

North Houston Swing Dance Club

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Club News

What a week! Fun dances, fun instruction and fun people. Thanks to you, the club is growing stronger each week. And speaking of growing stronger, I wanted to pass on some thoughts about our club.

Over the last few months, I've talked with members about lots of topics from private lessons, to entering competitions, as well as other activities in our own area. We are so lucky here in Houston to have so many great dancers and places to meet. We've got some of the country's best instructor's right here. As I've traveled around the country, most cities are fortunate to have one club with one person who teaches West Coast Swing. We are so blessed to have so many Pro's teaching right here in Houston and I'm very grateful for it.

Now here's the deal: Many folks want to go visit those other clubs and studios to get a variety of instruction and improve specific parts of their dance. I applaud that because we all benefit when folks become better dancers. Most of those other places meet south of town, at least 30 *more* minutes away. Which brings me to the point I want to make. My commitment to our club is to stay and help us maintain and grow the best club right here on the NORTH side of Houston. That means we all have to keep coming back. It means we go out and learn from the Pro's we think best suit our needs, but then we come back home. I love it when you come back home. We need all of you good dancers coming back to provide a solid base for not just new dancers to learn from, but so that the advanced dancers can keep their dances fresh and exciting too. What it all boils down to is this: It takes you and me coming home to North Houston Swing Dance Club each week to keep our club vibrant and exciting. So I want to thank all of you that keep coming home, and I'd like to challenge those of you that have been gone for a while, to come back and join in our effort to grow our club right here on the North side. Thank you again!

Class Notes

Bobby taught a side shuffle move similar to a cha-cha that ended in a syncopated turning anchor on 'and-7'and-8". He followed that with a behind the back whip step that finished with raising the ladies right arm, looping it over the man's head, and

doing a reverse wheel series of walk to an anchor. Good stuff, once you figured out how to get under the ladies arm!

Around Town

I think everyone would agree, that the party at David Appel's this weekend was a huge success. David played some great tunes and lots of fun dancers showed up. It was kind of like a reunion! I'd like to encourage all of you to get out and attend these swing dance parties when you can. They're so much fun!

In light of that...Mark you calendars for Saturday, September 20th. That's the night of our Club Anniversary Party. We'll have food, drinks, fine music and lots of dancers to help celebrate our 4th year at the studio. We're going to have a workshop from Damon and Lisa D'Amico to start the night off. Bring a friend and let them join in on the good times too.

Dallas DANCE takes place over Labor Day Weekend. That's a whole weekend of social swing dancing, competitions, workshops and showcase dancing by all of your local and national stars. <http://www.dallasdance.com/>

That's all for now, folks. We'll see you next week!

Wayne