

# Innovations

March 2004 Newsletter



**Parker Dearborn**

**DanceSational Workshop**  
**Intermediate West Coast Swing**  
**Saturday, March. 6th, 2004**  
**6:30 – 7:45PM.**

Featuring our Star Instructor and Guest DJ (8-9 )

***Parker Dearborn.***

The workshop cost, which includes admission to a dance party to follow at 8:00 p.m., is \$10 for Annual Members and \$20 for others. Admission to just the dance is \$5 for Annual Members, Sister Club Members and Students (with ID) and \$7 for others.

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**Innovations** is pleased to have San Diego's own ***Parker Dearborn*** as our March Star instructors. Parker is nationally known as an instructor and competitor and, although he travels the dance circuit a great deal, is one of San Diego's most popular WCS instructors. **Parker has also agreed to be our guest DJ from 8 to 9 PM.** So, be sure and join us for an evening of great instruction and fun dancing Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**Free Classes** This Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

**Friday Nights:** 7:15 – 8:00 beginning **Waltz** with **Bill Stalzer & Leslie Snow**

**Sunday Nights:** 4:15- 5:00 beginning **WCS** with **Bob & Vicki Palladino**

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# Super Saturday!

By Wayne Peleti

Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2004 will certainly go down as a special day for Innovations. For starters, of course, we had *Wayne & Sharlot Bott* returning to teach our “first Saturday” workshop. Wayne and Sharlot always present great material with solid technique tips in a very entertaining fashion.

Saturday was no exception. We had some very nice variations on some basic patterns. There were arm slide releases for both the leader and the follower. The followers’ was off an underarm pass with a nice “picture” move by the leader to frame the action. The leaders, was on the ensuing left side pass with a right-to-right handhold. Leaders turning to their left as the follower passes, bringing their left arm up and over to the followers’ right shoulder before sliding down the arm.

My favorite move of the evening was a styling change for a simple tuck release. After a whip finishing in closed position, the leader led a simple throw-out with a tuck release. The follower “bends the slot” by passing under the leaders arm at a 45 degree angle with less travel on 3 and 4. Follower then hits a picture on and 5, with mucho attitude then finishes the under arm turn on and 6 to face the leader. This timing is not uncommon, but the way Sharlot hits her poses (hand on hip, flip the hair, and a look that says it all), is what makes a syncopation special and one of the reasons Sharlot is so highly respected as a stylist.

Before the workshop even started though, we were in for a special treat. Archie Dawson and his lovely wife Melanie dropped by to say hello and they brought 3-month-old Jesse for his first visit to Innovations. What a cutie! The comment of the night was when Julie Rishovd, in the presence of Archie, said to the baby in an earnest voice, “Now, you’re going to grow up to be a great dancer, but you’ll probably like Hustle more than you should.” So all you guys be sure and grab Julie for a hustle in the near future. Archie insists!

We were just getting the workshop underway, when who should show up but our president, Luis Leon! Luis, who has been recovering from a very serious head injury, was back for the first time to dance at the club. With 7 weeks of rehab still in front of him, nobody expected to see Luis up and dancing so soon. From what I could see, Luis’ dancing is recovering much faster than normal for ordinary motor skills. Must be because he loves doing it. He’s still not driving, and it was Caryn Maroni who very kindly drove him to the dance and then delivered him on time (under protest by Luis) back home as promised.

After the workshop we had a great party with lots of dancing and of course munchies. Michael and Dawn, Ronnie, Parker and SwingDiego organizer Earl Pringle all stopped in to say hello and do a little dancing. By the end of the evening, I was thinking what a great weekend it had been. Then I remembered that in about 16 hours we were due to leave on a bus for the OCWCSDC. But that’s another story....

# Bus Masters

Innovations had its second Bus Trip this past Sunday, February the 8<sup>th</sup>. Destination Orange County West Coast Swing Dance Club (OCWCSDC). The bus left Starlight Dance Studio a little after 4:00 PM and arrived at OCWCSDC a little after 6:00 PM.

About 30 Innovations members were treated to a feeding frenzy on the trip up, a great workshop with Jordan Frisbee, an evening of fun dancing featuring OCWCSDC's first Masters Jack and Jill contest. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners Joanie Fuller and Vicki Palladino respectively. And kudos to those other intrepid travellers who participated: Barb Shuler, Jane Hance, Rene Mansanala, Kel Tyree.

After a leisurely ride home with more snacks we pulled in to Starlight a little before midnight. Not too late for those who had to work the next day.

If you haven't been on one of our bus trips be sure and try to make the next one. Besides the experience of dancing in a new and different environment, one meets new partners or sometimes renews old acquaintances. It's a great dance experience and tons of fun as well.

## A Message from the President

Thanks for all the cards and gifts and I hope to see all of you on the dance floor sometime soon.

*Luis*

## March New Members

Barbara d'Artenay

Tim Neuman

## March Birthdays

1 Helen Adams  
2 Cheryl Cohen  
2 Garry Schaeffer  
4 Brian Richards  
7 Robert Holland  
9 Francoise Ginsberg  
15 Robert Todd  
16 Misty Frank  
18 Shirley Allen  
20 Julie Brussel

22 Marvin Olsen  
22 Joyce Richards  
24 Mikaila Cameron  
24 Margaret Willette  
25 Melissa Monty  
26 Tim Neuman  
27 Randy Stovall  
30 Rune Johanson  
31 David R. Evans  
31 Nick Hyde

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# *SUPER MARIO WEEKEND*

*April 2 - 4, 2004*



*Featuring our Star Instructor:*

*Mario Robau Jr.*

Annual Members **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$50** for the Weekend  
Available Through **FEBRUARY 29th**

- **6 Workshops**
- **3 Dances**
- **Lots of Food,  
Fun,  
And Dancing**



*STARLIGHT DANCE STUDIO 6506-H El Cajon Blvd*

## *EVENT SCHEDULE*

<b>Friday April 2</b>	
6:00 – 6:30 PM	<b>Registration and Warm up Dancing</b>
6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Workshop #1 WCS - Intermediate West Coast Swing</b>
8:00 – 11:00 PM	<b>Innovations Dance -hot &amp; cold hors d'oeuvres, refreshments</b>
<b>Saturday April 3</b>	
10:30 –11:00 AM	<b>Registration (if you missed Friday) and Warm up Dancing</b>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Workshop #2 Adv. Hustle – “Money Moves”</b>
12:10 – 1:10 PM	<b>Workshop #3 WCS – Cleaning up the Basics</b>
1:10 – 2:00 PM	<b>Lunch – Food and General Dancing</b>
2:00 - 3:00 PM	<b>Workshop #4 WCS –Music Interpretation</b>
3:10- 4:10 PM	<b>Workshop #5 WCS - Intermediate West Coast Swing</b>
<b>Break Time</b>	
8:00 – 11:30 PM	<b>Innovations Dance - Dinner, Fun and Entertainment</b>
<b>Sunday April 4</b>	
3:30 – 4:45 PM	<b>Workshop #6 WCS - Advanced “Money Moves”</b>
5:00 – 8:00 PM	<b>Innovations Dance - Refreshments</b>

## *Pricing For Super Mario Weekend*

<b>WEEKEND PASS (All 6 workshops &amp; 3 dances)</b>			
<b>1/1/04 to 2/29/04</b>		<b>3/1/04 to 4/02/04</b>	
<b>Annual Member</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Annual Member</b>	<b>Others</b>
\$50.00	\$75	\$65.00	\$75.00

	<b>Single Workshop/Dance (At The Door) Prices</b>	
	<b>Annual Member</b>	<b>Others (no discounts)</b>
<b>Friday Workshop/Dance</b>	\$10	\$20
<b>Friday Dance Only</b>	\$5	\$10
<b>Saturday 1 Workshop</b>	\$10	\$20
<b>Each Additional Saturday Workshops</b>	\$10	\$15
<b>Saturday Dinner/Dance</b>	\$8	\$15
<b>Sunday Workshop/Dance</b>	\$10	\$20
<b>Sunday Dance Only</b>	\$5	\$7

**This is an E-ticket event! To purchase Weekend Passes see Martha Peleti at one of our regularly scheduled dances or mail a check to:**

**Innovations, P.O. Box 23745, San Diego, CA 92193.**

Contact: [info@www.innvationsdance.org](mailto:info@www.innvationsdance.org).

# What Do You Think?

As you have probably noticed, we are presently conducting a survey concerning member preferences. So far we are receiving positive responses concerning weekly intermediate West Coast Swing Lessons, contests, and more Night Club 2-Steps. If there is something you would like to see our club do differently, please feel free to express your opinion. We will continue to update our survey results as opinions come in.

**If you haven't noticed,  
then we have missed you  
and would like to take  
this opportunity  
to invite you back.**

**Bring your dance shoes  
Bring your opinions  
Bring your friends**

<p>Innovations Members</p> <p>We are seeking your input to help us grow and improve! What steps would you like to see your club take? <b>Some ideas under consideration:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Contests</b> _____ _____</p> <p>2. <b>Weekly Int. West Coast Swing Lessons</b> _____ _____</p> <p>3. <b>Dance Mixers</b> _____ _____</p> <p>4. <b>Other Suggestions</b> _____ _____</p>
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## Sunday Dances-Going, Going ...Gone?

It's been 8 months since the last article to members concerning possibly discontinuing Innovations Sunday Dances. Attendance on Sunday remains insufficient to offset the cost of running the dances.

The Board has decided to maintain the "wait and see" status through April of this year. Members are encouraged to make suggestions about ways to increase attendance. Talk to a Board member or fill out a suggestion card.

The Board will evaluate the situation again in May. If the situation remains unchanged the Board will discontinue Sunday dances. (The decision will be based entirely on financial considerations.)

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## DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2004

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<b>April 2 – 4</b>	<b>Super Mario Weekend</b> <b>Mario Robau</b>	Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, & Workshops
<b>Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup></b> 6:430 – 7:45 PM	Pending	Pending
<b>Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup></b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Rob “I” Ingenthron</b>	Intermediate WCS

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.