

SWING



TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Westie Groove @ Infinity	2	3	4 Swing Night Out (Oceanside)
5 Larry Armstrong 	6	7	8 Westie Groove @ Infinity	9	10 DanceDiego @ DanceHQ	11 Parker's OGSD @ DanceHQ
12  Parker Dearborn Larry & Maria Sponsored Birthday / Disco Party + Alias Band	13	14	15 Westie Groove @ Infinity	16	17 Friday Night Corral @ DanceHQ	18 WCS Dance @ Starlight
19 Mark Pablo	20	21	22 Westie Groove @ Infinity	23	24	25 WCS Dance @ Starlight
26 Brienne Cline	27	28	29 Westie Groove @ Infinity	 <p>"Dance is the hidden language of the soul." - Martha Graham</p>  		

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lesson(s) start promptly at 1:30 PM. Social dancing to follow at 2:30 PM.



BIG BALLROOM

5th – Larry Armstrong: Nightclub Two Step
 12th – Parker Dearborn: Intermediate/Advanced WCS
 19th – Mark Pablo: Intermediate WCS
 26th – Brienne Cline: Intermediate WCS

SMALL BALLROOM

5th – Intro to WCS
 12th – **No Intro to WCS Class**
 19th – Intro to WCS
 26th – **No Intro to WCS Class**



NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | Meredith Anderson

April is here, and it's going to be a month to remember! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 12th, for a massive triple-header celebration. We're hosting our monthly birthday party with a special dual bash for Maria Tee and Larry Clendenin. As a gift to the club, Maria and Larry are providing live music from the Alias band! Along with the music and cake, we've moved our Pro Workshop with Parker Dearborn to this date. It's going to be an incredible day of dancing and celebration... don't miss it! Here are the details:

1:00 pm: Doors Open! Be Early!

1:30 - 2:30 pm: Pro workshop with Parker. **No late entry.** Doors closed from 1:30-2:30.

2:30 - 5:00 pm: Alias Band & Social Dancing

\$20 / \$25 (member/non member) = entrance and workshop

\$10 / \$15 (member/non member) = entrance only after 2:30pm

We look forward to seeing everyone each Sunday but don't miss this party! See you on the dance floor!



Newsletter Editor Taylor Frederking

Talk about a Spring into SWING! April is packed with live music, awesome workshops, and community

celebrations. The dance floor is calling... go live it up as we welcome this new beautiful season!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Apr 12: "Disco" themed Party and April Birthdays Celebrated. *In honor of "dual" birthdays, Larry and Maria sponsor the Alias band and Parker will teach Advanced WCS!*

May 3: Cinco de Mayo Party

May 10: Mother's Day

May 16: Spring Banquet Party

May 24: Memorial Day Dance

June 21: Father's Day Celebration

GUESS WHO?!

Last month's feature was SDSDC member **Sylvia Goebel!** After a temporary hiatus for career and family, Sylvia rediscovered her love for dance at the SDSDC two years ago and she hasn't looked back since! When she isn't analyzing data, she's hiking, skiing, or enjoying the beach. For Sylvia, focusing on footwork is the ultimate way to clear her mind. She's thrilled to keep learning and improving alongside her SDSDC family.



UP NEXT →

Answer to be featured in the next newsletter!



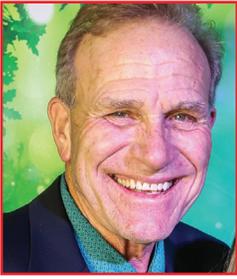
WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Randy Shimabukuro
Courtney Pollman-Turner
Justin Turner

Marina Swanson
Lisa Klink
Dan Woolery

Karen McEntire
Wayne Allen

MEMBER COUNT = 243 AND GROWING!



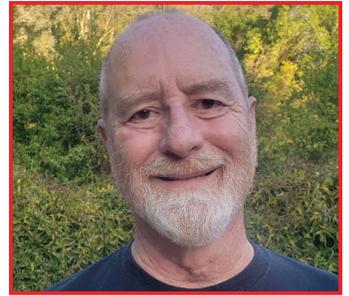
Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

April 5: Larry Armstrong

TEACHING NIGHTCLUB TWO STEP

Larry has been a staple of the San Diego dance scene for years. Whether he's out social dancing across the city, serving on The Swing Club's Board of Directors, or sharing his expertise at various venues, his passion

for dance is always on display. Larry's lessons are known for being as informative as they are fun—don't miss out! Join us this week for a smooth and fabulous Nightclub Two-Step lesson.



April 12: Parker Dearborn

TEACHING INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING

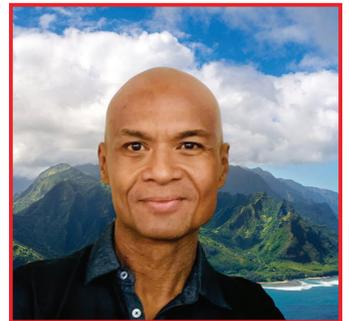
From an early age, Parker found his calling on the dance floor. With numerous world titles to his credit, he is both a technical master and an extraordinary teacher. Parker's true talent lies in his ability to make the complex feel simple; he breaks down difficult movements into easy wins, making every lesson an educational experience of a lifetime. If you're ready to discover your true potential, join us on April 12th and let Parker help you find your rhythm.



April 19: Mark Pablo

TEACHING INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

Mark brings a unique edge to the San Diego dance scene, drawing on an extensive early background in hip-hop. This foundation fuels his creative approach to teaching Argentine Tango, Salsa, and West Coast Swing. Whether you're joining him for a private lesson or a group class, Mark's diverse expertise ensures there is always something new and inventive to learn on the floor.



April 26: Brianne Cline

TEACHING INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

Brianne began her impressive career in Florida, quickly rising through the junior ranks to become a dominant force in West Coast Swing. A multi-event winner and US Open competitor, she brings world-class expertise to every lesson. We are lucky to have her join us once again on Sunday, April 26th. In addition to her regular Tuesday classes at Dance Headquarters, Brianne is currently accepting students for private lessons. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned competitor, Brianne has the "cure" for any dance challenge!



It's that time of year to start putting names in the hat! If you're interested in serving on the SDSDC Board, please reach out to a board member.

MEET THE TEAM

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
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Next Board Meeting: May 10th at 12:00 PM

ABOUT SDSDC

The San Diego Swing Dance Club is a private, non-profit organization. Its specific and primary purposes are to enjoy, promote, preserve, encourage, and teach West Coast Swing. Members receive discounts to weekly dances and special events and each issue of Swing Times newsletter. If you haven't been to the dance in a while, stop by soon so you can continue to enjoy dancing, fun, and friendliness that makes the SDSDC so special.

For more information please visit
www.sandiegoswingdance.com

BIRTHDAYS

01	Frank Sowin	20	Christine Dupont
01	Rich Ernst	21	Lon Clement
02	Larry Clendenin	21	Patricia Dalton
02	Maria Tee	27	Etta McQueary
03	Mike Lock	29	Don Kuhli
04	Rolando Sto Domingo	29	Doug Faber
06	Tina Keester	29	Mark Eskandar
08	Clifford Tabadisto	30	Justin Turner
11	Jerry Morrison	30	Rosie Bird
17	Lloyd Lickert		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The club will provide cake and supplies to celebrate birthdays on April 12th!

WCS TIP OF THE MONTH

Small Details Make Big Dancers

One of the fastest ways to improve your WCS isn't learning more patterns, it's refining the details inside the basics. The best dancers in the room aren't necessarily doing complicated moves. They're doing the fundamentals exceptionally well. Challenge yourself to focus on these details:

Stay grounded. Keep your weight slightly forward toward the balls of your feet. This gives you better balance, smoother movement, and clearer connection.

Finish your anchor. The anchor step is where the magic happens. Use it to create stretch, settle your weight, and prepare for the next lead or follow instead of rushing into the next move.

Listen to the music. Before adding more patterns, try dancing fewer moves and matching your timing and energy to the song. Musicality often makes a bigger impact than complexity.

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