

# Minnesota Dancin' Times



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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

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## USABDA-MN's Dancers Nite Out

by VerJean

Sat. 8/6 Rod Smith Big Band, Medina Ballroom, 8 pm.

Wed. 8/10 Rod Smith Big Band, Medina Ballroom, 8-11 pm.

Fri. 8/12 West Coast Swing Club, Bdale Club, 2100 N. Dale, St. Paul. Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

Fri. 8/12 Rochester USABDA Dance & Picnic, KC Hall, 2030 Hwy 14 E., 8:30-11:30 pm. \$4 memb, \$6 non-memb. Lesson 7:30 pm-\$2. BBQ-6 pm-bring meat/dish to share. 507/288-6187.

Sat. 8/13 Myron Sommerfeld Orchestra, Valley City, ND, Medina Ballroom, 9 pm.

Sun. 8/14 Myron Sommerfeld Orchestra, Bel Rae Ballroom, 8:30 pm.

Sun. 8/14 Dance party w/ Craig Morris, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington, 7-11 pm. See page 4 for more information.

Sun. 8/14 Dance--"Swing Spring" Band, Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls. (West Bank, U of M). Free Latin lesson w/admission 7 pm. Dance 7:30-10:30 pm. 338-2674.

Wed. 8/17 Rod Smith Big Band, Medina Ballroom, 8-11 pm.

Fri. 8/19 Dance--"Swing Spring Band, U of M Technical Center, 5th St. SE & 14th Ave., Mpls. 8-11:30 pm. 378-2698.

Sat. 8/20 USABDA-MN Dance, Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul, Lessons 6:30 & 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30-11:30 pm.

Wed. 8/24 Rod Smith Big Band, Medina Ballroom, 8-11 pm.

Fri. 8/26 West Coast Swing Club, Dance 8:30 pm.

Sat. 8/27 & Sun. 8/28 Tommy Matthews Orchestra, White River, SD, Majestic Ballroom, Sat- 8:30pm-12:30 am, Sun- 7:30-11 pm. **Sunday special** -- attend Saturday night dance, then pay only \$2 for the Sunday night dance.



## USABDA-MN DANCE BENEFIT FOR MINNESOTA FOOD SHELVES Saturday, AUGUST 20

Bring a cash or food donation for the Minnesota Food Shelves  
**FREE admission if you bring 6 or more items**

Timothy Mason and Michele Chard will offer two group dance classes before the dance at the Twin Cities Ballroom --**only \$10 each.**

**6:30-7:30 pm Waltz      7:30-8:30 pm Quickstep**

**Dance 8:30-11:30 pm**

**Free group jive lesson 9:30-10 pm**

**\$4 Members, \$6 Non-members**

**Music by Mark Tepley**

Dale Johnson is donating the ballroom space for the dance. All proceeds go to USABDA.

Timothy Mason and Michele Chard are professionals from Florida who coach and teach at the Twin Cities Ballroom every month. They are available for private lessons Aug. 18-22 by appointment. Call 292-8463 for information on a special introductory rate for the first hour lesson for new students.

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## USABDA-MN PLANS FOR NATIONAL BALLROOM DANCE WEEK



Celebrate National Ballroom Dance Week by dancing!

Mark these USABDA-sponsored events on your calendar so you won't miss them.

Fri., Sept. 16--"Kick off", Dance Demonstration, World Trade Center, St. Paul,  
Noon - 1 pm.

Dance Demonstrations: Sat. Sept. 17, Northtown Mall, 1-4 pm.

Mon. Sept. 19, Mall of America, 7-8:30 pm.

Sun. Sept. 25--Grand Ball, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Mpls. Buffet dinner 6-7 pm,  
Dancing 7:30 - 11 pm.

**Volunteers are needed to help with the Grand Ball** -- we need a coordinator for the hotel/buffet; an organizer for the professional show and a ticket sales coordinator. We also need committee members. If you're interested in helping, please call Jim Flaskerud at 483-8998 and leave your name and phone number.

A brochure, which lists National Ballroom Dance Week events, will be published in August. If you know/hear of an event that another group is planning, please call the USABDA Hotline number (612-489-0581) and report it. We'd like to include everything that is being planned.

## SINGLES DANCE EVERY

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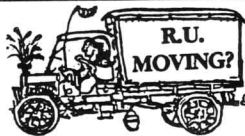
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## AUGUST 1994

### FREE lessons with admission

Thursday--SHINYA & MARCY McHENRY Instructors: 7:30 pm  
Sunday--JIM & KAY MONDO Instructors: 7:15 pm

Thu 4	DICK MACKO Big Band	Thu 18	SAMMY JENSEN Ballroom
Fri 5	Swing Night Country	Fri 19	Rockin' Hollywoods '50s & '60s
Sat 6	Neilsen White Country	Sun 21	JULES HERMAN Orchestra
Sat 7	JULES HERMAN Orchestra	Thu 25	DICK MACKO Big Band
Thu 11	JACK SCHULTZ Ballroom	Fri 26	Minn. Deer Hunters Banquet
Fri 12	Stir Ups Country	Sat 27	Dusty Drapes Country
Sat 13	TGIS Singles Dance Jazz/DJ	Sun 28	JERRY O'HAGAN Orchestra
Sun 14	MYRON SOMMERFELD Orchestra		



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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/year

#### ADVERTISING

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

USABDA-MN Newsletter Editor

3608 36th Avenue NE

Minneapolis, MN 55418

Newsletter Editor: Dorothy Jones.....788-4272

Asst. Editor: Marilyn Ronan.....927-7540



## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

By Karen Voels

USABDA Chapter Secretary

- \* Treasurer's report: about \$4850 in the treasury. We still owe about \$900 to Kinko's for the dance directories.
- \* Governor Carlson presented us with a proclamation that Sept. 16-25, 1994 is National Ballroom Dance Week in Minnesota. The opening ceremony will be at the World Trade Center in St. Paul at noon on the 16th, with several other dance demonstrations to follow throughout the week.
- \* The Ballroom Operators gave USABDA a donation for National Ballroom Dance Week. They will also be offering some free dances during that week.
- \* Doris Pease and Dorothy Jones will work on press releases for National Ballroom Dance Week (NBDW).
- \* First choice for the location for the Grand Ball is the Hyatt Regency Hotel and second is the Lafayette Country Club. Jim Flaskerud will book the hotel.
- \* We need volunteers for the Grand Ball--coordinator for the hotel/buffet; organizer for the professional show; and a ticket sales coordinator. Anyone interested should call Jim Flaskerud.
- \* We should be planning the next USABDA dance at the newly remodeled Sokol Hall. We will be collecting a food shelf donation at the August dance.
- \* Elaine Barrett is interested in working with the college and youth group. Jim Flaskerud will look into the logistics as Elaine has turned pro. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
- \* The next dance will be Saturday, August 20, possibly at Sokol Hall.
- \* The next board meeting will be Monday, Aug. 8 at 7 pm at Avelyn Hooker's home, 1756 St. Mary's Street, Falcon Heights. (646-6657).

## DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

### From the Minnesota Stroke Association.....

Dear Jan:

*On behalf of the Minnesota Stroke Association, I want to extend our thanks to you and the entire USABDA demonstration team that gave such a wonderful ballroom dance performance at the June Moon Ball on June 20th at the Calhoun Beach Club.*

*The talent, energy and creativity that you shared with us that evening is so greatly appreciated. I heard many, many comments from those in attendance who very much enjoyed your demonstrations. I know that the performances added tremendously to the success of the June Moon Ball.*

*I certainly hope that the Minnesota Stroke Association and USABDA will have the opportunity to work together again!*

*Liz McDevitt, Chapter Coordinator*

Thanks from USABDA to the Minnesota Stroke Association for inviting us to dance at the June Moon Ball. We all had a great time and loved dancing at the Calhoun Beach Club. We hope we can work together again too!

## USABDA PROFILE FOCUS ON USABDA MEMBERS

### - PETER MAKI -

Like many others, Pete had a taste of ballroom dance lessons long ago and always wanted to dance more, but never got around to it until about four and a half years ago.

He rekindled his love for dancing with a package of lessons at a Fred Astaire studio, and has been taking lessons ever since, including lessons with instructors Jenny Foster and Sandra Botes. In addition, he takes group lessons at the Coliseum Ballroom. He is half way through the "silver level".

He enjoys dancing mostly for social events, although he has participated in some studio showcases.

Along the way, he heard about USABDA and sought out the group so he could get more involved in the local dance community. He is active with USABDA and manages the chapter hotline.

Pete works for US West as technical support for those in the field working with 911 equipment.

His hobbies are reading and music, particularly collecting jazz.

## 1994 STAR OF THE NORTH DANCE COMPETITION

The ballroom and country western dance competition, part of the Minnesota Star of the North Games held in Rochester on June 25, was a big success -- for the second year in a row!

Thanks to the Rochester USABDA Chapter for organizing a great event. Those of us from the Twin Cities area enjoyed the day very much.

Here are results from the competition for USABDA-MN members:

### Intermediate Smooth

Foxtrot: 2nd--John Woodcock & Shari Akemann

Waltz: 1st--John Woodcock & Shari Akemann

Tango: 3rd--John Woodcock & Shari Akemann

### Advanced Smooth

Foxtrot: 1st--Gary Stroick & Carol Post

2nd--Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen

Waltz: 1st--John Woodcock & Shari Akemann

Tango: 3rd--John Woodcock & Shari Akemann

Viennese Waltz: 1st--Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen

2nd--Gary Stroick & Carol Post

3rd--Scott & Bernadette Osborn

### Intermediate Rhythm

Rumba: 3rd--CR Barragan & Noel Blair

East Coast Swing: 3rd--CR Barragan & Noel Blair

### Advanced Rhythm

Rumba: 1st--Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler

2nd--Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen

Chc Cha: 1st--Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler

2nd--Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen

East Coast Swing: 1st--Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler

3rd--Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen

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cont.

## PROFESSIONAL P HARRY BENSON R

As a high school student, Harry was very involved in theater and was considering acting as a career. He had always admired the "fit" appearance of dancers and was attracted to dance for that reason, as well as dance being a compliment to his stage movement and presentation. He took some ballet, modern dance, mime, jazz and tap lessons during high school.

He left that idea as a career focus and pursued other opportunities. Harry didn't get back into dancing until some time later when he went to a Fred Astaire studio to train as an instructor, which he did for a year. He was involved in competitions and showcases with his students and had a dance partner with whom he competed also. He spent two years at Fred Astaire as a supervisor. Harry then went to "I Love to Dance" Studio, where he taught and managed the studio for four years.

Currently, Harry gives private lessons at the Coliseum and On 42nd Ballrooms. He also teaches 18-22 group lessons a week at the Northwest Health Clubs and does other private group classes.

Harry says he finds teaching dance very rewarding; he particularly enjoys preparing students for showcases and competitions as this allows him a chance to use his theatrical background and expertise.

When he's not dancing, Harry has a wide variety of other interests--ranging from gardening, cooking and reading to biking, singing and theater.

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Bolero: 1st--Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler

2nd--Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen

### Jack & Jill Finals

1st--CR Barragan & Paula Boos, Rochester

2nd--Steven Vespested, Rochester & Carol Post

3rd--Owen Gamon, Rochester & Noel Blair

Thanks to the USABDA-MN Formation Team for participating in the "finale" of the competition. Also, thanks to the two couples who did a Country Western exhibition during the competition -- Mark Schultz and Stacy Kojima-Schultz

Jim & Kari Christensen

For anyone interested.....

The North Central Regional Collegiate & Adult Dancesport Festival will be held September 11 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, Indianapolis. It features: ballroom competitions, exhibitions, team matches and general dancing.

A group from Rochester will be going. Good luck to them!

Call Jim Flaskerud for information-483-8998.

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### 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 all dancers: Social, Competitive, Junior (17 yrs & under), College students and Associate (professional/instructor).

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.

### USABDA HOTLINE

**612/489-0581**

**Call for information on dance events. Leave a message for membership information.**

### DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

Thanks from Jan Neugent, dance demo coordinator, to all the dancers who made the June Moon Ball very successful!

Thanks to:

Hub Nelson, Monica Mohn, Ember Reichgott Junge, David Aanestad, Noel Blair, CR Barragan, Kathy Pouliot, Jeff O'Gara, Jan Neugent, John Trnka, Carol Post, Gary Stroick, Jeff Chinn, Celia Mullen, Colleen Williams, Doug Lusher, Debbie Matthews, Bobby Tarnowski, Sue Lakso, Ha Tuong, Donna Buchholtz, Jim Flaskerud, Ellen Neuman, Jack Cain, Karen Kettler, Mark Tepley, Pat Kingston, David Schmit.

### MINNESOTA TO PARTICIPATE IN CHAPTER TEAM MATCHES

A first for USABDA-MN Chapter! Minnesota will be represented at the US Dance Sport Council Championships in Lowell, Massachusetts on August 19. Four couples will be participating in the Chapter Team Matches. They are:

Bill & Bea Beddor --Waltz

Jeff Chinn & Celia Mullen -- Cha Cha

Hub Nelson & Monica Mohn -- Tango

Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler -- Swing

Good luck to everyone -- we'll all be cheering for you!

This is an amateur competition only. It is the qualifying competition for selection of the United States representatives to the World Amateur Championships. This national USABDA-sponsored event also includes a weekend dance competition.

The Dance Sport Festival is held in different locations each year. This is the first time for Massachusetts and the Northeast US area. In 1993, Provo, Utah hosted the world championships.

At the June Moon Ball at the Calhoun Beach Club.....



Monica and Hub

### Dance Events and 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:** Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul. Sat. 8/13--West Coast Swing--noon; Eastern Swing--1 pm; Latin--7 pm. Sun. 8/14--Dance Party, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington, 7-11 pm, \$10--includes group class and refreshments. 561-0206.

**Group classes--Stephanie Hawley:** Call Lonna Falknor at 595-0231 for information.

**Group classes--Timothy Mason & Michele Chard:** Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul. Call 292-8463 for information.

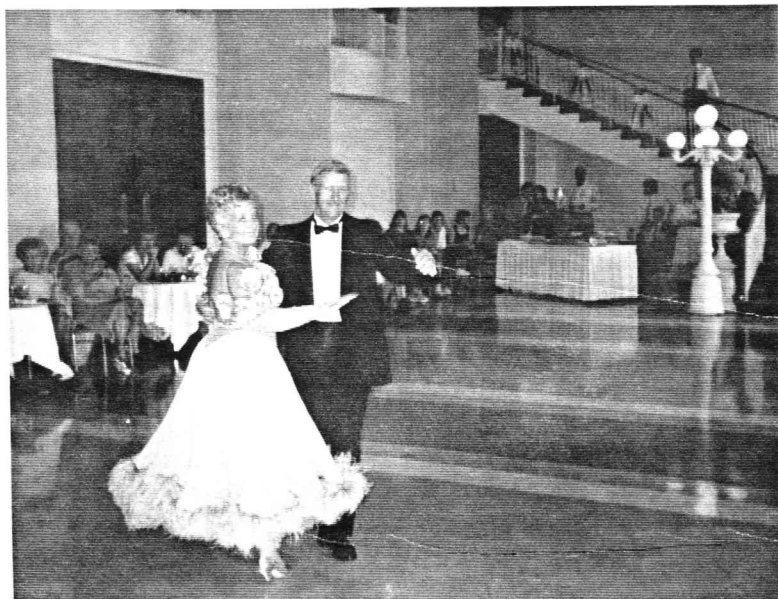
**Medina Ballroom:** free 2-hr. lesson w/ admission --Dean Constantine: 8/13-6:50 pm. Call 476-4044 for more information.

**Group classes--Coliseum Ballroom:** Mon/Wed-Sandra/ Paul; Thu/Sun-Jeff/Cindy; Sat-Mark; Sun-Tsha. Call 722-6311 to be put on mailing list for information.

At the June Moon Ball.....



Jeff and Celia



Jan and John




The Formation Team

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Sun 14, WI Polish Polka  
Band, Billy Jasicki, 2 - 6

Wed 17, Boat Trip on the  
St Croix River

Reservations Requested

### MN-WI MUSICFEST

Thurs 18 - Sun 21

Many MN, WI & IA Bands  
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### SPECIAL SHOW

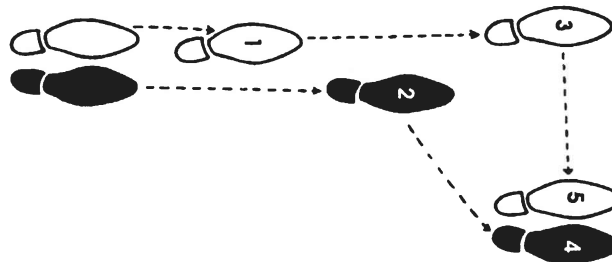
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**Heart of America Championships**  
August 11-14, Kansas City MO, 913/287-3355  
**Great Lakes Dance Classic**  
August 19-21, Milwaukee WI, 414/332-9965  
**USABDA US Dancesport Council Championships**  
August 19-21, Lowell MA, 617/776-5243  
**USABDA Adult-College Dance Festival**  
September 11, Indianapolis, IN, 317/885-8156

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