

# Innovations

## March 2005 Newsletter

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Workshop  
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**Rob "I" Ingenthron**

### DanceSational Workshop

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego

**Saturday, March 5th, 2005 6:30 –7:45 PM**

**Intermediate WCS**

with

**Rob "I" Ingenthron**

Dance 8:00-11:30 pm.

**DanceSational Workshop Prices - Includes Dance Admission**

\$10 Annual Members, \$20 for All Others

**Dance Only Prices**

\$5 Annual Members, Sister Clubs & Students (with ID)

\$7 for All Others

Don't miss what is always an entertaining and informative workshop. Rob "I" is back at Innovations Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Rob is well known in both the Country Western and the West Coast Swing circuits as a major competitor and instructor.

## **US OPEN Returns To Anaheim**

**Here's some great news for Southern California dancers! This November the US Open West Coast Swing dance championship is returning to Anaheim.**

### **Innovations Going To The US OPEN**

Innovations has 20 weekend passes for the 2005 US Open. The Board decided it would be cool to have the club represented at the event when it returns to Anaheim this November. Charlene Juszcyk and Carol Schwartz are in charge of ticket sales.

# Back to Back Workshops to Kick Off 2005

By Wayne Peleti

Innovations kicked off its 2005 Workshop schedule a little later than usual this year because the first Saturday in January fell on New Years Day. Instead of a workshop the club had its first potluck & dance on the first Saturday in January.

The January 30<sup>th</sup> workshop turned out to be a special Sunday workshop. It was special because it was a Sunday instead of Saturday. But mostly it was special because we had a special teacher, Jordan Frisbee, and a special guest DJ, Parker Dearborn.

Parker and Jordan, who are good friends, are known nationally as two of the premier West Coast Swing competitors, performers, and instructors. They are also very nice people and a lot of fun to be around.

Attendees were treated to an excellent workshop and some dynamite dance tunes. We received a lot of positive feedback from the dancers so we have approached Parker and Jordan to see if we can arrange more of these "Sunday Night Specials". Whether or not we can will depend on Jordan and Parker's availability. They have promised to check their very busy schedules and get back to us. Watch for more information in the club newsletter and on the club website about a JP dance series.

The very next weekend Saturday February the fifth was the February Dancesational workshop. Innovations was very pleased to welcome back Archie and Melanie Dawson to teach an intermediate hustle workshop.

Archie and Melanie have recently started a hustle club in San Diego and by the time this article reaches you they will have hosted the San Diego regional edition of the "Van McCoy National Hustle Competition". (Details about this and other dance happenings are available on our website).

Archie and Melanie did their usual excellent job of teaching some very cool hustle moves despite the fact that Archie had a cast on his right hand. I didn't catch all the details but I think it had something to do with his karate workout and a particularly difficult board.

After the workshop we danced to the tunes of special guest DJ, Cesar. Cesar is a well know professional DJ from the Los Angeles area and often plays for the hustle and swing events there and in San Diego.

This year the board is looking at occasionally having a guest DJ as a change of pace for our members. Feedback from members is always appreciated, so be sure and let them know your thoughts and any suggestions you might have.

# Innovations

DanceSational

## Workshops & Events 2005

<b>Saturday, March 5th</b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Rob “T” Ingenthron</b>	<b>Intermediate West Coast Swing</b>
<b>Sunday, March 13th</b> 4:00 – 5:15 PM	<b>Michael John Kielbasa</b>	<b>West Coast Swing Body Movement</b>
<b>Saturday, April 2</b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Heidi Groskreutz</b>	<b>Intermediate West Coast Swing</b>
<b>April 29 – May 1</b>	<b>Super Mario Weekend Mario Robau</b>	<b>Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, &amp; Workshops</b>
<b>Saturday, May 7</b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Mike Eads</b>	<b>Intermediate Country Western 2-Step</b>
<b>Saturday, June 4</b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Carrie Kloss</b>	<b>Intermediate Waltz</b>
<b>Saturday, August 6th</b> 6:30 – 7:45 PM	<b>Wayne &amp; Sharlot Bott</b>	<b>Intermediate West Coast Swing</b>

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.

Editors Note: Last month the January Birthdays were reprinted in the place of the February Birthdays. So...

### **February Birthdays – *Belated Happy Birthday From Innovations!***

1	Paul Ferguson	5	Penny Hyde	21	Barb Shuler
1	Frank Giorgio	14	Faye Blankenhorn	22	Howard Bossert Jr.
2	Helen P. Higgins	16	Ned Schnorr	23	William Bremner
2	Jeff Lorenz	18	Ron Devriendt	25	John L. Jordan
2	Russell Williams	19	Susan McKee	27	Dan Devan
3	Cheryl Ribley	20	Patrick Staley	27	Diane Warren
4	Debbie Wright	21	James Posford	28	Marc Washington

# Innovations

Presents

## Super Mario Weekend

April 29 – May 1, 2005

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego, CA

Featuring our Star Instructor:

### Mario Robau Jr.

- 6 Workshops
- 3 Dances
- Lots of Fun, Food, Dancing, Entertainment



**Annual Members - \$50. All Others - \$75.**

**Mario Robau Jr.** is arguably the country's premier West Coast Swing instructor. Innovations has been fortunate to have many of the nation's finest competitors and instructors teach workshops. Mario is a "Super" continuation of that tradition.

"Swing Daddy" has been dancing, in his own words "as long as I can remember". His stellar career as a competitor includes two US Open Classic Swing Championships, Grand National Shag and Swing Competition Championships, five Texas State Championships, and numerous others. In addition to West Coast Swing he has experience in everything from break dancing to ballroom.

His workshops are always entertaining as well as educational; making him one of the nations most sought after instructors. Once you've seen Mario teach, it's obvious why so many professional teachers and competitors go to him for coaching and choreography.

"Super Mario Weekend" is the only chance San Diego gets to have him locally. So, don't miss out on this weekend of workshops with this Master Instructor.

**This is an E-ticket event! To purchase tickets see Martha Peleti at one of our regularly scheduled dances or mail a check to: Innovations, P.O. Box 23745, San Diego, CA 92193.**

# Tentative Event Schedule

## Friday April 29

6:00 – 6:30 **Registration and Warm up Dancing**

6:30 – 7:45 **Workshop #1 – Advanced West Coast Swing - “Money Moves”**

It’s late night or early morning and the pro’s are out strutting their stuff. They’re making notes on moves they can master and teach, hence the name “money moves”. Let Mario add some of the coolest stuff to your repertoire.

8:00–11:00 **Innovations Dance** – Refreshments, Dance the night away with Mario.

## Saturday April 30

12:30–2:00 **Potluck** – If you want to come early and socialize, join us for a potluck lunch.

1:30 –2:00 **Registration** (if you missed Friday) and **Warm up Dancing**

2:00 – 3:00 **Workshop #2** – Intermediate West Coast Swing – **Improvisations Part I**

3:15- 4:15 **Workshop #3** – Intermediate West Coast Swing – **Improvisations Part II**

Want to master the concepts behind making your dancing special with music interpretation, syncopating, etc. Then you won’t want to miss this two part series. First, get some insights on how to work with the music by learning a series of moves choreographed to a specific phrase in a song. Then learn the art of personalizing your dancing by choosing from multiple style variations to the choreography in a way that makes the move “yours”. Mario offers his expert insight about the considerations that a leader or a follower can make when they execute a pattern.

4:15 – 6:30 **Break**

6:30 – 7:45 **Workshop #4** – Intermediate West Coast Swing – **“Shaggy Stuff”**

Maybe you’ve seen it, dancers doing some of that cool shag stuff that gives their West Coast Swing a unique and stylish look. Well here’s your chance to learn how to do it with Mario’s tips on what works where.

8:00 – 11:30 **Innovations Dance – Hot & Cold Hors D’oeuvres**, Fun and Entertainment

## Sunday May 1

3:00 – 3:30 **Registration and Warm up Dancing**

3:30 – 4:30 **Workshop #5 Advanced Hustle - “Money Moves”**

What, you thought only West Coast Swing dancers had Money Moves? No Way! Mario loves Hustle too!

4:30 – 5:30 **Workshop #6** – Intermediate West Coast Swing – **“Grooves and Blues”**

Unless you’ve been dancing on a different planet, you will have noticed that WCS is being danced to a host of music styles (Blues, R&B, Pop, Funk, Jazz, etc). Mario shares some insights on groovin’ to the different styles.

5:30 – 8:00 **Innovations Dance** – Refreshments

Workshops Schedule Subject to Change

### Private Lessons With Mario Robau Jr.

- A Limited number of Private Lessons are available
- Private Lessons Available to Weekend Pass Holders only.
- Private Lessons are \$65 per hour (or \$200 for choreography) plus a \$10 floor fee.
- Private Lessons are for couples. If you are single get a friend to be your dance dummy.

# Innovations Schedule – March 2005

Updated February 26, 2005

Unless Otherwise Noted, Dances Are Held At Starlight Dance Studio, 6506-H El Cajon Blvd.

DanceSational Workshops: \$10 for Annual Members, \$20 for Others. Prices include admission to Dance.  
Dance Admission: \$5 for Annual Members, Members of Dance Clubs and College Students, \$7 for Others.

Sun	M	T	W	T	Fri	Sat
<b>FREE</b> <b>Introductory Class</b> <b>Sunday</b>		1	2	3	4 <b>Inter. WCS</b> with <b>Alyssa Alden</b> (7:15- 8:00 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	5 <b>Dancesational Workshop</b> <b>Intermediate WCS</b> Inst.: <b>Rob “T”</b> (6:30 PM -7:45 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 PM - 11:30 PM)
6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Inter. WCS</b> with <b>Alyssa Alden</b> (7:15- 8:00 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	12
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20 <b>Pre-Dance Potluck</b> <b>4:30 – 5:30</b> <b>Beg. West Coast Swing</b> with <b>Mike Cowlshaw</b> (5:00 – 5:45 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> Country Western Theme (5:30 – 7:30 PM)	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Inter. WCS</b> with <b>Alyssa Alden</b> (7:15- 8:00 PM) <b>Innovations Dance</b> (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	26
27 <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>NO DANCE!</b>	28	29	30	31	<b>FREE</b> <b>Friday Class</b> With <b>Paid Admission</b>	For More Information Check our Website at <a href="http://innovationsdance.org">innovationsdance.org</a>

# March 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 driver's 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.

1	Helen Adams	22	Marvin Olsen
2	Garry Schaeffer	23	Kathleen Petryshyn
4	Brian Richards	24	Mikaila Cameron
7	Robert Holland	24	Margaret Willette
8	Dan Ross	26	Tim Neuman
9	Francoise Ginsberg	30	Rune Johanson
15	Robert Todd	31	David R. Evans
16	Misty Frank	31	Nick Hyde
20	Julie Harper		

## New Members

*Friendly Reminder To New and Current Members: Please don't forget to show your Membership Card at the Front Desk when you check in. Thank You.*

Dan Devan  
Rob Graddy

Mark Pablo  
James Posford

Paige Theal

**P.S. Innovations prides itself on being a friendly club. We need your help. If you see a newcomer at a Dance, please ask them to dance. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated. After all, we were all new once upon a time ..... Hugs to All**

## Innovations Board of Directors

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The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Monday, March 14 th, 7pm, at Filippi's Pizza in Mission Gorge.

Innovations is a proud member of **National FastDance Association.**

## **Innovations Dance, Inc.**

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## **What's Happening**

### **Body Movement Workshop**

### **Michael John Kielbasa**

**Sunday, March 13, 4:00 – 5:15 PM**

Become more aware of your body movements & incorporate styling  
into your West Coast Swing

## **Innovations 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Dance Potluck**

**Sunday, March 20, 2005**

**4:30 – 5:30 PM**

### **LAPD CLASSIC**

**Premiers April 1 –3, 2005**

**Los Angeles Airport Hilton**

**Ronnie DeBenedetta** will be one of the hosts for the UCWDC's newest event, the LAPD Classic. The event promises to be a fun filled weekend with lots of West Coast Swing and Country superstar participation.

For more information -  
<http://lapremierdance.com>.

### **WCS Performance Class**

**Thursdays at 7:30**

Would you like to join a performance class that will dance for us at Innovations? Starting the SECOND week in March, **Pam Ford & Rich Lundin** will teach an Intermediate Level West Coast Swing Performance Class. They are sure to bring their unique style to this FUN new class.

For More Information Contact  
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