

Innovations

June 2004 Newsletter

6:30 PM Workshop - 8:00 PM Dance



Rob "I" Ingenthron

DanceSational Workshop, **Intermediate West Coast Swing,** **Saturday, June 5, 2004 6:30 – 7:45PM.**

Innovations is pleased to welcome back the very talented and always entertaining **Rob "I"** as our featured instructor this month. 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 and \$7 for others.

This Month's Free Introductory Classes:

Friday Nights: 7:15 – 8:00 Country Western 2-Step with Mike Cowlshaw

Sunday Nights: 5:00- 5:45 West Coast Swing with Wayne Peleti

The class on Sundays is free. If students want to attend the dance afterward, they are welcome to pay the admission then. Attending the dance is not required to take the class.

ABOUT THOSE SUNDAY DANCES....

Starting this month **Sunday's Beginning class will start at 5:00** instead of 5:30 PM. The dance will still run from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.. **The beginning class is still free and attendance to the dance is not required.** The fourth Sunday will still have a Country Western format. We apologize for the time changes but we're still trying to find a format that will work.

Running the dances is not a financial issue anymore because of a restructuring of the rent (Thank you Michael). However, Sunday attendance is still very low. We invite our members to come out and dance on Sunday evenings. The dances are an opportunity for members to practice and play, especially for those who can't make the more popular Friday evenings. Bring a friend. Arrange to meet friends. The dances are run for you.

Speaking for myself, I enjoy the Sunday format and I'm happy to run them. The Board, however, must evaluate if this is, in fact, what the membership wants, and if it's in the membership's best interest. Give us some feedback. - Wayne Peleti VP

Marvelous May Day!

Saturday May 1st was a fun day for Innovations. The Dancesational workshop with Michael Kiehm and Dawn Haight was fun and challenging. Ronnie and Brandi's Monday night performance class put on a great show with their "Greased Lightning" routine. Todd Johnson and Jene Alan won tickets to the US OPEN 2004. Eleven couples competed in Innovations' first dance contest and, of course, there was lots of dancing and eating.

We kicked off the evening with Michael and Dawn teaching a WCS workshop. Did I mention it was challenging? It was challenging. The leaders actually had to move their feet and spin and all that other stuff. A spring release starter step was followed by a power tuck release with a syncopated heel move in place of the anchor. An extended whip pattern featuring pivots and a snap whip ending with leader and follower separating to a split leg line. After sliding our feet back together we were in a right to right open position.

Next came an inside roll with the leaders catching the follower in a side by side position, moving around the follower and releasing for one and a half free spins to finish back in right to right hand hold. Then an extended in and out pattern with a waist catch, release and catch (at the other end of the slot) ending. Then, Michael screwed up and put an underarm basic in the pattern. We finished with a hitch and go and a very nice syncopated push break with some cool styling variations. The class was difficult but also lots of fun. It looked like everyone came away with something cool to add to his or her repertoire.

With the workshop over, people got down to some serious eating and dancing. In addition to the usual goodies there was pizza courtesy of US OPEN representatives Ron and Tyoni. As part of their promotional visit to Innovations Ron and Tyoni furnished 2 tickets to the 2004 US OPEN for a drawing and US OPEN 20th anniversary videos for our contest winners.

Before we got to the drawing or the contest Ronnie and Brandi's performance class entertained us with a medley that included CW 2-step, EC Swing, NC 2-Step, WC Swing and Cha Cha. Kudos to all those couples for doing a great job.

Then it was time for Innovations' first dance contest. Contest coordinators Alex Seguritan and Jeralynn Brooks are to be commended for making the contest a smoothly run, successful and fun operation. Jeralynn introduced our judges: Jackie Ford, Michael Kiehm, Dawn Haight, Archie Dawson, Pam Ford, and Michael Kielbasa. Eleven couples danced in two heats and one all skate to the delight of the attendees. Congratulations to the winners Alisa and Louis. For more results click [here](#).

The Board hopes to run more contests in the future. If you have an opinion on contests we welcome the input. Just fill out a suggestion card or email us. If you want to participate in the future just watch for more details in our newsletter or on our website www.innovationsdance.org.

Finally it was time for the drawing for the tickets to the 2004 US OPEN. Carol Schwartz did the honor and in no time flat we had our winners Todd (soon to be married, living and working in Japan) Johnson and Jene Alan. Congratulations to both. And thanks again to both Ron and Tyoni.

I'd like to close with another thank you to our contest coordinators Alex and Jeralynn and a special thanks to head judge Jackie Ford who came down from LA to run the contest for us. We were very fortunate to have someone with her expertise for our inaugural contest.

Modern Music Argentine Tango

By Pamela Ford

Ever looked at the Tango and thought “I like the way that dance looks but just can’t get past the music?” This is your chance to learn the dance to music you will like.

Pamela Ford will be teaching at Innovations on Fridays in July at 7:15 pm.

Class will be beginning level Argentine Tango and while learning the basics and the fun stuff (leg flicks....oooooooooooooh aaaaaaaaaaaaahhhhh) it will also stress lead follow techniques that carry over to all forms of couple dance.

The class will be danced entirely to NON traditional music. No harpsicord or accordion.

This is a fun dance and will improve your over all ability as a dancer.

Plus.... we’re gunna have FUN!

Pamela Ford is also available for private dance lessons – (619) 948-0511

COMING SEPTEMBER 18TH! INNOVATIONS 3RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Daytime Workshops
At
Starlight Dance Studio

Evening Buffet Dinner Dance
At
San Diego Mission Valley Marriott Hotel

Watch for more details at our website:

www.innovationsdance.org

This will be an e-ticket event. Scheduling and Pricing for the event will be available later this month.

Thanks to all of you for showing your support for JD at the April 25th dance. The card was filled with well wishes from front to back. And your generous gifts totaled a whopping \$1434.00!

When we made the delivery to JD he was touched and extremely grateful.

His doctor has let him bend his left knee now, but in order to let the break heal, he's been told to keep weight off his left leg for another 10 weeks!

Your support will go a long way to help him during his recovery.

Thanks again!
Penny & Nick

The Board would like to thank Nick and Penny for their efforts in organizing and running this on JD's behalf.

New Members

Alyssa Alder
Tom Ayock
Karla Baez

Paul Burgio
Dawn Haight
Carmen Joslyn

Margaret Richards
Sylvia Salopski

June Birthdays - *Happy Birthday From Innovations!*

1 free dance admission in the month of your birthday. There will be a list of all members who have birthdays in the current month at the front desk. (If you didn't include your birthday on your application form, just show your drivers license.) If you want to take advantage of your free admission on the day of a workshop and you wish to take the workshop, admission is \$5 for both the workshop and dance.

	Ian Crabtree	11	Kathy Kelly
	David Melman	13	Melanie Dawson
5	Earl Davis	13	Rich Lundin
5	Alex Seguritan	15	Teresa Johnson
6	Gaylord Hanson	20	Frank Garland
7	Harry S. Miller	22	David Walkup
7	Dale Pontow	25	Sylvia Salopski
8	Richard Johnson	26	Joe W. Leonard
9	David Arenas	26	Lynn Van Epps
9	Mickey Jones	29	Shannon Pullaro
9	Wayne D. Peleti	30	Debbie Cohen
11	Jone Augustin	30	Ed Miles

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DanceSational Workshop Schedule 2004

Saturday, June 5 th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Rob “I” Ingenthron	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Saturday, July 3 rd 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Carrie Kloss	Intermediate Waltz
Saturday, August 7 th 6:430 – 7:45 PM	Mary Ann Nunez (Private Lessons Available before workshop)	Intermediate West Coast Swing
Saturday September 18 th Day & Evening	Innovations 3rd Anniversary Party!!!	Daytime Workshops Evening Dinner/Dance Mission Valley Marriott Hotel

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.