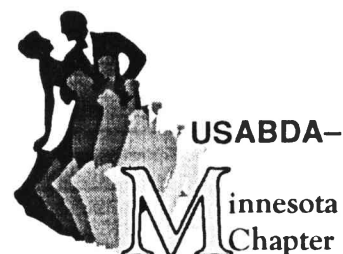


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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

February 1994

USABDA-MN's Dancers Nite Out

by VerJean

Sat. 2/5 USABDA-MN Dance, CSPS (Sokol) Hall, 383 Michigan Ave., St. Paul. Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

Fri. 2/11 Coliseum Ballroom Valentine's Day Dance, 2708 E. Lake St., Mpls. Group lesson 7-8 pm, Dancing 8-10:30 pm, Variety/comedy performance 11pm-12am. See ad pg. 5.

Fri. 2/11 West Coast Swing Club, B-dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St., St. Paul. Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

Sat. 2/19 U of M Valentine's Dance, Great Hall, Coffman Union, 8 pm. \$8 admission for non-students.

Fri. 2/25 West Coast Swing Club, Dance 8:30 pm.

Sun. 2/27 Minnesota Ballroom Operators' Association convention, Medina Ballroom.

Two USABDA-MN Dance Demonstrations. Free dancing 2-10 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---Stephanie Hawley: Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul. Sun. Feb. 13: Noon--Beginning Ballroom; 1 pm--West Coast Swing; 2 pm--Latin Technique. Call 553-1525 for more information.

Group classes--Craig Morris: Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul. Sat. Feb. 19: Noon--West Coast Swing; 1 pm--Eastern Swing. Sun. Feb. 20--Ballroom & country dance party. Call 561-0206 for more information.

Group classes--Timothy Mason/Michelle Chard: Twin City Ballroom, St. Paul. Sat. Feb. 19, 1 pm. Call 292-8463 for more information.

Group lessons--Coliseum Ballroom, 2708 E. Lake St., Mpls. Mon/Wed--Sandra/ Paul; Thu/Sun--Jeff/ Cindy; Sat--Mark; Sun--Tsha. Call 722-6311 for more information and to be put on mailing list.

Ballroom dance bands every Fri.day, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington. Call 854-1296.

USABDA-MN TO ELECT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/BOARD MEMBER

USABDA-MN elections continue as we fill the office of First Vice President and one board member position. The vacancy for the office of First Vice President was created when Jim Flaskerud, who had held that office, was elected President of the Minnesota Chapter of the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association in December.

We have three candidates for the office of First Vice President: Kathy Kaufman, Karen Kettler and David Schmit. As all three candidates are board members, this creates a vacancy for a board position. C. R. Barragan has been nominated for this position.

Members in good standing will receive a ballot enclosed with this newsletter. The ballot is a self-mailer. **Please vote and return the ballot by Saturday, February 5.** You may wish to bring the ballot to the USABDA dance that evening.

USABDA CELEBRATES THIRD BIRTHDAY

USABDA-MN invites everyone to help celebrate the chapter's third birthday anniversary at our dance on Saturday, February 5th. The Minnesota Chapter of USABDA was organized in January 1991. Membership has grown to over 150 members. Enjoy an evening of dancing--and a gala birthday celebration!! Bring a friend! Pass the word along--invite others!

Happy Birthday, USABDA!



USABDA FEBRUARY DANCE and 3rd Birthday Party SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

Shinya McHenry, Instructor

8:30-11:30 pm--Dancing

\$4.00 Members/\$6.00 Non-members

(\$1.00 off admission if you are on time for the group dance lesson)

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FEBRUARY 1994

Thu - FREE lesson with admission -- SHINYA & MARCY
McHENRY Instructors: 7:30 pm.

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

Thu 3	KICO RANGEL Band	Thu 17	DICK MACKO Big Band
Fri 4	White Sidewalls '50s & '60s	Fri 18	Midnight Rider Country
Sun 6	JULES HERMAN Orchestra	Sun 20	JULES HERMAN Orchestra
Thu 10	JIM STURM Band	Thu 24	JERRY O'HAGAN Orchestra
Fri 11	High Noon Country	Fri 25	Johnny Holm's Fun Show
Sat 12	Cowboy Angels Country	Sat 26	Rockin' Hollywoods '50s & '60s
Sun 13	JULES HERMAN Orchestra	Sun 27	JULES HERMAN Orchestra

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

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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-\$25, 1/2 page-\$15, 1/3 page-\$18, 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:

USABDA-MN Newsletter Editor

3608 36th Ave. 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: \$3,637.00 as of 12/31/93. USABDA made a \$750 donation to the New Year's Ball, which Mark Weiss & Tsha Jacobsen sponsored.
- College/Youth Committee: Possibility of sponsoring a dance with Macalester College on Feb. 12 at Cochran Union still uncertain. Celia Mullen will report back to us by Jan. 20.
- Dance demos announced: Jan. 30, Rochester Mall, 2 pm (part of bridal fashion show); Feb. 19, Temple of Aaron, St. Paul, 8 pm; Feb. 27, Minnesota Ballroom Operators Association convention, Medina Ballroom, 4:15 pm & 5:30 pm; March 19, Maplewood Mall, Noon-4 pm.
- "Calling card" to use for giving out information about USABDA events will be printed. Add hotline number; omit officer names. Add lines to write in names.
- Membership: when someone joins USABDA and pays dues at a dance, he/she will receive free admission to that dance that night.
- Publicity: Noel Blair is recording information about events on the USABDA hotline.
- USABDA received a free ad in the Twin Cities Open dance competition program. We do have enough USABDA volunteers to help at the competition.
- Directory: Marilyn Ronan developed form letter to send to studios/ instructors to try to get consistent information from each of them. Will be pocket size--5 1/2"x 3 1/4". Will sell ads to help cover printing costs.
- Kathy Kaufman developed a list of questions to address if we are to do benefit dances for other organizations. She needs our input.
- Formation Team/Southern Theater performances: Jan. 21-23. USABDA donated \$70 to the Formation Team for additional lessons from Shinya McHenry for these cabaret shows. In return, we can use the theater free of charge for a dance/event. Wood floor is about 40x50' in size.
- National Ballroom Dance Week--Sept. 16-25, 1994. Need to reserve place for Grand Ball if we want a Saturday night. Jim and Karen Kettler will research locations/costs. Need to keep ticket for dinner/dance under \$25.
- Election for First Vice President: 3 candidates--Kathy Kaufman, Karen Kettler, David Schmit. Since all 3 candidates are Board members, vacancy on Board will result. C. R. Barragan nominated for Board position.
- Our next dance will be February 5 at Sokol Hall. Shinya McHenry will give a group dance lesson on rumba.
- Our next Board meeting will be February 8 at 7 pm at the Edina Realty office, 4111 Central Ave., Columbia Heights.

USABDA PROFILE

FOCUS ON USABDA MEMBERS

-GREG BERGLUND-

When Greg Berglund weighed his choices between taking cooking classes or dance lessons, the social interaction and entertainment opportunities tipped the scales to dancing. He thought 8-10 lessons would sufficiently meet his goals. That was in 1988--when Greg started taking lessons at the Arthur Murray studios in Bonaventure. When that studio closed, he moved to the Edina studio until about 1 1/2 years ago. He is currently working with Sandra Wunderlich at the Coliseum Ballroom. They have done several competitions and are preparing for the Twin Cities Open at the end of January. Not bad for someone who never really danced before!

Greg enjoys the USABDA dances very much. Besides meeting great people, he says that he has learned a lot from the variety of excellent dancers and feels they have increased the flexibility and range of his dancing.

Greg is a pharmacist at Walgreens. He has just bought a new home, which, coincidentally, is conveniently close to the Medina Ballroom!

THANKS FOR THE TOY CONTRIBUTIONS

As you may recall, we delivered three large plastic bags of toys, which were donated at our December dance, to St. Joseph's Home for Children in Minneapolis. We received the following letter from St. Joseph's:

Dear Friends of St. Joseph's:

Thank you so much for helping to make the holidays brighter for the children at St. Joe's through your generous donation of toys.

Without the generosity of the community--people like yourselves--we would be unable to provide the type of Christmas and the ongoing care that our children need and deserve. I know they join me in sending special thanks to you. We wish you many blessings in this new year!

Connie Skillingstad
Manager of Community Resources

Are you willing to help with USABDA events?

We have many dances/events planned for 1994 and would be happy to have you help. Call the hotline number and leave your name and phone number--612/489-0581.

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ARLENE AND BILL KROLL R

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Arlene was a nurse, married and had four children when she started dance lessons at Arthur Murray's in Minneapolis in the '50's. She was an outstanding student and was asked to become a teacher. She taught there as a Gold qualified instructor for about 2 1/2 years.

Bill, who is an advertising artist, was one of Arlene's students. One year after finishing his lessons in 1959, they were married. At that time, Arlene began to teach independently.

In 1973, Arlene rejoined a studio with Doris Marshall. Bill began to teach also. Arlene managed Dance Etc. in Brooklyn Park from 1978-1982. She then had her own studio, Arlene's, in Brooklyn Center for two years. They have both taught out of their home since then.

In 1977, when a chapter of the U.S. Terpsichore Association was formed in the Twin Cities, Arlene and Bill became members. This group originally sponsored the "Minnesota Star Ball" and ballroom dance competition. Although the ball and competition had not been held for many years, it was reintroduced that year.

The Minnesota Ballroom Operators Association also helped sponsor the event. When members of the Minnesota Ballroom Dance Teachers Association affiliated with the Minnesota Ballroom Operators Association, this group, along with Fred Bielke, were organizers of the "Minnesota Ballroom Open" from 1983-86.

In 1987, Arlene and Bill took sole responsibility of what is now called the "Minnesota Open Ballroom Dance Competition." Bill says, "Our claim to fame is that we observe the NDCA rule book closely and our personal attitude toward competitions". They also felt that costs had to be kept down and continually work towards that. They start to prepare for the Minnesota Open about ten months before the spring event.

Bill has been the editor and publisher of the Terpsichore Association newsletter since 1984. Arlene is a qualified NDCA registered adjudicator. Both were Pro/Am competitors and tried one professional competition. Arlene has coached many amateur couples.

Sons Curt Johnson and Steve Kroll also have had a part in the competitions. Curt coordinates the assistants and the presentation of awards. Steve has done the video taping of the event for the organizers' record. Last year, Steve's daughter, Danielle, was a steward. So with three generations involved, it is definitely a family affair!

Arlene and Bill have five children and twelve grandchildren. Their other interests include growing roses and they were active for many years in the Minnesota Rose Society.

As members of USABDA, they are eager that social ballroom dance be promoted and emphasize that the focus be on amateur couples.

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COLISEUM BALLROOM VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Friday, February 11

7 pm-12 midnight

7-8 pm

Group Dance Lesson

Nite Club Two-Step taught by Sandra & Paul

8-10:30 pm

Dancing

11 pm-12

Special Performance

Featuring Meg & Sean Emery

Variety artists/aerial & comedy acts

Former performers with Ringling Brothers

\$2--dance lesson

\$10--dance

\$5--special performance

Your hosts--Sandra & Paul Botes

For more information, call 722-6311

2708 E. Lake St., 3rd floor, Minneapolis

Congratulations and best wishes.....
Sandra Wunderlich and Paul Botes were
married January 5 in Pretoria, South Africa!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH MINNESOTA OPEN

Arlene and Bill Kroll, organizers of the *Minnesota Open*, would like some volunteers to help with the dance competition. The *Minnesota Open* will be held May 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis.

There are opportunities to help with stewarding, taking tickets, etc. For more information, call Arlene at 612/561-5407. It's fun and you'll be able to see some of the dance competition.

MORE MINNESOTANS REPRESENTED AT OHIO STAR BALL

Last month we reported on the Minnesota dancers who received outstanding awards and honors at the Ohio Star Ball.

Unfortunately, we missed one couple; we apologize to them for the omission.

Jeff and Cindy Nehrbass placed third in the Rising Star American Smooth. Congratulations!

Did you see in *Amateur Dancer*.....
USABDA-MN ranks third in the nation for a
"quality chapter"?

We are doing very well in recruiting and retaining members, compared to the other 48 chapters that have been operating over two years. In the last year, we have had 39 new members!

Just a reminder to those of you who are not members yet.....if you join USABDA-MN at one of our dances, you will receive free admission to the dance that evening.

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Craig Morris, Minneapolis.....	561-0206
Jeff & Cindy Nehrbass, Minneapolis.....	341-4169
Northwest Health Clubs, Minneapolis.....	546-6094
Mark Weiss, St. Paul.....	291-8131
Sandra Wunderlich, Minneapolis.....	541-0842

COMPETITOR'S COLUMN

Texas Challenge Dance Championships

March 24-27, Houston, TX, 713/667-5998

Minnesota Open

May 20-22, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Mpls, 561-5407

SWAPLINES

Buy, Sell, Trade your dance stuff!!

FOR SALE

Ladies shoes: blk Scarlet by Celebrity, 2 1/2" heel, sz 5 1/2 med.; white satin Angelo by Celebrity, 2" heel, sz 6 1/2 med. Call Jane at 688-7988 or Viktoria at 823-3385.

FOR SALE

Ladies skin tone Supadance dance shoes, 2 1/2" heel, slightly rounded toe, sz 5 med. English. Ladies sandal dance shoes: blk rhinestone with 2" heel, silver with 2 1/2" heel, gold with 2" heel. All sz 7 med. American. Call Jane at 688-7988.

FOR RENT

Ladies modern ballgown, salmon w/AB stones & feathers, sz 4-8. Excellent condition. Call Jane at 688-7988.

FOR SALE

Ladies magenta Latin costume w/sequins/rhinestones. Shirley Ballas replica. Sz med. Reasonable. Call Beth 1-955-1024.

FOR SALE

Ladies exquisite white ballgown w/purple trim. Beautifully decorated bodice & sleeves. Petite sz 2-6. \$1200.
 Neon peach & white modern gown. Italian lace bodice encrusted with pearls. Beautifully draped wings. Petite sz 2-6. \$1600. Call Donna at 932-9449.

FOR SALE

Turquoise & gold halter Latin dress. European style w/ankle length front & back panel skirt. Wide gold belt/cuffs w/stones & jewels. Petite sz 2-6. \$850. Call Donna at 932-9449.