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Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association--Minnesota Chapter

July 1996

## DANCERS NITE OUT

**Thu. 7/4** Happy Fourth of July!

**Sat. 7/6** Dance Party, Coliseum Ballroom (new location),  
722-6311 or see ad pg. 4.

**Fri. 7/12** West Coast Swing Club, B-Dale Club, 2100 N.  
Dale St., St Paul, lesson 7:30pm, dance 8:30pm, 730-4468.

**Fri. 7/12** July Dance Party, On Your Toes School of Dance,  
928-7803.

**Sat. 7/13** **USABDA** Beginners Dance, Northwest Swim &  
Raquet Club, Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park, see insert.

**Fri. 7/19** Dance Party, Coliseum Ballroom (new location),  
722-6311 or see ad pg. 2.

**Fri. 7/19** The Fantastic Convertibles (50s & 60s), Medina  
Ballroom, 9pm.

**Sat. 7/20** **USABDA** July Dance, On Your Toes School of  
Dance, see info this page.

**Sat. 7/20** Sammy Jensen Big Band, Medina Ballroom,  
lesson w/pd admission 7pm, dance 8:30pm, 478-6661.

**Fri. 7/26** The Dancers Sudio Summer Spectacular, 641-  
0777 or see ad pgs. 6 & 7.

**Fri. 7/26** West Coast Swing Club, B-Dale Club, 2100 N.  
Dale St., St Paul, dance 8:30pm, 730-4468.

**Fri. 7/26** Rockin' Hollywoods (50s & 60s), Medina  
Ballroom, 9pm.

**Fri & Sat. 7/26 & 27** Minnesota Dance Expo, the Dance  
Shoppe Performing Arts Center, 431-0936 or see ad pg. 10.

**Sat. 8/24** **USABDA** August Dance, location TBA.

**Sat. 9/29** **USABDA** Grand Ball, Minneapolis Hyatt  
Regency.

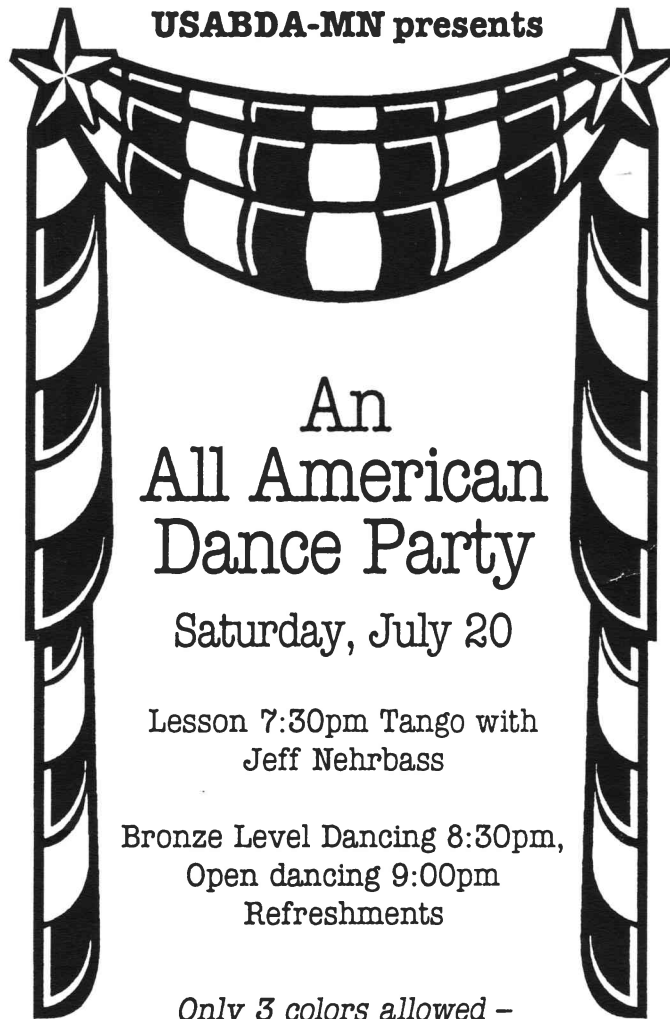
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## What Is USABDA? Who Are We?

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 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.  
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## 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.

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### DEADLINE

**All materials due the 10th of each month.**

Submit information, copy and ads to:

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1020 Sumter Ave. N.  
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Newsletter Editor: Shari Akemann.....(612) 593-0822



Send address changes to  
Jim Baker at address on  
back of this newsletter.  
Please notify National  
USABDA also.



## Notes From the Board

by Melanie Helvig  
USABDA Chapter Secretary

- The July dance is Saturday, July 20. It will be at On Your Toes School of Dance in St. Louis Park. Jeff Nehrbass will teach a tango lesson. Wear red, white and blue for a costume contest.
- We're trying to find a location for the August dance.
- The Grand Ball is Saturday, September 28th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. We'll need volunteers to help with the dance, taking tickets, with decorations (both planning and set-up.)
- We could also use volunteers to help on the promotions committee to spread the word about USABDA. Those interested may call Dorothy Jones at 788-4272.
- The tentative schedule for USABDA dances is as follows:

August 24	November 23
September 28 (Grand Ball)	December 21
October 19	
- Next meeting is Tuesday, July 2, 7pm, at Elaine Barrett's house, 2015 Central Avenue N.E., Apt 234, Minneapolis.

## Competitor's Column

includes regional and USABDA events

**Emerald City Dance Classic (USABDA) a.k.a. Northwestern Regional Amateur DanceSport Championships**  
July 20, Carpenter Center, Seattle WA. Contact: USABDA NW Chapter, (206) 361-8217.

**Capitol City Dance Classic**  
July 20-21, Holiday Inn West, Madison, WI. Contact: Engle Dance Connection, (608) 221-1921.

**Mid-Summer Dance Classic (USABDA)**  
July 27, Rhapsody Ballroom, Tampa FL. Contact: Southern Star USABDA Chapter, (813) 685-1656.

**Heart of America Championships (Dancers Cup Circuit)**  
August Embassy Suites Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO. Contact: LeRoy Walters, (913) 287-3355.

**Great Lakes Dance Classic Championships**  
August 15-17, Grand Milwaukee Hotel, Milwaukee, WI. Contact: North Towne Ballroom, (414) 332-9965.

**USABDA National Dance Sport Championships**  
August 15-18, University of Houston, Houston, TX. Contact: Houston USABDA Chapter, (713) 541-2450. See ad pg.11.

**Nevada Star Ball Championships (Challenge of Champions Regional)**  
August 16-19, Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Brian & Susan Puttock, (702) 367-8194.

\*\*\*for a more complete list, see "Amateur Dancers", the national publication for the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association.

# The MINNESOTA OPEN™

## Ballroom Dance Competition

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### Bigger is Busier at 14th Minnesota Open

by Arlene Kroll, Event Organizer

A new venue and new later dates seem to have added that extra something to the Fourteenth Minnesota Open Ballroom Dance Competition. The Radisson Hotel in St. Paul was a good host. Their food service was excellent. But, in a year when the Minnesota Open had the largest entry ever (over 1200, maintaining the leadership position it has always held) the turnout for the featured Amateur, Pro/Am and Pro events was a bit slimmer than usual. However, the quality of the dancing was very good. This year saw studios from Edmonton, Alberta, and Ottawa, Ontario (Canada's capitol city) joining those from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Omaha, NE, Fargo, ND, Chicago, IL, Madison, WI, Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, and our many Duluth and Twin Cities studios. Over 200 competitors contributed their talents to what was a truly fine event.

The judges were tough but very fair. Enrique Ramon chaired the panel which included Gilbert Wenham, Cynthia Dostal Long, Robert Long, Carrie & David Kloss, and Pierre Allaire & Mireille Veilleux. Jeff Carlsen served admirably as Scrutineer. The Minnesota Open is organized annually by Arlene & Bill Kroll.

Nels Petersen, who was in Blackpool the week preceding the event, made it back in time to dance and win both the Amateur International Standard and American Rhythm titles with partners Heidi Smith and Theresa Kimler. Gary & Carol (Post) Stroick won the Amateur American Smooth crown.

In Pre-Championship events Andrew Nordberg & Janie Sorheim took American Rhythm, Tom Yu & Daira Bui of Freeport, IL, took the Standard, Mark Tepley & Karen Kettler triumphed in the American Smooth, and, Freddie Marsh-Lott & Lindsey Seabrook from Madison, WI, captured the International Latin title.

Pro/Am winners included Pat Kingston in Ladies American Smooth, and Jim Baker in the Men's American Smooth, Sue Lakso in Ladies American Rhythm, and Shirley Madill of Winnipeg in the International Standard.

Selected Amateur and Pro/Am winners follow, but everyone who danced was a winner in our book. Our congratulations to all who took part.

#### Amateur Standard Novice

1. Bill & Bea Beddor, Mpls, MN

2. George & Trish Zachanowich, Winnipeg, MB

#### Amateur Pre-Championship American Rhythm

1. Andrew Nordberg & Janie Sorheim, Mpls, MN

#### Amateur Pre-Championship American Smooth

1. Mark Tepley & Karen Kettler, St. Paul, MN

2. Andrew Nordberg & Janie Sorheim, Mpls, MN

3. Mark Lee & Joanie Taylor, Richfield, MN

4. Don & Joan Miller, Fargo, ND

5. Bill & Bea Beddor, Mpls, MN

#### Amateur Pre-Championship International Latin

1. Freddie Marsh-Lott & Lindsey Seabrook, Madison, WI

2. George & Trish Zachanowich, Winnipeg, MB

#### Amateur Pre-Championship International Standard

1. Tom Yu & Daira Bui, Freeport, IL

2. Bill & Bea Beddor, Mpls, MN

3. George & Trish Zachanowich, Winnipeg, MB

#### Pro/Am American Smooth (Ladies)

1. Pat Kingston, Scott Anderson, Mpls

2. Michelle Vandesteeg, Paul Botes, Mpls

3. Julianne Mossak, David Aanestad, Mpls

4. Stephanie Griffin, Chris Rader, Ottawa, ON

5. Sylvie Turcotte, Jacques Beaudoin, Ottawa, ON

6. Judy Condon, Ed Ruiter, Ottawa, ON

#### Pro/Am American Smooth (Men)

1. Jim Baker, Jennifer Foster, Mpls, MN

2. Mark Tepley, Sandra Botes, Mpls, MN

3. Bill Beddor, Amy Anderson, Mpls, MN

4. Dennis Krautkramer, Gwen Engel, Madison, WI

#### Pro/Am American Rhythm (Ladies)

1. Sue Lakso, Shinya McHenry, St Paul, MN

2. Jennifer LeTourneau, Nathan Daniels, Mpls, MN

3. Linda Butt, Chris Rader, Ottawa, ON

#### Pro/Am International Standard

1. Shirley Madill, Teodor Motyka, Winnipeg, MB

#### Amateur American Rhythm Championship

1. Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler, Circle Pines, MN

#### Amateur American Smooth Championship

1. Gary & Carol Stroick, Mpls, MN

2. Mark Tepley & Karen Kettler, St. Paul, MN

3. Andrew Nordberg & Janie Sorheim, Mpls, MN

4. Don & Joan Miller, Fargo, ND

5. Bill & Bea Beddor, Mpls, MN

#### Amateur International Latin Championship

1. Alex Tecza & Monica Maj, Chicago, IL

#### Amateur International Standard Championship

1. Nels Petersen & Heidi Smith, Circle Pines, MN

2. Alex Tecza & Monica Maj, Chicago, IL

3. Tom Yu & Daira Bui, Freeport, IL




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# Dance Demonstrations

by Yvonne M Riske

USABDA Dance Demonstration Coordinator

## A Party at Park Hill Apartments

On May 15, USABDA members created a party-like atmosphere for the residents at **Park Hill Apartments** in St. Louis Park. To an audience of about 30, we entertained them all with a variety of rhythm and smooth dances. Included in sharing their talents were the following people: **Ellen Neuman & Jack Cain, Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley, Lisa Hamilton & Doug Lusher, Shari Akemann & David Schmit, Noel Blair & C. R. Barragan** and for the first time out, **Bonita Bartholomew & Mark Vollmer**. We enjoyed visiting with the residents afterward and learning that one woman in the group was 106 and as spry as ever! Thank you dancers and to **Pete Maki & Joyce Thompson** for assisting with the music. A special thanks to **Marge Agrinoff** who organized the event on behalf of Park Hill Apartments and provided a \$60 donation!

## A Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On

**Wyndham Gardens Hotel** in Bloomington was the site for USABDA's most recent demo. On May 25, **Rick Martinek** of Mountain Top Promotions sponsored the **Giant Singles Dance and Party** and asked us to provide the entertainment. The following dancers helped out: **Karen Kettler & Doug Lusher, Ellen Neuman & Jack Cain, Carol and Gary Stroick, Joannie Taylor & Mark Lee, Galena Zolotonosov, Wade Worford and David Schmit, Yvonne Riske and Dan Viehman**; helping with music for our dance and the dance lesson were **Joyce Thompson & Pete Maki**. Later in the evening, **Rebecca Trost** of **Four Seasons Dancing** provided instruction in both swing and foxtrot with many people out on the dance floor learning those steps! Many thanks to all of you for making this a hit! Special thanks also to **Dorothy Jones** for coordinating arrangements with Rick and with Rebecca.

HELP! HELP! Yvonne is in need of assistance! We are looking for people to emcee dance demonstrations and to help contact dancers for upcoming demos this summer and fall as she will be unavailable. If you have just one hour a month to spare, please contact Yvonne to lend a hand!

## Upcoming Dance Demonstrations:

**Mon. 7/15** "Summer Sounds" for Minnesota Hearing Aid Association, Calhoun Beach Club, Minneapolis; One-hour show. 4 rhythm and 2 smooth couples needed.

**Sat. 7/27** Grand Opening of Coon Rapids YMCA (theme: "Cruise Ship Party"), 7:45 - 10:00 p.m. Dancing w/o formal program; 4 rhythm and 3 smooth couples needed.

**Sat. 8/31** MN Association of Community Theatres Benefit Masquerade Ball; Crown Roller Mill (next to Whitney Hotel), Downtown Minneapolis; two 20-minute demos during band breaks; 3 rhythm and 3 smooth couples needed.

Great opportunities to share your talents. Call Yvonne at 525-8933 and let her know which demos and what dances you can participate in. Please ensure you are a USABDA member, so you are covered under our insurance policy.

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# A Semi-Formal Ball

**Date:**  
**Friday, July 26, 1996**

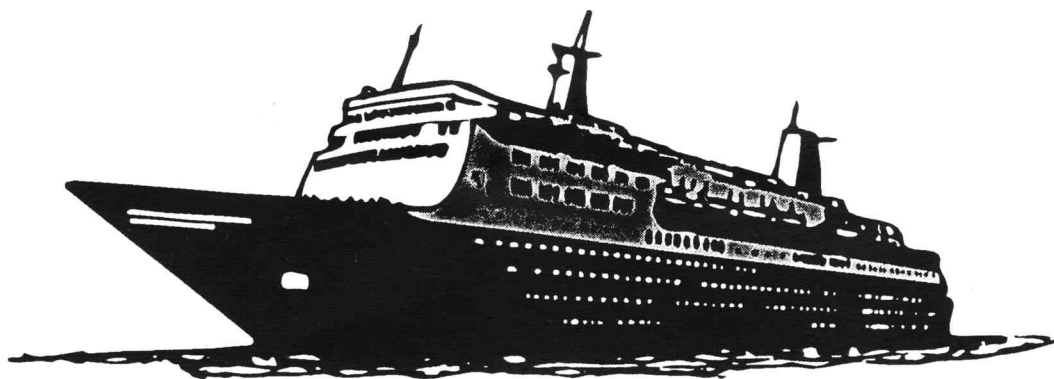
**Place:**  
**Macalester College Grand Ballroom**  
**(S.W. Corner of Snelling & Grand)**

**Time:**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Beg/Adv Group Glasses**  
**Foxtrot & Rumba**

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## "Cruising" the Dance Floor

by Steven Vespested  
USABDA Rochester and MN

The first ever **Dance Away the Winter Blues Cruise** is scheduled for March 17-21, 1997. We will depart **San Juan, Puerto Rico** aboard the **Nordic Empress** (a six year old ship) with the **Royal Caribbean Cruise Line**, considered the best in the industry with the greatest food and service available. The ship holds 1600 passengers with a staff of 685. There will be plenty of dancing opportunities in the evenings before and after dinner. Daytime shore excursions and sight-seeing will be available at each port of call.

The itinerary is as follows:

Monday, March 27: Depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Tuesday, March 18: St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands  
Wednesday, March 19: St. Maarten  
Thursday, March 20: St Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands  
Friday, March 21: Return to San Juan, Puerto Rico

17 cabins have been reserved-- nine outside, eight inside (subject to change depending on interest.) The following prices *include* airfare (arranged by the cruise line,) port charges and the cruise:

\$970 per person for inside cabins (double occupancy)  
\$1040 per person for outside cabins (double occupancy)

An initial deposit of \$100.00 per person is needed to hold cabins for an extended period of time and is due A.S.A.P. A second deposit of \$100.00 per person will be due about mid-September. The balance would be due 60 days prior to departure. All checks should be payable to Cruiseone Inc., and sent to:

Steve Vespested  
1622 1/2 North Broadway  
Rochester, MN 55906

Send with deposits any special cabin arrangements you want or need. The cruise line will pair up singles if you do not have a cabinmate. For single occupancy rates call Adrian Johnson at 1-800-779-4258.

You can call me with questions or comments at (507) 287-9185. I'm a USABDA member organizing this activity through USABDA member Adrian Johnson, whose agency is Cruiseone Inc. of Fairview Park, Ohio. You can contact Adrian as well at the number above.

This activity is being directed toward USABDA members and dancers, but is open to anyone who has an interest in escaping those nasty winter blues. If you've never been on a cruise, they are a lot of fun with plenty to do, see, and eat. And don't forget the dancing. We hope to make this an annual affair, so any ideas or comments would be appreciated.

Respond now as space is limited and will fill quickly. This information is being distributed to many USABDA chapters in the upper midwest area and will also appear in an upcoming issue of USABDA's Amateur Dancers.

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## Dance Notes

✦ The Editor is taking a much needed vacation for much of July. Please try to have all ads or copy in before the 10th, since she'll be leaving town shortly thereafter.

✦ The **Grand Ball** will take place on Saturday evening, September 28 at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel. Volunteers are still needed to assist in making this year's Grand Ball successful. So far, only one person has indicated an interest in helping co-chairs, Jeff Chinn and Ed Munson. Certainly there are other USABDA members who can help. Please call Jeff at 942-6947 or Ed at 784-8192 and let them know that you're willing to help.

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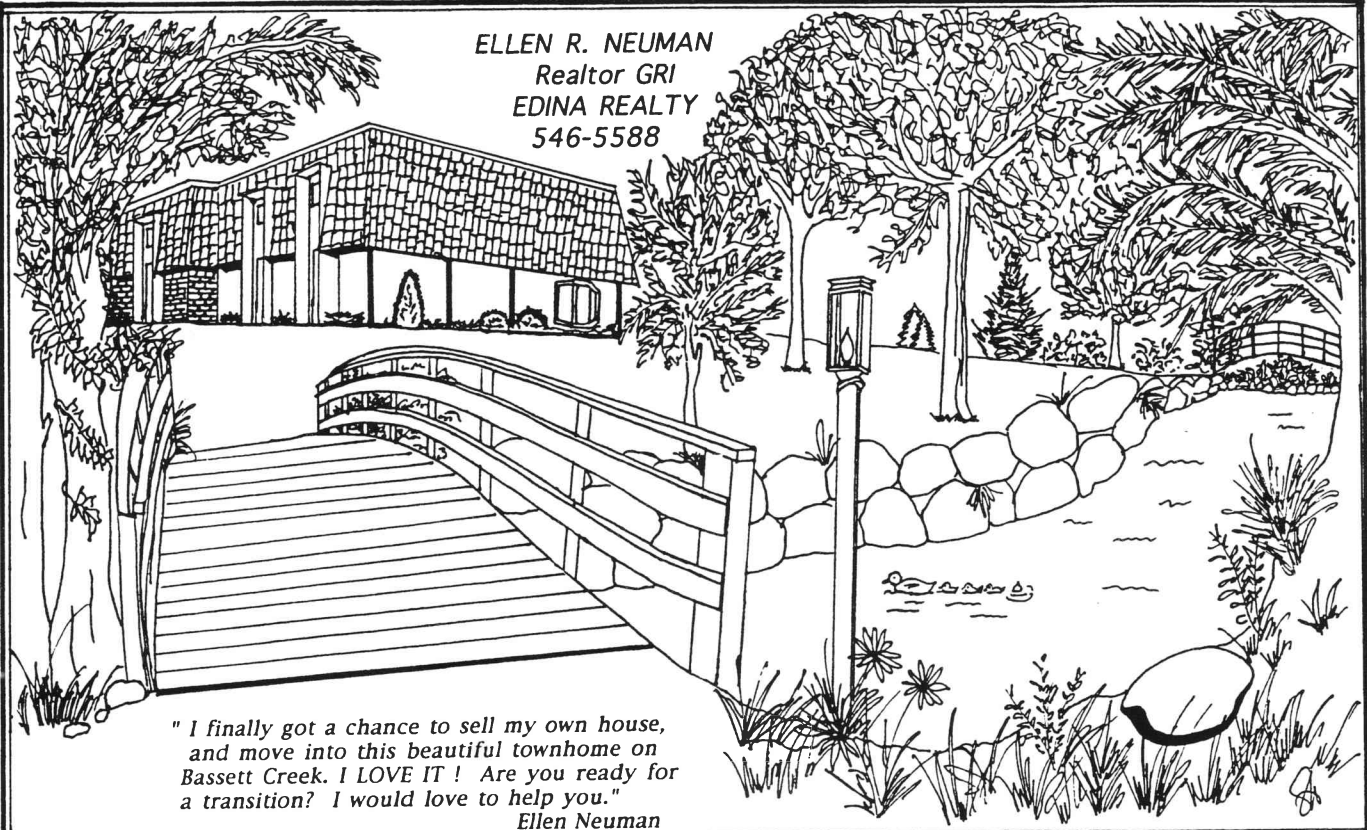


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