

# North Houston Swing Dance Club

**Saturday June 7, 2008**

## Club News

Goodness this has been a busy time of the year! Graduations, vacations, and Holidays keep our schedules full. But over the last 2 weeks, we've seen some of our club's highest attendance numbers! As Jack mentioned last week, we had 71 people come out to swing dance at the best place to be on any given Thursday night! That's awesome! We are so fortunate to have so many people loving this dance and working hard to get better at it. Take Stephanie for example! She's going to night school working on her *next* degree, and just had to stop by to dance - no matter how late it was. And Glen and Jodi - having 2 of their kids graduate and prepare for college....but there they were - ready to dance. And how about one of our new members - Dan. He missed dancing after being away from it for 15 years, and we're glad he came back to be with our club. We've got a studio atmosphere with new air-conditioning , we've got great music and we've got great people. Y'all make it happen week after week. Way to go!

I also would like to brag a bit on our members. Several weeks ago, at the Texas Classic, some of our members danced in the Swing Competition as well as the Country Western competition. Bobby Pritchard did quite a bit of dancing, as did Trisha, Jan, Harry, Donese and Wayne (that's me). Bobby and Donese took 4th Place in their Pro-Am dance. Sara Gordon took 3rd Place Diamond division Pro-Am. Donese and I took 1st Place in the Novice Strictly Swing category, and I won 2nd Place in the Novice Jack and Jill and a 1st Place in the Pro-Am with Lisa D'Amico. High 5's to all of us! Let me know if I left something out. I tried to scan the results, but I may have missed some. Please let me know and I'll share with our club just how proud we are of you all.

## Class Notes

I didn't get a chance to get a newsletter out last week, so I've got some catching up to do. Bobby took the Intermediate and Advanced classes combined two weeks ago, while Charles took the Beginners so that a few of our ladies could take a little vacation. But this week, everyone was back, and class was as good as ever. Bobby reviewed last week's class by going over the accelerated toss out with an inside lady turn to a hip-stop and slide, then added a new move that we ought to call 'Over and Under'. While I could try to describe it word for word again, perhaps its better if you

took a look for yourselves. Click on the link and watch Bobby and Rhonda do their thing!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-HQR63YQLo>

## Social Events

Grab your planner books and set these dates aside.

June 28 and 29 - Jordan Frisbee and Tatiana Mollman will be in Austin for a 2 day workshop. Saturday night, David Appel will host the party at the GoDance Studio.

Here's the link:

[http://www.godancestudio.com/event/246/Jordan\\_Tatiana\\_Weekend.html](http://www.godancestudio.com/event/246/Jordan_Tatiana_Weekend.html). Several of us took the workshops last year and were quite impressed at how much we learned. The workshops are very affordable and you'll get a chance to learn from the best in the country.

July 17-20, Damon and Lisa D'Amico are sponsoring the Dance Mardi Gras in New Orleans. This is a Country Western and a Swing Event. Here's the link for more information:

<http://www.dancemardigras.com/index.html>

Then on July 25-27, the Houston Dance City Championships will be held at the Melody Club here in Houston. This is a brand new event with the focus on local West Coast Swing dancers.

Don't forget that every Friday night there is wonderful West Coast Swing dancing at the Melody Club on the southwest side of Houston too.

The NHSDC will hold a Board Meeting this Monday night at El Imperial Mexican Restaurant at 7:00PM. If you have any thoughts or concerns that you'd like the Board to consider, please let us know.

One last thought: Many of us travel around the country and have visited other swing dance clubs from coast to coast. If you're traveling during the summer and would like some help finding a place to dance while on vacation or business, ask around or send us an email. We've found some pretty nice people across the nation who love to have folks like you stop in and dance. Just don't stay away too long - we'll miss you!

See you next week!

Wayne