

North Houston Swing Dance Club



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Wow! There's so much to talk about! First of all, this newsletter should help us all keep in touch better by keeping everyone posted on what happened in class and what's going on with our club. Let us know what you think about it.

We've received some very good feedback from the survey. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions. We'll be covering many of those topics here in the newsletter and at Thursday class over the next few weeks. We're gonna discuss topics like what you thought of the instruction and your instructors, the music and sound system, snacks, social time and good habits on the dance floor, class start times, advertising, and many more topics. So read on!

Back To Basics

Thursday's theme was '**Back to Basics**'. It doesn't matter what level dancer a person is, you'll see them working on basics all the time. The connection, the lead/follow technique, the footwork, the styling, your posture, and variations to those moves. If you can look good doing basics, you'll look good doing advanced moves.

With that in mind, there was a little change up this week. Ann took the beginner class which had more than 10 couples in it. Ann worked on the 6-count basic, the left and right side pass (sometimes called an Underarm Pass). She emphasized working the slot on the passes, and good solid anchor steps.

Bobby combined the intermediate with his advanced class, and did the same thing - basics. Bobby brought out the huge rubber band and illustrated the push-pull connection that makes the dance work so well. He started with a basic, then taught a right side pass with a body angle variation on the anchor. Both the guy or the gal could either do a 'drop triple' by stepping back with your leg on the 5th count, or the guy could step forward for a rock-and-go back onto the same rail. Follow that up with a basic and then do a Sugar Tuck, or a Tee-Pee as some like to call it. Lovely Rhonda showed us how to make it look HOT! Bobby taught the lead and follow footwork 2 ways, and it seems the one we liked the best was counting a syncopated count of: one, two **AND** three, four..... instead of: one, two, three and four... . It seemed to give that pizzazz to the move and really spice it up.

So in one night, we got basics, style, and a lot of *cool* to add to our dance.



Sound System

Jack talked with Pat and Gerald about the sound system. The speakers have served us well, but it sure would be nice to have an updated system that can handle our needs. Jack talked about new speakers, a

new amp, and other options. We even discussed the possibility of new DJ equipment all together. We'll keep you posted.

Social Scene

I'm going to try to keep up with events around the area that all of us dancers might be interested in. I'll post things like live music venues, local dances, nightclubs that are dancer friendly, and who knows, maybe even an event just for fun....like a movie that might be fun for everyone to go to. Stay tuned!

Spread The Word

Help spread the word about our club. Tell your friends and bring a guest next time.

Lets all practice what we learned this week, even if its just one single thing.

Keep on dancing!

Wayne