to the fun. There will be three main bands in general rotation. The first on January 6 will be the V-Tones.

1. The V-Tones: a Gypsy-Style Variety Band led by Noodle McDoodle that's main characteristic is a strong rotation of local musicians and 1920's Swing tunes.
2. She Goes He Goes: a 1930's-style Trad Jazz Swing band led by Hillary Arnold that was specifically formed to create songs that are great for dancing Lindy Hop.
3. Classic Memories: a 1940's-style Big Band led by Mike Larsen that specializes in a wide variety of Swing, Latin, and Smooth dance songs that are perfect for Ballroom dancing.
4. DJ ButteredBiscuit: Your very own Stephen Duane who specializes in collecting authentic Jazz music and sharing his love for the Golden Age of Swing.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. What a great way to end the week!!



Christmas Party!!!

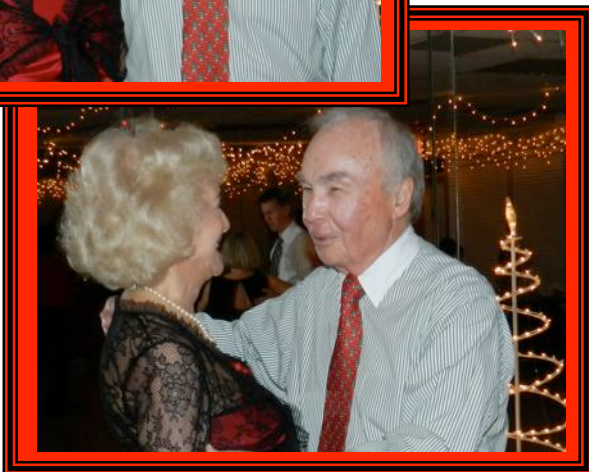
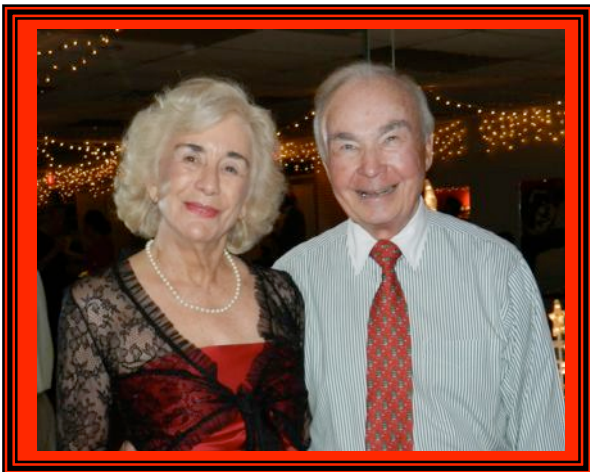
**Thanks to Board
Members, both old and
new, for furnishing the
food, decorating, and
cleaning up afterwards.**

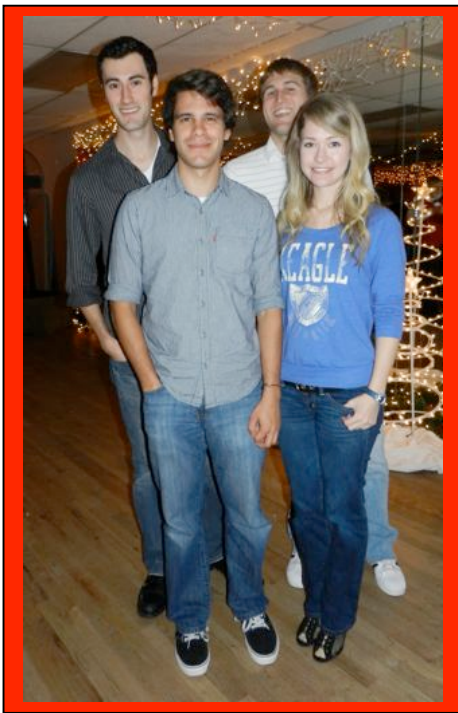
**It was a very Merry
Christmas indeed!!!**

















NOTES

Pictures of the New Year's Eve Party will be sent later!

BDC Hosting Calendar for 2013

Have a Major Event? Call to schedule your Special Night! Reach Betsy 795-8680

