

Innovations

April 2004 Newsletter



Mario Robau Jr.

Super Mario Weekend!

Workshops, Parties & More **April 2nd – 4th, 2004**

Featuring our Star Instructor

Mario Robau Jr.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the nations most recognized instructors. In addition to 6 workshops being taught by Mario, Innovations will have dances Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Saturday lunch will be served to workshop attendees. Saturday night there will be a Carne Asada and Pollo Asada dinner buffet.

Innovations' is pleased to bring Mario Robau Jr. back to San Diego. Mario is, perhaps, the nation's most widely sought after instructor. Dancers all over the nation are familiar with his unique combination of humor, knowledge and experience. Learning from Mario is always educational and fun. San Diego dancers are once again invited to participate in an awesome series of workshops with this marvelous instructor. See below for details!

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

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 beginning **CW 2-Step** with Dave Walkup

Sunday Nights: 4:15- 5:00 Intermediate **WCS** with Alex Seguritan & Misty Frank

PCDJ (Parker Can DJ!)

Saturday, March 6th marked the return of Parker Dearborn (recent winner of the Capitol Sing Dance Showcase Division) to Innovations as our Star Instructor. Of course, Parker is well known to San Diego dancers because we're fortunate enough to have this nationally recognized teacher and competitor call San Diego his home.

Many of our local dancers have reaped the benefits of taking private lessons with Parker and/or taking the advanced West Coast Swing class he and Brandi Northrup teach on Tuesday nights at Starlight Dance Studio. By the way, Parker says they need ladies in the class. All you followers be sure and take advantage of having two of the West Coast Swing world's best to teach and advise you.

Saturday's workshop was just such an opportunity. Parker, always a stickler for basics, emphasized a particular "basic skill" on this night. Leaders and followers will significantly raise the level of their dancing pleasure if they learn to read their partner and adjust their dancing accordingly. Not just with regard to the level of skill but the style as well.

With this in mind, Parker set about showing the class some particularly stylish ways of doing some basic things. A variation of the "triple and spring" starter step into turning basic and release was followed by an under arm turn with some compression styling on beat four. A variation on the coaster step on 5 and 6 followed by 6 beats of "kick ball change" which really demonstrated how much styling can go into a basic move.

Parker had us travelling, rotating and changing elevation while doing this "simple" pattern. The result was a very cool, very stylish, and very advanced looking 6 beats of basic pattern.

To finish up the workshop Parker threw in a 10 beat "advanced" whip pattern, which again emphasized styling. The first 2 beats had a backward kick ball change. On beats 5 and 6 followers shortened their travel distance and over rotated. On beats 7 and 8 the followers finished travelling down the slot and reversed their over rotation. Beats 9 and 10 leader and follower could slide the slot sideways or kick ball change or.....

After the workshop everyone was treated to Innovations first "guest DJ". At the suggestion of Hospitality Director Bill Martin the Board asked Parker if he would like to DJ for us the first hour of the party. Parker very graciously agreed to do so and the result was an overwhelmingly positive response. The joint was hopping.

In fact Parker very graciously played until 10:30, much to the delight of the dancers. So a big thank you to Parker who made our "first Saturday" a double delight. We'll be sure and get him back soon as a teacher, or a DJ or both.

In the meantime, what's up next? Oh yeah,

SUPER MARIO WEEKEND!!!

US OPEN PROMOTIONAL

The Board of Directors is currently planning combining one of our “first Saturday” parties with a promotional program being proposed by the owners of the US OPEN. At the designated party the operators of the US OPEN have proposed to

1. Provide two tickets to the US Open for a raffle.
2. Sponsor the evening with pizza or something comparable for attendees.
3. Provide a couple of prizes for a Jack n Jill competition.
4. Promote the evening program by emailing to their email listing.

It is our understanding, that the program is being offered to many dance clubs.

Plans for the party and the special activities are still being worked out, but the Board is tentatively setting it's sights on Saturday, May 1st as the target date. It should be a lot of fun, so check future newsletters and our website for more information.

April New Members

Duane Anderson
Meredith Anderson
Jeralynn Brooks

Peter K. Murphy
Kathleen Petryshyn
Shannon Pullaro

April Birthdays

1 Barbara Fox White
3 Mary McDowell
5 Bill Martin
6 Rob Gilmore
6 John Hayes
7 Ernest Rodriguez
8 Lou Ronzitti
11 Paunpimon Atkinson
11 Darrell Gaul
11 Susan Lang
11 Marian Liebowitz

11 Jim Widdecke
12 Laurie LeBlanc
16 Rudy Alquero
17 Geo Deasee
24 Mike Kielbasa
25 Dennis Champagne
26 Caryn Maroni
29 Nancy Martin
30 Dona Dixon
30 Harvey Self

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Presents

SUPER MARIO WEEKEND

April 2 - 4, 2004



Featuring our Star Instructor:

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- **6 Workshops**
- **3 Dances**
- **Lots of Food,**

Fun,

And Dancing

STARLIGHT DANCE STUDIO 6506-H El Cajon Blvd



EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday April 2	
6:00 – 6:30 PM	Registration and Warm up Dancing
6:30 – 7:45 PM	Workshop #1 WCS - Intermediate West Coast Swing
8:00 – 11:00 PM	Innovations Dance -hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, refreshments
Saturday April 3	
10:30 –11:00 AM	Registration and Warm up Dancing
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop #2 Adv. Hustle – “Money Moves”
12:10 – 1:10 PM	Workshop #3 WCS – Cleaning up the Basics
1:10 – 2:00 PM	Lunch – Food and General Dancing
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Workshop #4 WCS –Music Interpretation
3:10- 4:10 PM	Workshop #5 WCS - Intermediate West Coast Swing
Break Time	
8:00 – 11:30 PM	Innovations Dance – Carne and Pollo Asada Dinner Buffet
Sunday April 4	
3:30 – 4:45 PM	Workshop #6 WCS - Advanced “Money Moves”
5:00 – 8:00 PM	Innovations Dance - Refreshments

Pricing For Super Mario Weekend

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

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

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**

Innovations Members

We are seeking your input to help us grow and improve!
What steps would you like to see your club take?

Some ideas under consideration:

1. Contests _____

2. Weekly Int. West Coast Swing Lessons _____

3. Dance Mixers _____

4. Other Suggestions _____

Sunday Shakeup

At it's last meeting, the Board decided to try some changes in the format of the Sunday dances. **This is an effort to increase Sunday attendance.** Recall that Sunday dances are "up for review" at the end of April. Rather than run the dances as usual, which isn't working, some different approaches are being tried out.

In March and April the Sunday class before the dance will be intermediate and not beginning WCS. Also, the last **Sundays, March 28th & April 25th, the dance will be conducted with a Country Western theme.** Although approximately 50% of the music will be WCS, much of the music will be Country Western. Moreover, there will be more CW 2-Steps played and the non-swing music will have a Country Western flavor as well.

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DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2004

Saturday, March 6th 6:30 – 7:45 PM 8:00 – 9:00 PM	Parker Dearborn	Intermediate WCS Special Guest DJ
April 2 – 4	Super Mario Weekend Mario Robau	Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, & Workshops
Saturday, May 1st 6:430 – 7:45 PM	Michael Kiehm & Dawn Haight	Intermediate WCS
Saturday June 5th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Rob “I” Ingenthron	Intermediate WCS

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.