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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

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USABDA-MN's Dancers Nite Out

by VerJean

Sat. 4/2 Coliseum Ballroom First Anniversary Party/ Showcase, 8 pm-12am. See ad pg. 3.

Fri. 4/8 West Coast Swing Club, B-dale Club, 2100 N. Dale, St. Paul. Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

Sat. 4/9 Jerry O'Hagan Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, 8:30 pm.

Fri. 4/15 Zuhrah Shrine Spring Dance, 2540 Park Ave. S., Mpls. **FREE!** 8 pm-12 am. See pg. 3 for more information.

Fri. 4/15 Rochester USABDA Dance, Pla-Mor Ballroom, 2045 Hwy 14 E, 8 pm-12, 37th Street Gold Band, \$6 mem/\$7 non-mem. Lesson during breaks. 507/288-6747.

Sat. 4/16 USABDA-MN Dance, Coliseum Ballroom. Group lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

Fri. 4/22 West Coast Swing Club, Dance 8:30 pm.

Fri. 4/22 Dinner/Dance, John Owens Big Band, Withrow Ballroom, Dinner 7 pm, Dance 8-11:30 pm. Reservations 439-5123.

Sat. 4/23 Theatre in the Round Benefit, Show 8 pm, Dancing 10 pm -12am. See ad pg. 5.

Sun. 4/24 "Array of Rhythms" Latin & Swing Dance, 6-8:30 pm. See ad pg. 4.

Sat. 4/30 Bobby Layne Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, 8:30 pm.

Dance Events/Lessons

Bel Rae Ballroom: Free lesson with admission--Jim & Kay Mondo, Sun. 7:15 pm; Shinya & Marcy McHenry, Thurs. 7:30 pm.

Group classes--Craig Morris: Sat. 4/16--West Coast Swing-noon, Eastern Swing-1 pm. Sun. 4/17 Ballroom/Country Dance Party, 7-11 pm, 561-0206.

Medina Ballroom: free 2-hr. lesson w/ admis--Dean Constantine, 4/1 & 4/2-7pm; 4/9-6:45pm; 4/23-7pm; 4/30-6:45 pm.

Group lessons--Coliseum Ballroom: Mon/Wed-Sandra/ Paul; Thu/Sun-Jeff/ Cindy; Sat-Mark; Sun-Tsha. 722-6311.

JOIN IN THE FUN! SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

USABDA has two special upcoming events in the next two months which you won't want to miss! Mark these on your calendar now!

MAY DANCE AND SHOW -- SATURDAY MAY 7

Our May dance will feature two professionals, Timothy Mason and Michelle Chard, who will perform a special show during the dance, along with teaching a group class before the dance. The dance will be held at the Twin Cities Ballroom.

Timothy and Michelle, originally from England and now living in Tampa, Florida, have been coming to the Twin Cities Ballroom every month since last summer for coaching and teaching private lessons by appointment, and plan to continue to do so. They placed third in International Modern at the Ohio Star Ball last November.

THIRD ANNUAL TEA DANCE -- SUNDAY, JUNE 5

If you've attended the Tea Dance at the Lafayette Country Club on the shores of Lake Minnetonka before, you know what an elegant affair it is! A brunch buffet will be served before the dance, with dancing throughout the afternoon. As always, we'll have a wonderful professional show! If you haven't been before, plan to attend this year. You'll be glad you did.

Note: The date for the April dance has changed to April 16 from April 9, which was previously published.

USABDA APRIL DANCE

Join us.....a wonderful way to welcome spring!

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

* 7:30 - 8:30 pm Group Dance Lesson

Paul & Sandra-Instructors--Mambo

\$2.00 charge for lesson

* 8:30 - 11:30 pm Dance

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APRIL 1994

Thu - FREE lesson with admission -- SHINYA & MARCY
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Sun - FREE lesson with admission -- JIM & KAY MONDO
Instructors: 7:15 pm.

Thu 7	JIM STURM Ballroom	Thu 21	SAMMY JENSEN Ballroom
Fri 8	Rockin' Hollywoods '50s & '60s	Fri 22	Rockin' Hollywoods '50s & '60s
Sun 10	JULES HERMAN Orchestra	Sat 23	Cowboy Angels Country
Thu 14	JACK SCHULTZ Ballroom	Sun 24	JULES HERMAN Orchestra
Fri 15	Johnny Holm's Fun Show	Thu 28	ERV REUTZEL Ballroom
Sat 16	DICK MACKO Big Band	Fri 29	White Sidewalls '50s & '60s
Sun 17	JERRY O' HAGAN Orchestra	Sat 30	Neilson White Country

MOVING? Don't forget to change your address with USABDA. Send local changes to Karen Voels-see address on the back of this newsletter. Please notify National USABDA also.

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Published monthly for members of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter, providing news of ballroom dancing to chapter members and friends.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

USABDA Members: No charge

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ADVERTISING

Display Ads: To advertise your professional service or event, submit camera-ready artwork/copy. Sizes: full page-\$25, 1/2 page-\$15, 1/4 page-\$12.

Classified Ads: Free 3-line ad in *Swaplines* available to members.

DEADLINE

Deadline for news is the first Friday of each month. Submit information, copy and ads to:

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DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

Sue Lakso and Dorothy Jones, Assistant Dance Demo Coordinators, announce the following upcoming demos:

June 20--June Moon Ball, fundraiser for MN Stroke Prevention Association, Calhoun Beach Club

June 25--Star of the North Games, Rochester

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

By Karen Voels

USABDA Chapter Secretary

- * Treasurer's report: about \$2590 in the treasury. We have sent \$1000 deposit to the Lafayette Country Club for the Tea Dance.
- * We need job descriptions for all USABDA positions. Each officer/chairperson will develop their own description and bring to the next Board meeting. A separate meeting may need to be held to finalize descriptions.
- * We have four positions which need to be reviewed and filled: Dance Coordinator, Dance Demo Coordinator, Membership Promotion and College & Youth Committee Co-chair. This will be done after job descriptions are developed.
- * Dance demos coming up: Saturday March 19th demo will include social dancers too--doing this can involve more USABDA members. June 20--June Moon Ball at Calhoun Beach Club, a fundraiser for the MN Stroke Prevention Association. June 25--Star of the North Games, Rochester: so far they have requested that the Formation Team do an exhibition.
- * Change of date for the April dance--April 16 instead of April 9--still at the Coliseum Ballroom. Group lesson on Mambo.
- * Suggestion that we check into other places for dances.
- * Voted to give professional couples monetary compensation for participating in our Tea Dance showcase.
- * Voted to assist studios/dance organizations with promoting dance workshops.
- * Any college student will receive a discount for our dances if they bring their student ID card.
- * May 4 taste test in Plymouth. We need 60 people for each of 3 sessions. David Schmit is coordinating.
- * The next dance is Saturday May 7 at Twin Cities Ballroom in St. Paul. Timothy Mason and Michelle Chard will give a group lesson before the dance and also do a show during our dance.
- * The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm at Edina Realty, Hwys 169 and 55, Plymouth.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINNESOTA OPEN

Arlene and Bill Kroll, organizers of the *Minnesota Open* dance competition, still need volunteers to help with the competition for both Saturday and Sunday during the day. The *Minnesota Open* will be held May 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis.

Call Arlene at 612/561-5407 for more information and to volunteer.

Join us.....

at the Twin Cities top studio for an evening of dance and entertainment!

COLISEUM BALLROOM
1-year ANNIVERSARY PARTY AND SHOWCASE

Saturday, APRIL 2
8 pm-12 Midnight

General Dancing

Showcases: Professional/Amateur
Amateur/Amateur

...both critiqued by National Dance Adjudicator,

Chris Morris

Plus.....Professional Show

Tickets: \$10 Advance/USABDA members
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or Paul at 722-6311

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USABDA PROFILE
FOCUS ON USABDA MEMBERS

- CELIA MULLEN -

One of USABDA's new members is Celia Mullen. She calls herself a "Massachusetts" transplanted in Minnesota! She came here to attend Macalester College because she wanted to explore a different part of the country.

As a child, she and her sisters took dance lessons of all types. Celia says, "My mother thought dancing was a good way to improve gracefulness, but didn't think I would get so involved in it!" Her mother was a piano teacher, so besides lessons in tap, jazz, point and ballet, Celia took piano too.

At Macalester, she got involved in Highland dancing and then impromptu dance. She enjoys old musicals and was influenced by the dancing in them.

Because she wanted to meet people outside of the college community, Celia took some lessons at the Dancers Studio. She could then also enjoy social dancing here. After meeting Jeff Chinn at a Dancers Studio showcase, she had the opportunity to find out what is involved in competitive ballroom dancing.

She credits Jeff, who is her dance partner, with helping her understand the technical expertise necessary for competition. She and Jeff did well in her first competition at TCO in January.

Celia also enjoys singing and playing the piano. She accompanies professional singers and gives piano lessons.

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Her focus in college was Russian and Linguistics. She has spent five months in Russia in 1991 and again two months in 1992.

She is currently working as a 'temporary' at Unisys and looks forward to pursuing her Russian language skills.

WE'RE INVITED.....
TO THE SHRINER'S SPRING DANCE
FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Twice a year, the Zuhrah Shrine invites the public to their facility for a free dance to thank them for their support of the Shrine charity projects. From 8-12 pm, you can dance to your choice of a country DJ, 'rock and roll' or the big band sounds of the Zuhrah Flames, all at the beautiful Zuhrah Shrine ballrooms -- 2540 Park Avenue South in Minneapolis. **FREE ADMISSION!!!!** Free parking in supervised lots. What else could you ask for? How about free milk and brownies at midnight?

Please join us for a fun evening! Questions? Call Zuhrah Shrine at 871-3555 or John Zander at 507/663-7715.

Dance Workshops: the Board voted that USABDA will help support and promote any dance workshops sponsored by studios or other dance groups/organizations. This would be on a request basis and would need to be reviewed by the Board.

Array of Rhythms

Latin & Swing Dance

SUNDAY

April 24th 6:00 – 8:30

\$5.00

K.C.

6900 Oxford Street ♦ St. Louis Park

920-8379

A JOB WELL DONE.....

By Kathy Pouliot

On Sunday February 27th, the USABDA Demo Team once again entertained and amazed a large crowd of people gathered at the Medina Ballroom for the Minnesota Ballroom Operators Annual Appreciation Dance. Last year the USABDA Demo Team danced for a similarly large gathering at the Kato Ballroom in Mankato.

The USABDA Demo Team was asked to demonstrate the different levels of the waltz, then dance a waltz, foxtrot and tango. Several couples danced at the social level and others danced these dances in competition style, dressed in full costume. Later in the program, the couples came back and demonstrated the social and competition levels of the popular rhythm dances: cha cha, rumba and swing. The finale was a swing dance in which each member of the dance group chose someone from the audience to join them in the rousing swing number. What fun!

The USABDA Demo Team included Rick Place, Ellen Johnson, Debbie Matthews, Bobby Tarnowski, Yvonne Riske, Bill Nunn, Kathy Pouliot, David Schmit, Carol Post, Jeff Chinn, Brianna Cremer, Donna Buchholtz and Jim Flaskerud. We would all like to thank the MBOA for this opportunity to represent USABDA-MN and showcase the wonderful art and sport of ballroom dancing.

STAR OF THE NORTH DANCE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Rochester for being selected the 1994 home of the Star of the North Games! As Minnesota's own mini-Olympics, these games will spotlight sports as diversified as horseshoes, wrestling and ballroom dancing as recognized Olympic competitions. Last year was the first year for ballroom dancing to be included in the list of sports.

The dance competition will be held on June 25 in Fred Reed Hall, 121 North Broadway, Rochester.

Dance categories will be as follows: **Smooth** (waltz, fox trot, tango, Viennese waltz), **Latin/Rhythm** (rumba, cha cha, East Coast swing, samba, mambo, merengue, bolero), **Country Western** (two step, three step, waltz) and **West Coast Swing**.

The dance competition is open to all Minnesota residents regardless of age or experience. There will be beginner, intermediate and advanced levels--so everyone can join in. Start thinking of participating!

For more information, please contact Karen Krucker, Sports Director, at 507/287-2277 or Kevin Li, Sports Chairperson at 507/254-1210.

COME FOR THE SHOW

Top performers spotlight famous two-somes (friends, lovers, enemies) in well-known duets from song & stage, all at Theatre In The Round's popular annual benefit.

In a special display, ballroom dancers will glide across the arena, setting the stage for you to dance the night away!

LEAVE WITH A SHOW

But the show isn't over yet because

this year's benefit features something extra . . . a FREE ticket at the door to *another* theater performance, concert or cultural attraction in the Twin Cities!

2 FOR THE SHOW

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1994

Doors open: 7 pm • Show curtain: 8 pm
Ballroom Dancing: 10 pm
\$25 per person • Black tie optional



In the West Bank Theatre District

For ticket information, call Bunty Reddy at 545-3319, or the Theatre Box Office at 333-3010

**USABDA IS COOKING!!
COME AND TEMPT YOUR TASTEBUDS**

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO JOIN THE
UNITED STATES AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCERS ASSOCIATION
FOR A REAL TEST.....
A TASTE TEST!!**

**On WEDNESDAY MAY 4, you'll be able to whet
your appetite with bites of the latest and greatest foods!**
The Taste Center, located in Plymouth, Hwys 55 and 169, is hosting this USABDA Fundraiser.
(A map will be sent to you.)

**BRING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS--NOT JUST USABDA MEMBERS!
TASTE THE FUN -- SUPPORT USABDA!
(All proceeds will support USABDA events and activities.)**
For more information, call David Schmit: (W) 493-4696, (PAGER) 648-7693

Sign up for the time that best fits you: 5:15 pm, 6:30 pm or 7:45 pm

MARCH DANCE A BIG SUCCESS

For those of you who missed the March 5 USABDA dinner/dance and showcase, you missed a great event! About 200 people came to the Shakopee Ballroom, the first time we have had a dance at this location. For some, it was the first times that they had been at this ballroom.

Forty six people enjoyed dinner with "dinner music" being played in the background by Mark Tepley. Lisa Erickson arranged two outstanding amateur showcases. We were happy to have many members of the Twin Cities West Coast Swing Club at the dance. We danced to the great sounds of the Kico Rangel Quartet until midnight.

People "raved" about the band and really liked dancing at this ballroom. Many members said they would like to have another dance there real soon.

Thanks to Chuck Fuller of the Shakopee Ballroom for his help in setting up this dinner/dance. We will be back again!

OHIO STAR BALL ON TV

In case you've been waiting to see "Championship Ballroom Dancing" from the Ohio Star Ball on Channel 2 television, we discovered that PBS will release it on May 11, so the stations can pick it up after that. More information later when a date is announced.

WHAT IS USABDA? WHO ARE WE?

USABDA stands for the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, a non-profit organization formed to preserve and promote ballroom dancing not only as an art but as a healthy sport. Minnesota's chapter was started in 1991.

Membership in USABDA is open to ballroom dancers of all levels. There are membership categories for social, competitive, junior (17 and under), college students and associate (professional dancers and instructors).

USABDA sponsors a monthly dance and other special dance events. Membership entitles you to discounts on our monthly dances, a monthly newsletter and a great network for meeting other dancers.

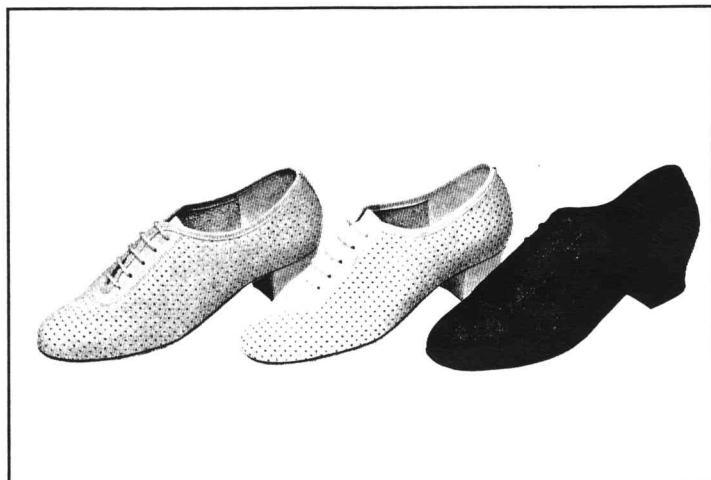
You'll have fun dancing and meet many new friends! For information, contact the members listed on the back page of this newsletter.

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USABDA SUPPORTS MACALESTER COLLEGE DANCE

By Celia Mullen

USABDA helped support Macalester College's first campus ballroom dance on February 11 at the Cochran Lounge and it was a big success! About 100 people came to the dance--most were students but there were also some community people, professors and alumni...and USABDA members. Rainier Rics from the Dancers Studio gave a dance lesson before the dance.. Everyone was really enthused--the students had not had any ballroom dance lessons beforeand were doing patterns by the end of the evening. Although this is the second year for the Ballroom Dance Club, this dance was the first campus event for the club.

Three couples did a showcase during the dance--Mark Weiss and Tsha Jacobson, Nels Petersen and Heidi Smith and Jeff Chinn and Celia Mullen. Everyone was very impressed and enjoyed the show.

Jackie Arsigniega, who heads the Macalester Ballroom Dance Club, organized the dance with the help of Celia Mullen, who served as the USABDA liaison. Both thank USABDA members for their support and hope that they can have another joint dance with USABDA again.

ST. LOUIS STAR BALL CHAMPIONS

"Meet me in St. Louie, Louie"and that's what a delegation of Minnesota dancers did the weekend of March 10-13 as they competed in the St. Louis Star Ball dance competition, held at the Stouffers Concourse Hotel in St. Louis. Minnesota had a great showing!

Nels Petersen and Heidi Smith placed first in Amateur/Amateur International Modern. Nels said, "What makes it really neat is that Heidi and I beat the national champions in the age 35 and over category. That's a huge stepping stone for us down there, so we're really pumped about that result."

Hub Nelson and Monica Mohn placed first in the American Open Smooth 4-Dance, second in Pre-Championship Modern and third in Open Modern.

Jean Moxom, dancing with instructor Jesse Smith, had first placings in Pre-Silver Cha cha, Rumba, American Waltz, Foxtrot and Viennese Waltz.

Professionals Jesse Smith and Lynda Price were first in Rising Star Rhythm and Smooth and Professional Smooth. They received a second place for Professional Rhythm.

Congratulations to all the winners!

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Wisconsin State Dance Competition
April 21-24, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, 414/548-8882
Minnesota Open
May 20-22, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Mpls, 561-5407
Star of the Northland Dance Festival (Country)
June 3-5, Bel Rae Ballroom, Moundsview, 612/429-4785
Star of the North Games Dance Competition
June 25, Rochester
Northern Lights Star Ball
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Mpls, 612/431-0936

SWAPLINES

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(No foolin'-we need your news then!)