

BALLROOMING IN BR

*Your monthly guide to ballroom dancing in Baton Rouge
and vicinity* *July 2007*

Sundays Richard and Donna Stewart host continuation of Betty Tamas' Ballroom dance parties at Jeffie Jean Studio, 7:30-9:30, \$5/person. Great recorded music, mixer dances, refreshments, news about other dance events. Location: 11600 S. Harrell's Ferry Road, near Sherwood Forest exit of I-12.



Saturday July 7 Saturday Night Ballroom presents a Red, White & Blue dance party at American Legion Post 38, 8:00-11:00. Excellent recorded music. \$10/person for dancers and spectators, \$5 for high school and college students with ID. Professional dance teachers admitted free. Dress theme: Fourth of July red, white and blue. For more information visit Web site: www.saturdaynightballroom.org, or call Sandy at 665-5442, or e-mail to [snbdancer@cox.net](mailto:snb dancer@cox.net). Next dance **August 4**. (See notice on back page about Senior Olympics Dancesport event same day and place.)

Fridays July 6, 13, 20, 27 Ric Seeling's Dance Studio hosts dance parties with fine recorded music, mixer dances, cash bar, 8:30-11:00, \$7/person. For more info see www.ricseeling.com or call 928-2788. Location: Reeves Shopping Center at Sharp Road and Old Hammond.

Thursday July 19 Lyceum Ballroom presents a dance party with live music by Big Band Entertainment. Happy hour 7:30, swing lesson 8:00, general dancing 9:00-12:00. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, \$20/person in advance, \$25 at door. Instruction by Ann Marie Erie. Location: 124 Third St. For info and tickets call Heidi Schaff at 343-6600.

Tuesdays BREC Center at Florida Blvd and Ardenwood (old Sears Bldg.), hosts Senior Tea Dances, 1:00-3:00. \$4/person. Live music by Cliff. Mixer dances. Food and drinks. All dancers welcome. For info call 218-8155.

IN NEARBY CITIES

Saturday July 14 Acadiana Chapter of USA Dance offers monthly dance at Step-N-Out Studio, 5412 Cameron St. in **Lafayette**. Nice recorded music. 8:00-10:00. \$5/member, \$8/non-member. For directions and more info see www.geocities.com/usabda_lafayette or call Zee at 337-984-2267. Next dance: August 11.

Saturday July 21 the **Houma** branch of USA Dance La. Gumbo Chapter will present a dance at Studio 371, 371 School Street, 8:30-11:30. Dance lesson at 7:30. Members \$7/person, nonmembers \$10, youth \$5. For more info see www.houmadance.com or call Ann Durocher-Steven at 985-853-0030 or fliprann@aol.com.

Saturday July 14 Magnolia Ballroom Dancers Association in **Jackson, MS** presents monthly dance at Forestry Auditorium, Agriculture Museum, 8:00-11:00. Fine recorded music, exhibitions, refreshments, mixer dances. \$10/member, \$15/non-member. Dress: elegant casual. For info see www.magnoliaballroomdancers.org or contact cbaker@mhanet.org.

Sunday July 8 USA Dance La. Gumbo Chapter presents monthly dance at Jefferson Orleans North, 2600 Edenborn Av., **Metairie**, 2:00-5:00. Dance lesson at 1:30. \$10/member, \$12/nonmember, \$5/student. Recorded music, door prizes, snacks. For info call Kerry Lovell at 504-453-7646 or visit www.usabdanola.org.

Sunday June 9 Club Silhouette in **Metairie** offers a Latin dance party, hosted by Javier and Darlene. For more dance parties of various kinds, see www.clubsilhouette.net, or e-mail to Elaine Champagne at clubsilhouette@aol.com. Location: 3505 North Hullen St. www.clubsilhouette.net. *OVER*

COMPETITIONS

The Southeast District of the **Louisiana Senior Olympic Games** will again offer a dancesport competition on **August 4** (the day of Saturday Night Ballroom party). Time: approx. 2:00 to 6:30. The comp is open to amateur couples aged 50 and up, and includes six ballroom dances at newcomer, bronze, and silver levels. Venue: American Legion Post 38 in Baton Rouge. Entry fee: \$25/person for any number of event entries. Spectators free. Rules and entry forms are available from Peggy Clement, 225-627-6154 or Cecil Phillips. **Entry Deadline: July 17.**

The next **Team Match** sponsored by DuoDance Studio is set for **September 21-22** in the Biloxi area. Details not yet available. For info contact Mike Spencer or Lynae Jacob at 228-762-0304 or see www.duodancer.com.

DANCIN' DAN'S TIP OF THE MONTH

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A much under-appreciated service of some individuals involved in dancing is photography. Among our dancing friends are a few who take still photos and videos of us while we are doing our best patterns in social, exhibition, and competitive events. Sometimes professional photographers are on the scene too. The results are often invaluable, flattering images of us in our best costumes, postures, and expressions. (Sometimes the views are not so flattering, but we quickly discard those.) Videos have the additional advantage of showing our movements, which can be attractive or, let's say, instructive with respect to what we should work on to improve. In any case we owe our gratitude to the friends and pros who have the skills and cameras to capture and display our dance floor images. Without them we would miss some of the visual pleasures of our hobby, we would lose some of the images and memories of great parties and wonderful partners. My tip: make a special effort to thank your photographer friends who have preserved some of these moments for you, family members, children, grandchildren, co-workers, and others. Let them know you appreciate their skills and their generosity. You might even treat them to a dance party sometime.

Ballrooming in BR is published as a service to local dancers by Cecil Phillips. All the places and events listed are open to the public, but the times, prices, and dress codes often change, so it is best to call each place in advance. Distribution is by handout at the Sunday night dances and at Saturday Night Ballroom parties. New information on future dance events is welcome. Please provide complete details by the 20th of the previous month via e-mail to cphill99@cox.net.
