

# ***BALLROOMING IN BR***

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

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**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 Feb 3** Saturday Night Ballroom presents Mardi Gras dance party at American Legion Post 38, 8:00-11:00. Excellent recorded music, exhibitions, mixer dances, refreshments. \$10/person, \$5 for students with ID. Professional dance teachers admitted free. Dressy casual, this time in Mardi Gras colors. Exhibition Feb 3 by Keith and Celeste Gussoni. For more information visit Web site: [www.saturdaynightballroom.org](http://www.saturdaynightballroom.org). or call Sandy at 665-5442 or e-mail to [snbdancer@cox.net](mailto:snb dancer@cox.net).

**Fridays Feb 2, 16, 23** Ric Seeling's Dance Studio hosts dance parties with fine recorded music, mixer dances, cash bar, 8:30-11:00, \$7/person. **Feb 9** music by Nightshift band. For more info see [www.ricseeling.com](http://www.ricseeling.com) or call 928-2788. Location: Reeves Shopping Center at Sharp Road and Old Hammond.

**Tuesdays** BREC Senior Citizens Center, Independence Park, 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.

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## ***IN NEARBY CITIES***

**Saturday Feb 10** 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](http://www.magnoliaballroomdancers.org) or contact [cbaker@mhanet.org](mailto:cbaker@mhanet.org).

**Sunday Feb 11** 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](http://www.usabdanola.org).

The **Houma** branch of USA Dance La. Gumbo Chapter will NOT hold a dance in February. Next dance is on March 17. For info see [www.houmadance.com](http://www.houmadance.com) or call Ann Durocher-Steven at 985-853-0030 or [fliprann@aol.com](mailto:fliprann@aol.com).

**Saturday Feb 10** Acadiana Chapter of USA Dance offers monthly dance at Step-N-Out Studio, in **Lafayette**. Fine recorded music, dressy casual attire. 8:00-10:00. \$5/member, \$8/non-member. Often have dance lesson at 7:15. For directions and more info see [www.geocities.com/usabda\\_lafayette](http://www.geocities.com/usabda_lafayette) or call Zee at 337-984-2267.

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**Saturday Feb 23** Club Silhouette in **Metairie** offers Ballroom Dance at 8:30, \$5/person. Hosted by DJ Mark Saunders. Location: 3505 North Hullen St. For info on this and many other dance events in February, and the Team Match April 20-21, see [www.clubsilhouette.net](http://www.clubsilhouette.net) or e-mail to Elaine Champagne at [clubsilhouette@aol.com](mailto:clubsilhouette@aol.com).

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### ***EDITOR'S NOTES***

The 2007 season of local competitions is coming up fast, with the first one at **Club Silhouette, April 20-21**. This is their annual Team Match, which is a fun way to compete. Dancers are divided into teams, and points are awarded by their placements in each event. This comp is especially attractive for those who have never danced in a competition, as it provides a fun, unstressful way to get started. Registration info will be published soon at [www.clubsilhouette.net](http://www.clubsilhouette.net) . . . And it is not too soon to begin planning and practicing for the biggest annual comps in the state, the **South Central Regional Championships, June 1-2**, and the **Louisiana Challenge, June 3**. The weekend events are sponsored by Louisiana Dancesport and will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Baton Rouge. Last year over 200 dancers participated, including outstanding competitors from all over the nation. Watch for details and registration forms which will be coming out soon. See also the Web sites: [www.usabdanola.org](http://www.usabdanola.org) and [www.saturdaynightballroom.org](http://www.saturdaynightballroom.org).

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### ***DANCIN' DAN'S TIP OF THE MONTH***



Have you taken your first dance lessons recently? Have you made progress and begun to enjoy dancing more? If so, what about comparing your new skills with other beginner dancers? The best opportunities of the year are coming up in the next few months. Each of the competitions announced above include NEWCOMER divisions for beginners like you. My tip: Give the competition scene a try! Take a few extra, private lessons and ask your instructor to help prepare you for some entries in the Team Match in April or the events June 1-2. Get the entry forms and sign up. You will find that setting yourself a goal like this will focus your attention on your dancing technique and style, and you will improve even more. And with improvement comes greater enjoyment!

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***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 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month via e-mail to [cphil99@cox.net](mailto:cphil99@cox.net).

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