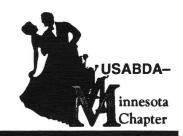
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### DANCERS NITE OUT

**Sun. 10/1** Bruce Bradley, Bel Rae Ballroom, dinner/dance, 3:30-6:30pm, lesson 7:15pm, dance w/Jules Herman 8-11pm, 786-4630.

**Thu. 10/5** Bobby Lane Orchestra, Bel Rae Ballroom, 8:30pm, demo by *USABDA*, 786-4630.

**Fri. 10/6** Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, dance 8-midnight, \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. Dinner buffet 6-8pm, \$9, 478-6661.

Sat. 10/7 Rockin' Hollywoods (50s), Bel Rae Ballroom.

**Sun. 10/8** Bruce Bradley, Bel Rae Ballroom, dinner/dance, 3:30-6:30pm, lesson 7:15pm, dance w/Jules Herman 8-11pm, 786-4630.

**Sun. 10/8** Craig Morris Dance Party, Everett McClay VFW, 3127 E 78th St, Blmgtn, lesson 7pm, dance 8pm, 561-0206.

Sat. 10/14 Indian Summer Hop, Capitol Ballroom, ad pg 11.

**Sat. 10/21 USABDA** October Dance, On Your Toes School of Dance, see info this page.

**Sat. 10/21** Sammy Jensen Orchestra, Medina Ballroom, 6:45pm lesson, 8:30 dance, 478-6661.

**Thu. 10/26** U.S 10-Dance Champions Gary & Diana McDonald- Group Classes, Coliseum Ballroom, see ad pg.10.

Fri. 10/27 Monster Ball w/special performance by US 10-Dance Champs Gary & Diana MacDonald, Coliseum Ballroom, see ad pg 9.

**Sat. 10/28** T.G.I.S. Halloween Costume Dance, Express (50s & 60s), Marriot Hotel, Bloomington, 8:30pm, 644-3443.

Sat. 10/28 The Goblin Ball, Capitol Ballroom, see ad pg11.

**Sun. 10/29** Craig Morris Dance Party, Everett McClay VFW, 3127 E 78th St, Blmgtn, lesson 7pm, dance 8pm, 561-0206.

**Wed. 11/8 USABDA** Beginners' Dance, Shakopee Ballroom, details coming next month. Invite your friends!!!

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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.

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### NOTES FROM THE BOARD



by Karen Voels USABDA Chapter Secretary

- There is about \$3100 in the Treasury, Currently, no bills are outstanding.
- The beginners dance was a tremendous success, and we have heard much praise about it.
- The Grand Ball will need a MC and a DJ. We also need people for selling tickets at the door. The menu has changed to "fancy hors d'oeuvres." Judi will ask a photographer to take pictures.
- The next beginners' dance will be Wednesday, November 8th at the Shakopee Ballroom. A committee is formed to plan this event – please contact Dave Schmit to volunteer.
- Tom Crabble has resigned as membership chairman and board member, and Mark Tepley is resigning as Treasurer effective 12/31/95.
- The next dance will be held on October 21st at On Your Toes School of Dance
- The next board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10th, 7:00pm at Dunwoody Institute.

### **COMPETITOR'S COLUMN**

(includes some regional competitions)

#### Northern Lights Star Ball

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

### Dance Demonstrations

by Yvonne M Riske USABDA Dance Demonstration Coordinator

### DANCING WITH THE SENIORS

USABDA members performed for the Senior Tea Dance held at the Jewish Community Center the afternoon of Sunday, August 13, 1995. The audience loved them and got up out of their chairs and danced with USABDA at the end of their 45-minute showcase! (In fact, they said that it was the best part!) Those members who enthralled the crowd included Diane Meissner & Doug Lusher & Celia Mullen, Shari Akemann & Gaylord Johnson, Christine McMonigal & David Schmit, Pam & Joe Krzyzaniak, Susan Kingler & Arthur Hellmann, Bernie & Scott Osborn; along with the USABDA Silver Formation Team: Shari Akemann & Doug Lusher, Nancy Behrens & Gaylord Johnson, Dawn Kohlman & Bob Nordberg, Millie Cuccia & Rod Meyer, Christine McMonigal & Glen Lindgren, Melanie Helvig & Steve Nicklaus. We gratefully appreciated a \$75 donation from the Jewish Community Center. Thanks to all of the dancers for bringing some joy and smiles to these peoples' lives! Thanks too, to Pete Maki for his talents in providing the music, and to David Schmit for being emcee.

### ROCHESTER AND MINNEAPOLIS JOIN FORCES IN MANKATO

The Kato Entertainment Center in Mankato, MN, celebrated its 60th anniversary on Sunday, September 10 and USABDA was invited to this free dance to partake in the festivities. The Hal Nelson Orchestra provided some great sets of favorite ballroom classics and while they took a break, we joined forces with the Rochester chapter of USABDA for an entertaining 30-minute demonstration to a crowd of over 200 people! We showcased smooth, rhythm and country dancing with a special exhibition performed by Rochester's Swing Formation Team. What a treat to behold! Thanks to all of you who traveled to Mankato to spread USABDA's name and share in some fine dancing. The group of brave souls included... from Rochester: Peggy Smith & Bob Wilcox, Jan & Phil Christensen, Paula Boos & Dwight Oredson, and Maggie Lee & President Steve Vespested. From Minneapolis: Marie Casey & Scott Koefed, Ann Lippin & David Schmit, and Dan Viehman and myself. A special thanks to Janet Sell of the Kato Entertainment Center for inviting USABDA to join in the fun!

### Upcomming Dance Demonstrations

10/5 Bel Rae Ballroom, Moundsview (time TBA)

10/27 MAHPERD (Minnesota Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) National Convention, Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington, 6:30-7:00pm, followed by a dance.

Please call Yvonne Riske if you'd like to perform at these demos... 525-8933 (h), or 672-3243 (w)





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# Beginner Dance Goes Off With A BANG!!

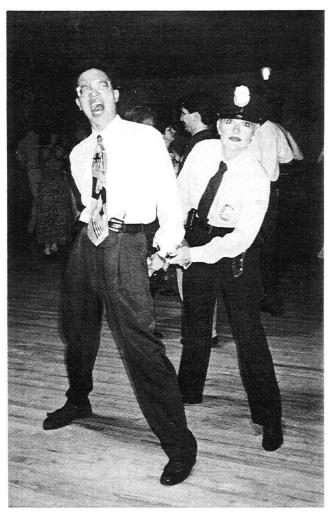
by David Schmit & Yvonne Riske

USABDA's first "BeginnersOnly" dance was a smashing success! On Wednesday, August 23, 115 people gathered at the **Bel Rae Ballroom** for a night of camaraderie as beginners leaned the basics of swing, foxtrot and waltz. They then were given ample opportunity to polish those basics after each lesson. **Shinya McHenry** was our star instructor from **The Dancers Studio**, who received many rave reviews for his ability to make dancing fun and easy to learn.

Amidst the crowd, however, were the "dance police" who cracked down on dancers engaging in fancy footwork. Reports indicate that there were a few perpetrators of the dance code who were penalized by Officers Noel Blair and Kathy Gamble by way of arrests, warning citations or punishment-- a total of nine tickets were issued for overindulgent dancing! (Tough cops or what!?!) It was a special treat for many of USABDA's "seasoned" dancers to reminisce and empathize with those struggling to differentiate one's right foot from the left. The dance was an excellent opportunity for them to give of themselves and encourage others to keep at it because the rewards of becoming an accomplished dancer can bring years of enjoyment! Thirteen door prizes were given away including free dance lessons, free USABDA memberships and free subscriptions to Dancing USA magazine.

We would like to sincerely thank all of those USABDA members who attended and showed their support for the beginners. Special thanks go to the following for making this event the huge success it was: Tony Jambor for hosting the event at the wonderful Bel Rae Ballroom in Moundsview; organizers of the dance: Avelyn Hooker, Cathee Crafton, Dorothy Jones, Siri Belgum, Kathy Pouliot, Joyce Feyen, Shari Akemann and David Schmit; pseudo police officers: Kathy Gamble and Noel Blair; Dance Buddies (assistants): Doug Lusher, Jim Flaskerud, Jeff Chinn, C.R. Barragan, David Schmit, Shari Akemann, Avelyn Hooker, Dorothy Jones, Millie Cuccia, Colleen Williams; flyer-makers: Dorothy Jones and Avelyn Hooker; decorations: Siri Belgum and Avelyn Hooker; music technician: Pete Maki; dance instruction: Shinya McHenry of the Dancers Studio; providers of door prizes: On Your Toes School of Dance, The Dancers Studio, Arthur Murray School of Dance, Dancing USA and USABDA.

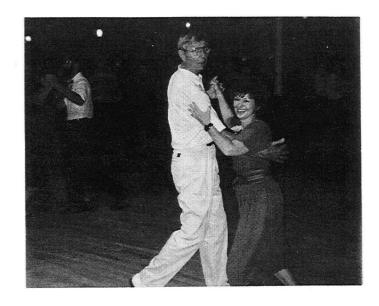
The only question that many dancers left asking was, "When's the next beginners dance?"

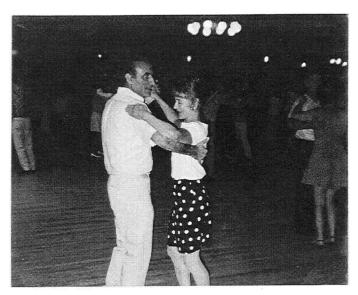


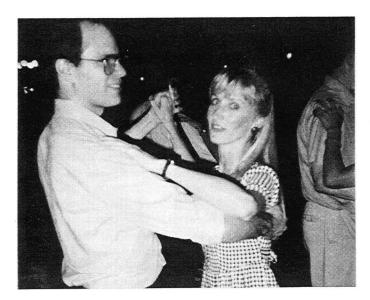
Did Instructor Shinya McHenry do something wrong??? The Dance Police (Noel Blair) apparently arrested him!



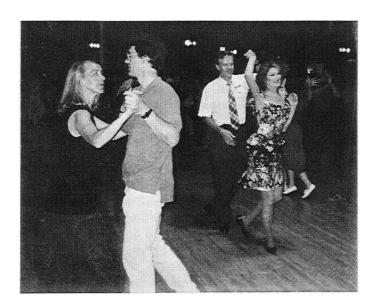
Photos on the page to the right include lots of guests, plus several USABDA members including: Dorothy Jones, Rod Meyer, Janie Sorheim and C.R. Barragan.













American Smooth B Champions
Carol Post & Gary Stroick (at far right)



Open Rhythm Winners: Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley (5th), Michelle Vandesteeg & Jeff Chinn (4th), Theresa Kimler & Nels Petersen (1st)



Modern Open Competition: Heidi Smith & Nels Petersen

# USABDA Producer

by Heidi Smith

This year's USABDA National Amateur Championships were held in north San Francisco. A record thirteen Minnesotans participated plus Joan and Don Miller from Fargo. USABDA National Championship Dancesport competitions are the premier amateur event in the United States, deciding the best of the best as well as determining who will represent the United States in world competitions.

Since1992 Minnesota has dominated the Open American Style divisions nationally. During 1994, Minnesota USABDA brought home six of six crowns. Through 1995, seven of eight titles. This year Minnesota has showed not only championship prowess but also depth of field.

Theresa Kimler & Nels Petersen took the Open Rhythm championship by dominating their field, taking forty-two of forty-five first place marks in a seven couple final. They remain Minnesota's undefeated National champs, having acquired this title in 1994.

Carol Post (Stroick) & Gary Stroick also proved champions in American Smooth B, (age 35 and older) winning this title from a strong competitive field. Carol and Gary also did very well in the Open Smooth division, placing 4th behind Bobby Tarnowski & Monica Mohn who brought home the Bronze. Monica and Bobby danced well but were less visible than the US International Ten Dance champions who placed 2nd, and the Palmers of Seattle who received the gold.

# -Minnesota of Champions

Three others from Minnesota made the Open Smooth Semi-finals. Included were Jeff Chinn & Michell Vandesteeg, Mark Tepley & Karen Kettler, Andy Nordberg & Janie Sorheim. Joan & Don Miller danced well and narrowly missed the semi-finals.

Also most noteworthy was upstart newcomer Michelle Vandesteeg with veteran Jeff Chinn placing 4th in Open Rhythm and winning two Gold Syllabus dances; tango and swing. In addition, Jeff and Michelle, along with Mark Tepley & Karen Kettler (5th in Open Rhythm) came within a hairsbreath of becoming 1995 Nine Dance Champions.

Early on Sunday morning the Minnesota dancers hastily put together two teams for the American Style Team Match. A total of three teams competed. This was a hotly contested competition with the team of Jeff & Michelle, Nels and Theresa, and Ron & Sandy Davies of Seattle edging out the team of Carol & Gary, Bobby & Monica, and Mark & Karen by just a 1/2 point!

Congratulations to all the competitors on a job well done and to Minnesota USABDA for creating the atmosphere to produce competitive dancesport excellence.

There's more on San Francisco on page 8.



1st Place American Style Team Match: Ron & Sandra Davies (of Seattle), Nels Petersen & Theresa Kimler, Michelle Vandesteeg & Jeff Chinn



**2nd Place American Style Team Match**: Bobby Tarnowsky & Monica Mohn, Gary Stroick & Carol Post, Karen Kettler & Mark Tepley



Open Rhythm Champions, Theresa Kimler & Nels Petersen



Dorothy Jones wins her **GOLD** Award from USABDA for the best newsletter in the country in 1994!



USABDA members out sightseeing, with Alcatraz in the background.

### More on the Nationals...

by Karen Kettler

USABDA Nationals is not just for dancing anymore! In addition to the competition, many of us were on hand to see **Dorothy Jones** receive her **GOLD** award in the **USABDA Newsletter Contest.** (She was also the only winner who came!) Congratulations, Dorothy!!!

In such a gorgeous city, most of the competitors took advantage of sightseeing opportunities, visiting Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Haight-Ashbury, the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. Some ventured further into the Napa Valley and the redwood forest areas.

Being avid dancers we naturally checked out opportunities for local dancing and found a ballroom to social dance and practice our routines. To get around the city we also learned that you CAN fit 10 adults in a Lincoln Towncar.

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### **DANCE NOTES**

- ➡ Don't forget, the next Beginners' Dance will be on Wednesday, November 8th at the Shakopee Ballroom. Invite your friends, relatives, co-workers. USABDA members are also invited to help the beginners!
- Several new board members will be needed in 1996. If you'd like to be involved, talk to us!



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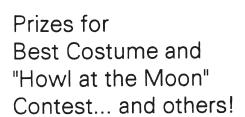
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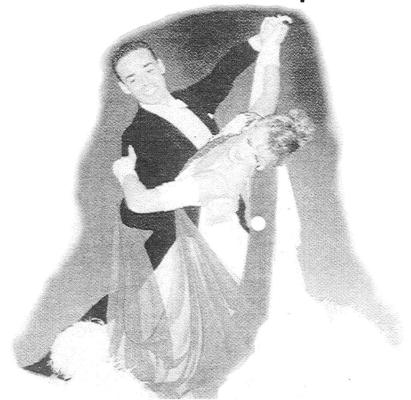
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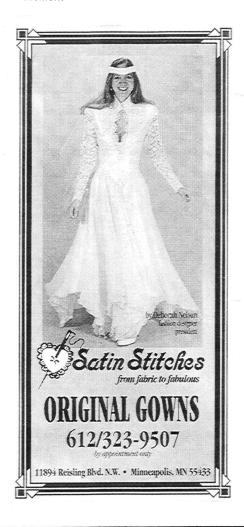
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