



Newsletter

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July 2013

President's Corner

By Bob Olszewski

Wow! Two great events in one month! Thanks to Betsy and Larry for hosting a fun Luau party, and thanks to all who contributed. And, if you didn't see Debbie's Showcase on Sunday, June 23, you really missed a great event. The decorations, food, and our dancers were superb! I must start practicing more.

I currently have twelve (12) responses to the opinion survey, if you haven't filled out a form, they are located at the front desk. The Board intends to discuss your suggestions at the board meeting on Saturday, July 13th.

Here are a few things your Board of Directors is working on:

1. Raymond is continuously working to make our website easier to use within USA's format. Note that he added instructions on the site for you to make it easier to locate the calendar and other information you may want.
2. Formed an outreach committee, chaired by Barry, to help to get new people involved in dancing. Suggestions are welcome.
3. One of the air conditioners was not working and has been repaired. Also, maintenance was performed on all three units.
4. We have an estimate to refinish the perimeter of our dance floor and it will be voted on at the next board meeting. The dance floor is the club's greatest asset so we all must do our part to protect it. We can help by walking around the perimeter with food and drinks. This will also keep you from interfering with your fellow dancers.

Happy Birthday!

Jocelyn Aluague.....	July 24
Russell Barber	July 29
Carol Ann Bly	July 23
Ledlie Bell	July 5
Kathryn Cox	July 15
Debbie Hanahan	July 7
Kenneth Henson	July 21
Bob Hyatt	July 14
Virginia Keith	July 3
Charissa Koon (Strange)	July 31
Brett May	July 31
Bob Ramey	July 14
John Redant	July 6
Kathleen Stringer	July 5

Special Events

Board Meeting - BDC

Saturday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 20

7:30 Fox Trot Lesson - James, 8:30 Dance Party

Bring your Favorite Ice Cream Pairing

(Toppings, Pie, Cookies, Cake, etc)

Studio Night with Elite International Dance Studio

Saturday, July 27 at BDC

7:30 Bachata Lesson - Marina, 8:30 Dance Party

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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.



She was born in Heidleburg, Germany but grew up in South Carolina. Living close to the beach, most children learn to swim but this mystery dancer was swimming at age 3! In 2006 she moved to Charleston so that her daughter could attend Bishop England High School.

We all know she is a good businesswoman, we just didn't know how early she started! At the age of 20, she helped open a snack bar where she set up about 20 feet of shelving for gifts, t-shirts and souvenirs. After only a year, she remodeled a store down the street for expansion, plus another building that had previously been a bingo establishment. She currently manages commercial property in Myrtle Beach.

She started dancing in 2007 taking Shag lessons at Alhambra Hall. Then, Tina told her that BDC was a safe and friendly place for ladies to dance. She says that her first time at BDC was somewhat intimidating, but long-time members were great with instructions and patience.

When she is not working and dancing, she likes to bike, swim, walk, cook, travel, and spend time with her husband. She places the most importance in life on her relationship with God and her husband.



Opinion Survey

The board has received only 12 completed

surveys so far in June but hope for more before they are reviewed at the next board meeting on July 13. The Board wants to know what you think about all aspects of our club – positive or negative. A list of topics is on the survey (page 5) with room for your comments or suggestions, but please feel free to add other topics. You can either put the completed form or any scrap of paper in the suggestion box or email/mail it to President Bob (address on form).



Welcome New Members!

We have several new members and one of them is listed here. We welcome all new members to our dance chapter and hope that they will enjoy it as much as we do. The remainder of new members will be featured in later newsletters as we get information and photos.



Todd Biegger joined our club in June after dancing here just a few months. He moved to our area from Charlotte, NC four years ago to work as Superintendent of the Crowfield Golf Club in Goose Creek. Todd is divorced with two children, Daniel and Megan. When he is not working, he enjoys golf of course, dancing, all outdoors activities, and quality time with family. Thanks to Jim for introducing him to our club.

Membership Renewal Update



All BDC memberships expired May 31 and after 3 weeks, we already have 63 renewals! The annual fee is \$45 for the first four months, then it is prorated.

Starting July 1, the party entry fee will be \$10 for anyone who has not renewed plus class fees are also higher. But, if you decide it is better for you to remain a guest, we welcome you as always. The more the merrier!

Three ways to renew:

- When you come to a party in July
 - Mail a check to Bob Olszewski at 208 Schooner Bend Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483
 - Drop a check in the safe at the club.
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Monthly Dance Classes

What other dance venue has four group dance classes scheduled every week plus an hour lesson on both Friday and Saturday! The monthly group classes are structured so that there is a different dance featured each month.

Every week, the instructor reviews the previous weeks and adds a new step. This repetitive method is very effective. Because it is a progressive class, it is important to start on the first week of the month to avoid having to catch up with the rest of the class, thereby slowing their progress.

BEGINNER to BRONZE

Thursday

7:00 – 8:00, Stephen Duane, 843-557-7690



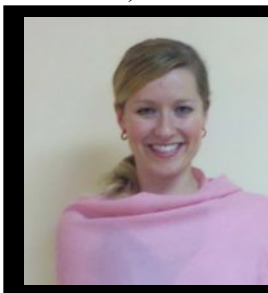
New to the dance floor or maybe you tried but realized that you had two left feet? A beginning dancer focuses on one aspect of dance only, which makes you forget about the music and or timing. You are just trying to move! After a while your feet move in time with the

music. Now you are a basic dancer, beginning to lead and follow takes on new meaning. Beginning dance classes teach the basic frame and body positions, a breakdown of the basic rhythm and steps of the essential ballroom dances such as Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Swing, Rumba, and Cha Cha.

INTERMEDIATE

Thursday

8:00 – 9:00, Marina Fridmanovich, 843-654-1011



You have been dancing for a while, you have the basics down, and you want to perfect your dancing. It's time for Intermediate Class. These classes will teach you how to move around the floor with confidence (sequencing

steps together), how to lead and follow, how to add drive to your steps, how to add styling (Latin movement, contra-body movement, arm styling, etc.).

INTERMEDIATE continued

The intermediate dancer needs to be able to change direction at a given moment, know the line of dance, and know the sequence of steps. You are beginning to “drive” your steps and move your own body versus someone moving it for you. You are mastering the components of dance so that you learn new patterns much easier.

ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

Tuesday

7:00 – 8:30, David Roland, 843-568-6888



Now that you have become a little more confident and comfortable, you can move on to more advanced technique and styling. Refining good lead and follow is a major part of dance. Without it, true dance cannot happen and you end up with 2 sets of

memorized steps that hopefully happen at the same time. This class will start with a half-hour of lead-follow and technique that will be applied to the dance of the month. The last hour will include advanced intermediate patterns.

ADVANCED – ANYTHING GOES

Monday

7:00–8:00, Debbie Housand, 843-991-3601



The advanced dancer is someone who already understands directional movement for all dances. You can change direction on a moment's notice to avoid obstacles (other dancers). The advanced dancer utilizes sway and contra body where needed

to enhance movement. You can remember about footwork and body position in different movements. This class will incorporate new and creative moves!

Monthly Class Price List – Members	One Class	Multiple
*Monday Class – 5 weeks	\$40	\$35
*Tuesday Class – 5 weeks	40	35
Thursday Class – 3 weeks	25	20
*Non-Members Mon, Tues	+10	+5

Monthly Group Classes

Mondays – Anything Goes Lessons

Debbie Housand, 7:00-8:00

Tango (5 weeks)

Stephen Duane 4:15-5:15

Youth Swing, Lindy Hop \$5 Person

Tuesdays – Intermediate to Advanced Lessons

David Roland, 7:00-8:30

Lead Follow Bolero – 7:00 – 7:30

Bolero Pattern 7:30 – 8:30 (5 weeks)

Thursdays – Beginner-Bronze Lessons

Stephen Duane, 7:00-8:00

Waltz (4 weeks)

Marina Fridmanovich, 8:00-9:00

Intermediate Salsa (4 weeks)

Saturdays – Youth International Lessons

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

Sundays – Advanced Youth Lessons

David Roland 1:00–2:00

Dance Floor Available For Practice

Our dance floor is available to members for private lessons and practice. All private lesson students and members using the floor for practice should enter this information on the sign-in sheet located at the front desk.

- ✓ The floor-use charge for practice is \$10 per hour for members. (Private lessons already include the cost of floor use.)
- ✓ Payment envelopes are on the sign-in sheet clipboard at the front desk (place \$ in safe).
- ✓ Prepaid discount rates are available for practice.

Discount Rates

30 Hours Floor Rental \$250 (\$8 per hour)

50 Hours Floor Rental \$350 (\$7 per hour)

If you would like to schedule practice time, please contact Toni at 330-416-1712 for a door access code.

Reminders

Dancers – Please walk around the edge of the dance floor to protect both the dancers and the floor from food spills.

DJs – Many dancers need, and most appreciate, an announcement before each song as to the dance type.

Dance Parties

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 included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Dress code is always your choice! There will be a Dance Host every Saturday night, so for all you ladies – no dance partner necessary!

Sunday night parties include a great band most of the time. While they do focus on the Charleston and Lindy Hop dances, there is also music for ballroom dancers as well.

June 30 – Classic Memories Big Band 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.

July 7 – to be announced

July 14 – Keith Jones with Makeshifts are out of Cincinnati, Ohio and are truly a throwback to the late 40's and early 50's. Taking their inspiration from the early jump blues artists along with traditional Rockabilly, they create a sound that, while fresh, seems to channel these great decades of the past. The Makeshifts' songs are jam-packed with quick and creative guitar solos, soulful singing, swingin' bass walks and solid, thumping drum beats. The Makeshifts have played all over the country

July 21 The V-Tones: a Gypsy-Style Variety Band led by Noodle McDoodle whose main characteristic is a strong rotation of local musicians and 1920's Swing tunes.

June 28 – to be announced

Ice Cream Social

By Betsy Beldner

On Saturday, July 20, it's our favorite - Ice Cream Social Pot Luck! We will have store bought ice cream. What's your favorite topping? Is your specialty churning your own? Is ice cream only good on top of your favorite pie or cake? Whatever you please, bring it on! But, if you forget, please bring yourself, because there will be plenty. Dancing on top of all that!



OPINION SURVEY – JUNE 2013

Dear BDC guest or member;

We need your help to make BDC even more fun than it is now.

What would you like to see that would make you more likely to come to our weekend parties, our weekday lessons and other events? To start you off, there is a list of possible items of interest below. However, feel free to add any other ideas.

Remember.....It's YOUR BDC. Help make it what you want!

Dance Parties	Website
DJ Music	Shutterfly Website for Photos
Instructor – Dance Lessons	Calendar
Dance Host	Newsletter
Decorations/Atmosphere	E-mail Notification of Events
Snacks	Building Maintenance and Cleanliness
Week Night Classes Mon, Tues, Thurs	

I recommend BDC _____

Thank you for you time and input. Please complete this form and drop it in the suggestion box or mail to: Bob Olszewski, 208 Schooner Bend Ave, Summerville, SC 29483, mbolszewski@homesc.com

Optional: Your Name and Contact Information: _____

Member's Shopping Corner

Support your fellow members! One-page ad space is available for \$30 a month.



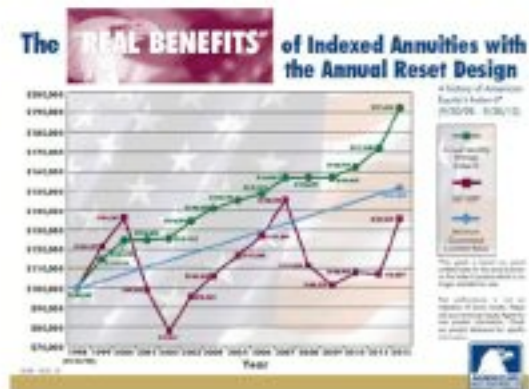
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Fig trees are easy to grow! The fruit can be eaten fresh or used for cooking and baking. Fig trees do well in containers and in almost all types of soil. They can be kept as small as 6' with regular pruning.

(Source - Four Winds Growers, Internet)

For Sale - Black Turkey Fig Trees

Ready for transplant, these fig trees can be planted now with no problem as long as they have water. Sizes vary from 3' (pictured here) to 8'. The larger ones have small figs on them now. They will grow to about 15' tall with the branches sprawling to the side. Very easy to grow!
Small - \$10, Medium - \$15, Large \$25. Will deliver for a small fee depending on location.

Allen Vance - Call 843-754-5087 or 843-469-7299.

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Ad price of \$30 includes one full page in the newsletter, a special section on the website, and space on the member shopping board at BDC.