

PRESIDENT'S CORNER – AUGUST 2022

Welcome to another month of dancing!

A big thank you to all the members who renewed during the month of July. We are glad to have you back in the ballroom.

Our progressive dance line up for our weekday classes in August includes advanced tango on Mondays with Debbie, beginner West coast swing on Tuesdays with David, beginner waltz on Wednesdays with Debbie, and bachata level 2 on Thursdays with Stanley. A description of the weekday classes is located on the reception desk to help you find the class best suited to your interests and dance experience.

Our Saturday party on August 13 includes an East coast swing class with Debbie at 7:30 with Uai Godwin as DJ and Caren at reception. Our Saturday party on August 20 includes a foxtrot with Mike Hogarth at 7:30 with John Hennigan as DJ and Dennis at reception.

For our Saturday special party for the month of August, Elisa has planned a BDC Beach Party on August 27 with Stanley teaching the shag to put everyone in the mood. Shirley will be the DJ with Caren at reception. Beach style food will be served and anyone who wishes may bring their favorite dip to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our financial outlook was positive for June as reported at the July board meeting reflecting a profit, due in a big part to the member renewals from the June membership drive. While we didn't have any new members in July, we are still seeing returning members renewing their memberships.

I'm anticipating a profit for July as well due to the apparent success of the two salsa socials held in July. The attendance was high, and both socials were very profitable. I'd like to thank James and Stanley for teaching the salsa/bachata classes at the beginning of the social.

Mike Hogarth is holding a Lead/Follow workshop on Sunday September 18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This workshop is designed to help both leaders and followers understand their role in the dance partnership. For example, as a follower, it's my role to wait for the leader to initiate the step. Once the leader "leads" me to move, it's my job to keep a proper frame and connection with my partner. All are welcome to attend the workshop. More details will be provided in September.

Our upcoming events also include a West coast swing workshop on Sunday October 9 with David Roland and Stanley Ostendorff and a showcase organized by David Roland on Sunday November 6. Additional details will be forthcoming as the dates draw near.

Our next monthly board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday August 20. All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,
Sharon Keene, President