

AUSTIN BALLROOM DANCERS



Sept 2005

ABD Hotline: (512) 989-3939

Website: <http://www.austinballroomdancers.org>

Katrina Fundraiser

Many of us know people from New Orleans, and we are all trying to figure out ways to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Our affiliates at the Austin Swing Syndicate have proposed a joint fund raising idea that we think everybody can get behind. During the month of September, at every dance hosted by both organizations, we are accepting monetary donations to be given to the Red Cross. Due to the lack of infrastructure for distribution, the Red Cross asks that we not donate material goods at this time, though the Salvation Army is striving to be ready for material goods. New Orleans has a rich history of music, and with that music comes a strong dance community. Let's pitch in what we can, from one dance town to another. Look for donation baskets at the Fed on Thursday nights, and at ABD on Saturday nights for the rest of September.

Argentine Tango Workshop


It's almost time! We're excited to bring a guest instructor to ABD for an Argentine Tango Workshop! For four weeks starting September 10th, Monica Caivano will be teaching beginning Argentine Tango at ARC on Saturdays, from 6:30-7:30PM. The workshop is \$40 per person and we will take cash or checks made out to ABD. Stay for our regularly scheduled dances starting at 8PM (**Please note:** admission is **not** covered by the workshop price). We'll play plenty of tunes you can practice your new moves to!

Frequent Dancer Cards

If you weren't already aware, you should know now! We decided to reward folks who come out to our Saturday dances frequently, whether they are members or not. Bob Ogg, an ABD member and frequent attendee, was gracious enough to donate a

stamp in the shape of our logo. Pick up a business card at the front desk, and get it stamped each Saturday as you pay admission. After you have collected five stamps, your next dance admission is on us!

New Website Feature

Though we don't always like to admit it, some websites are a little hard to read. Realizing that it might be nice for us to have some better accessibility features, we added a neat trick to the site. Click on the [View Large Fonts](#)  section in the top right corner of any page, and the font will scale itself up a few sizes to make it easier to read. It's just one more way Austin Ballroom Dancers is trying to make it easy to become a part of our great organization. Swing by and have a look!

Free Classes before Dances

We continue our free mini-lessons before each Saturday dance, even during the Argentine workshop. Attendance is increasing as word gets out, so tell everybody you know who is interested. ABD is really following its mission to bring the joy of ballroom dancing to the Austin community! No partners are required for lessons or dances.

Events in October

While September has the excitement of Argentine Tango, October is shaping up to be a great month, too. While we won't have a dance on October 8th, we will bring back the Nash Hernandez Orchestra for the annual Masquerade Dance on October 29th. Mark your calendars now and check our website for more details as they are available.

Gift Certificates Available

With the Holidays fast approaching, we'd like to remind you that we offer gift certificates to anyone interested in purchasing classes for guests. These are great Christmas gifts, wedding gifts, birthday presents, or any occasion you can dream up to spread a little ballroom joy. See our Publicity Officer, Sue Reading for more details.

2006 Class Schedule

We only have two sessions left in 2005! The year has flown by, and we've had marvelous attendance for all our classes this year. We've started pulling together ideas for next year's classes, and while we aren't quite ready to go live with the information, we're getting close! You'll see the new schedule at Hancock Recreation Center, our weekly Saturday dances, and on the web as soon as it's finalized.

Board Meeting

The next ABD board meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 10th, at 7PM at the Austin Recreation Center. All members are welcome to attend.

Dance DJ Schedule

September 3 Paul Labuda
September 10 Fred Crumley
September 17 Paul Labuda
September 24 Fred Crumley

DJs are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Call the ABD hotline for up-to-date info, or check

<http://www.austinballroomdancers.org>

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Session 8 Classes at Hancock

(All classes meet for 5 weeks)

Tues	Sept 20 –Oct 18	Don McCollum
	7:30pm Cha-Cha 3	
	8:45pm Int Waltz 4	
Thurs	Sept 22 –Oct 20	Don McCollum
	7:30pm Int Tango 1	
	8:45pm Samba 2	
Thurs	Sept 22 –Oct 20	Richard Fowler
	7:30pm Tango 3	
	8:45pm Viennese Waltz 2	
Fri	Sept 23 –Oct 21	Richard Fowler
	7:30pm Quickstep 1	
	8:45pm W Coast Swing 2	
	<i>Members: \$20; unlimited classes: \$30</i>	
	<i>Non-members: \$35; unlimited classes: \$45</i>	

Session 9 Classes at Hancock

(All classes meet for 5 weeks)

Tues	Oct 25 –Nov 29	Don McCollum
	7:30pm Samba 3	
	8:45pm Cha-Cha 4	
Thurs	Oct 27 –Dec 1	Don McCollum
	7:30pm E. Coast Swing 1	
	8:45pm Int. Tango 2	
Thurs	Oct 27 –Dec 1	Richard Fowler
	7:30pm W. Coast Swing 3	
	8:45pm Bolero 1	
Fri	Oct 28 –Dec 2	Richard Fowler
	7:30pm Mambo 1	
	8:45pm Quickstep 2	
	<i>Members: \$20; unlimited classes: \$30</i>	
	<i>Non-members: \$35; unlimited classes: \$45</i>	

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