

Innovations

May 2005 Newsletter



Mario Robau Jr.

Super Mario Weekend Arrives

Starlight Dance Studio, San Diego

Friday April 29th thru Sunday May 1st

A Workshop Series with

Mario Robau Jr.

Six Workshops & Three Dances in One fun filled weekend.

Weekend Passes - \$50 Annual Members, \$75 for All Others

Single Workshops - \$10 Annual Members, \$15 for All Others

Dances are not included in the single workshop price

Single Dances

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

\$7 for All Others

No Sister Club or Student Discounts for Saturday Dance

Mario Robau Jr. Returns to San Diego!

This coming weekend marks the return of one of the nation's premier instructors to San Diego. Innovations is proud to present a series of workshops by the West Coast Swing world's most recognized instructor, Mario Robau Jr.



Michael Eads

Saturday May 7th – Intermediate CW 2-Step

with UCWDC Champion Michael Eads

Innovations is pleased to have one of Country Western and West Coast Swing's most accomplished competitors as our featured instructor for May. Don't miss this opportunity to improve your Country Western 2-Step with one of the best.

DanceSational Workshop Prices - Includes Dance Admission

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

Dance Only Prices (Dance 8:00-11:30 pm.)

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

\$7 for All Others

The Best Laid Plans...

By Wayne Peleti

Many thanks from the Board to Michael John Kielbasa for filling in for Heidi Groskreutz and teaching the April 2nd Dancesational Workshop. Because of a last second schedule conflict, Heidi was unable to make it and Michael was kind enough to volunteer as a replacement.

Attendees weren't disappointed as Michael John did a great job teaching the Intermediate West Coast Swing workshop. There was a "review" session of the Body Movements material he had covered in his last appearance. Good thing too, because that material takes a lot of practice and review. Then there was some very cool material with some simple but nice looking patterns and syncopations.

The class was actually pretty well attended considering many local dancers were at the LAPD Classic that weekend. Michael John actually had to drive down from the event to teach for us Saturday night.

The Board would like to extend congratulations to Ronnie DeBenedetta and everyone else involved in organizing and running the first annual LAPD event. From all accounts it was a lot of fun and a good time was had by all.

For those of you who haven't heard Michael John will be teaching the advanced West Coast Swing class normally taught by Parker Dearborn on Tuesday nights at 8:30 PM at Starlight Dance Studio. Parker will be away performing in "Swango", the musical, during April and May. So, if you missed the workshop, you should take advantage of Michael John's expertise on Tuesday nights. A new class starts May 3rd and I understand they need followers.

The Best Laid Plans II...

By Martha Peleti

On a different note, Sunday May 1st at 2:00 PM the Board of Directors of Innovations will have their monthly meeting at the studio (before the 3:30 Mario Robau, Jr. workshops). One of the topics will be ending the Sunday weekly dances due to poor attendance. The Board will be considering a proposal to end the dances in June (May 21st would be the last weekly Sunday dance).

Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome.

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DanceSational

Workshops & Events 2005

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 Intermediate Night Club 2-Step with Patrick Dickerson

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

Robert and Vicki teach Beginning and Intermediate West Coast Swing classes at Foothills Adult Center in El Cajon. Please call Vicki or Robert at (619) 258-5489, or email Vicki at vickipalla@aol.com, for more information about how to register for the classes at Foothills Adult Center, or see the website at www.guhsd.net/adult. Robert and Vicki also offer private and group lessons by appointment.

June prior to the Innovation's Dance Parties:

Friday's Class: 7:15 – 8:00 Intermediate 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.

Weekend Passes, Individual Workshops and Dances

Available at the Door

For Questions – Please call (858) 277-1845

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 – May 2005

Updated April 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
1 Super Mario Weekend See schedule	2	3	4	5	6 Intermediate Night Club 2-Step Patrick Dickerson (7:15- 8:00 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 – 11:00 PM)	7 Dancesational Workshop Interm. CW 2-Step Inst.: Michael Eads (6:30 PM -7:45 PM) Innovations Dance (8:00 PM - 11:30 PM)
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29 No Sunday Dance Memorial Day Weekend	30	31				

May 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.

5	Susy Hafner	19	Karen McEntire
5	Merle Tucker	22	Lois Rubin
6	Paul Burgio	23	Anne Callies
6	John Hatch	23	Wendy Del Maestro
8	Paige Theal	25	Karla Baez
10	Brenda Chesley	27	Hilllary Stall
13	Martha R. Peleti	28	Susan Chesebro
14	Mark Pablo	28	Gerald Olson
18	Cathy Meyn	29	Diana Newhouse
19	Denise Dutcher	30	Dawn Gaeke

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.

RJ Espinoza

Jean Frazier
Tula Lowell

Ron Johnson

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 on Sunday, May 1st at 2:00. The meeting will be at Starlight Dance Studio before the 3:30 workshop with Mario Robau, Jr..

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

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President's Message

In this month of May we have one of the best instructors in the nation, **Mario Robau Jr.** We, at Innovations, believe he is the type of instructor you want to have for your weekend of play, so we got the best for you. We hope you enjoy the weekend. If you do please let me know or let someone else of the board know what you think about having Mario Robau Jr. as your dance instructor.

Talking about letting us know, I have been talking with you as you come in on Friday nights as you enter. I have been curious to know what you have enjoyed here at Innovations. Here are some of your responses: Love the food- Fridays, Sundays and on Saturday. Many of you commented on the music and our D.J.s. Both you also enjoy. Workshops came up a lot. You enjoy Michael John Kielbasa, Rob 'I' Ingenthron and especially Jane and David. Again, at Innovations we enjoy to get the best instructors who love to teach. We thank them for making time to come out to Innovations and you're welcome for your complements. Well we at Innovations are here to please you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your dance club better.

I hope you have a great day, week and month in our month of May.

See you on the dance floor,
Luis León
Your President