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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.

October 4

- Russ Bradchulis and Souraya Lorenz teach Night Club 2-Step
- David Walkup teaches Intro to WCS
- DJ: Chris Tan
- October Birthday Celebration

October 11

- Larry A WCS
- David Walkup teaches Intro to WCS
- DJ: Vinh Mines

Schedule change:
Vinh Mines teaches Intermediate WCS

October 18

- Aidan Keith-Hynes teaches Intermediate WCS
- No Intro to WCS lesson this week
- DJ: Jody Kravitz

October 25

- NO DANCE

November 1

- David Fan teaches Waltz
- Halloween Costume Party - let's see those costumes
- November Birthday Celebration
- Daylight Savings Time ends

San Diego
Swing Dance Club

Join us for a
SPOOKTACULAR
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
on
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1ST.

Dress up in your
favorite costume.

DANCE LESSON : **DANCING:**
1:30-2:30 : **1:00-5:00PM**

Fine to bring treats...
but no tricks!

“There are shortcuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them.” — Vicki Baum

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Let's Dance



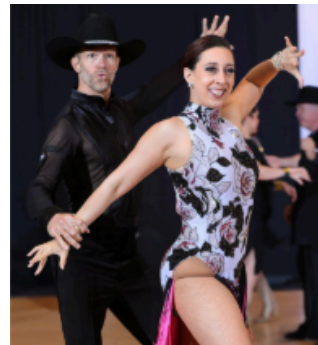
Dance Director | David Walkup

Welcome dancers! This month let's focus on dance etiquette. Etiquette is a part of the culture of social dancing and is often taken for granted. We all assume that since we feel like we are dancing fine, that others will perceive us the same way. Everyone assumes that advice applies to everyone but themselves, but are you sure? Here are a few reminders of good etiquette: Thank your partner after every dance; Be patient and encouraging with dancers of all experience levels; Respect everyone's comfort level and personal space; Practice good personal hygiene.

October 4: Russ & Souraya

NIGHT CLUB 2-STEP

Russ and Souraya each started out dancing in their hometown bars and began competing in the UCWDC in 2016 with different partners. They met at Paradise Country Dance Festival a couple years later when Russ missed the restart on a line dance during warmups. It's still a story they both enjoy telling to this day. Russ and Souraya found a synergy and connection that brought them to compete together in 2022. They quickly graduated to Division 2 in the UCWDC, where they regularly compete in Couples and Line Dance and are World Champions. Souraya also recently became the California State Champion in the Country Swing Strictly competition at The Edge Dance Event.



In addition to teaching at numerous regional and local events to students of all skill levels, they also happily run Country Remix SD, the largest country social dance night in Southern California, held at Dance HQ San Diego every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Friday. It is there that they pursue their passion for teaching dance, connecting with their community, and giving back to the dance world that has done so much for them over the years.



October 11:

INTERMEDIATE WEST COAST SWING

**Schedule change:
Vinh Mines teaches Intermediate WCS**

Larry has been teaching dance for years. Whether he's out social dancing, on the Board of Directors or sharing his knowledge, his passion for dance is always on display. Larry's lessons are as informative as they are fun – don't miss out!!

October 18: Aidan Keith-Hynes (\$10 extra)

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED WEST COAST SWING

Aidan Keith-Hynes is a Champion level West Coast Swing dancer, instructor, judge, and DJ based in San Diego. After a standout 2023 season as the top-ranking All-Star leader worldwide, he advanced to the Champion division. In addition to his active competitive career, Aidan teaches globally and co-directs JT Swing Teams in San Diego, where he emphasizes healthy, natural movement to help students develop comfortable and expressive dancing.



October 25 - NO DANCE

NOTES FROM US TO YOU



President | **Larry Armstrong**

SDSDC had a superb September and we're looking forward to an outstanding October. Our special functions last month were our 50's - 60's themed dance, Jim Bounds birthday celebration and performance, David and Trish's Hustle workshop, and Conor McClure's advanced WCS workshop. All good times!

October brings us cooler weather, and a cool NC2 lesson taught by Russ Bradchulis and Souraya Lorenz on the first Sunday and then a hot WCS workshop taught by Aidan Keith-Hynes on the third Sunday. Note that we moved the pro workshop to the third Sunday instead of the normal fourth Sunday. This is because the studio will be closed the weekend of the 25th, ergo there's no dance that Sunday. Mark it on your calendar so you don't accidentally show up to a closed studio.

Although Halloween is on the 31st, we will have our Halloween themed dance on November 1st. I'm expecting it to be spooky, hilarious, and glamorous. Come enjoy the fun!



Activities Director | **Lisa Simmons**

Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events:

- October 4 - October birthday celebration
 - October 25 - No Dance
 - November 1 - Halloween Costume party and birthday celebration
 - November 8 - Celebrating Veterans
 - November 21 - **Special Event** - Holiday Party
 - November 22 - Friendsgiving
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Smile and Make Your Partner Feel Welcome

Social dancing is not just about technique. It is also about creating a positive experience with another person. A smile, a warm greeting, and a friendly attitude can immediately make your partner feel more comfortable. This is especially important when dancing with someone new or someone who may be nervous.

You do not have to be the best dancer in the room to be someone people enjoy dancing with. Often, the most memorable partners are the ones who are kind, patient, and encouraging. If a move does not work, laugh it off and keep going. If your partner is newer, keep the dance comfortable. A welcoming attitude helps build the kind of club culture people want to return to.



WHAT'S YOUR SPECIAL TALENT?

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.

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Updated!

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.
- Our goal is to have both partners enjoy the dance. That means striving to make our dance partner feel safe and comfortable. If your partner is less advanced than you, dance to their skill level.
- 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



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Next Board Meeting: October 4 at 12:00 PM



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elliott Brothers
Tracy Slepcevic
Caryn Maroni



MEMBER COUNT: 256

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



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October Birthdays

2 Ron Huber	20 Karen Melbye
3 Sue Brady	24 Jack Peter
7 Lois Dillman - Scura	26 Debbie Dyar
9 Dean Chavez	27 Coralynn Pierce
9 Elizabeth Van Oosbree	27 Edna ("B") Nuño
9 Elsie Fischer-Tong	28 Bob Hubbard
12 Debora Elias	28 Lynne Foltz
13 Marie Walsh	31 Alice Chen
20 Brenda Welch	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Join us on October 4 for cake as we celebrate all the October Birthdays!

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.

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