

# North Houston Swing Dance Club

**Newsletter: Friday February 8, 2008**

## Class News

This week the beginner class progressed to the 'French Cross'. After reviewing the basic 6-count pattern, as well as the right and left side pass, the ladies got some style to add to the right side pass. Its called the French Cross. It's all about YOU, Baby!

Ann taught the intermediate class the Fold as well as a spinning left side pass. These are 6 count patterns that add variety and interest to your dance. The trick for the guys on the Fold is to get that wrist to flip as the lady passes. Its a 'down' first, then the wrist flips, followed by tucking it into the small of the lady's back. For the ladies, knowing that your hand needs to end up in the small of your back, helps the fella get it there too. Its a subtle little difference between 'helping' and 'taking over', isn't it?

Bobby taught a side pass variation with syncopated footwork, then an overhead spin ending in a sweetheart open presentation.

## Social Events

This week, Melody Club is throwing a Valentine's Day Party on Saturday night. Workshops start at 7:30 with Brian and Lisa Spivey, and live music will be provided by Luther and the Healers. The best dressed and the best costume prizes will be awarded. Contact info: **3027 Crossview Dr., Houston, TX 77063, 713-785-5301, [www.melodyclub.net](http://www.melodyclub.net)**

## Survey Topic and Dance Venues

Our recent survey results showed us that more of our members are getting involved in dance events and competitions. Your Board has been quite active this week in securing reserved tables for upcoming events. The Novice Invitational competition is right around the corner in March. The club has asked for reserved tables at no extra fee, but we have to pre-pay for the seats and then hope like crazy that enough members purchase tickets to cover the table. This event is March 28th weekend. If you'd like a seat, sign up quickly by contacting Donese or Helen. Once the seats are gone, it'll be standing room only.

Then you might want to check your calendars for January of next year. America's Classic, one of the biggest and best events in the country, is held right here in Houston at the Greenspoint Wyndam Hotel. Our club has asked for additional tables this year to accommodate our member requests. That means we'll need your support in purchasing those seats and filling up the tables. Again contact Donese or Helen for details. Tickets for the reserved tables and event run around \$110.00. By purchasing early, we qualify for a discount. We'll announce that as the arrangements are made. Please let us know as soon as possible if you're interested. Seats do go fast!

<http://www.americasclassic.com/>

Last week, I took some pictures during class. I'll attach them with this message.

Have a great week and keep on dancing!

Wayne