

# North Houston Swing Dance Club

**Sunday May 24, 2009**

**SALUTE!** Our highest respects go out to all those who are serving, and who have served in our Armed Forces as we pause to honor them on Memorial Day this weekend. Thank you all for protecting our freedom to **dance**, along with so many other rights that we are thankful for as American citizens.

**SALUTE!**

Here's a big warm 'Welcome!' to all our new dancers. Our Beginner Class was full again. Good to see you Clint, and Brooklyn, and all the rest of you! And welcome to our advancing dancers too - like Irene, and a big High 5! to Steve. Its great to have y'all come out and join us up here at North Houston! This is ONE FUN CLUB because of you. Keep coming back - we're happy to have you with us!

## Class Notes

Charles worked on a variation of the Left Side Pass that turns the lady down the slot, and sets up a cool work-around anchor, a rhonde, or the opportunity to do some walks with that gorgeous lady. Cool stuff. Our Intermediate Class is full of happy dancers too. Not only does this class teach 8-count patterns, but you'll learn all kinds of variations on 6-count patterns like this one. Nice dancin' y'all!

Bobby reviewed the 'Fast One' Whip then added a new Whip variation too. Start with a regular Whip Step, but as you do your WALK, WALK on FIVE,

SIX, the fella lets his right hand slide from closed position on the lady's back, down to her left elbow. Now you're counterbalanced with each other, leaning away but still connected. Give the lady a strong lead left, for a freespin. The fella moves quickly back into the slot and in front of the lady as she freespins on SEVEN AND EIGHT. Now she's set up as the man becomes a stationary wall for the lady to hit her 'press' into the man's chest on ONE. HIT IT LADIES!! Push away and finish your anchor.

## Social Scene

The **Houston DanceCity Championships** are next week, May 29-31. Rich Simon is looking for names of people who want to share the purchase of seating at a table. If you're interested, just email me or Jack and we'll hook you up with Rich. For details about the event, here's the webpage:  
[www.houstondancecitychampionships.com](http://www.houstondancecitychampionships.com)

June 12th weekend, **Jordan Frisbee and Tatiana Mollman** will be in town for a Workshop series. The Workshops are only \$90.00. For \$15.00 more, you can attend the two parties as well. That's a heck of a bargain for \$105.00! Check this link for details:  
[http://www.damicodance.com/flyers/J\\_T\\_Dance\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.damicodance.com/flyers/J_T_Dance_Flyer.pdf)

The following weekend on **Saturday, June 20th**, Damon and Lisa D'Amico will be taking what Jordan and Tatiana are teaching, and use that as a launching pad to base their workshop on. It'll be a Wine and Workshop Night. Bring your favorite bottle of wine to share during the breaks in the workshops. There will be one heck of a party afterwards too! Mark your calendars. I'll post details as I get more information.

## Kuddo's!!!

Congratulations to all our members who entered the competitions at the Texas Classic last week. Jan Gordon and Jan Grace both danced in the Jack and Jill. This was Jan Grace's first J&J ever!! Tricia Carlson took 5th place in the ProAm Swing with Bobby Pritchard! Tricia also danced in many other C&W events too. Way to go Tricia! Gary Hobbs took 2nd place in his ProAm with Susan Robertson in the Newcomer division. We still don't quite understand why he didn't get 1st Place, but he's still #1 for us! I took 3rd Place with Lisa

D'Amico in my ProAm. Donese Scheffe took 2nd Place Jack and Jill with James Royalle. I took First Place Strictly Swing with Lynn Whistler, and I took First Place in the Jack and Jill with Anyssa Olivares!! Woo Hoo!!! North Houston is making a BIG SPLASH out there!

Keep On Dancing! We'll see everyone again Thursday night!

Wayne