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## USABDA-MN's Dancers Nite Out

by VerJean

Fri. 6/3 Dance--band "Swing Spring" (Swing, blues, Latin, waltz), Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls, (West Bank, U of M). Free Latin lesson w/admission-7:30 pm, Dance 8-12. \$7. Call 871-3687 for more information.

Fri. 6/3 U of M Ballroom Dance Club record dance, U Tech Atrium, Dinkytown, 8 pm. Call 624-6639 for more information.

Sat. 6/4 White Sidewalls, Medina Ballroom, 9 pm.

Sun. 6/5 USABDA-MN Tea Dance, Lafayette Country Club, Minnetonka. Fri. 6/10 West Coast Swing Club, B-dale Club, 2100 N. Dale, St. Paul. Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

**Sat. 6/18 USABDA-MN Dance**, Coliseum Ballroom, Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30-11:30 pm.

Sun. 6/19 Dance party w/ Craig Morris, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington, 7-11 pm. See pg. 3 for more info.

Fri. 6/24 West Coast Swing Club, Dance 8:30 pm.

Sat. 6/25 Star of the North Dance Competition, Rochester, 11 am-4 pm.

USABDA Dance, 7-10 pm. See pg. 5. Sat.6/25 Jerry O'Hagan Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, 9 pm.

Sat. 6/25 Dick Macko Band, Bel Rae Ballroom, 9 pm.

Sat. 6/25 Howie Sturtz Orchestra, Majestic Ballroom, 8:30 pm-12:15 am.



- ➤ Sunday, June 5, 1994
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## **USABDA-MN JUNE DANCE**

"Dress Rehearsal" for the Star of the North Competition

(You're invited to dance your competition routine--get some "practice" before an audience)

7:30 pm --Group Tango Lesson with Paul & Sandra Lesson -- \$2 per person

8:30 - 11:30 pm -- Dance

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#### FREE lessons with admission

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

Thu 2	JACK SCHULTZ	Fri 17	Westbound
	Ballroom		Country
Fri 3-	Star of the Northland	Sat 18	Top Notchmen
Sun 5	Dance Festival		Variety
-	Country	Sun 19	JULES HERMAN
Sun 5	JERRY O'HAGAN		Orchestra
	Orchestra, 8-11 pm	Thu 23	DICK MACKO
Wed 8-	Minnesota State		Big Band
Sun 12	Music & Polka Fest	Fri 24	Dusty Drapes
Thu 9	SAMMY JENSEN		Country
	Orchestra	Sat 25	DICK MACKO
Sun 12	CONRAD JOHN		Big Band/Variety
J	Ballroom	Sun 26	JULES HERMAN
Thu 16	EVERT BOYER		Orchestra
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Send local changes to Karen Voels at address on back of this newsletter. Please notify National USABDA also.

#### Minnesota

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Deadline for news is the first Friday of each month. Submit information, copy and ads to:

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### DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

Jan Neugent, Dance Demo Coordinator, announces the following upcoming demos:

June 4--Star of the Northland Dance Festival, country competition at the Bel Rae Ballroom June 20--June Moon Ball, fundraiser for MN Stroke Association, Calhoun Beach Club

June 25--Star of the North Games, Rochester On May 12, we had a dance demo in the beautiful indoor courtyard of the Presbyterian Homes in Spring Park (Lake Minnetonka area). We were given a check for \$100.00. Thanks to Jo Wigin and the staff for your generosity. We enjoyed dancing there and hope to come back again!



#### NOTES FROM THE BOARD

By Karen Voels USABDA Chapter Secretary

- \* Treasurer's report: about \$3300 in the treasury.
- \* Jim Flaskerud has a letter ready to send to studios outlining USABDA's policy on promotion and assistance with any dance workshops they may have.
- \* Marilyn Ronan presented a rough draft of the "Directory of Ballrooms and Ballroom Dance Instruction".
- \* Dance demos coming up: Saturday June 4--Latin demo at country competition at BelRae; June 20--June Moon Ball-Calhoun Beach Club, a fundraiser for the MN Stroke Association; June 25--Star of the North Games, Rochester.
- \* 57 people participated in the Taste Test. We made \$400, including money received for take-home testing.
- \* Tea Dance--we need to sell 125 tickets by May 28 deadline. We have four professional couples for the showcase. Call Karen Kettler to volunteer to sell tickets.
- \* We decided to create a "top volunteer" award; we have someone in mind to receive it. The award will be presented at the Tea Dance.
- \* We are creating a phone survey to determine which nonmembers on our mailing list are still active participants in dancing.
- \* We will be testing a phone dialing system to promote the Tea Dance. It was not ready for the Taste Test.
- \* Doris Pease will coordinate a central committee for planning National Ballroom Dance Week.
- \* The Executive Committee will meet on Saturday, June 4, to finalize job descriptions. We can then fill remaining committee positions.
- \* We are working on grant applications for the Formation Team and Youth Committee.
- \* We will have a table at the Minnesota Open competition.
- \* We decided to have a second dance in June: Saturday June 18 at the Coliseum Ballroom-- a "dress rehearsal" dance for Star of the North competitors.
- \* The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm at Sokol Hall, 383 Michigan Ave., St. Paul (off West 7th Street).

#### **USABDA PROFILE**

#### FOCUS ON USABDA MEMBERS

#### - ALANA ALEXANDER-

For Alana, dancing started when most children are just learning to climb the jungle gym. At three years of age, she was taking ballet. That lasted for ten years. Then, in college, she took modern dance.

She had a bit of a break from dancing until she started at Fred Astaire studios several years ago. She participated in studio competitions there.

After that, Alana went to the Arthur Murray Studio in Edina but is currently taking lessons in the downtown studio. She has participated in studio competitions, at a Minnesota Open and performed at the Wisconsin Dells, where she took "Top Student" award.

Her goal for dancing is to compete in a major national competition.

Professionally, she has an impressive goal also. She is a medical technologist and is taking sign language. Her hope is to become an interpreter in a health care facility.

Alana's interests are varied. She was on the ski patrol at Trollhaugen (Dresser, Wisconsin) for seventeen years. She also enjoys calligraphy, reading and knitting.

### TASTE TEST SUCCESSFUL

David Schmit, USABDA member who coordinated the Taste Test, thanks every one who participated -- and helped support USABDA activities. The money, which USABDA made, will be used to buy a computer.

The following people attended: Lenore Cortez, Galena Zolotonosov, Neal Talman, Douglas Lusher, Kim Neugent, Tim Griep, Jan Neugent, Karen Voels, Ed and Marlene Dittell, Debbie Matthews, Jay Jacobson, Karen Kettler, Jim Flaskerud, Ellen Neuman, Colleen Williams, Judi Pankratz, Jeffrey Chinn, Celia Mullen, Ha Tuong, Mark Tepley, Joseph and Shelly Rose, Steve and Jan Sidla, Pat Kingston, Sue Lakso, Ver Jean Schindeldecker, Helen Smithers, Miyo Harthill, Pam Pradic, Ken Lindquist, Celeste Gibson, John Woodcock, Tim and Char Savalopi, Pat Brothen, Yvonne Riske, Sue Glaser, Bill and Arlene Kroll, Kathy Caufman, George Burke, Bonita Hackner, Pete Maki, Roger and Kim Wittman, Bill Nunn, Sanae Storey, Steve Swanson, Dawn Crinklan, Bruce Hanson, Paul Stewart, Leigh Malmer, Mary Ann Van Cuse and David Schmit.

### PROFESSIONAL P

#### SARAH LOBLEY

Sarah's introduction to dance came at an early age, having taken lessons as a child in ballet, jazz and modern dance

She became interested in ballroom dance when she took a summer job at a studio in Indianapolis. When she came to the Twin Cities, she interviewed at the Fred Astaire studio in Bloomington and trained with Scott Anderson. Sarah moved to the Minnetonka studio when it opened. After two years, she returned to the Bloomington studio and stayed there for five more years as an instructor.

In January 1992, Sarah opened the Fred Astaire studio in Roseville. She has done ballroom competitions with her students. For the future, she and her dance partner, Dana Bahnsen, are preparing for their first professional contest at the Twin Cities Open dance competition in January 1995.

Sarah says that teaching students, training staff and, now, preparing for a competition consumes most of her time.

#### USABDA is invited to....

JUNE MOON BALL Monday, June 20, 1994 4 - 9:30 pm Calhoun Beach Club 2925 Dean Parkway Minneapolis



(across from Lake Calhoun)

Music by the Wolverines

#### A benefit dance for the Minnesota Stroke Ass'n

Dance Demonstrations Celebrity Dancers Entertainment, Prizes, Refreshments

USABDA is doing a dance demo--all USABDA members get in for 1/2 price: \$10 advance (purchase ticket by June 20) \$12.50 at the door

Call 879-0015 for more information.

The June Moon Ball is for everyone--even those with two left feet!

#### **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. 6/18--West Coast Swing--noon; Eastern Swing--1 pm. Sun. 6/19--Dance Party, Everett McClay VFW, Bloomington, 7-11 pm, \$10--includes group class and refreshments. Call 561-0206 for more information. Group classes--Stephanie Hawley: Call 553-1525 for information.

Group classes--Timothy Mason & Michele Chard: Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul. 6/24-27. Call 292-8463 for more information. Medina Ballroom: free 2-hr. lesson w/ admission --Dean Constantine: 6/4 & 6/11-7pm; 6/25-6:45pm. Call 476-4044 for more information. Group classes--Coliseum Ballroom: Mon/Wed-Sandra/Paul; Thu/Sun-Jeff/Cindy; Sat-Mark; Sun-Tsha. Dance party every Wed. evening 9-10:30 pm--cost \$5. Paul & Sandra will teach a group mini-dance lesson. Call 722-6311 to be put on mailing list for information.

### MINNESOTA DANCERS COMPETE IN MILWAUKEE

Minnesota was well represented at the Wisconsin State Dance Competition held at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee the weekend of April 21-24.

Placings were as follows:

#### **Hub Nelson and Monica Mohn**

Am/Am--First-American Championship & Scholarship

Am/Am--First-International Championship & Scholarship

#### Bobby Tarnowski and Donna Edelstein

Am/Am-Second-American Smooth Scholarship

Am/Am--Second-American Smooth Freestyle

#### Scott and Bernie Osborn

Am/Am--9 first places

Scott Osborn

Top Silver Male-received a Scholarship

#### Paul Botes and Lisa Erickson

Pro/Am--First-American Smooth Championship
4-Dance

4-Dance

Second-American Smooth Open Scholarship

#### Ken Bloom and Lisa Erickson

Am/Am--Third-International Modern Open

#### Paul Botes and Kim Wettleson

Pro/Am--Top Female Bronze Scholarship Award

#### Sandra Botes and Owen Gamon

Pro/Am--Top Male Bronze Scholarship Award Professionals:

#### Jeff and Cynthia Nehrbass

Third-International Modern Open

#### Paul and Sandra Botes

Top teacher awards
Fourth--Rising Star American Smooth
Sixth--American Smooth Open

Also attending from the Coliseum Ballroom, Marcella Groh and Greg Berglund did well in their respective divisions.

Congratulations to everyone!

#### **USABDA MAY DANCE**

We thank all of you who attended our May dance at the Twin Cities Ballroom, featuring a showcase by Timothy Mason and Michele Chard. The show was wonderful and dancers enjoyed their lessons before the dance.

Timothy and Michele come to the Twin Cities every month from Florida for coaching and lessons. For information about booking lessons with them, call Dale Johnson at 612/292-8463.

#### 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 DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

Where can you go dancing in the Twin Cities? Where can you take dance lessons?

These two questions will be answered in a directory, soon to be published by USABDA. Marilyn Ronan, Assistant Newsletter Editor, has headed a committee to obtain and compile information which will be of help to dancers, especially new dancers. We will also use the directory as a means of "spreading the word" about USABDA -- and dancing.

The Directory of Ballrooms and Ballroom Dance Instruction will be a pocket size, easy for both men and women to carry around. It includes the name and location of ballrooms and dance studios in the Twin City area, as well as names of instructors who teach various types of ballroom dancing. You'll also find a list of ballrooms in Greater Minnesota and some tips on dance etiquette.

All members will receive a personal copy. We'll have copies to give out at dance demos, during National Ballroom Dance Week, to college dance clubs, etc.--anywhere where interested dancers may be.

Our goal is to have them printed so we can give them out at the Tea Dance in June. Our plan is to update the directory annually.



### STAR OF THE NORTH DANCE COMPETITION AND USABDA DANCE

Each USABDA member should have received a registration form in the mail for the Star of the North Dance Competition, to be held on June 25 at the Fred Reed Hall, 121 N. Broadway, Rochester, as part of the Star of the North State Games.

This "fun" dance competition, which is open to all levels of dancers and all ages, will run approximately from 11 am to 4 pm. Categories include: Smooth--Foxtrot, Waltz and Tango for all divisions and Viennese Waltz (advanced only); Latin/Rhythm--Cha cha, Rumba and East Coast Swing for all divisions, Sambo, Mambo and Merengue for intermediate and advanced only, Bolero (advanced only); Open--West Coast Swing; Country--Two step, Three step and Waltz.

If you need entry information, call 507/287-2277 in Rochester, 612/785-5678 in the Twin Cities or 1-800-756-7827 from Greater Minnesota. Entry deadline is June 13.

The USABDA Formation Team will perform as part of the closing ceremonies after the dance competition.

Even if you choose not to participate in the competition, you may wish to drive to Rochester to support the dancers and enjoy the day! An all-event pass is only \$5, which allows you admission to any of the other 24 sport events which may be going on that day.

Following the competition......

#### **ROCHESTER USABDA DANCE**

Same location -- Fred Reed Hall
Taped music
7:00-10:00 pm
\$4 members (with card), \$5 non-members

Then from 10:00 pm til midnight.....

#### **ROCHESTER-FEST STREET DANCE**

3 bands playing on the streets
Contemporary, rock & roll and country
.....part of Rochester's week-long city festival.
Enjoy the dancing in Rochester!

## THE STORY BEHIND THE STAR OF THE NORTH GAMES

By Doris Pease

As editor of *Dancing USA* magazine, and formerly *Music and Dance News*, I have a mission to promote dancing in all ways. I was interested in USABDA long before Minnesota was ready--and I knew it would be good for our state. I am a member and you have exceeded my expectations! I am happy to be your official representative/liaison to the Minnesota Amateur Sports Association.

The organizational background for the Star of the North State Games starts with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Association, headquartered at the National Sports Center in cont. next column

## MAJESTIC BALLROOM

9165 W PT Douglas Rd Cottage Grove, MN 55016 (612) 459-3457

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Selected Events for Balance of: JUNE 1994

Notice: USABDA cardholders
\$1 of on (\*) nites before 8 pm
Thu 3; Micheal Brown Band &
Special Comedy Guest
Sat/Sun 4 & 5; POLKAFEST
Thu 9; Micheal Brown Band &
Special Comedy Show
Sat 11; Mexican Music 8-12
\*Sun 12; Kico Rangel, 7:38
Thu 16; Micheal Brown Band
and Special Comedy Act

5un 19; Kountry Kousins Free Appreciation Dance 1:30-6:30 \*Sun 19; Conrod Johno, 7:30 Thu 23; Micheal Brown Band & Special Guest Comedy Act Fri 24; Luce Line C/W 8:30-12 \*Sat 25; HOWIE STURIZ BAND 8:30 - 12:15 Sun 26; Bill Koncar 2 - 6 Slovenian Style Pollm's \*Sun 26; Jerry O Hagan 7:30 Thu 30; Micheal Brown Band & Special Comedy Show

SPECIAL SHOW

GLENN MILLER BAND SUN JULY 31, '94
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All Schedules Subject to change with no notice

"GOOD NEWS" -- DANCING AT THE MAJESTIC BALLROOM ... We will receive \$1.00 discount for

the ballroom dances when we show our USABDA membership card:

Blaine. The MASA includes representatives from 75 different sports--ranging from archery to yachting.

Ballroom dancing was added in 1992 after I attended some meetings and convinced them that dancing was indeed a viable "sport". That got our foot in the door for the state games. Forty five states hold these annual Olympic-style events for amateurs--only Minnesota and Hawaii have accepted dancing, as far as I know.

When USABDA accepted the invitation to take the lead in the 1993 Minnesota Star of the North State Games--and Kathy Pouliot and other volunteers took over--ballroom dance became a highlight! The selection committee was truly pleased with the outcome of our dance adventure at the Bel Rae Ballroom -- and the great dance program in the 80-mile wind for their opening ceremony! You all did it!

I started to correspond in late 1993 with the Rochester Star of the North selection committee to be sure they also included dance. I also contacted the Rochester USABDA Chapter. They took over just like you did. The success of the 1994 event depends on spreading the word to get dancers to compete.

How are we going to be successful in Mankato in 1995 without a USABDA chapter? Can we help get one started?

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> **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS** Kathy Caufman......612/521-7352

## **USABDA HOTLINE** 612/489-0581

## **LEARN WITH THE PROS**

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Arthur Murray School of Dance, Edina	
Arthur Murray School of Dance, Minneapolis	333-3131
	426-9258
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Paul & Sandra Botes, Minneapolis	541-0842
Coliseum Ballroom, Minneapolis	722-6311
Constantine Dance Center, Minnetonka	476-4044
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Nathan Daniels, Minneapolis	375-0642
Todd Donahue, Eagan	423-3262
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	542-3281
	451-0632
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Donna Latture Frykman, St. Paul	777-5447
Loren Greenberg, St. Paul	774-5516
David & Barbara Hanson, Duluth/St. Paul218	/722-0742
Arlene Kroll, Minneapolis	561-5407
Timothy Mason/Michele Chard, St. Paul (By appt.)	292-8463
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Jim Mondo, St. Paul	770-1651
Alice Monson, Minneapolis	461-2966
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Jeff & Cindy Nehrbass, Minneapolis	341-4169
Northwest Health Clubs, Minneapolis	546-6094
Mark Weiss, St. Paul	291-8131

#### **COMPETITOR'S COLUMN**

**Star of the Northland Dance Festival (Country)** June 3-5, Bel Rae Ballroom, Moundsview, 612/429-4785 **Star of the North Games Dance Competition** June 25, Rochester

**Northern Lights Star Ball** 

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Mpls, 612/431-0936

#### **SWAPLINES**

#### Buy, sell, trade your dance stuff! FOR SALE

Ladies white ballgown with beaded lace & gauntlets. Ladies rose colored velvet dress--sz. petite. Ladies 2 pc. yellow raindrop dress. Call Sandra 541-0842 or 721-6311.

#### FOR SALE OR RENT

Modern gown, shrimp colored w/feathers and A/B stones, sz. 4-8, trim sz. 10. Call Jane 688-7988.

1 pc. Latin dress, emerald & black lace with pearls. Diagonal cut skirt & shoulder, sz. 4-8. Call Jane 688-7988.

#### FOR SALE

Ladies blk. Latin sandals w/rhinestones, 2" heel, sz. 7 med., \$15. Ladies gold practice Latin sandals, soles like new, 2 1/2" heel, sz. 7 1/2 med., \$5. Call Jane 688-7988.

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