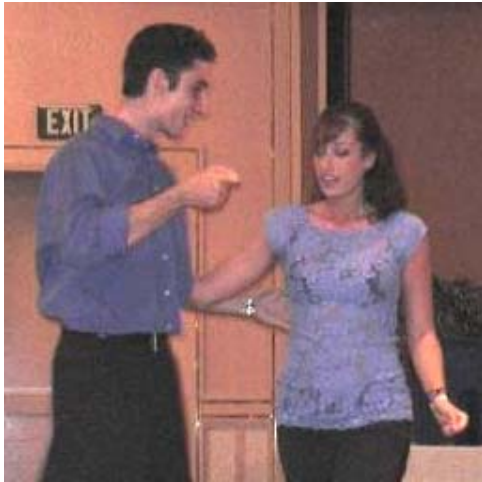


Innovations

April 2005 Newsletter



**Michael John Kielbasa
& Kristin Sorci**

Late Change For April 2nd Workshop

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego

Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 6:30 –7:45 PM

Intermediate West Coast Swing

with

Michael Kielbasa & Kristin Sorci

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

The scheduled instructor for the April 2nd workshop, **Heidi Groskreutz** is unable to make the workshop. Fortunately two of the West Coast Swing world's hottest dancers are available. **Michael John Kielbasa & Kristin Sorci** have very kindly agreed to teach the workshop Saturday.

Mario Robau Jr. Returns to San Diego!

Mario Robau Jr. will return to Innovations to teach a series of workshops from April 29th to May 1st. For Details see inside.

Individual workshops and dances will be available at the door.

Innovations Going To The US OPEN

Innovations has 20 weekend tickets 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 Again

By Wayne Peleti

Innovations treated its members to back to back workshops again in March. **Rob “I”** taught on Saturday, March 5th followed the next week by **Michael John Kielbasa** Sunday, March 13th.

This marks the second time this year the club has had two workshops in one month. There are more double booking months in the works. This is partly because there aren't enough first Saturday's to accommodate all the instructors and partly to try and stimulate more interest in the Sunday dances, which still have very low attendance.

These were two different types of workshops. Rob presented attendees with a mixed bag of technique, choreography and musical interpretation. A song with a very definite cha cha feel was selected. The song was played and compared with a more traditional swing song so students could hear and feel the musical differences. Rob pointed out this is a fundamental part of interpreting music and subsequently styling your dance.

The patterns taught were set to a phrase in the song and demonstrated one way of interpreting the latin like cadence and flow of the music. The same patterns were then danced to a tune with a completely different feel and Rob showed how he would modify the timing in the pattern to fit the mood of this tune, stretching some moves and accelerating others. This was a great opportunity to get insight on this subject from one of the most creative and interpretive West Coast Swing dancers around.

Michael John's workshop on the following Sunday was aimed at giving dancers more options of expressing their interpretations of the music. Since dancers express themselves with body movements the class was a Body Movement Workshop.

Michael John did an excellent job of presenting quite a bit of material. In addition to demonstrating the various (sometimes painful) isolation exercises and drills, he emphasized the applications to the dance in terms of execution of the basics and embellishment of patterns in general.

Thanks to both Rob and Michael John for excellent jobs. Both workshops were well attended and received a lot of positive feedback. There was a lot of interest in getting Michael John to do another workshop since the material was extensive and by nature requires a lot of reinforcement. If this is something you're interested in let your Board members know.

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Workshops & Events 2005

Saturday, April 2 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Michael John Kielbasa & Kristin Sorci	Intermediate West Coast Swing
April 29 – May 1	Super Mario Weekend Mario Robau	Lots of Food, Fun, Dancing, & Workshops
Saturday, May 7 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Mike Eads	Intermediate Country Western 2-Step
Saturday, June 4 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Carrie Kloss	Intermediate Waltz
Saturday, August 6th 6:30 – 7:45 PM	Wayne & Sharlot Bott	Intermediate West Coast Swing

Workshop Schedule Subject to Change.

Free Classes

Friday's class is free with paid admission to the party. **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.

This Month prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday's Class: 7:15 – 8:00 Inter. Hustle with Alan Whiteman & Charlene Juszczuk

Sunday's Class: 5:00- 5:45 Beginning West Coast Swing with Mike Cowlshaw

May prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Sunday's Class: 5:00- 5:45 Beginning West Coast Swing with Robert and Vicki Palladino

June prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday's Class: 7:15 – 8:00 Inter. West Coast Swing with Jeralynn Brooks

If you are interested in volunteering to teach, please talk to or send an email to Martha Peleti at membership@innovationsdance.org.

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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.

Individual Workshops and Dances available at the door.

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. (Part2 can be taken alone.)

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 – April 2005

Updated March 25, 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
FREE Introductory Class Sunday		1	2	3	1 Intermediate Hustle Alan Whiteman & Charlene Juszcyk (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	2 Dancesational Workshop Intermediate WCS Inst.: Michael John & Kristin Sorci (6:30 PM -7:45 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 PM - 11:30 PM)
3 No Dance	4	5	6	7	8 Intermediate Hustle Alan Whiteman & Charlene Juszcyk (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	9
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April 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	Barbara Fox White	11	Darrell Gaul
3	Mary McDowell	11	Susan Lang
5	Bill Martin	11	Jim Widdecke
6	Rob Gilmore	15	Ted Alexander
6	John Hayes	21	Lon Clement
6	Theresa Wheeler	26	Caryn Maroni
7	Ernest Rodriguez	29	Nancy Martin
8	Lou Ronzitti	30	Dona Dixon
11	Paunpimon Atkinson		

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.

Cheryl Ward

Glynn Weiner

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 has not been scheduled yet. Please contact a Board member about time and location if you are interested in attending.

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President's Message

Hey All You Dancers,

Where are the months going? April is here!!! Well mark your calendar. You hear the news, you've read about them and it's official. Heidi, yes, from the Heidi and Benji duo is coming to Innovations to teach you some hot moves. She will be here the first Saturday of the month. At the end of April Super Mario is coming, April 29th through May 1st. Get your tickets early so you have a place on the dance floor. It's only \$50 for Annual Members for six workshops and three dance nights and \$75 for others. Yes, it does pay to be a member. Your board is working hard to get you the best instructors because you're the best club members. Talking about the best...We had a good turn out for Michael John. We're glad you enjoyed his teaching and the Sunday night of good dancing. One last note, the potluck was another success!! Thanks for bringing the food and eating the food. Finally, your club is looking for some members who would like to volunteer to help the club on set up, clean up and front desk. If you'd like to help your club, come to me or to Martha to sign you up on a great team.

Your President,
Luis León