# Dancin' Times



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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

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#### **DANCERS NITE OUT**

**Sat. 2/4** West Coast Swing workshop w/ Michael Kiehm, Bel Rae Ballroom, 10am-5pm, \$85/couple, \$45/single. Dance 8:30pm, 786-4630

Fri. 2/10 Valentine's Mask Ball, Coliseum Ballroom. See ad pg 6

Fri. 2/10 West Coast Swing Club, B-Dale Club, 2100 N. Dale St., St. Paul. Lesson 7:30pm, Dance 8:30pm. 731-9768

Sat. 2/11 Valentine's Ball, Northwest Health Club. See ad pg. 11

Sun. 2/12 USABDA Night Out, Valentine's Ball, Bel Rae Ballroom, See ad pg. 3

Fri. 2/17 Rochester USABDA-MN Dance, Eagles Club, Rochester. Lesson 7:30pm- \$2, Dance 8:30pm- \$4 members, \$5 non-members. 507-281-1034

**Fri. 2/17** Dinner/Dance, Withrow Ballroom, John Owen Big Band. Dinner 6:30pm, Dance 8pm. BYOB. 439-5123 for reservations

**Sat. 2/18** Valentine's Dance, U of M Ballroom Dance Club, Great Hall, Coffman Lesson 7pm, Dance 8pm. HOTLINE 649-4505

**Sun. 2/19** Valentine's Day Sock Hop Party, On Your Toes School of Dance. See ad pg. 4

**Sun. 2/19** Swing Spring Dance, Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave S., Mpls. Lesson 7pm, Dance 7:30pm, 338-2674

Sun. 2/19 Northern Lights Chapter of USABDA, Sweetheart Ball, Fargo. See ad pg. 11

Fri. 2/24 West Coast Swing Club, Dance 8:30pm

**Fri. 2/24** Sweetheart Dance, Sentimental Journey Big Band, Radisson South Hotel. See ad pg. 9

Sat. 2/25 Jerry O'Hagen, Medina Ballroom, Dance 8:30pm, 478-6661

Sat. 2/25 The Cherry Wood Ball, Capitol Ballroom. See ad pg. 8

**Sat. 2/25** Mardi Gras Celebration, 3 bands, Majestic Ballroom, Cottage Grove, Dance 8pm, 459-3457

Sat. 3/4 USABDA Birthday Dance & Showcase, Shakopee Ballroom.

## MACALASTER MOVES TO THE MUSIC

by Yvonne M. Riske USABDA Dance Coordinator

Macalaster College was the locale for the January USABDA-dance and what a thrill it was! On January 14, 1995 we came together with the students of Macalaster College for a great evening of dancing, wonderful showcasing and lots of camaraderie! A total of 95 delightful students came out for the event and eight of those won free tickets to the Twin Cities Open Ballroom Dance Competition held on January 27 and 28. They are: Kathy Welder, John Millspaugh, Gretchen Wegner, A.J. Cranston, Andy Davis, Nathan Cantrell, Wincy Wu and Dan Morgenbesser. A very special thanks is in order to Amy Anderson, coordinator of TCO, for providing the free tickets.

We are grateful to the following for their performing contributions during the showcase segment: Celia Mullen, Jeff Chinn, Terri Kimler, Nels Peterson, Bonita Bartholomew, Mark Vollmer, Monica Mohn, Bobby Tarnowski and the Dancer's Studio Bronze Formation Team. Also, much appreciation to Lisa Erickson for her enthusiastic efforts in preparing the dance posters at Brooklyn Center High School as these students were also eligible to win tickets to the competition. A special thanks to David Schmit, as director of the College and Youth Program, for emceeing the dance, and to Peter Maki for spinning the disks.

#### USABDA BIRTHDAY DANCE & SHOWCASE

Saturday, March 4th Shakopee Ballroom

Watch for details in the March Newsletter

If you'd like to participate in the showcase, call Yvonne Riske at 525-8933

#### DANCE LESSONS

Bel Rae Ballroom: 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: Lots of Group classes. For info, call 928-7803

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

Craig Morris: Group classes- On 42nd Ballroom, 705 42nd Ave N, Mpls. Sat 2/11- West Coast- noon; East Coast- 1pm; Hustle- 5pm. Sun. 2/12- Dance Party, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington, 7-11pm- dance, group lesson, refreshments. 561-0206

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

#### NOTES FROM THE BOARD



by Karen Voels **USABDA Chapter Secretary** 

- Treasurer's report: about \$3500 in the treasury. Expenses are increasing; board is considering some fund raising activities.
- Tom Crable was appointed Membership Chair.
- Of the 46 goals in our 1994 operating plan, 33 were completed and 4 were partially completed.
- Judi Pankratz has set up the tentative 1995 USABDA dance calendar.
- USABDA was able to obtain tickets for TCO to offer in a drawing at the youth night dance. Scott Anderson also offered other help with youth.
- There will be another meeting to continue writing the job descriptions - when & where TBA.
- Dorothy Jones is working on a flier to solicit volunteers for different needs - it will probably be handed out at some of the dances.
- The newsletter ad rates have been increased.
- The Heartland Chapter Wants couples to participate in the competition in Indiana. Jim will submit names of those that will be attending.
- Mark and Peter are checking on stereo equipment needs.
- The birthday dance will be held on March 4.
- There is a new place (permanently) for the board meetings- Dunwoody Institute, West Entrance, Room #41 (park in guest parking). The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm



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.

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** 1020 Sumter Ave. N. Golden Valley, MN 55427

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

#### **NEW ADVERTISING RATES**

The good news is that we're getting bigger. Our chapter, now in its fourth year, has grown from a few dozen back in 1991 to a mailing list of around 400. The newsletter has expanded to meet the ever-growing needs and interests. Effective for the March issue, rates for advertising have increased nominally, and we've added a business card option for an inexpensive way for members to let us know what you do! Brochures will be available soon, but for now...

#### Here are the new rates:

Full page \$35 1/2 page \$25 1/4 page \$15

Business cards: Consecutive 3 months,

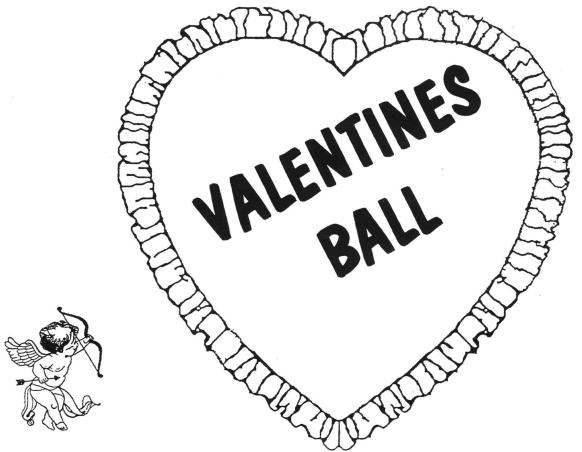
\$15 for 3 issues

All copy for ads should be camera-ready. Reminder that all ads must allow for margins on top and bottom.

Pre-payment required (with copy). We're eliminating billing for ads.

**DEADLINE** for <u>all</u> newsletter items is the **10th** of the month.

## YOU ARE INVITED





Sunday February 12th

## JERRY O'HAGEN BIG BAND

8:00-11:00 PM

Jim & Kay Mondo Dance Class 7:15-8:00 PM

Formal Wear Suggested (But Not Required)

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# VALENTINES DAY SOCK HOP PARTY!



Friday, Febuary 17th \* 9-llp.m.



attire: leather jackets, poodle skirts, letterman sweaters and of course "SOCKS"! (prize for best costume and best socks!)

Injoy dancing to great 50's tunes

Your music suggestions and requests are welcome. Please feel

free to bring in your own music to be played!





special surprise performances by staff & students
Hors d' Oeuvres & refreshments



admission: \$10 \* \$5 charter members





#### President's Corner

1994 was a phenomenal year for USABDA-MN! There has been an incredible amount of enthusiasm at our events, which has translated into more involvement by more people. Getting members to take on the challenges our club faces has been made easier because of the success.

USABDA-MN's main goal for the year was "To promote ballroom dancing in the community. To search for new ways to promote and advertise USABDA-MN to the general public." We wrote up an operating plan which consisted of three and a half pages of issues, ideas and suggestions. Of the 46 items, 33 were successfully completed; four were partially completed and nine will be worked on this year.

It takes an enormous amount of effort and hard work by a lot of people to accomplish all of this in one year. Every member needs to look for ways to help out, so that our officers and board members do not get burned out.

Some of the major accomplishments for the year were:

- 1. Hot line established. Message updated weekly.
- 2. Directory of ballrooms and instruction published.
- Obtained one dollar discount for USABDA members at Medina Ballroom. (Show USABDA member card)
- 4. Established discounts at monthly USABDA dances (not including special events):

\$4 members (\$2 discount)

\$4 full-time students with I.D.

Free admission for professionals who have donated their time-lessons, shows, etc.

Free admission to first dance for new members (one-time)

- First USABDA-MN all-amateur showcase at Shakopee Ballroom
- 6. Joint dances with Country and West Coast Swing Club.
- 7. Established new positions:

Publicity Director- Noel Blair

Parliamentarian- C.R. Barragan

Corporate Sponsorship Chairman- Colleen Williams

College/Youth Committee Chairman- David Schmit

Advisor- Elaine Barrett

Historian & Photo Displays- Donna Buchholtz

8. Many demonstrations were organized during the year, bringing in donations of several hundred dollars. Our demo coordinators are Jan Neugent & Yvonne Riske. They have had a lot of help from Sue Lakso, David Schmit and others.

On the financial side, our ambitious agenda created a sizable budget. According to our treasurer, Dorothy Lea, we began the year with a balance of \$3637. We had income of \$19,323 and expenses of \$19,404. That left a remaining balance of \$3,563. The annual budget had originally been set at \$14,545, but because of our extensive activities and goals, we exceeded expectations. Since USABDA is a non-profit organization, it is not our goal to make a profit, only to have sufficient resources to fund our goals and maintain a comfortable balance in our treasury.

Jim Flaskerud

#### **USABDA PROFILE**

FOCUS ON USABDA MEMBERS

#### -TOM CRABLE-

Tom has been involved with music most of his life having played clarinet since youth. During graduate school at the University of Michigan, Tom joined a square dance club, which was his first exposure to dance. Shortly after moving to the Twin Cities in 1985, he joined, "In The Mood," a local studio that taught lessons through Open U. His favorite dance-- swing. He complete Pro-Am in Bronze level swing and swing-hustle.

Next it was on to the U of M Ballroom Dance Club for a few years. Several members of that club then went to the On 42nd Ballroom and created a formation team specializing in Cha-Cha. That team was featured at one of USABDA's first dances back in 1991. Along the way, he and Rod Meyer had been observing the Open/Smooth formation and decided to generate interest in a Silver team. That team now has eight pairs of enthusiastic dancers! (You can read about how the formation teams are progressing elsewhere in the newsletter).

Tom has worked one and a half years at the Air Force Reserve Base as an Industrial Hygienist. He samples and tests air and water for quality and potential hazards.

Other interests include golf, photography, cross-country skiing, and just about anything related to the performing arts.

As a new board member, he'll be involved as the Membership Chairman, both in retaining current members and seeking new ones.

Tom's favorite dances are swing-hustle and quickstep. He says, "I'm a dancer with a sense of humor. I love Calvin & Hobbes, and Dilbert." You'll find him at most USABDA dances, swinging (and laughing) up a storm.

#### What Is USABDA? Who Are WE?

USABDA stands for the United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association, a mon-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

## Valentine's Mask Ball



\*Prize for Best Mask

Coliseum Ballroom

Friday, February 10

Group Class 8-9 pm Night Club 2-Step

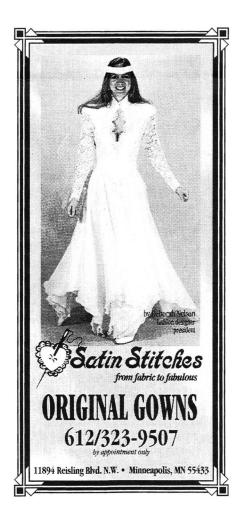
Dance/Party 9-11 pm

\$10 Group Class & Party \$6 USABDA Members

722-6311 Sandy or Paul

2708 E. Lake Street, 3rd Floor, Minneapolis





#### **USABDA BACK TO SCHOOL**

By David Schmit

On Thursday, December 8th, Lisa Erickson and David Schmit performed at the Brooklyn Center High School. In conjunction with the college and youth program, Lisa and David provided the grand finale to a week-long block of ballroom dance lessons for the students of two Phy. Ed. classes. Thanks to the Brooklyn Center High School and Jane Eggers, the Phy Ed. instructor, for inviting us. Special thanks to Lisa Erickson for taking time from her busy schedule to represent USABDA. It was great to see these kids so excited about dancing!

On January 5th, St. Joseph Home For Children, a temporary shelter for kids, was the site for the first youth demonstration of 1995. Not only did the program feature a variety of smooth, rhythm and country dancing, but a special debut from Mickey and Minnie Mouse enhanced the event with a fun-filled West Coast Swing! Thanks to the following enthusiastic dancers who warmed the hearts of these very special kids: Sanae Storey, David Schmit, Noel Blair, C.R. Barragan, Sue Lakso, Ha Twong, Karen Voels, Mark Tepley, Lori Kozicky, Bobby Tarnowski, Monica Mohn, Donna Buchholtz (a.k.a. "Minnie Mouse"), Doug Lusher (a.k.a. "Mickey Mouse"), Carol Post, Gary Stroick, Yvonne Riske, and Bill Nunn. Thanks also to Julie, volunteer coordinator, and St. Joseph Home for inviting us. Special thanks to our new music coordinator, Pete Maki, For keeping the tapes rolling!

Schools are fun to dance for! If you know of a school that would like a dance demonstration contact David Schmit at 493-4696.

♥ Editor's Note: The College & Youth division has lots of great ideas for fun things to do but need \$ to fund them. Any ideas? Call David.

#### **FORMATION TEAM UPDATE**

Remember that plea for interested formation team members? Well, they're off and running – or should I say dancing! The original Open/Smooth formation is still performing their current routines, and are working on new choreography. You'll see them demo their new stuff at the Minnesota Open in May.

Alongside that team is the new Open/Latin dance team, also set to preview at the Minnesota Open.

The new Silver/Smooth team is underway as well, look for their debut in late March. All three teams are comprised of eight pairs – involving a lot of dancers.

And several of the studios are putting together teams of their own. Formations are a hot item!

Did you know how the USABDA formations got started? It seems that Jeff Chinn, for his wedding a few years ago, asked Shinya McHenry to choreograph a "Wedding Waltz Formation Team." After its premier, several members wanted to create a USABDA team. Jim Flaskerud, our current president, took it upon himself to organize a team — which has been in existence for over two years now. In fact, that's how Jim got involved in USABDA!

⇒ By the way, the Open/Latin team still needs 1-2 men to complete the formation. Call Shinya at 641-0777 if interested.

#### **Fund Raising**

USABDA is looking for someone with fund-raising or grant-writing experience. We've heard that there are arts grants available, and think it would be a great way to support our growing formation teams. If you are interested or know of anyone with this type of expertise, call Jim Flaskerud at 483-8998.

#### **Upcoming Dance Demonstrations**

**February 2** – Centennial Lakes/ Edinborough Park, Edina, for the residents, 7pm.

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

May 4 – Centennial Lakes/ Edinborough Park, Edina, for the residents, 7pm.

⇒ If you'd like to dance in any of the demonstrations coming up, please call Yvonne Riske at 672-3243 or 525-8933. It's a great opportunity to have some fun with attentive audiences!



#### Dancin' Cruise

The Rochester Chapter of USABDA invites you on their 2nd Annual "Dance Away The Blues Cruise", April 21-24. Destination: the Caribbean. \$750/person includes airfair, port charges, meals. For information call Maggie Lee, 507-287-9734 or Steve Vespested, 507-281-1034.

#### ...from your new Editor

The biggest issue ever! Is my dance card full, or what?!?

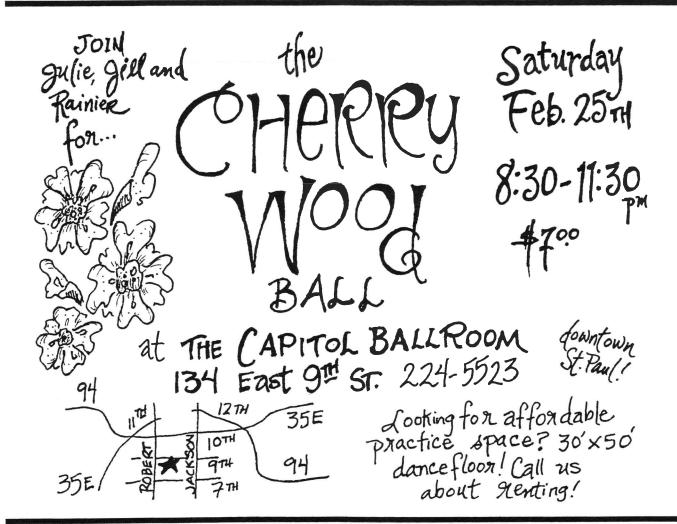
I'm not sure where it all started. I suppose back in the 3rd grade when I was chosen to be the lead flower in the Pied Piper of Hamline (I think). That started the road to performance mania; from cheerleader and danceline in high school to choreographing and starring in our spring musical senior year, to a myriad of other stuff. Actually, I come complete with a family history of dance. Before me, my sister danced her way through college in modern and jazz — she now choreographs for one of the largest community theaters west of Milwaukee. Before her, my mother danced professionally with the Milwaukee Ballet. And my parents have been affectionally referred to as "Fred & Ginger" for as long as I can remember. So I suppose it's in the genes.

I started ballroom lessons back in 1986 on a whim. After learning all there was to know (in just 3 months!), I left dancing for several years, arriving back on the scene only a little over a year ago. Funny how there seems to be so much more to know now!

I'm thrilled to take on the task of Newsletter Editor. I just hope I can meet the standard your used to. You'll notice some obvious changes in the look of the newsletter, to subtle ones including content, format and business card advertising. Many thanks already to my right hand man, Bruce Willits, for doing the layout and design. We could really use some help in the area of assembling the newsletter. We're now mailing over 400, and that takes some time! I'll promise to provide milk and cookies.

See you on the swing

Shari



# Sentimental Tourney Big Band

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# "SWEATHEART

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with the rich sound of a 17 piece Big Band! specializing in Swing & Foxtrot with some Waltz and Latin

FRIDAY,

FEBRUARY 24TH, 1995

Radisson South Hotel 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

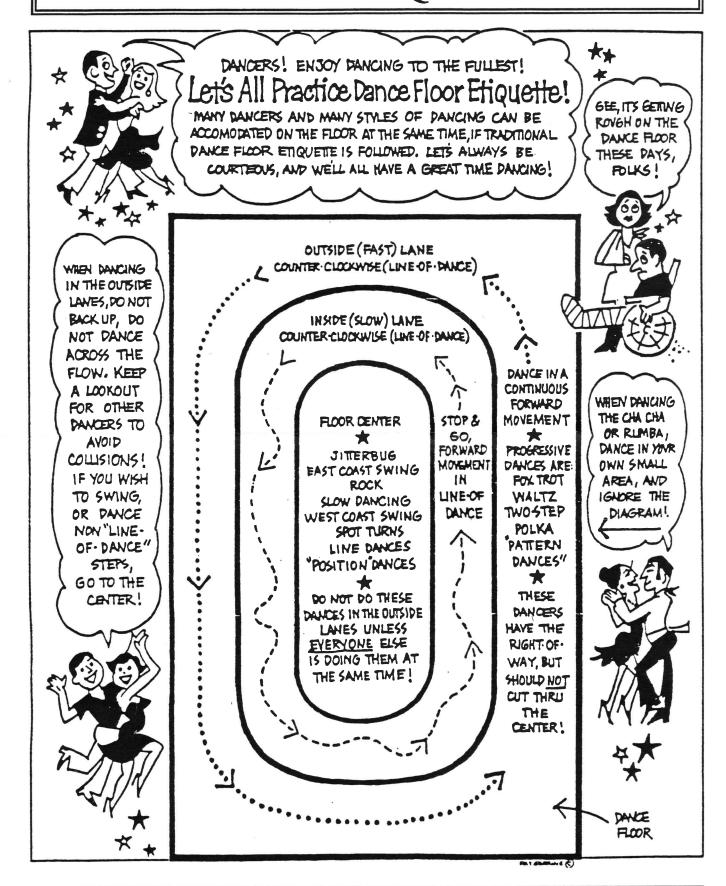
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for Information and to purchase tickets
Order by February 17th (Tickets are limited)

Admission is \$10 per person,
\$100 will reserve a table for 10

Exhibition dancing during breaks performed by Arthur Murray & Cindy's Swingers

### **DANCE ETIQUETTE**



You are invited.....

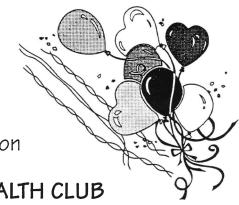
# NORTHWEST VALENTINE'S BALL

Saturday, February 11 8-11 pm

Dance to the big band sounds of the Percy Hughes Quartet

\$15 in advance, \$18 at the door Light refreshments included

Call 546-6554 for ticket information



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## Sweetheart Ball

Northern Lights Chapter of USABDA Fargo, North Dakota

Sunday, February 19th

Fargo Eagles Club Myron Sommerfeld Orchestra

Dinner 5:30 pm ♥ \$16 Dance only 7-11 pm ♥ \$6



Reservations: Don & Joan Miller 701-235-5214

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Karen Voels

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#### Competitor's Column

St. Louis Star Ball March 9-12, St Louis, MO. 913-287-3355

North Central Regional College/ Adult Dance Sport Festival March 26, Indianapolis, 317-885-8156

#### **SWAPLINES**

Buy, sell, trade your dance stuff!

#### NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FEBRUARY 10



Happy Valentine's Day