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JOIN US SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Warm up at 1:00 PM - Lesson(s) start at 1:30 PM.
Social dancing to follow at 2:30 PM.

July 5

- Trish & David Walkup teach: Waltz lesson
- Maria T and Larry C teach: Intro to WCS
- DJ: Jody Kravitz
- **Wear Red, White, and Blue** in honor of the 4th of July
- Potluck - bring a dish to share

July 12

- Larry Armstrong teaches: Intermediate WCS
- Maria T and Larry C teach: Intro to WCS
- DJ: Chris Tan
- Special visit by Taylor's Traveling Dancers group
- Join the fun and **wear metallic, sparkle, or bright colors**

July 19

- Larry Armstrong teaches: Intermediate WCS
- Maria T and Larry C teach: Intro to WCS
- DJ: Vinh Mines

July 26

- Brandi Guild: Intermediate/Advanced WCS Class @1:30pm, extra cost for this lesson and no late admissions to the lesson.
- No Intro to WCS lesson
- DJ: Jody Kravitz



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jamie Craig
Juni Fleming
Michelle Halprin
Cynthia Vinas
Nelson Vinas
Richard Valles

**MEMBER
COUNT
=243**

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NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | **Larry Armstrong**

We are already halfway through 2026, moving forward under the leadership of the new Board of Directors and celebrating the Fourth of July. I hope you all remember to wear your red, white and blue in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On the first Sunday we will be celebrating the nation's birthday with a potluck – bring food and hearty appetites! There will also be cake to celebrate all the club's July birthdays. The club capped off June with the California Swing Dance Hall of Fame benefit dance. The Hall of Fame supports multiple swing dance styles and celebrates the legacy, artistry, and community of swing dance. Hall of Fame president Sharlot Bott along with Mark Scheuffele hosted the event, taught the intermediate/advanced workshop and Sharlot was our guest DJ. In appreciation of the Hall of Fame's work, our club contributed \$500 to support its ongoing mission.

Get up and dance and dance because you can!



Activities Director | **Lisa Simmons**

As your new Activities Director, I am thrilled to bring fun, exciting events to our club almost every month. Before joining the board, I served as a "Member at Large" and spent more than a year decorating for the San Diego Swing Dance Club. During that time, I saw firsthand how much our members look forward to and enjoy our monthly events. The laughter, friendships, and sense of community that these gatherings create are truly inspiring. I love finding creative ways to make our events special, and nothing brings me more joy than helping create memorable experiences and seeing smiles on the faces of our members.

I hope you enjoy the upcoming events, including a Wild West Party on August 16 and a 50's / 60's Party in September.

From the Archives

Do you remember June 2021? After months and months of COVID-19 lockdown and social distancing, the Club returned to dancing in a new location. Were you part of the small but mighty crowd? These days, the floor is packed with 100+ dancers nearly every week.



Maria Tee 😊 feeling happy ...
+ 2 others at **Dance Headquarters.**

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SUCH A Treat...Dancing On A Beautiful Brand New "Wood Floor!"
😊 **New Venue For "San Diego Swing Dance Club."** 😊 6/13/21 😊



WANT TO JOIN THE SDSDC TEAM?

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT, PLEASE REACH OUT TO A BOARD MEMBER.



Let's Dance



Dance Director | **David Walkup**

I'm excited for the opportunity to serve this organization and our West Coast swing club community. Looking ahead, you can expect a focus on:

- Quality instruction and learning opportunities to help dancers grow and develop their skills.
- Member feedback and involvement, because the best ideas often come from the dancers themselves.

Thank you again for your trust and support. See you on the dance floor!"

July 5: Trish & David

WALTZ

David Walkup and Trish Connery Walkup are trained dancers, teachers, choreographers, competitors, and judges specializing in partner dances. Known for their fun and entertaining teaching style, they teach, coach, and choreograph for group classes, private lessons, wedding dance couples, and performance dance teams, as well as provide specialty classes and entertainment for private and corporate events.



July 12 & 19: Larry Armstrong

INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

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!



July 26: Brandi Guild (\$10)

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING

Brandi Guild is a world-renowned dancer, teacher, coach, and choreographer. She is known as one of the top technicians in the world specializing in West Coast Swing. Brandi holds titles in Country/Western, International 10 Dance, and West Coast Swing, however, it is West Coast Swing that has captured her heart. An active competitor, she travels the globe teaching, judging, and performing. Lesson starts at @1:30pm, no admission after 1:35pm. Doors open at 2:30pm for the dance.



Need more dancing? Check out these local events:

Wednesdays, 7:00PM - Westie Groove at Infinity

2nd Friday of the month, 7:00PM - DanceDiego at Dance Headquarters

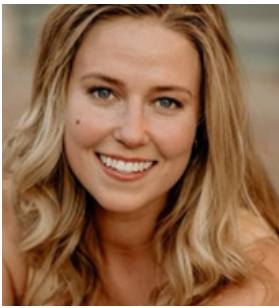
3rd Friday of the month, 6:30PM - Friday Night Corral at Dance Headquarters

2nd Saturday of the month, 7:00PM - OGSD at Dance Headquarters

4th Saturday of the month, 7:30PM - Starlight WCS Social at Starlight

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Taylor Frederking - Traveling Dancers - July 12 Dance

As I close this chapter serving on the SDSDC Board, it is so special to reflect on what an incredible three years it has been. My very first friends in San Diego came from this club. I originally walked through the doors just expecting a simple two-step class, and ended up discovering the entire world of west coast swing, waltz, nightclub two-step, hustle, and so much more. It has been an absolute joy to learn alongside all of you and to serve this community as your Activity Director and Newsletter Editor. I could not be more thrilled to pass the baton to the ever-talented Debbie Dyar, who I know will bring her own incredible creativity and heart to the Newsletter Editor role.



While my focus shifts toward growing Traveling Dancers, my heart remains deeply invested in the SDSDC, and I will always make time to visit my favorite faces whenever I'm back in town. In many ways, this club inspired the very mission behind Traveling Dancers, so it only felt right to kick off our roadshow-style launch movement right here at home. To celebrate, Traveling Dancers is proud to sponsor the dance on July 12! We are bringing in sweet treats, a professional photographer, and a few other surprises as a small thank you for the immense love, encouragement, and inspiration you have all given me. It won't be goodbye, it's just the start of a brand-new journey, and I can't wait to see where the road takes us all!



Outfit Tip: Want to dress up with us? Think disco balls! The more silver, metallic, sparkle, or classic retro the better. Otherwise, just come as you are – we just want you on the floor!

San Diego Swing Dance Club Rules of Conduct

- The SDSDC does not tolerate any form of sexual harassment (verbal or physical).
- Teaching on the social dance floor is not appropriate. Even so called “friendly advice” regarding another’s dancing can be hurtful.
- Standing and talking on the dance floor takes away valuable dance space. Please socialize off the floor.
- Be considerate of other dancers. Remember, West Coast Swing is considered a slotted dance and that we all need to share the floor.
- It is important to try and stay in your own dance space and take smaller steps when necessary, especially when the floor is full.
- Dancing brings us into others’ personal space; we all need to be aware of our personal hygiene.
- To avoid hurt feelings, if you refuse a dance for any reason, avoid accepting another invitation during the same song.
- Flirtation is a part of dancing, but sexually suggestive dancing is bad form.
- Dress appropriately with a reasonable level of decorum.
- Please bus your table and do not create additional work for our wonderful volunteers.
- When you have concerns, criticism or suggestions, please refrain from expressing these items directly toward other Club members, guests, guest dance instructors or guest DJ's at our Club. We are all emissaries of our goal of Good Will and request that these items be directed solely toward members of the Board of Directors so that they may be handled properly and within the policies of our Club and good taste.



MEET THE TEAM

SAN DIEGO SWING DANCE CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2026-2027



Executive Board

President..... Larry Armstrong
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Dance Director..... David Walkup
Hospitality Director..... Larry Clendenin
Publicity Director..... Maria Tee

Appointed by the Board

Webmaster..... Jody Kravitz
Member At Large Geoff Burns

Next Board Meeting: July 5 at 12:00 PM

**“Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance. Great dancers
are great because of their passion.”**

— Martha Graham

We'd love to hear from you. Scan or click the QR code to leave us your feedback.



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

03 Roger Yoshioka	16 Cindy Lennon
03 Sandy Hafermann	16 Laurie Wenger
04 Chau Mezher	16 Michelle Halprin
06 Don Piche	22 Mary Manzella
06 Marlynn Peak	25 Diane Ackerman
06 Michele Brannon	26 Nelson Vinas
10 Gary Hincman	27 Linn Fraley
11 Bob Muir	29 Courtney Pollman-Turner
11 Kate Friedman	31 G (Grainne) Whitman
14 Elaine Fung	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The club will provide cake and supplies to celebrate birthdays on July 5th!

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

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