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Join us
Friday, October 27th
for
a Halloween Costume Dance

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#### USA Dance Rhode Island Chapter Mission Statement

The Rhode Island Chapter of USA Dance, Inc. promotes ballroom dancing in Rhode Island and educates the public regarding the physical, mental and social benefits of ballroom dancing. We welcome beginner dancers and help them get started. We promote and sponsor amateur ballroom dancing for competitors, social dancers, and the general public. We strive to bring the joy and the benefits of ballroom dancing to as many people as possible in Rhode Island and beyond.

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Friday, October 27
7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.





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#### **MONDAY NIGHTS**

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Join the PB J Amatuer Dance Team!
7-8pm Team A-Advance Level
8-9pm Team B-Newcomer Level
\$10 per class
REGISTRATION 2006
October 2, 2006

#### **TUESDAY NIGHTS**

**BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE CLASSES** 

7-8pm Beginner levels 8-9pm Int/Adv levels 3 consecutive 4 week sessions Everyone must pre-register \$40 per 4 week session

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY LATIN & HUSTLE NIGHT

BEGINNING OCTOBER 4, 2006 7:30-8pm - Latin lesson 9-9:30 pm - Hustle lesson 8-11pm Social Latin & Hustle Dancing Cash bar- Free water \$10 at the drog

### FIRST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH DANCING AND A SHOW!

7:30 Lesson by Nelia Lawton or guest instructor Social Dancing 8-11:30pm - Showtime 9:30pm Refreshments - Hor's Doeuvres Cash Bar - Free Water \$15 at the door

# Presents PB ← J KICK OFF DANCE!

Join us in celebrating PB&J's return to the stage!

SATURDAY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

Democratic Club 186 Roffee Street, Barrington RI \$15 per person

Dance Music by Tony Felix 7:30 lesson by Barry Lawton 8-11:30 Social Dancing 10pm Showtime!

Cash bar - hors d'oeuvres - free water

Performance by Barry Lawton & Nelia Lawton



# Regional Competitions

### **Autumn 2006 Competitions**

#### Sally Dances at Norm & Dette's

Sally once again takes to the town, this time dropping in on Norm & Dette's dance which was held at the Dillon Council on Saturday, July 15, 2006. As always, the venue offered a beautiful floor and comfortable atmosphere. Norm and Dette were gracious hosts, greeting all their guests.

A quick tango lesson was offered midway through the evening, which was followed by a raffle of wine and Powerball tickets. Her number was drawn from the raffle, but unfortunately her luck ended there and she didn't win the millions, but was very thankful that ticket was included with the door fee.

She had heard that the music at past N&D dances wasn't the most up-to-date, but it was still very danceable, although some of the pieces sounded like the original recordings. Never-the-less, it was a nice

#### **Constitution State Challenge Dancesport Championships**

Friday September 29 - Sunday October 1 Stamford, CT Westin Hotel Contact: Christa Cote - mambo2341@aol.com www.csdancesport.com

#### **Cornell Dancesport Spectacular**

Saturday, September 30
Beverly J. Martin School Gym
Ithaca, New York
Contact: Julie Mandel - jcm98@cornell.edu
http://comp.cornelldancesport.org

#### USA Dance 2006 SouthEast Regional Championships

Friday, October 27 - Saturday, October 28 Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA Registration deadline: October 7, 2006 Contact: Ann Smith - Jsmith5817@aol.com

http://atlantarc.org

#### Harvard Beginners' Competition

Saturday, October 28
Malkin Athletic Center
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Contact: comp@harvardballroom.org
http://harvardballroom.org/competitions/beginners/index.php

#### **Ohio Star Ball Championships**

Tuesday November 14 - Sunday, November 19 Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH Deadline: October 7, 2006 Contact: 614-848-7827 www.ohiostarball.com

# Social Dance Calendar

#### SEPTEMBER 2006

Friday, September 01 Nelia Lawton, Democratic Club 186 Roffee St. Barrington RI. 7:30-11p \$10pp 401-245-1119

Saturday September 2 Waterfire Providence

Waterfire Providence
Waterplace Park - River Walk
401-272-3111 - www.waterfire.org

Kathy & Randy Dance German Hall 78 Carter Street, Pawtucket, RI 7:15 - 11:00 p.m. - \$15/\$10 401-461-0110 www.dancinfeeling.com

FOBD 'Mel-Tones' Dinner Dance Friday US Naval Officers Club, -Newport RI Rumba lesson at 6:00 p.m. - Buffet at 7:00 p.m.
8:00 - 11:30 p.m. General dancing 401-847-2980:

SkipFOBD@aol.com reservations close Tuesday, Sept. 5

Friday, September 8

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party 272 Pettaconsett Ave. Warwick, RI 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. - \$10 non-members 401-461-0110 www.dancinfeelin.com

Saturday, September 9 Waterfire Providence Waterplace Park - River Walk 401-272-3111 - www.waterfire.org

K & S Dance Knights of Columbus Hall 1047 Park Ave. Cranston, RI Lessons 6:30-8:00 Dancing 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. \$15 pp; Students \$10

Sunday, September 10, 2006 Meadowlarks Trio German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 Dan@theMeadowLarks.com Friday September 15 - Sunday September 24 National Ballroom Dance Week

Friday September 15 New London CT USA Dance Chapter No Frills Friday Social Dance East Lyme Community Center 31 Society Rd, East Lyme, CT 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

\$5 admission - 401-596-4373

www.usadancenewlondonct.com spacheco@pacheco-computer.com Saturday September 16 Waterfire Providence Waterplace Park - River Walk 401-272-3111 - www.waterfire.org

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Sunday, September 17
New London CT USA Dance Chapter
NBDW Event
Port N'Starboard Banquet Center
1225 Ocean Ave. New London, CT
Lessons begin at 2:00 p.m.
Buffet at 6:00; dancing 7:00-10:00 p.m.
www.usadancenewlondonct.com
spacheco@pacheco-computer.com

Thursday, September 21
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Boston South Station -Grand Concourse
Ballroom Dancing - Orchestra "Trilogy"
Free to the Public
www.south-station.net/
stationEventsCalendar.asp

401-596-4373

http://massabda.org

Friday September 22

The Dancin' Feelin' Studio Party Dillon Council, 1675 Douglas Pike North. Providence RI 401-461-0110 www.dancinfeelin.com

Saturday, September 23 Norm & Dette's Social Dance, Dillon Council, 1675 Douglas Pike North. Providence RI 8:00-11:30p.m. \$10pp 401-767-1765 NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com

PB&J Kick Off Dance Democratic Club 186 Roffee Street Barrington, RI Lesson at 7:30 Dance 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m 10:00 p.m. show \$15 www.nelialawton.net

dancenelia@aol.com.

Sunday, September 24
National Ballroom Dance Week Finale
Mosely's On the Charles
50 Bridge Street, (Route 109)
Dedham, MA
6:00 - 11:00 p.m
www.massabda.org
http://moseleysonthecharles.com

Friday, Septmber 29
The Dancin' Feelin' Beginners Party
272 Pettaconsett Avenue
Warwick, RI
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - \$10 non-members
401-461-0110
www.dancinfeelin.com

Saturday, September 30 K & S Dance Knights of Columbus Hall 1047 Park Ave. Cranston, RI Lessons 6:30-8:00 Dancing 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. \$15 pp; Students \$10

Swingin' 88's Dance Brightridge Club East Providence, RI 7:15 p.m.-11:30 p.m. 508-222-2185

#### **OCTOBER**

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Saturday, October 7 Waterfire Providence Waterplace Park - River Walk 401-272-3111 www.waterfire.org

Sunday, October 8 CIABDA Columbus Day Workshops & Dance Betsy's Ballroom, Yarmouth, MA 2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. www.ciabda.org

Meadowlarks Trio German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 Dan@themeadowlarks.com

Friday, October 13 URI Dance ballroom@etal.uri.edu

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The Dancin' Feelin' Showcase & Dinner Dance Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, Cranston, RI 1:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. \$65, call 401-461-0110 for reservations

Friday, October 20 FOBD Harry James Orchestra Dinner Dance Officers Club, Newport RI 401-847-2980; SkipFOBD@aol.com reservations close Tuesday, September

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Sunday, October 22 DOCMA Dance - Maironis Park 52 Quinsigamond Ave. Shrewsbury, MA 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$15/\$10/\$5 508-832-2393 - www.docma.net

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Contact: (401) 439-1769

Norm & Dette's Social Dance, Dillon Council, 1675 Douglas Pike North. Providence RI 8:00-11:30p.m. \$10pp 401-767-1765 NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com

Swingin' 88's Halloween Dance Brightridge Club 56 Brightridge Avenue East Providence, RI Swing Lesson 7:15 p.m.-7:45p.m. Dance until 11:30 p.m. 508-222-2185 swingin88s@yahoo.com www.swingin88.com

Sunday, October 29 Meadowlarks Trio German Hall 78 Carter Ave., Pawtucket RI. 1:30-4:30p \$6pp; 866-226-4693 Dan@themeadowlarks.com

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### What's In A Name - Dance Sport's Confusing Acronyms

Here are some brief definitions of some of the key organizations affecting dance policy in the US and around the world.

- USA Dance: Formerly known as **US Amateur Ballroom Dancers** Association (USABDA). This nonprofit corporation is recognized as the National Governing Body of DanceSport by the IDSF, the US Olympic Committee USOC and the US Congress. As such, USA Dance functions as the National Federation that runs the National Championship determines the US representatives to IDSF World Championships. And of course this is the national organization that governs our local chapter.
- International DanceSport
  Federation (IDSF): This group runs
  the Amateur
  World DanceSport Championships
  along with other events. They
  govern
  84 member federations and are
  recognized by the International
  Olympic
  Committee
- National Dance Council of America (NDCA): This non-profit corporation is a professional organization comprised of member organizations, not individuals. They are recognized by the WDDSC. They presume responsibility for assigning US titles. However the WDDSC assumes no responsibility for Amateur events and thus extends no such authority to the NDCA.
- World Dance Council (WDC)
  formerly known as the World Dance
  and
  DanceSport Council (WDDSC): This
  group runs the Professional World

DanceSport Championships.

• American Ballroom Company (ABC): This for-profit corporation was assigned, by the NDCA, the rights to hold a variety of US titles in conjunction with running the US DanceSport Championships

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**Celebrate!** 

# Chapter News



#### **End of Summer Dance**

Our August 25<sup>th</sup> dance had a slower, end-of-summer pace and a smaller crowd than usual. The dancers used the extra floor space to show off their talents!

#### New Look for Web Site

Don't forget to check out our new design and read the great dance articles at www.riusabda.org. Highly recommended - an article about foot exercises and treatments.

#### **Our National Competitors**

In August Mike Obara and Jayne
Pawasauskas and Tim Sorrentino and
Efrosyni Iosiphidis traveled to San Jose,
California to compete in the 2006
National DanceSport Championships.
Mike and Jayne attained Second Place
in Novice Rhythm and Third in PreChamp Smooth, and made Semi-Finals
in Championship Smooth. Tim and
Efrosyni became Pre-Champ Latin
Semi-Finalists. Congratulations to all
on your wonderful accomplishments as
DanceSport Athletes!



#### Wedding Bells

Our chapter treasurer, Alicia Zu Wallack married Peter Graves this August.

The new married couple performed a "flawless foxtrot" at their wedding reception. From all of us at USA Dance Rhode Island Chapter - may you dance to beautiful music together all life long.

#### **Chapter Geography**

Because we're a state-wide chapter of USA Dance, we have members from many cities and towns in Rhode Island. Providence tops the list, with 15 members, followed closely by Cranston with nine, and a third place tie between Warwick and Pawtucket with six each.

Many of you are the lone representative from your community. As ballroom dancing gains in popularity maybe someday soon we'll have dancers from every town in Rhode Island.

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# The Everything

#### Rhode Island Dance Studios & Teachers

American Ballroom Dance Studio Clo and Joe Bouthiller, Directors 18 Whalen Drive, Lincoln, RI 02865 Phone/Fax 401-333-9270 clojoeb@cox.net

Arthur Murray Dance Studio 1478 Atwood Ave. Johnston, RI 02919 (401) 274-8840

Bobbi's Place Social Ballroom Dance Studio 14 Cedar Swamp Road, Smithfield, RI 02917 401-949-2814 or 401-447-6216 bobbispl@naisp.net

Caruso, Richard 401-935-1412 richwithrhythm@cs.com

Chomech, Andy 401-943-4853

Dancing Rivers Productions 520 Main St. Warren, RI 02885 (774) 930-7324 DancingRivers@Yahoo.com www.dancingrivers.com

East Bay Ballroom – Sara Coelho 160 King Phillip Street Portsmouth, RI 02871 (401) 682-2272 sara@eastbayballroom.com www.eastbayballroom.com

Endicott, David & Nina 212-734-6279 David\_Endicott@hotmail.com www.DancingEndicotts.com

Fred Astaire Dance Studios 205 Weybosset Street Providence, RI 02903 (401) 331-0915 www.fredastair.com

Gale Souza 401-781-4235

Jeff Allen's Quickstart to Social Dancing Workshops 1313 New London Ave., Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 331-1400 JeffAllen@quickstartbooks.com www.QuickstartBooks.com Joe and Mary Souza Middletown, RI 401-847-6438 JFSMID@webtv.net

Judit Dance Studio 1211 Main Street, West Warwick, RI 401-823-8630

Moveable Feet – Deborah Nash Wickford and Narragansett, RI 401-295-7025 dnash@cox.net

PB&J The Providence Ballroom And Jazz Project – Artistic Director Nelia Lawton 186 Roffee Street, Barrington, RI (401) 245-1119 Dancenelia@aol.com www.nelialawton.net Dance instruction by Nelia Lawton (same as above)

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www.dancinfeelin.com

Twirl the Girl North Providence, RI (401) 447-7015 jennifer@TwirltheGirl.com www.TwirlTheGirl.com

Two for Tango Ballroom Paul & Roxanne LaCroix Newport, RI 401-523-6958

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#### Rhode Island Collegiate Dance Clubs and Teams

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bbdc@brown.edu, ballroom\_team@brown.edu
www.brown.edu/students/Ballroom\_Dance

Johnson & Wales University Contacts to be announced Rhode Island College www.ricballroom.com contact@ricballroom.com

University of Rhode Island www.uri.edu/student\_organizations/ballroom/mainpage.php ballroom@etal.uri.edu

#### Rhode Island Dance Groups

Friends of Ballroom Dancing (F.O.B.D.) Contact: Skip Jones (401) 847-29880 www.OnAquidneck.com/FOBD

K & S Music – Bryan & Kathy Soscia kandsmusic@cox.net (401) 821-4108 www.kandsmusic.net

Kathy and Randy's Ballroom Dances German Club, 78 Carter Street Pawtucket, RI (401) 461-0110 www.thedancinfeelin.com

Norm & Dette Social Dances NormDetteDance@wmconnect.com (401) 767-1765

## Dance Directory

Providence Tango Phone: 401-728-9393 ellen@providencetango.com www.providencetango.com

Swingin' 88's (401) 683-6144 www.swingin88.com

### REGIONAL USA DANCE CHAPTERS

MASSABDA- Eastern Massachusetts and Boston – www.massabda.org

CIABDA – Cape Code and MA Islands – www.ciabda.org DOCMA – Central MA and Worcester – www.docma.org Berkshire Ballroom Dancers – Western MA, Berkshires www.berkshireballroom.org New London County Chapter – New London area of Connecticut www.usadancenewlondonct.com

Greater Hartford Chapter – Hartford, Connecticut area http://ballroomdancect.com

#### **Dancewear Merchant**

Back Bay DanceWear Burlington, MA 01803 1-800-554-2340 backbaydance@rcn.com www.bacbaydance@rcn.com

### **Dance Information Resources**

www.riDANCE - dn@riDance.com www.DanceNet www.havetodance.com

#### DANCENEWSS.E.N.E.

Dance E-calendar for Southeast New England bbaldassari@earthlink.net http://dancersvp.tripod.com

See www.riusabda.org for additional listings of dance web sites

