



RHODE ISLAND DANCER'S FORUM

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www.newwebgroup.com/riusabda

We're Back!

The RI Chapter of USABDA's newsletter has returned after months of vacation! We'd like to tell you about some changes that have occurred or that will occur in future issues. But, first we'll need to introduce ourselves. We are the new editorial staff for the newsletter: Efrosyni Iosiphidis, Andrew Morse, Jayne Pawasauskas, and Timothy Sorrentino. We aim to represent amateur dancers of all ages in Rhode Island as completely and as fairly as possible. In order to do this, we will need some help from our members.

If you know about a special event or have some dancing news, please let us know so that we can spread the word. Also, if you have photos from a specific event, please send us a copy and description. We love photos!

We will continue our feature article, the dance calendar, and our youth and college network columns, and are continually looking for any related information or events, as well as volunteers to write for RI Dancer's Forum.

We also know that there are many athlete dancers in Rhode Island. So, if you've competed in or attended a dance competition, please send us results so that we can recognize our Rhode Island dancers.

As a compliment to our Newsletter, Andrew Morse and Timothy Sorrentino are giving the Chapter's website a facelift. Although we can only send you a newsletter every other month, the RIABDA website will always be current. We will keep you up to date and linked to social dance events in Rhode Island, neighboring chapters, and all of the wonderful social dance opportunities that are nearby. We will also be your one-stop shopping site for the latest information on competitions, both regional and national. The new RIABDA website will be your jumping off point to the entire world of dance.

Check out our website at: <http://www.newwebgroup.com/riusabda/>

We Need Your Help!

The RI Chapter of USABDA is looking for some enthusiastic people to help us. In November, we will be holding biannual elections for positions on our Executive Board. Those elected to board positions will take office January 1, 2002. Elections will be held for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We are also looking to fill vacancies of Membership Chair and Youth College Network (YCN) Chair. If interested, you must be a current member of USABDA. We're looking for people who are interested in promoting ballroom dancing in all aspects, who are enthusiastic, and who want to have some fun! Whether you can donate a little bit of time or a lot does not matter. We can use whatever amount of help you can offer. Some of our vacant positions can be filled by several people who work together. If you have any interest, please contact Lois Kaplan at loiskap@home.com.

USABDA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reminder!

If you haven't already registered for 2001 USABDA National Dancesport Championships, please note the deadline for registration is JULY 26, 2001. No registrations will be accepted after this date. Registration forms are available online at www.usabda.org.

Group Picture

All RI chapter members attending 2001 USABDA National Championships in Salt Lake City are asked to meet for a group picture. Details as to where and when will be posted both at the front desk of the Grand America Hotel and on the bulletin/message board provided at the competition.

Recent Events

RI USABDA LUAU

On May 19th, the RI Chapter of USABDA held a Luau dance at the Portuguese American Club in Jamestown, RI. Surrounded by tropical decorations and adorned with as many leis as one could wear, dancers, dressed in Hawaiian shirts and floral skirts, brought the hall to life. This was just one example of the theme dances which the Chapter holds.



Left: Maya Rozkov and Ed Martin;

Below: (from left to right) Rod Rodrigues, Michael Obara, Amanda Laplante and Scott Huntley



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON AT THECAVALCADE OF BANDS

On May 22nd, The Providence Federation of Musicians presented the Spring Edition of the Cavalcade of Bands at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. Featured as part of the performance program were our very own amateur dancers Michael Obara and Jayne Pawasauskas; Steve Branch and Liv Ringseisen; Ed Martin and Linda Mellion; and Rod Rodrigues and Linda Succi



MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

RI USABDA will hold its next dance on July 29, 2001 at the Dillon Council in North Providence.

Attention Area Dance Professionals

RIUSABDA is looking for area dance instructors who would be willing to donate some of their time to teach one half hour dance class prior to USABDA dances. It is a wonderful way to gain exposure and allow others to experience the benefits of professional instruction. If you are interested, please contact Linda Succi at 401-944-3294.

Dance Calendar

Saturday, July 7

Waterfire Dancing, Swing dancing, Sovereign Plaza Ballroom, Waterfire Providence, Providence, featuring Live Music by Rick Mendes and Blueswagon, DJ: Swing Daddy, dancing 8:30-midnight, lesson: 7:30-8:30pm, teacher Randy Deats, performance by 'The Dancin' Feelin'

Thursday, July 12

Ocean Front Swing Dance, The Towers, 35 Ocean Road (Route 1A), Narragansett, featuring Roger Ceresi and the Rockin' Soul Horns. Swing lesson by Fred Gliottone at 7:00 pm., dancing 8:00-10:30 pm

Friday, July 13

Benefit for the International Yacht Restoration School, 449 Thames Street, Newport, RI, featuring Eight To The Bar, dancing 8:00-midnight, contact number 401-848-5777

Hustle, Latin & Swing Party, Tempo Dance Center, 380 Washington St., Brighton, MA. Lesson in Cha Cha at 8:00, dancing 8:30-11:30 pm

The Ballroom Dance Summer Feature, Ballroom Dancing at the Veronique Ballroom, 20 Chapel St., Brookline, MA. Presented by Chris Johnston & Rachel Whitney for SuperShag Productions; foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha & samba in style at this elegant ballroom, surprise exhibitions by top dancers, requests for dance music welcomed, full restaurant & bar service available. Beginner's dance lesson 9:00 - 9:20pm. Continuous dancing from 9:20pm-1:00am. \$12 at the door. Swank attire (no jeans, please).

Saturday, July 14

FOBD dance, Grand Ballroom, Hotel Viking Convention Center, Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI, featuring Sammy Kaye Orchestra, dancing 8:00-midnight

Hepcats Swing Dance, First Congregational Church, Fairhaven, MA, dancing 8:00-11:00pm; Lesson: 7:30pm

K&S Dance, Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, dancing 7:00-midnight

Studio 665 Monthly Dance Party, 665 Salem Street, Malden, MA, dancing 8:30-midnight, light refreshment, free on-street parking, contact number 781-321-3779

Friday, July 20

Dancin' Feelin', 272 Petaconsett Ave., Warwick, RI, Beginner Party 8:00-10:00 pm

Outdoor Show, Judy's Bar & Grill, 1210 West Shore Road, Warwick, featuring Eight To The Bar. (CD release party), dancing 9:30pm-1:00am, contact number 401-739-5739.

The Ballroom Dance Summer Feature, Ballroom Dancing at the Veronique Ballroom, 20 Chapel St., Brookline, MA. Presented by Chris Johnston & Rachel Whitney for SuperShag Productions; foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha & samba in style at this elegant ballroom, surprise exhibitions by top dancers, requests for dance music welcomed, full restaurant & bar service available. Beginner's dance lesson 9:00- 9:20pm. Continuous dancing from 9:20pm-1:00am. \$12 at the door. Swank attire (no jeans, please). Ballroom & Latin Contest Finals

Saturday, July 21

DanceSport Academy of New England, Ballroom Party, 384 Harvard St. Brookline, MA (617) 566-7850, 9:00-Midnight

Hollywood Ballroom Dance, Foxtrot Seminar 1:00-2:30 pm \$10 per person

J&L Sounds, Jewish Community Center, Taunton, MA, dancing 7:30-11:30pm \$8 per person

Kathy & Randy Ballroom Dance, German Hall, 78 Carter Avenue, Pawtucket, RI., West Coast Swing lesson with guest instructors Rick and Trish Ball at 7:15, dancing 8:00-11:30 pm, \$10 per person, \$5 College/Teens

Waterfire Dancing Waltz/Foxtrot, Sovereign Plaza Ballroom, Waterfire Providence, Providence, RI, featuring Live Music by The Arthur Medeiros Orchestra, DJ: K&S, dancing 8:30-midnight, lesson: 7:30- 8:30 pm, teacher Christina Cryan, performance by The Brown University Ballroom Dance Team

Sunday, July 22

Jackie Davis, Workman's Hall, Norwood, MA 5-10pm, \$9 per person 617-786-9050

Outdoor Show, 20 Water Street, East Greenwich, RI featuring Eight To The Bar. (CD release party), 6:30-10:00 pm, 401-885-3700

Monday, July 23

An Evening of Ballroom Dance presented by Randy Deats at Island Moving Co., Fort Adams, Newport, RI, contact number 401-847-4470.

Thursday, July 26

Music & Dancing at the Towers, Narragansett, RI, 7-10 pm, contact number 401-782-2597

The Ballroom Dance Summer Feature, Ballroom Dancing at the Veronique Ballroom, 20 Chapel St., Brookline, MA. Presented by Chris Johnston & Rachel Whitney for SuperShag Productions; foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha & samba in style at this elegant ballroom, surprise exhibitions by top dancers, requests for dance music welcomed, full restaurant & bar service available. Beginner's dance lesson 9:00 pm - 9:20 pm. Continuous dancing from 9:20pm-1:00am. \$12 at the door. Swank attire (no jeans, please). Duel of the Dancers contest

Friday, July 27

Dancin' Feelin', 272 Petaconsett Ave., Warwick, RI, Party Night 8-11pm

End Zone, 140 Point Judith Road, Narragansett, featuring Eight To The Bar. (CD release party), 10:00pm-1:00am, contact number 401-789-5454

Hollywood Ballroom Dance 7:30-11:00pm with complimentary Two-step lesson 7:45, \$5

The Ballroom Dance Summer Feature, Ballroom Dancing at the Veronique Ballroom, 20 Chapel St., Brookline, MA. Presented by Chris Johnston & Rachel Whitney for SuperShag Productions; foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha & samba in style at this elegant ballroom, surprise exhibitions by top dancers, requests for dance music welcomed, full restaurant & bar service available. Beginner's dance lesson 9:00 pm - 9:20 pm. Continuous dancing from 9:20pm-1:00am. \$12 at the door. Swank attire (no jeans, please).

Saturday, July 28

Dan Radler & Suzanne Hamby Ballroom Dance Studio, 111 Mt. Auburn St, Watertown, MA, 8:30-midnight, Admission is \$9 and includes refreshments. 508-620-7138.

K&S Dance, Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI. 7:00-midnight

MIT Ballroom Dance Team dance, Sala de Puerto Rico, MIT Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA. Dancing 8:00-Midnight; Lesson: 7:30 pm

Swingin' 88's Dance, Brightridge Club, East Providence, RI, dancing 7:00-midnight, contact number 401-739-4594

Sunday, July 29

RI USABDA dance, Dillon Council, North Providence, RI 6:00 – 9:00 pm, \$10 non-member, \$8 members, \$5 students; Pros Free. Music by Terpsichore Ballroom Dance Club.

Thursday, August 2

Music & Dancing at the Towers, Narragansett, RI, dancing 7:00-10:00 pm 401-782-2597.

Friday, August 3

The Ballroom Dance Summer Feature, Ballroom Dancing at the Veronique Ballroom, 20 Chapel St., Brookline, MA. Presented by Chris Johnston & Rachel Whitney for SuperShag Productions; foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha & samba in style at this elegant ballroom, surprise exhibitions by top dancers, full restaurant & bar service available. Beginner's dance lesson 9:00 pm - 9:20 pm. Continuous dancing from 9:20pm-1:00am. \$12 at the door. Swank attire (no jeans, please). Swing Contest Finals

Saturday, August 4

American Ballroom, Rumford Columbus Club, 1 New Rd., East Providence, RI 7:30-11:30 pm. \$9 per person, 401-353-4391.

Argentine Tango By Moonlight, Weeks Memorial Footbridge, Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA. 8pm until the moon wanes. FREE 617-699-6246.

Kathy & Randy Ballroom Dance, German Hall, 78 Carter Avenue, Pawtucket, RI, Cha Cha lesson at 7:15, dancing 8:00-11:30 pm, \$10 per person, \$5 College/Teens

K& S Dance, Bishop MacKenzie Center, 1337 Centre Street, Newton Center, Newton, MA. 7:00-midnight.

South Shore Dancers Pot Luck X, K of C, Pembroke, MA, dancing 7:30-11:30 pm. \$8.50 per person. 781-659-4703.

Summer Ball 2001 Dinner Dance and Show, Fleet Skating Center, Providence, RI, 6:00 pm – midnight. 401-245-1119

Sunday, August 5

Waterfire Dancing Swing, Sovereign Plaza Ballroom, Waterfire Providence, Providence, RI, featuring Live Music by The John Worsley Band, featuring Porky Cohen, dancing 8:00-midnight, lesson: 7:00– 8:00 pm, teachers Sarah Sloan and Jennifer Lyons, performance by The Hepcats

Thursday, August 9

Music & Dancing at the Towers, Narragansett, RI, 7-10 pm 401-782-2597

Friday, August 10

Hustle, Latin & Swing Party, Tempo Dance Center, Brighton, MA. Lesson in Hustle at 8:00. Dancing 8:30-11:30 pm

Saturday, August 11

Hepcats Swing Dance, First Congregational Church, Fairhaven, MA. Dancing 8:00-11:00pm, Lesson: 7:30

K&S dance, Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, dancing 7:00-midnight.

Thursday, August 16

Music & Dancing at the Towers, Narragansett, RI, 7-10 pm 401-782-2597

Friday, August 17

The Ballroom Dance Summer Feature, Ballroom Dancing at the Veronique Ballroom, 20 Chapel St., Brookline, MA. Presented by Chris Johnston & Rachel Whitney for SuperShag Productions; foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha & samba in style at this elegant ballroom, surprise exhibitions by top dancers, full restaurant & bar service available. Beginner's dance lesson 9:00 pm - 9:20 pm. Continuous dancing from 9:20pm-1:00am. \$12 at the door. Swank attire (no jeans, please). Salsa Contest Finals

Saturday, August 18

DanceSport Academy of New England, Ballroom Party, 384 Harvard St. Brookline, MA (617) 566-7850, 9:00-Midnight

K&S dance, Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, dancing 7:00-midnight

Swingin' 88's Luau Dance, Brightridge Club, East Providence, RI, think Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts! Dancing 7:00-midnight, contact number 401-739-4594

Waterfire Dancing Cajun, Sovereign Plaza Ballroom, Waterfire Providence, Providence, RI, featuring Live Music by The Magnolia Cajun Band, dancing 8:00-midnight, lesson: 7:00-8:00 pm, teacher Michelle Kaminski, performance by Michelle Kaminski & Ed Slattery

Thursday, August 23

Music & Dancing at the Towers, Narragansett, RI, 7:00-10:00 pm 401-782-2597

Friday, August 24

FOBD dance, Officers' Club, Naval Station, Newport, RI, featuring Duke Belaire Band Saturday, August 25

Saturday, August 25

Dan Radler & Suzanne Hamby Ballroom Dance Studio, 111 Mt. Auburn St, Watertown, MA, 8:30-midnight, Admission is \$9 and includes refreshments. 508-620-7138.

K&S dance, Knights of Columbus, 1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, RI, dancing 7:00-midnight

Thursday, August 30

Music & Dancing at the Towers, Narragansett, RI, 7-10 pm 401-782-2597