

# USA Dance #1011 Newsletter



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*Our Mission: To promote and facilitate dance as a healthful, enjoyable, community-building activity for all ages.*

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## Tips for Ballroom Dancers By Cori Grimm

*How to be popular on the social dance floor*

### Tip #1



**Smile!** Sounds simple, but it is sometimes easy to forget when nervous or concentrating. The occasional grin goes a long way to reassuring your partner that you enjoy dancing with him or her. No leering, though, please!

*How to be popular on the social dance floor*

### Tip #2

**Keep your breath fresh.** Dancing in close quarters, fresh breath is a wonderful feature in a partner. Experienced dancers carry mints or a travel toothbrush. Top offenders are garlic and onions (obviously), coffee, and cigarette smoke. While it's rude to tell your partner he/she has bad breath, it's polite to offer a mint to your partner if you're getting one for yourself!

*How to be popular on the social dance floor*

### Tip #3

**Dance with a beginner... just for fun!** Do you remember your first time out on the social dance floor? The thrill. . .the excitement. . .the terror? It's always good to encourage new dancers. New dancers add energy to the group, and if they get hooked, they become fabulous experienced dancers. Remember to keep it fun and light. You don't need to teach your partner anything except that learning to dance is fun and rewarding. It's generally considered poor etiquette to teach on a social dance floor. The only exception should be if (Cont. p.2)

## Members' Corner



### April, May & June Birthday Dancers

Kela Alleman  
Cori Grimm  
Karen Knokey  
June Kranenburg  
Conny Lindley  
Kitty Powell  
Bobi Sparks  
Nancy Yie  
Rebecca Blust  
Maie Grynck  
Kathy Hostetter  
Kyoko Richter  
Emilie Sampson  
Johnny Bucuojit  
Bill Grimm  
Isabeau Kennedy  
Donny Knokey  
Linda Lund  
Carmen Navarrete



### New Members - Welcome!

Trish Cooley  
Rebecca Lee  
Trish Welch



### (Tips Cont.)

someone asks for help.

*Suggestions for asking a new lady to dance:*

Impress her by making her feel as comfortable and agile as possible. Don't try to impress her by showing off all of the moves you know. This can make her feel awkward and uncomfortable. She's not likely to come back. Keep it simple and avoid criticism! If she has a good time, she'll come back for more.

*Suggestions for asking a new gentleman to dance:*

Keep it simple and avoid criticism! Don't offer to teach more than the basic step unless he asks. Imagine the poor guy who shows up to his first dance and gets a mini lesson from each of twenty partners. By the end of the evening, he has attempted to learn 20 or more steps. He feels overwhelmed and concerned he's never going to get it. Offer to show him the basic step at most, if he seems willing, consider letting him dance what he knows (just regular slow dancing or rocking back and forth), even if it's not the 'official' step, if he has a good time, he'll come back for more.

### **Pear Blossom Dance Competition**

Congratulations go out to our winners Isabeau Kennedy & Bronson Samel-Garloff, for the Pear Blossom Dance Competition held on March 31 at North Medford High School Auditorium. All the young dancers were excellent and showed their skills to an almost full house.

The judges for the event were Roger Butterfield, Donn Knokey, Jerry Pariseau, Bill Grimm and Marilee Grimm. Thank you, judges for your fine volunteer work.

The criteria the judges used included execution, showmanship, difficulty of routine, and connection between partners.

The cash prizes were donated by Jeff Palpant:

First place - Isabeau Kennedy & Bronson Samel-Garloff - \$400

Second place - Kevin Hill & Emily Miller - \$300

Third place - Riley Hackett & Hannah Bokish - \$200

Fourth place - Emerson Jarvie & Nauvoo Beal \$50

Fifth place - Steven Ohland & Jennifer Ohland \$50

Congratulations!!

## **New Dances in Jacksonville By Rush Behnke**

Tara and I have recently introduced Jacksonville to Ballroom dance. We hold a dance at 7:30 with lesson, every last Saturday of each month thru May. We intend to start up next fall in September.

We teach dance classes on Tuesdays every week as well. Classes are 7 to 8pm for continuing ballroom and 8 to 9pm for beginning Ballroom. We teach a series of 4 classes each month. Lessons will end in May and begin in September, if all goes well.

The thing that is unique with these dances is that the Jacksonville Inn partners with us to provide a no-host beer and wine bar. They have a cheese and fruit platter as well. They offer a dinner special in the bistro. You have to ask for the "Facebook special" and it starts at 4:30.

Did I say that the Ballroom is very classic and charming?

We have had a lot of new faces added to our dance community already. Hopefully it will lead to new memberships for USA Dance SO.

For more information, check out the web site at [www.rushbehnke.com](http://www.rushbehnke.com)

## **Evergreen Ballroom Spring Showcase 4/27/2012**

A special event, that only happens twice a year, is coming up soon. The Evergreen Ballroom invites you to join everyone for a special occasion on Friday, April 27th, 2012. They will be hosting the **Evergreen Ballroom Showcase**.

The evening dance party begins with a foxtrot lesson, and continues through the evening with demonstrations, a mixer, shoe sales, cake and lots of dancing. It is the Evergreen Ballroom's way of showcasing what their teachers have been teaching and giving the students a chance to show off what they've learned. This Spring Showcase will also have special dances by two of the couples from the 2012 Pear Blossom Ballroom Dance Competition. A variety of dances will be performed and there will be lots of open dancing for all.

The doors open at 6:45 for early shoe shopping, lesson at 7:30, and demonstrations and dancing at 8:00 and continuing until 11:00 P.M. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for 13-18, and 12 and under are free. For more information, or pictures from previous showcases, see the website at [Evergreenballroom.com](http://Evergreenballroom.com). Come on out to support your fellow dancers as they "strut their stuff."



*This newsletter is sent via email to all members with an email address and a copy is mailed to members who do not have email.*

## USA Dance #1011 - Individual Membership Application

Please print clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a renewal application? No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Member # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information:

Profession and/or hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to help USA Dance as a volunteer? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, at what level? Chapter ☐ Regional ☐ National ☐

How are you willing to help: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of chapter I wish to be assigned to: Southern Oregon #1011 (or other) \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Membership Categories:

Ballroom Dancer	\$ 35	\$ _____
Social Dancer	\$ 25	\$ _____
Social Youth	\$ 10	\$ _____
Social Instructor	\$ 50	\$ _____

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**Happy Dancing!!**