

SWING



TIMES

A Publication of the San Diego Swing Dance Club

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Westie Groove @ Infinity	4	5	6 Swing Night Out (Oceanside)
7 Stephen Showers	8	9	10 Westie Groove @ Infinity	11	12 DanceDiego @ DanceHQ	13 Parker's OGSD @ DanceHQ
14 Maria T + Larry	15	16	17 Westie Groove @ Infinity	18	19 Friday Night Corral @ DanceHQ	20
21 Maria T + Larry HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24 Westie Groove @ Infinity	25	26	27 WCS Dance @ Starlight
28 Sharlot + Mark California Swing Dance Hall of Fame	29	30	<p><i>"And when you get the chance to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance."</i> - Lee Ann Womack</p>			

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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



BIG BALLROOM

7th – Stephen Showers: Cha Cha
 14th – Maria T and Larry: Intermediate WCS Class
 21st – Maria T and Larry: Intermediate WCS Class
 28th – Sharlot and Mark: Intermediate/Advanced WCS Class

SMALL BALLROOM

7th – Intro to WCS
 14th – Intro to WCS
 21st – Intro to WCS
 28th – **No Intro to WCS Class**



NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | **Meredith Anderson**

June is upon us and here comes Summer! We will be ushering in a new board with some new faces and some familiar. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly on our board last year and thank you to the members who are stepping up this year to help keep our club going and growing. Every time a visitor comes to the club they are so surprised to see how many of you show up every week. I had one visitor from Canada tell me "If I had half as many people come to my dances I'd be happy!" We wouldn't have such a successful club without all of our members. Thank you for

bringing new people to see how much fun we have here. Let's continue to grow this community. The more the merrier!



Newsletter Editor **Taylor Frederking**

I've seen various dance communities around the world this year, and every new place reminds me just how

lucky we are to have the SDSDC. This month, I've been experiencing the music, culture, and social dancing throughout Portugal and Spain, and I know I'll be comparing every dance floor back to home. There's something so unique about the joy and connection our club brings, and I'm so grateful to be part of this amazing SDSDC community. Sending lots of love from abroad, and I can't wait to share dances with you all again in July!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 21: Father's Day Celebration

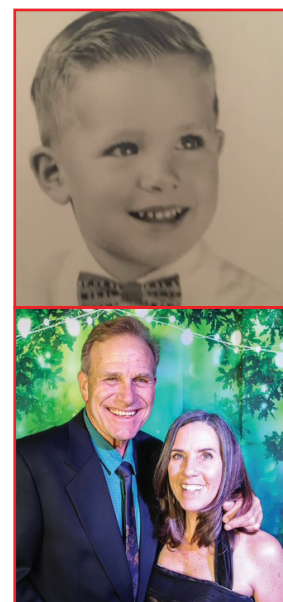
June 28: CA Swing Dance Hall of Fame

July 5: 4th of July Celebration

July 12: Sponsored by Traveling Dancers

GUESS WHO?!

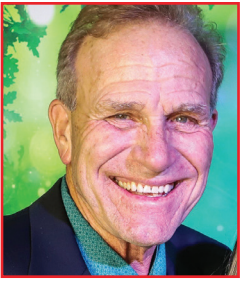
This month's reveal is **Geoff Burns!** He's a fourth-generation San Diegan who was born in Ocean Beach and raised in Clairemont, where he attended Longfellow, Marston, and Clairemont High. After graduating from San Diego State, he spent decades surfing, playing over-the-line, and hitting the tennis courts almost every day for 50 years. These days, he stays busy with pickleball and dancing... though a little-known fact is that he also plays a mean piano. He discovered dance a few years before the pandemic and has been hooked ever since, previously performing with the JT swing team and currently training with Parker Dearborn twice a week. He first visited the SDSDC in El Cajon and officially joined once the club moved to Dance HQ. For the last two years, he has served as our Dance Director on the Board of Directors, coordinating the weekly instructors who keep us all moving. To those enjoying the great lessons, he simply says, "You're welcome!"



WELCOME NEW SDSDC MEMBERS

Mari Hernandez · Lisa White · Bob Hubbard
Sherry Baskin · Tom Stall · Steven Ferland
Carolyn McClure

MEMBER COUNT = 237 AND GROWING!



Dance Director | **Geoff Burns**

June 7: Stephen Showers **TEACHING CHA CHA**

With a career spanning since 1983, Stephen Showers is an acclaimed professional instructor in Arizona and California. He possesses deep expertise in both American and International styles across all major Ballroom, Latin, Swing, and Nightclub dances. As one of the few instructors in San Diego to have competed in virtually every style, Stephen offers a unique perspective to dancers of all levels. Be sure not to miss this upcoming class!



June 14 & 21: Maria T and Larry **TEACHING INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING**

Ready to boost your dance floor game? Join our wonderful club members, Maria T. and Larry, for a dynamic Intermediate Class! They are moving from the social floor to the instructor's circle to share some fantastic patterns and styling. Don't miss this class... come out and support these beloved teachers and dancers!



June 28: Mark Scheuffele and Sharlot Bott **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING**

Best friends and husband-and-wife duo Mark and Sharlot have shared a passion for West Coast Swing for nearly two decades, developing a unique, signature style all their own. As highly decorated Champions across Showcase, Classic, and Jack & Jill categories, both are inductees into the California Swing Dance Hall of Fame, with Sharlot also honored in the World Swing Dance Council Hall of Fame. Today, they travel globally as workshop instructors, judges, and community leaders. Respected and admired, Mark and Sharlot form a powerful team dedicated to preserving the rich history and foundation of West Coast Swing while inspiring its future directions.



WANT TO HELP KEEP THE SDSDC THRIVING?

WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING, PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER.

MEET THE TEAM

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
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Next Board Meeting: July 12th 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
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BIRTHDAYS

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| 06 | Deborah Donoghue | 21 | Paul Twomey |
| 07 | Dale Pontow | 22 | David Walkup |
| 08 | Suzi Rubin | 24 | Chris Leavy |
| 09 | Frantz Farreau | 24 | Jason Chen |
| 09 | Paul Ackerman | 25 | Johnny Jacanin |
| 09 | Russel Tribe | 26 | Paula Perry |
| 09 | Wayne Peleti | 27 | Steve Ferland |
| 11 | Jay Huff | 27 | Karen Tabadisto |
| 12 | Judy Bowman | 28 | Wendy Knight |
| 18 | Andrea Matsumoto | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The club will provide cake and supplies to celebrate birthdays on June 7th!

WCS TIP OF THE MONTH

Dance the Connection

Great West Coast Swing is not just about knowing more patterns — it is about listening through the connection.

Leaders, focus on giving clear direction without forcing the move. Followers, stay present and respond to what is led instead of guessing what comes next.

This month, try dancing to one song with a simple goal: smooth connection. Feel your anchor, allow the stretch, and let the music breathe.

Sometimes the best dancing happens when we stop trying to do more and start feeling more.

THIS NEWSLETTER WAS
MADE WITH LOVE BY TAYLOR
FROM SINTRA, PORTUGAL.