



# Newsletter

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## President's Corner

By Bob Olszewski

September is the start of an exciting season for our club. Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of our celebration of Ballroom Dance Week with the Autumn Ball. Time for the women to sparkle and look beautiful in their dressy dresses and the men to dress and look handsome. We will have a big band for this event, Classic Memories. The celebration continues Sunday with a Quickstep workshop, then free dance lessons Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights.

We are starting an initiative to help get new people interested in ballroom dancing. We must do this to perpetuate our club to replace old guys like me. The board voted to have an Ambassador Team who will have discount cards to invite someone who has never been to the club giving them 50% off discount for their first visit to a party. If you are interested in being an Ambassador for BDC, see page 9. I ask each member to help us acquire new members.

Also, to widen the choice for new people to learn to dance, we will expand beginner lessons to also include Wednesday nights starting in October. Stephen will continue on Thursday and Debbie will teach on Wednesdays. This will give students the choice of two dances and nights.

In other news, we have decided to add some healthy snacks to the offerings at Friday & Saturday partys. And, the DJ committee is meeting this month to suggest guidelines for the music, which will be presented at the September board meeting.

Have a great month dancing!

## Happy Birthday!

Pam Levi .....	Sept 3
Laura LaTorre .....	Sept 5
Joop Peterson .....	Sept 9
Patricia McNevin .....	Sept 16
Sharon Keene .....	Sept 20
Beverly Birkhimer .....	Sept 26
Allen Vance .....	Sept 27
Jo-Ann Flynn .....	Sept 28
Urszula Jones .....	Sept 30

## Special Events

### Independent Instructor Studio Night

Saturday, September 14, 2013

7:30 Fox Trot Lesson, David, 8:30 Dance Party  
David, Stephen, Debbie, Linda

### Board Meeting –BDC, Sat, September 14, 6:00 p.m.

### Autumn Ball

Saturday, September 21, 2013 (No Lesson)

8:00 Dance to the Big Band – Classic Memories  
Special Hors d'Oeuvres, Desserts, Door Prizes  
Semi-Formal to Formal  
\$15 Members, \$20 Guests

### Quickstep Workshop with David Roland

Sunday, September 22, 2:00 – 4:30

\$25 Members, \$35 Guests (Please Pre-Register)

### National Ballroom Week – Free Lessons

September 23 – 26, Monday – Thursday

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## Mystery Dancer

Ok, this is new. Not one person guessed who the Mystery Dancer for August was! So, we are repeating part of the article so that you get to know this lovely lady. Who is she? Ilona Goltman.



She was born in Moscow, Russia, although at that time, it was called the Soviet Union. After she left Russia, she lived in Rome for a short while, then in New York for several years, then moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL (still her). She worked

home to and lived on the Mediterranean island of Malta for a few years and then returned to Florida. Her work as a computer programmer brought her to Charleston in December of 2011. To see the entire profile, see the August issue.

## Welcome New Members!

We welcome all new members to our dance club and hope that they will enjoy it as much as we do. New members will be featured in later newsletters as we get information and photos.



Meet **Maureen Matthews** originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Shaker Heights, Ohio. Shown here on a yacht she was hired to decorate

for a birthday party, Maureen spends her days as an interior designer for her own company, Beehive.

When she isn't dancing, she enjoys beach time/boogie boarding, football (go Gamecocks!), oil painting, cooking/dinner parties, flipping houses, and spending time with friends and family. Maureen's daughter is an attorney in Tampa.

# Welcome!

## New Members continued



Swing Dance is still **Joyce Lovato's** favorite since she started at the Sunday Swing Dance but so far, she likes them all. She danced a little about twenty years ago and decided to give it another try.

She is in charge of production control at Honeywell and lives in North Charleston. When she isn't dancing or working, she likes to spend time with her son and granddaughter.

## MEMBER #100!



Welcome to **Elizabeth Yossifova** who has the honor of being our 100<sup>th</sup> member! Elizabeth also has the honor of being the mother of Dariana Coggins. She was born in Sofia, Bulgaria and is a retired fashion designer. Her parents were Austrian traveling all over Europe with their trade.

She loves cooking, sewing, and teaching her granddaughter foreign languages. When her husband passed away, Dariana invited her to live with them. Dancing is a brand new venture!



**MEMBER #101** Just minutes after Elizabeth joined, we got another new member thanks to Normandie. **Catherine Case** moved here from Wisconsin two months ago and met Normandie at St. Michael's

church. She has been a professor of fine and graphic arts for over twenty years and business owner in the field of design for over thirty years. Catherine exhibits her fine art in solo, group, and juried exhibitions, in addition to having solid gallery representation. Here in Charleston, she is focusing on creating fine art, figures, and portraiture.

She says she is a beginner's beginner dancer but is having a blast at BDC after only two visits! She commented more than once, "Everyone is so welcoming."

## Monthly Dance Classes

What other dance venue has four group dance classes scheduled every week plus an hour lesson on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! The monthly group classes are structured so that there is a different dance featured each month. Coming in October - another beginner class on Wednesdays!

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

### 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.

### 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

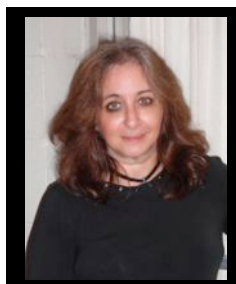
month. The last hour will include advanced intermediate patterns.

### 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 Classes
*Monday Class – 5 weeks	\$40	\$35
Monday Class By the Week Instructor Discretion	10	
*Tuesday Class – 3 weeks	40	35
Tuesday Class By the Week Instructor Discretion	15	
Thursday Class – 3 weeks	25	20
Thursday Class Each Week	10	
*Non-Members Mon, Tues	+10	+10



## Monthly Group Classes

### **Mondays – Anything Goes Lessons**

Debbie Housand, 7:00-8:00

Mambo/Salsa (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 Tango – 7:00 – 7:30

Tango Pattern 7:30 – 8:30 (3 weeks)

### **Thursdays – Beginner-Bronze Lessons**

Stephen Duane, 7:00-8:00

Fox Trot (3 weeks)

Marina Fridmanovich, 8:00-9:00

Intermediate Rumba (3 weeks)

### **Sundays – Advanced Youth Lessons**

David Roland 1:00–2:00

## Mark Your Calendar!

September 21 - Autumn Ball

September 22, - Quickstep Workshop

September 23-26 - Free Lessons

December 7 - Christmas Party

December 31 - New Years Eve Extravaganza

## 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! Snack food, sodas, and coffee are included as well. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. Dress code is always your choice!

**Sunday** night parties include a great band most of the time. While they do focus on the Charleston and Lindy Hop dances, there is always music for ballroom dancers as well. (Sept 22, Sept 29 TBA)

September 1 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.

September 8 She Goes, He Goes

Our very own Hillary Arnold sings 20's style along with excellent musicians.

September 15 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.

## 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.

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

### Discount Rates - Prepaid

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

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

## Coming Soon for Beginners!

Gosh, we all remember what it is like to be a beginner. Every single dancer has to start there and it is not an easy place to be!

New Class: Since we have so many beginners, the Board voted to offer another beginner class on Wednesday nights in addition to the ones on Thursday nights. This will give people a choice of nights and dances.

Debbie Housand will teach beginner Waltz for the month of October. Stephen will continue his Thursday Beginner Class and for October, the dance will be Cha-Cha.

## Dance Reminders

**Dancers** – Please walk around the edge of the dance floor to protect both the dancers and the floor from food spills. See page 7 for dance floor etiquette.

**DJs** – Many dancers need, and most appreciate, an announcement before each song as to the dance type. Get everyone on the floor – mixers, snowballs, Sadie Hawkins, etc!

# National Ballroom Dance Week

## It's Dance Time!

**Friday, September 20, Dance 7:30-11:00**

**Saturday, September 21, AUTUMN BALL**

Classic Memories BIG BAND!!

Special Hors d'Oeuvres, Door Prizes

Semi-Formal to Formal

Hosts: Marcia, Tina, Jake

8:00, No Lesson

\$15 Members, \$20 Guests

**Sunday, September 22, Quickstep Workshop**

2:00 - 4:30 – David Roland

\$25 Member, \$35 Guests

**Monday, September 23, FREE Lesson!**

7:00 – 8:00, Rumba, Debbie Housand

**Tuesday, September 24, FREE Lesson!**

7:00–8:00, W. Coast Swing, Josh Ortiz

**Wednesday, September 25, FREE Lesson!**

7:00 - 8:00, Swing, Stephen Duane

**Thursday, September 26, FREE Lesson!**

7:00 - 8:00, Salsa, Marina Fridmanovich

**Friday, September 27, Dance Party**

7:30 - 8:30, Tango Lesson, Linda Scott

8:30 - 11:00 Dance Party

\$5 Members, \$10 Guests

**Saturday, September 28, Celebration Party**

7:30– 8:30 Waltz Lesson, Lauren Locke

8:30 - 11:00 Dance Party

\$5 Members, \$10 Non Members

Bring Your Favorite Snack to Share!

## Autumn Ball!

Ballroom Dance Club of Charleston  
USA Dance – Chapter 6021  
1632 Ashley Hall Road  
[www.ballroomdancecharleston.org](http://www.ballroomdancecharleston.org)

# *Quickstep Workshop*

Sunday, September 22, 2013

\$25 Members, \$35 Guests

2:00 – 4:30



David Roland

This workshop will be good for those who have never danced Quickstep and will also offer technique on lead and follow for those who already know the basic steps.

The Quickstep is a beautiful and light-hearted member of the standard ballroom dances. The movement of the dance is fast and has origins of slow Foxtrot combined with the Charleston.

Ballroom Dance Club of Charleston, 1632 Ashley Hall Road, Charleston, SC  
USA Dance – Chapter 6021

# Little Black Dress

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Charleston, SC 29401  
Tel: 843-573-7264

Featuring:  
Cocktail  
Mother of the Bride  
Bridesmaids  
Sundresses  
Jovani Dance Dresses

“A Special Dress for that Special Girl”

15% for BDC Members for the Month of September  
Michele and Fred Turco

# Join the Team!

## BDC Ambassadors



### A new way to invite your friends to BDC!

Twenty BDC members will be selected to join the Ambassador's Team. If you are interested in joining this team, contact Team Leader Barry at [bweissglass@comcast.net](mailto:bweissglass@comcast.net).

#### Ambassador Responsibilities

1. Invite someone who has never been to BDC and their guest to dance with us!
2. Tell them about what we have to offer for classes, parties, and about the website. Offer them a current calendar.
3. Fill in the guest name and contact information on the back of the discount card.
4. Give them the discount card . It has a value at \$10 for two people (50% off of regular price of \$10 each).





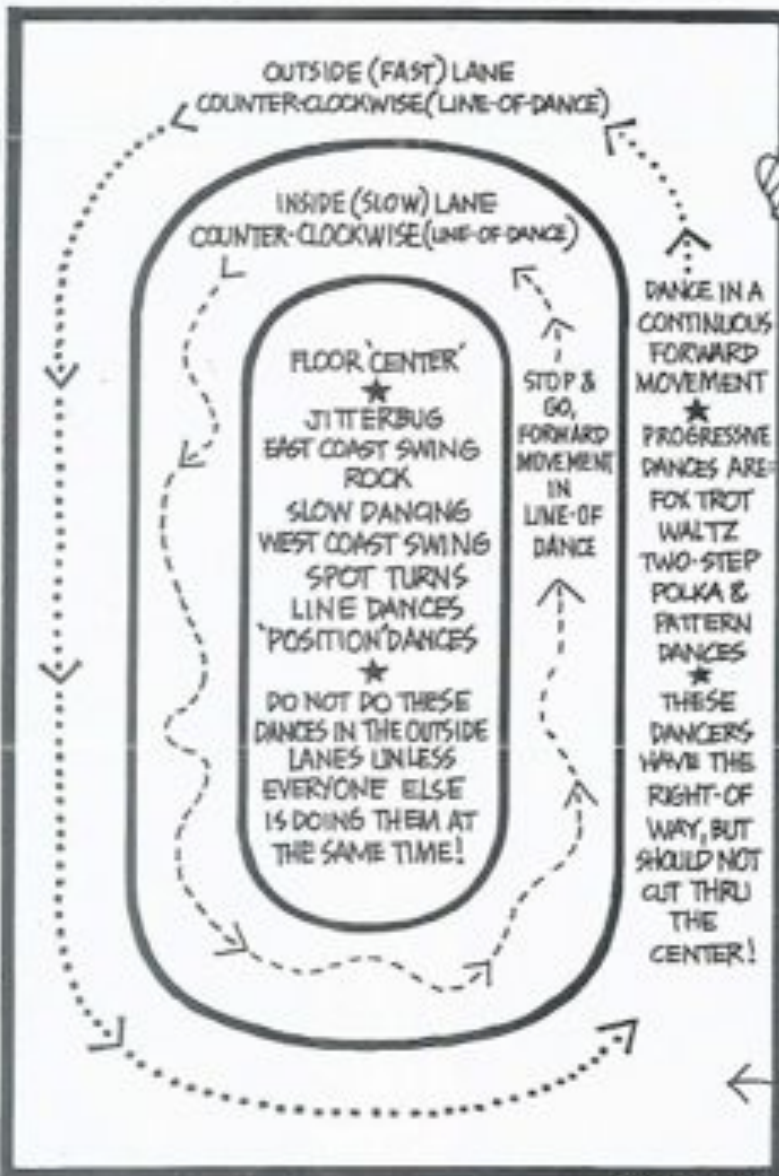
DANCERS! ENJOY DANCING TO THE FULLEST!  
**Let's All Practice Dance Floor Etiquette!**

MANY DANCERS AND MANY STYLES OF DANCING CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE FLOOR AT THE SAME TIME, IF TRADITIONAL DANCE FLOOR ETIQUETTE IS FOLLOWED. LET'S ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS, AND WE'LL ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME DANCING!

SEE, IT'S GETTING  
 ROUGH ON THE  
 DANCE FLOOR  
 THESE DAYS,  
 FOLKS!



WHEN DANCING  
 IN THE OUTSIDE  
 LANES, DO NOT  
 BACK UP, DO  
 NOT DANCE  
 ACROSS THE  
 FLOW. KEEP  
 A LOOKOUT  
 FOR OTHER  
 DANCERS TO  
 AVOID  
 COLLISIONS!  
 IF YOU WISH  
 TO SWING,  
 OR DANCE  
 NON "LINE-  
 OF-DANCE"  
 STEPS,  
 GO TO THE  
 CENTER!



WHEN DANCING  
 THE CHA-CHA  
 OR RUMBA,  
 DANCE IN YOUR  
 OWN SMALL  
 AREA AND  
 IGNORE THE  
 DIAGRAM!



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# Note

Advertising space is available to members for \$30 a month.

This includes:

- a full page in the newsletter – see page 8
- extra space on the bulletin board
- inclusion on the club's website

This is a good way to sell or advertise about anything ..... services, furniture, instruments, junk.....

For more information, contact Connie at [connievance10@gmail.com](mailto:connievance10@gmail.com) or 843-754-5087.

