

# Minnesota Dancin' Times



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## USABDA-MN's Dancers Nite Out

by VerJean

**Sun. 5/1** Kico Rangel Band, Majestic Ballroom, Cottage Grove, 7:30-11 pm.

**Wed. 5/4** USABDA-MN Taste Test, Plymouth, 5:15-6:30-7:45 pm. See pg.

**Fri. 5/6** Dance with the band "Swing Spring", Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls, Free Latin lesson w/ admission-7:30 pm, Dance 8-12 pm. \$7.

**Sat. 5/7** USABDA-MN Dance, Twin Cities Ballroom, St. Paul. Lessons 6 & 7 pm/Dance 8:30 pm.

**Sat. 5/7** Armond Rezac Big Band, Monterey Ballroom, Co. Rd. 45 South, Owatonna, 8 pm. 507/334-8160 or 507/451-4747.

**Fri. 5/13** West Coast Swing Club, B-dale Club, 2100 N. Dale, St. Paul. Lesson 7:30 pm, Dance 8:30 pm.

**Sat. 5/14** Bon Voyage Dance & Show, Coliseum Ballroom, 8-10:30 pm. See pg.

**Sat. 5/14** Cajun Dance Festival, Bone Tones Band, Medina Ballroom, 9 pm.

**Sun. 5/15** Jerry O'Hagan Orchestra, Majestic Ballroom, 7:30-11 pm.

**Thurs. 5/19** Russ Morgan Orchestra, BelRae Ballroom, 8:30 pm - 12 midnite.

**Fri. 5/20-Sun. 5/22** Minnesota Open Dance Competition, Hyatt Hotel, Mpls.

**Fri. 5/20** Jules Herman Orchestra, Monterey Ballroom, Owatonna, 8 pm.

**Sat. 5/21** Rochester USABDA Dance, Knights of Columbus Hall, 2030 Hwy 14 E, 8:30-11:30 pm. Lesson 7:30 pm. Taped music. \$4 member/\$5 non-member. 507/288-6187.

**Sat. 5/21** Confederate Air Force Big Band Hangar Dance, Fleming Field, South St. Paul. Call 455-2160 for more information.

**Sun. 5/22** John Owens Big Band, Majestic Ballroom, 7:30-11 pm.

**Fri. 5/27** West Coast Swing Club Dinner/Dance, Prom Expo Center, St. Paul, Kico Rangel Band, Dinner 7 pm-call Roy Ohlson for reservations 774-5818; Dance 8:30 pm.

**Sat. 5/28** Sammy Jensen Band, Medina Ballroom, 9 pm.

## USABDA-MN DANCE

**Saturday, MAY 7**

**Featuring Timothy Mason and Michele Chard**

Professionals from Tampa, Florida

Coaching and teaching at the Twin Cities Ballroom

**Timothy and Michele will offer two group dance lessons before the dance at the Twin Cities**

**Ballroom -- \$10 each**

**6-7 pm -- QUICKSTEP**

**7-8 pm --INTERNATIONAL TANGO**

**DANCE -- 8:30 - 11:30 pm**

**\$10 Members, \$12 Non-members**

**Music by Mark Tepley**

**10 pm -- Exhibition by Timothy and Michele**

Third place winners in International Modern  
at the Ohio Star Ball last November

Timothy and Michele will be available for private lessons  
on Sunday, May 8. To set up a lesson, call 292-8463.

**Twin Cities Ballroom**

**265 W. 7th St., St. Paul**

(Walnut & West 7th Streets, entrance on Walnut St.)

Questions?

Call the USABDA Hotline--489-0581

## 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:** Call 561-0206 for information.

**Group classes--Stephanie Hawley:** Call 553-1525 for information.

**Medina Ballroom:** free 2-hr. lesson w/ admission --Dean Constantine: 5/13, 5/21 & 5/27-7pm; 5/28-6:45pm. Call 476-4044 for more information.

**Group lessons--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.

## SINGLES DANCE

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THURSDAY 8:30 P- 11:30P AND SUNDAY 8 P - 11 P



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### MAY 1994

#### FREE lessons with admission

Thursday--SHINYA & MARCY McHENRY Instructors: 7:30 pm

Sunday--JIM & KAY MONDO Instructors: 7:15 pm

Sun 1	JERRY O'HAGAN Orchestra	Thu 19	RUSS MORGAN Orchestra
Wed 4	Western Breeze FREE Country Dance	Fri 20	Whitesidewalls '50s & '60s
Thu 5	DICK MACKO Big Band	Sat 21	Western Breeze Country
Sat 7	Westbound Country	Sun 22	Mark Jansen/Don Peachy-Polka, 12-6 pm
Sun 8	JERRY O'HAGAN Orchestra		EVERT BOYER Orchestra, 8-11 pm
Thu 12	SAMMY JENSEN Ballroom	Thu 26	KICO RANGEL Ballroom
Fri 13	Cowboy Angels	Fri 27	Rockin' Hollywoods '50s & '60s
Sat 14	Dusty Drapes/Dusters Country	Sat 28	McCabe, Country
Sun 15	JULES HERMAN Orchestra	Sun 29	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. 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, 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 Avenue NE

Minneapolis, MN 55418

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

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEA DANCE

We need volunteers to help sell tickets for the USABDA Tea Dance to be held Sunday, June 5, at the Lafayette Country Club on Lake Minnetonka. The brunch will run from 10:30 am to noon; dancing will be from 12-3 pm. So far, the following

professional couples have agreed to participate in the Professional Showcase: Shinya and Marcy McHenry and Nathan Daniels and Deanne Michael.

Please call Karen Kettler to help with tickets: 724-0856.

## DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS

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

May 12--Presbyterian Homes, Spring Park, 7-8 pm.

June 20--June Moon Ball, fundraiser for MN Stroke Prevention Association, Calhoun Beach Club

June 25--Star of the North Games, Rochester



## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

By Karen Voels

USABDA Chapter Secretary

- \* Treasurer's report: about \$3100 in the treasury. We have sent \$1000 deposit to the Lafayette Country Club for the Tea Dance. We made \$90.87 profit on the Shakopee dance.
- \* Jim Flakerud will be sending photos and videos in an attempt to get us a spot at Orchestra Hall's Sommerfest.
- \* Any dance demonstrations need to be scheduled through the coordinators.
- \* Dance demos coming up: Wednesday, May 12--Presbyterian Homes, Spring Park; June 20--June Moon Ball-Calhoun Beach Club, a fundraiser for the MN Stroke Prevention Association; June 25--Star of the North Games, Rochester.
- \* Jim will send a letter about our policy on coaching/clinics to all the studios.
- \* Doris Pease was appointed as USABDA-MN's liaison to the Dancesport Council.
- \* Doris Pease will assist with acquiring a grant for a youth workshop event; we will be submitting a program and a budget proposal.
- \* Voted to allow youth 16 yrs. old & under to come to our dances free. College students can pay member prices with a valid student ID.
- \* We will be testing a phone dialing system to promote the Taste Test. Money from the Taste Test will go towards buying a computer.
- \* Tea Dance: need volunteers to sell tickets. Karen Kettler suggests one person from each "group." Deadline for purchase is a week before the dance. Tickets are \$25.
- \* The next dance is Saturday May 7 at Twin Cities Ballroom in St. Paul. Timothy Mason and Michelle Chard will give two group lessons before the dance and also do a show during the dance.
- \* The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 5 at 7 pm at Sokol Hall, 383 Michigan Ave., St. Paul (off West 7th Street).

## USABDA PROFILE FOCUS ON USABDA MEMBERS - BOBBY TARNOWSKI-

Bobby remembers dancing as a regular part of social events as he was growing up. At family gatherings and weddings, in particular, people enjoyed dancing.

It all took a different aspect in college when he interviewed to be a part of a united effort for the road show, "Up with People." This was a two-hour stage production that Bobby participated in for a year. During the tour, which included the United States, Canada and western Europe, he learned techniques and showmanship that served as a good foundation for ballroom dancing.

In 1990, he started taking group ballroom dance lessons at Northwest Health Clubs. He continued those for about 1 1/2 years. When the Super Bowl came to Minneapolis, Bobby auditioned for the half-time show. He and his dance partner at the time, Mae Ng, were participants in that memorable event.

His coaching lessons are now from Jeff and Cindy Nehrbass. He competed with Cindy as a Pro/Am couple up until September 1993. The USBC was amongst those competitions.

He is currently dancing with other partners in various events. Donna Edelstein is his partner for American Smooth. Their first competition will be in Milwaukee this year. They are also planning to compete at the '94 USBC.

His USABDA Formation Team partner is Debbie Matthews. They will be dancing at the Theatre in the Round Players benefit.

His partner for Country Western is Lori Kozicky. They competed last year in the Tanya Tucker's Black Velvet Two-Step Showdown, taking second place in Minnesota, and going on to take second place in the national contest in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bobby says his other partner is also his biggest fan -- and that is his grandmother! Certainly his other partners won't mind that he is particularly partial to this one!

Bobby has lots of interests and enjoys sports like volleyball, softball, racquetball -- and has even tried cliff diving. He also likes motorcycle riding, camping and creative cooking.

On the job, Bobby is a Manufacturing Systems Engineer for Medtronics.

### USABDA GOES HIGH TECH!

Beginning the end of April, USABDA will be testing the use of an Automatic Phone Dialing system. This will be used to inform members of specific upcoming events. If our messages need to be adjusted to accommodate your answering machine, please let us know.

Our first message will be promoting the Taste Test on Wednesday, May 4. So don't hang up if you hear a "tasty" message--it's USABDA calling!!

**"GOOD NEWS" FOR DANCING AT THE MEDINA BALLROOM--** We will receive \$1.00 discount for all the dances when we show our USABDA membership card.

## PROFESSIONAL P JEFF AND CYNTHIA NEHRBASS R

Jeff had an interesting introduction to dance! His first girlfriend made it a mandatory requirement that he know how to dance or she wouldn't go out with him. He learned--the love of dance was started with that incident.

Jeff and Cindy met at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where Cindy received a B.S. Degree in Dance Performance and Choreography. Jeff was teaching ballroom dance there, when Cindy asked him for a recommendation for a dance partner. They were married two years later!

Jeff and Cindy are currently full time dance instructors and professional competitors. They are members of the North American Dance Teachers Association and are preparing to test for the Licentiate level in the Imperial Society. They take private lessons from coaches Kerry Wilson and John Barry.

Their most recent success was first place in the Rising Star International Modern at the Texas Challenge in Houston last month. They are preparing for competition in Wisconsin and the Emerald Ball in California in May.

They are also expecting to perform at the upcoming USABDA Tea Dance.

Jeff is preparing for the Pastoral Ministry outside of dancing and attends Luther Northwestern Seminary. Cindy is kept very busy with her other interest in liturgical dance, "A Call to Dance." She is also involved in choreographing "Carnival" at the Minnetonka High School.

### TASTE TEST ON MAY 4

Help support USABDA and have fun too!

**WHAT?** USABDA Taste Test

Help taste and evaluate new/improved food products for flavor, texture, etc.

**WHEN?** Wednesday, May 4

3 times--5:15 pm, 6:30 pm and 7:45 pm

**WHERE?** Taste Center, Plymouth

You will receive a map when you sign up.

**WHY?** Money-making event for USABDA. The money will go towards buying a computer.

Non-profit groups, such as USABDA, are invited to participate in taste tests, and, in turn, will receive a donation for participating.

**WHO?** Bring friends, neighbors and co-workers. All participants do not have to be USABDA members. We need a minimum of 60 people.

**CALL DAVID SCHMIT TO SIGN UP: (W) 493-4696,  
(PAGER) 648-7693.**

**SIGN UP FOR THE TIME WHICH BEST SUITS YOU.  
See you there!**

## OHIO STAR BALL ON TV

"Championship Ballroom Dancing" from the Ohio Star Ball will be shown on Channel 2 television this month. See the 1993 show on Wednesday evening, May 18, from 8-9:30 pm. On Sunday May 22, the 1992 show can be viewed from 1-2:30 pm. The 1993 show will be repeated that same afternoon from 2:30-4 pm.

Look for Timothy Mason and Michele Chard--they placed third in International Modern last November.

## MINNESOTA HAS GOOD SHOWING IN RECENT COMPETITIONS

Hub Nelson and Monica Mohn participated in the Manhattan Dance Classic, a USABDA-sponsored event, in New York the end of March. They placed first in American Smooth, second in Pre-Championship International Modern and fourth in International Open. This was only their second competition for International. They were the only Minnesota representatives at the competition. Congratulations, Hub and Monica!

Several Minnesota professionals competed in the Texas Challenge Dance Competition in Houston the end of March.

Jeff and Cindy Nehrbass placed first in Rising Star International Modern and fourth in Rising Star American Smooth. Jesse Smith and Lynda Price received a second place in Rising Star American Smooth. Nathan Daniels and Deanne Michael made the semi-finals for Rising Star American Smooth.

Congratulations to all the winners!

## 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 a 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.**

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## NORMANDALE COLLEGE EARTH DAY DANCE

By Galena Zolotonosov

Normandale Democratic Society held its first annual dance on April 1. It was not only a way to welcome back students from spring break, but also to help us plant a representative tree here and in Washington D.C.

I was involved in helping to organize the talent and bring other ideas and support to this effort. I asked a group of USABDA dancers to come and do a dance demonstration. They did a spectacular job of showing their style and grace.

This event was also planned to kick off the Normandale Ballroom Dance Club, which was created for the Youth Committee. Although there was a low turnout of students, we expect to have more NBDC events. We now understand the necessity to avoid coinciding with occasions like Good Friday and the first week of school. We also need to do more publicity for the dance.

In any case, I thought that the dance went well, as we had planned. I hope USABDA members will come and support future NBDC events. I know for sure that NBDC will come to USABDA dances.

Watch out for us! The younger generation is catching on to ballroom dancing!

The Majestic Ballroom in Cottage Grove will have ballroom dancing on some Sunday evenings. See schedule to the right for the month of May.

## MAJESTIC BALLROOM

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

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### MAY '94

Sun 1- The Jac's; 2 - 6  
Sun 1- Kiko Rangel  
Fri 6- Country DJ, 8:00  
Sat 7- Mexican Music  
Sun 8- Mothers' Day Dinner  
12:30 - 2:00  
Billy Jasicki & Polka Joy  
2:00 - 6:00  
Sun 8- Mexican Music, 8 - 1  
Wed 11, Topnotchmen, 7  
Fri 13- Eddie Blazonczyk &  
Jolly Zuk Bros, 7 - 1  
Sat 14- Eddie Blazonczyk &  
Bill Czerniak, 7 - 1

### MAY '94

Sun 15- Car Show 9 - 3  
Sun 15- Jerry O'Hagen, 7:30  
Fri 20- Country DJ 8 - 12  
Sat 21- Mexican Music 8-12  
Sun 22- Leon Olson, 2 - 6  
Sun 22- Johnny Owens, 7:30  
Fri 27- Smoke Screen, Live  
Country Band 8:30-12:30  
Sat 28- 50' & 60's music w/  
Sneakers & Tight Shoes  
Sun 29- Bruce Bradley, 2 - 6  
Sun 29- Mexican Music 8-12  
**June 3 & 4- PolkaFest-call  
for details (612) 459-3457**

**SPECIAL: Fri & Sat, May 13 & 14, 1994**  
**MINI-POLISHFEST: Fri 7 - 1; Eddie Blazonczyk & the**  
**Versatones, and The Jolly Zuk Bros. Sat 7 - 1; Eddie**  
**Blazonczyk and Bill Czerniak; Food Served both days**  
**All Schedules Subject to change with no notice**

Sandra and Paul Botes and the Coliseum Ballroom invite you to attend.....



**SATURDAY, MAY 14**  
**8-10:30 pm**  
**\$10 per person**

## "BON VOYAGE" DANCE AND SHOW

Special performance by  
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Proceeds will go to Robert & Jennifer's trip to  
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Invitational.

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#### COMPETITOR'S COLUMN

**Minnesota Open Ballroom Dance Competition**  
May 20-22, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Mpls, 561-5407  
**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 short black Latin dress with gold rhinestones, spaghetti straps, sz 9. Call Yvonne at 525-8933.

**please note:**

**NEXT  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**

**FRIDAY  
MAY 6**