

# Dancin' Times



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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

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## DANCERS NITE OUT

**Sat. 4/1** April Fool's Dance, Twin City Ballroom, 8pm, see ad pg. 6. Note that Timothy & Michelle will offer a group lesson at 7pm for \$10. There's also a free 1/2 hour lesson included in the dance, at about 9:30pm.

**Fri. 4/7** Jerry O'Hagen, Medina Ballroom, 8:30pm. 478-6661

**Fri. 4/7** 2nd Anniversary Party & Dance, Coliseum Ballroom, see ad pg 4.

**Sat. 4/8** Rockin'Hollywoods (50s & 60s), Medina Ballroom, lesson 7:30 pm, dance 9pm.

**Sun. 4/9** Spring Tea Leaf Dance, Capitol Ballroom, see ad pg 11.

**Fri. 4/14** West Coast Swing Club, B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St., St. Paul. Lesson 7:30, Dance 8:30pm, 731-9768.

**Fri. 4/14** Sneakers & Tight Shoes (50s & 60s), Medina Ballroom, 9pm, 478-6661.

**Fri 4/14** Caribbean Cruise Party, On Your Toes School of Dance, see ad pg 8.

**Fri. 4/21** Shriner's Spring Dance, Shriner Center, see ad pg 4.

**Sat. 4/22** Billy D & the Crystals (50s & 60s), Medina Ballroom, 9pm lesson, 478-6661.

**Sun. 4/23** Dean Olson Big Band, Shakopee Ballroom, 2pm lesson w/ Alice Monson, Dance 3-6pm.

**Fri. 4/28** Dinner/Dance, Withrow Ballroom, John Owens Big Band; Dinner 7pm, Dance 8pm, BYOB. Lori or Mark Babcock, 439-5123 for dinner reservations, directions.

**Fri. 4/28** West Coast Swing Club, Dance 8:30pm.

**Fri. 4/28** Guy Lombardo Big Band with Al Pierson, Medina Ballroom, 8:30pm, 478-6661.

**Sat. 4/29** The Minalouche New Moon Ball, Capitol Ballroom, see ad pg 11.

**Sun. 4/30** **USABDA** Tea Dance & Brunch, Lafayette Club, \$25 per person, for details, call the HOTLINE, 489-0581.

**Tue. 5/2** **USABDA** Taste Test Fundraiser, see info pg 5.

## USABDA SHOWCASE & BIRTHDAY BASH

by Judi Pankratz  
USABDA Dance Coordinator

On Sunday, March 4, USABDA-MN celebrated their fourth birthday at a sensational birthday party held at the Shakopee Ballroom in Shakopee, MN. Approximately 150 people enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream, coffee, and of course dancing, throughout the evening.

Charlie Hardcastle, a newcomer to our area, started the festivities with a free one-hour dance lesson. Charlie is originally from Florida and came to Minnesota in January. He has been teaching for approximately 7 years. Around 50 anxious participants enjoyed a thrilling lesson in the sensuous Bolero followed by the exciting Swing/Hustle. Charlie was magnificent and an invigorating addition to our party. Thanks, Charlie, for the inspirational lesson!

Thanks go out to Pete Maki for a spectacular job of providing the music for the evening. Thanks also to Doug Lusher for an great job as emcee in presenting the breathtaking performances executed by: Bernie & Scott Osborn, Heidi Smith, Theresa Kimler, Nels Peterson, Yvonne Riske & Bill Nunn, Celia Mullen & Jeff Chinn, Dorothy Jones & Arthur Hellmann, Colleen Williams & Jim Flaskerud, Carol Post & Gary Stroick, Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley, Julia Dementieva & Dale Johnson. Great job, dancers!

Gay Hartfiel photographed the showcase dancers from various angles as they floated around the floor in their gorgeous, flowing gowns and handsome tuxedos. Gay will offer discounted photo packages to the performers, giving USABDA a percentage of all orders placed.

Door prizes were awarded to four lucky attendees whose numbers were drawn from the admission tickets. Prizes included a black suede tote donated by Bob & Norma Jones, distributors of Showtime Dance Shoes; a soothing one half-hour massage from Mark Tepley; and two balloon bouquets from the Balloon Man in Bloomington.

After a delightful evening in Shakopee, we ventured out into the "last" snowfall of the season! After all, Spring is right around the corner...isn't it?!!

➤ Editor's note... On behalf of the board and everyone who attended the dance, a very special thank-you to Judi Pankratz for the many hours of work she put in to make this dance a success. Thanks, Judi !!!

## DANCE LESSONS

**Bel Rae:** Free lesson with admission- Jim & Kay Mondo, Sun. 7:15pm; Jim St. Jacques, Thurs. 7:30pm. 786-4630.

**Coliseum Ballroom:** Group classes- Beginner: Tues. 8-9pm; Advanced: Wed. 8-9pm; Intermediate: Sun. 3:30-4:30pm with practice until 5:30pm. 722-6311.

**Medina Ballroom:** Free 2-hr lesson with admission on Sat. nights- Dean Constantine. 476-4044.

**Shakopee Ballroom:** Free lesson with admission- Alice Monson, second Friday of every month, 7:30pm.

**On Your Toes School of Dance:** Many group classes. For info, call 928-7803.

**Stephanie Hawley:** For group class information, call Jay Carlson, 522-8252.

**Craig Morris:** On 42nd Ballroom, 705 42nd Ave N, Mpls. For information on classes, call 561-0206.

**Timothy & Michele Mason:** Lessons/group classes, Twin Cities Ballroom. 292-8463.

**Mall of America:** Free lessons with Alice Monson, Camp Snoopy's Ford Playhouse, Wednesday mornings, 10-11am.



Send local changes to Karen Voels at address on back of this newsletter. Please notify National USABDA also.

### Minnesota Dancin' Times

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

Non-members: \$10 per year

#### ADVERTISING

**Display Ads:** To advertise your professional service or event, submit camera-ready artwork. Sizes: full page-\$35, 1/2 page-\$25, 1/4 page-\$15, Business cards \$15 for 3 consecutive months. 1/2 inches white on all margins.

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

#### DEADLINE

**Deadline for news is the 10th of each month.**

Submit information, copy and ads to:

USABDA-MN Newsletter Editor

c/o Shari Akemann

1020 Sumter Ave. N.

Golden Valley, MN 55427

Newsletter Editor: Shari Akemann.....612/593-0822

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD



by Karen Voels  
USABDA Chapter Secretary

- There is about \$3900 in the Treasury.
- The board determined the main responsibilities of four of the officer positions closely involved with the monthly dances.
- The price of admission for the 4th annual Tea Dance, being held Sunday, April 30th at the Lafayette Club, will be \$25 per person.
- The contract has been signed for the Grand Ball, which will be held Sunday, September 24, 1995.
- The next dance will be on May 13, place to be determined.
- There will be dance demos on April 4 (afternoon variety show for seniors) at St. Anthony/New Brighton Community Center; and May 2 at 7pm (for the Women's Guild) at United Church, St. Paul.
- David Schmit (College and Youth Chairman) has been working with Normandale, Brooklyn Center High School, Carleton, Macalester and the U of M to help organize and promote their dance clubs and activities, as well as arrange for dance demos and joint events.
- Nathan Daniels and Elaine Barrett have volunteered time to teach two Phy. Ed. classes at Brooklyn Center High School (the school requested ballroom dancing instruction for their dance unit)..
- We're holding another Taste Test fundraiser--we can earn \$450 for 50 participants; the money goes into the general fund.
- We will begin offering beginners dances. June Heglund offered to help with beginners classes, and we need people willing to coordinate the dances.
- Mark Tepley is the organizer for the Star of the North Games dance competition, being held June 25th from 12-6pm. Volunteers will be needed for help at the door, music, emceeing, and sponsorship. USABDA-MN will participate in the opening and closing ceremonies.
- The dance directories are almost ready to be reprinted. The old ones will be returned for credit.
- The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 7pm at Dunwoody Institute.

### 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 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 all dancers: Social, Competitive, Junior (17 and under), College students and Associates (professional/instructors).*

*USABDA sponsors a monthly dance and other special dance events. Membership includes both national and local dues. 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 more information Call the USABDA Hotline number.*

**612-489-0581**



**The U.S.A.B.D.A. Rhythm Formation  
Team Presents:**

# APRIL FOOL'S DANCE

**DATE:** Saturday, April 1, 1995

**TIME:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Twin City Ballroom Dance Club  
Walnut and West 7th St., St. Paul  
Entrance on Walnut

**COST:** \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members

**PURPOSE:** The proceeds from this dance will be used to defray the costs of team costumes.



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# SHRINER'S SPRING DANCE

Friday, April 21st, 8pm to Midnight

**The Zuhrah Flames will be playing big band music in the main ballroom with country western and rock 'n roll music in the other ballrooms.**

**Admission is free, parking is free and a free brownie at midnight! Everyone is warmly invited.**

**There will be a tour of the historic mansion during intermission.**

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Of Our 2nd  
Anniversary!*

*Friday, April 7 8-11pm*

*Group Samba class 8-9pm  
Dance party 9-11pm*

*\$10 includes lesson,  
refreshments, hors d'oeuvres*

# A TASTEFUL EVENT

USABDA Fund Raiser

By David Schmit

It's time once again to bring those taste buds back to life! USABDA is asking for sixty volunteers between the ages of 20 and 60 to donate one to two hours of their time on Tuesday, May 2 to taste a variety of foods. Please bring a friend and join us at 5:30 pm, 6:45 pm or 8:00 pm at the Plymouth Taste Center, 12755 16th Avenue, Plymouth, MN (Phone 553-0483). To confirm your dining reservations please contact David Schmit at 493-4696.



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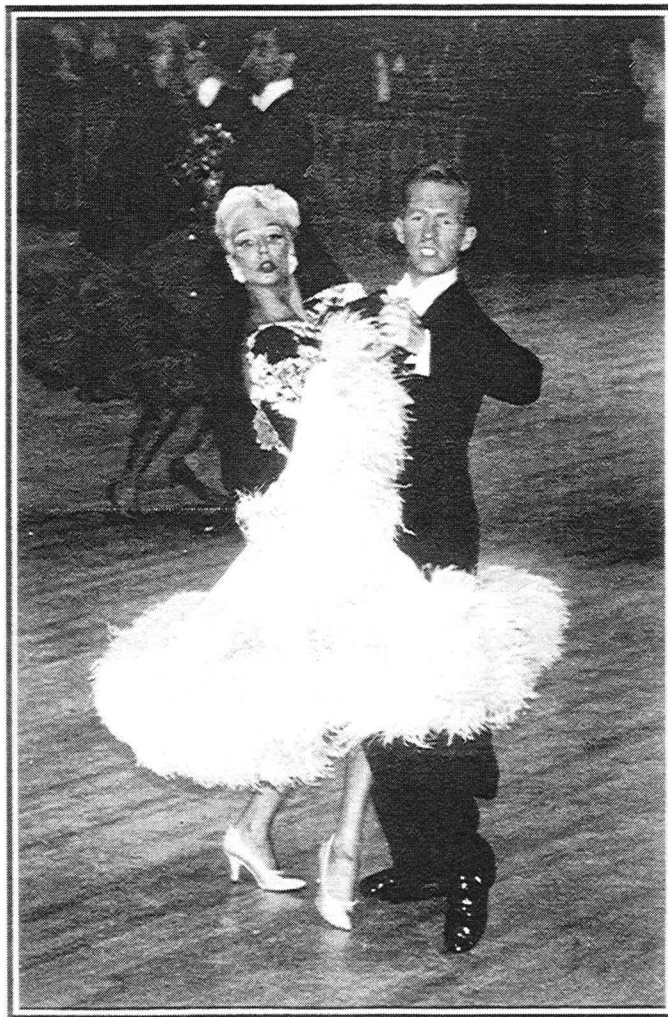


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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

### FOCUS ON TWIN CITIES INSTRUCTORS

#### -Timothy and Michel Mason-

When you start dancing as a child, there's a greater chance that you can become a champion! That's the situation with Timothy and Michele Mason, who come to the Twin Cities from Florida once a month to coach and teach private and group lessons at the Twin Cities Ballroom and the Dancers Studio in St. Paul.

Timothy and Michele both grew up in the suburbs of London, England. Michele started ballroom and Latin dancing when she was four years old and Timothy started disco dancing when he was eight years old, then changed to ballroom and Latin. Timothy explained "In England, dancing is popular for kids – it's like a sport here! It's very common for children to start dancing at the ages that Michele and I did. There are many children's dance classes and school team matches."

Timothy and Michele first started competing with different partners. They have now been dancing together for six years. They competed in England for one and a half years before coming to the United States in 1990 to teach in a Fred Astaire studio in Manhattan, New York. After being appointed to the Fred Astaire National Dance Board, they started traveling to coach and serve as adjudicators within the Fred Astaire organization and also independently.

A year ago, Timothy and Michele moved to Florida. They are still on the Fred Astaire National Dance Board, along with working independently. They go back to England three times a year for coaching and competitions, staying about a month at a time. On their trip back last June, they were married!

Their list of championships is long – American Star Ball, Breakers, North American, Imperial, Texas Challenge, Virginia State, Empire State, along with being members of the 1993 U.S. Team to compete in the British Open in Blackpool, England. They also placed first in International Modern at the Twin Cities Open this past January.

For more information on scheduling lessons with them, call 292-8463.

#### NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...

*Timothy and Michelle will offer a one-hour group lesson, at 7pm on Saturday, April 1 prior to the USABDA Rhythm Formation dance benefit. Cost: \$10.*

*And a very special thank you Dale Johnson for providing the use of the Twin City Ballroom Dance Club for the Rhythm Formation benefit dance.*

## USABDA AT THE BALL

*By Yvonne M. Riske*

*USABDA Dance Demonstration Coordinator*

The Valentine's Ball at the Bel Rae Ballroom on February 12 was a very festive setting for USABDA Night Out and the following USABDA members added to the fun: Celia Mullen and Jeff Chin dazzled the crowd with their American Smooth showcases; Julia Dementieva and Dale Johnson glided across the floor with their International Modern Smooth routines; and Theresa Kilmer and Nels Peterson made the ballroom sizzle with their American Rhythm moves! Thanks to all of you who performed and played music (Pete Maki) and you who came out in support of USABDA! If you missed this event, put it on your calendar for next year – it's a wonderful dance to attend and Tony made all the ladies feel special by welcoming us with red carnation corsages!

## ROCKIN' WITH THE RESIDENTS

Presbyterian Homes, a residential group home for the elderly, was our latest opportunity to share our talents with the community of Spring Park near lake Minnetonka. The following dancers entertained the residents Lori Kozicky, John Woodcock, Sue Lakso, Ha Twong, Monica Mohn, David Schmit, Jean and Loel Brandstorm, Theresa Kimler, and Nels Peterson. Thank you all for your dedication to the cause! Thanks too to Pete Maki for his help with the music and to Karen Voels for helping to keep the show rolling along! We gratefully thank Presbyterian Homes for their \$100 donation!

### *Upcoming Dance Demonstrations*

**April 4:** St. Anthony/New Brighton Community Services, St. Anthony for the Senior Citizens Variety Show, 1:30pm.

**April 10:** Macalaster College Dance Class, St. Paul, 7:30 pm.

**April 21:** U.S. Federal Credit Union Annual Membership Meeting, Mall of America Grand Hotel, Bloomington, 8:30pm.

**May 2:** St. Paul United Church of Christ, St. Paul for the Women's Guild, 7pm.

**May 4:** Centennial Lakes/Edinburgh Park, Edina, for the residents and mall patrons, 7pm.

**June 3:** Bel Rae Ballroom for the Star of the Northland Country Dance Competition and Workshop, Mounds View, 7pm.

*\*Please call Yvonne Riske at 672-3243 or 525-8933 if you are interested in performing – we need both social and competitive couples for these dance demonstrations!*





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## Party

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### COMPETITOR'S COLUMN

#### Minnesota Open

May 19-21, Hyatt Regency Hotel,  
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Minnesota Star of the North Games/Ballroom Dance  
Competition, June 24, Bel Rae Ballroom, all  
amateur. Details, Mark Tepley, 291-8099

### SIMPLY BALLROOM ON KARE-11

Did you see the Extra on KARE-11-TV? Wednesday,  
February 22nd, the 10pm News Extra, was called  
Simply Ballroom, focussing on the resurgence of  
ballroom dancing in the Twin Cities and beyond.

Several of our local professionals were featured in the  
3-5 minute segment, with video of both teaching and  
competing. Other amateurs and professionals were  
also seen during shots of TCO. It's a real credit to any  
station to devote that kind of time to our sport.

### USABDA HOTLINE

**612-489-0581**

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### MEMBERS WANTED!

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# Macalester Students Win Tickets To TCO

Congratulations to Nathan Cantrell, A.J. Cranston, Andy Davis, John Millsbaugh, Dan Morgenbesser, Gretchen Wegner, Kathy Welder and Wincy Wu for winning free tickets to the Twin City Open Ballroom Dance Competition.



Yes Students! You, too, could be lucky and win a pair of free tickets to attend the Minnesota Open Ballroom Dance Competition the weekend of May 20.



Send this entry form  
before April 20 to:

David Schmit  
7200 Hemlock Lane #323C  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

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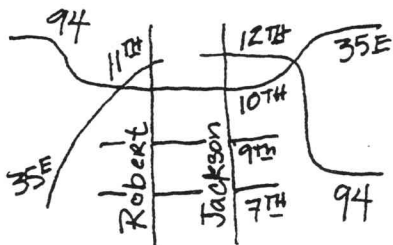
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