



Newsletter

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June 2013

President's Corner

By Bob Olszewski

June begins the renewal of the membership for our dance club as they all expire May 31. When you renew your club membership, we will also be happy to accept your renewal for USA Dance to save you time and effort -- if it is due now.

At our May 25th board meeting, we voted on a new structure for membership fees. As you will see in the new rate schedule on page 2, it is beneficial to join in June and save. Nine (9) visits to the club is the point that you break even. After the ninth time you attend, you will save \$5 each time you come to a party. If you check all of the other dance facilities in the Charleston area, the Ballroom Dance Club is the most inexpensive way to enjoy an evening of dancing and associating with a wonderful group of people. During the month of June, you may pay your renewal fee of \$45 at a party along with the regular entry rate of \$5. After June though, the party rate will be \$10 until the renewal fee is received. Join early and start saving!

Also, the board is interested in what you think about a variety of topics related to our club. A survey was emailed out recently and there are copies on the desk. I encourage you to participate. See pages 2 and 5.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all you members who host for the club and the dedicated DJ's who play the music for us to dance. The hosts greet us at the door, set up food, clean up, and both the hosts and DJ's give up some of their dance time for us. All of these members are an invaluable part to make our club a success. Thank you.

Happy Birthday!

Amy Gause	June 22
C. Michelle Simmons	June 11
Chuck Erckert	June 23
Gunars Medins	June 12
Joseph Reeves	June 8
Lydia Barber	June 15
Maurice Olfus	June 15
Raymond Paskauskas	June 6
Sharon Campbell	June 30
William A. Green	June 16

Special Events

Studio Night with Carolina Dancesport Studio

Friday, May 31 at BDC

7:30 Foxtrot Lesson - Josh

8:30 Dance Party

BDC Independent Instructor Night

Saturday, June 1 at BDC

7:30 Tango Lesson - David, 8:30 Dance Party

Board Meeting - BDC

Saturday, June 8, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Hawaiian Dance – Potluck, Costumes

Friday, June 14

7:30 Waltz Lesson - Stephen, 8:30 Dance Party

Debbie's Showcase 2:00 – 5:00

Sunday, June 23

\$15 Advance, \$20 Door

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Welcome New Members!

We have several new members since November 1 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.



Maurice Olfus

Joined November 12, 2012
Shown here with Master Tai Chi and Qigong instructor, Jesse Tsao, he was born in Washington, DC, grew up in

Glenarden Woods, Maryland, and is now living in Charleston. East coast, correct?

But, in between Maryland and South Carolina, he lived in five other countries - Germany, Philippines, Jamaica, Haiti, and Cote d'Ivoire. There were other short periods of time in Spain, France, Monaco, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, Italy Portugal, Morocco, Japan, Hong Kong, Austria, Australia, Russia, and Mexico. What kind of careers would take you to all these places? Well, those would be Overseas Private Investment, Air Force, Foreign Military Sales Analyst, Peace Corps, and Department of State Foreign Service.

Now that he is "retired", he is a certified Tai Chi Instructor, Rescue Diver, Dive Master Candidate, and also enjoys chess, ballroom dance, gardening, traveling, foreign languages, working out, reading, research, and astronomy. WHEW, some retirement! Although he enjoys all dances, the Latin ones are his favorites.



Opinion Survey

The board voted to send out an opinion survey by email in an effort to improve the club. They want to know what you think about all aspects of our club – positive or negative. A list of topics is on the survey with room for your comments or suggestions. Please feel free to add other topics. If you did not get a survey, there will be copies at BDC or there is one on page 5 of this newsletter. You can either put the completed form in the suggestion box or email/mail it to President Bob (address on form).



Membership Renewal



As President Bob said in his corner, June membership renewal time is here starting June 1..... all BDC memberships expire May 31. The board voted to reduce the annual fee \$3 from \$48 in June to \$45 for the first four months, then it is prorated as shown below.

You will save money if you come more than nine times a year. But, if you decide it is better for you to remain a guest, we welcome you as always. The more the merrier!

Prorated Membership Schedule

Month	Membership Renewal or New Member	Party Entry for Non-Renewals	Party Entry for Renewals and New Members
June	\$45	\$5	\$5
July	\$45	\$10	\$5
August	\$45	\$10	\$5
September	\$45	\$10	\$5
October	\$40	\$10	\$5
November	\$35	\$10	\$5
December	\$30	\$10	\$5
January	\$25	\$10	\$5
February	\$20	\$10	\$5
March	\$15	\$10	\$5
April	\$10	\$10	\$5
May	\$5	\$10	\$5



BDC is a long-time member of USA Dance and they require that all of our members also be a member of their organization. Their fee is minimal (\$25 a year) and includes a monthly dance magazine and a reduced entry at all USA affiliated dances around the US. Their dues should be paid on your anniversary date when they bill you, but if yours is due now, we will be happy to submit that for you.

Three ways to renew:

- A board member will be on hand at all parties in June for membership renewals
- You may mail a check to Bob Olszewski at 208 Schooner Bend Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483
- Drop a check in the safe at the club.

Monthly Dance Classes

Wow! 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



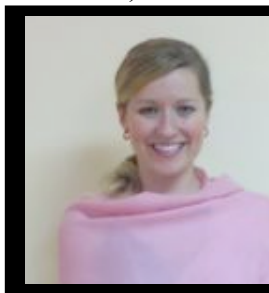
New to the dance floor or maybe you tried but realized that you had two left feet? A beginning dancer focuses on one aspect of dance only, which makes you forget about the music and or timing. You are just trying to move! After a while your feet move in time with the

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



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.).

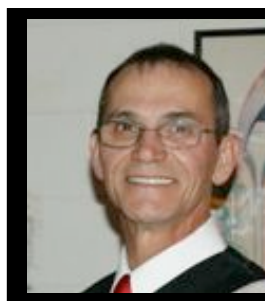
INTERMEDIATE continued

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



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



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	\$30	\$25
*Tuesday Class	40	35
Thursday Class	30	25
*Non-Members Mon, Tues	+10	+5

Monthly Group Classes

Mondays – Anything Goes Lessons

Debbie Housand, 7:00-8:00

Bolero – Showcase Formation (4 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 Waltz – 7:00 – 7:30

Waltz Pattern 7:30 – 8:30 (4 weeks)

Thursdays – Beginner-Bronze Lessons

Stephen Duane, 7:00-8:00

Salsa (4 weeks)

Marina Fridmanovich, 8:00-9:00

Intermediate Tango (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.

Practice Rates

\$10 per hour, \$5 per half-hour

\$200 for 25 hours of prepaid practice (\$8 hour)

\$350 for 50 hours of prepaid practice (\$7 hour)

If you would like to schedule practice time, please contact Toni at 330-416-1712 for a door access code. With the showcase coming up June 23, floor time will fill up fast!

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 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.

June 9 - Kings County Swing Currently on tour from New York, they play Gypsy Jazz, Blues, and Swing.

June 16 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.

Hawaiian Party

Friday, June 14, SUMMER BLAST OFF PARTY!
It's time to rock! Get out your Hawaiian shirt, dress, grass skirt, what's a muumuu? Total potluck!! We'll supply the plates, you fill 'em up! FUN, FUN FUN!





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 your 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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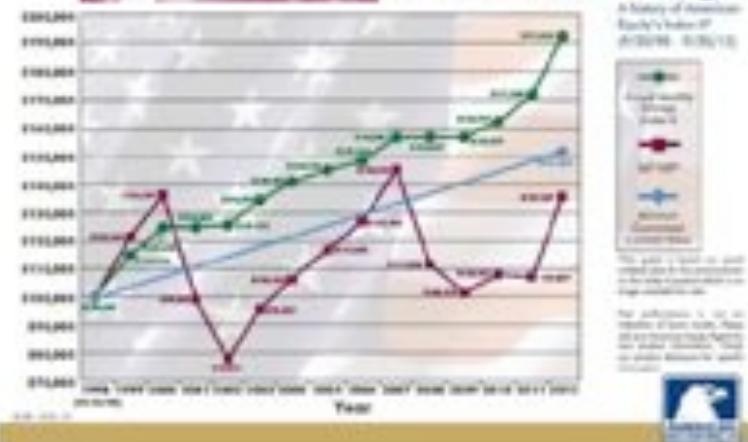
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