



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter

May 2019

THE SPRING FLING DANCE

Saturday, May 18, 2019

PARA's McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

7:00-10 pm: Music by DJ Jimmy

ADMISSION:

Basic Members: \$5 per person

Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, & Platinum Members: *Prepaid!*

Students: \$5 per person

Guests: \$8 per person

Members and guests must be at least 18 years of age.

ATTIRE: Spring Casual

The Spring Fling Dance: Saturday, May 18, 7-10 PM

TBDC and PARA4Life are sponsoring the Spring Fling Dance on Saturday, May 18, 7-10 PM at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35405). DJ Jimmy will provide a spirited and varied mix of music! And, there are rumors of a Maypole Dance... Attire for the evening is spring casual.

Reduced admission. Beginning with the Spring Fling Dance, admission to DJ dances will be \$5 for TBDC members (and students) and \$8 for non-members. See the 2019-20 dues information below.

Snacks. PARA4Life furnishes water and soft drinks at no charge. TBDC encourages friends and members to bring an item for our snack table.

Line dancing is invited throughout the evening. Though the space between the tables and the DJ is reserved for ballroom dancers, the space between the tables and snacks is reserved for line dancers. This space can also accommodate couples who would like to practice dance patterns.

Directions. The entrance to McAbee Center's parking lot is at the intersection of Loop Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway. As one faces McAbee Center, the VA Hospital is located to the right of and behind McAbee Center. Avoid the hospital's main entrance: there is no access to McAbee Center's parking lot from the hospital campus. For a map, click here: [Map](#).

From Birmingham, take interstate Exit 79 for University Blvd. At the end of the exit ramp, bear right onto University Blvd. After 4.6 miles, turn left at the traffic light onto Veterans Memorial Pkwy. In ½ mile, turn left onto Loop Rd and then take an immediate left turn to access McAbee Center's parking lot.

April's Novel Night Dance

At The Novel Night Dance on April 27, 47 dancers enjoyed the music of *5 of a Kind*, offering this fine band a sustained round of applause at the end of the evening.

TBDC extends thanks to Nita Hestevold for decorating tables with novels, eyeglasses, and cups of hot chocolate. TBDC extends special thanks to Charlotte Sanford and The Book Rack for the loan of the novels *and* for providing door prizes: 5 sets of books for dancer's children, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews! For a delightful selection of previously-read books for adults and children, please visit our friends at The Book Rack, which is located in Parkview Plaza (620 14th St):

https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Book-Rack-1527457704179883/about/?ref=page_internal).

TBDC remains grateful to Regina Noland, and Carol & Tom Russell for tending to the Novel Night admissions table. Thank you!

Dues are due by June 15!

TBDC's dance year extends from June 1 through May 31. You may join TBDC or renew your membership anytime before June 15.

Dues increase: \$5. The Board of Directors is delighted to report that TBDC has operated in the black during the 2018-19 dance year! To maintain the caliber of dance opportunities that TBDC offers, the Board voted unanimously to increase dues for 2019-20 from \$35 to \$40/person, reflecting increased operating expenses involving our ASCAP fee, bands, DJs, and decorations.

Reduced admission to DJ dances! Beginning with the Spring Fling Dance on May 18, the admission fee for all DJ dances will be reduced to \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members! For all band dances, TBDC members will continue to pay \$8, but the admission fee for non-members will increase from \$12/person to \$15/person and \$25/couple. The student admission fee will continue to be \$5 for any DJ *or* band dance.

Summary of TBDC Membership Options

TBDC Basic Membership. You are invited to join or renew as a TBDC Basic Member for \$40 (\$80/couple), which allows you to attend TBDC DJ dances for \$5 and band dances for \$8 paid at the door. In 2019-20, you will likely save more than \$25 (\$50/couple) over non-members.

What you can do to support TBDC. Please consider a Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Membership, which includes prepaid admission to all dances! These special members pre-pay for all dances, helping us pay our band bills on rainy nights and during vacation season when attendance is lower than usual. Below are the available membership levels:

TBDC Student Sustaining Membership. Most students can attend no more than eight TBDC dances during our dance year. The fee for a Student Sustaining Member is \$25, which includes prepaid admission to all twelve 2019-20 TBDC dance events: Student Sustaining Members pay *nothing* at the door!

TBDC Sustaining Membership. In May/June, Sustaining Members may continue to join TBDC for \$115 (\$230/couple), which includes prepaid admission to all twelve 2019-20 TBDC dance events: Sustaining Members pay *nothing* at the door! (The Sustaining Member who attends all twelve dances should anticipate an annual savings of at least \$7 (\$14/couple) over Basic Members and \$25 (\$50/couple) over non-members.) Unless one requests otherwise, Sustaining Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Bronze Membership. In May/June, Bronze Members may join TBDC for \$150 (\$300/couple). The Bronze Member pays *nothing* at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, TBDC Bronze Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter. Bronze Membership averages \$12.50/dance (\$25/couple/dance).

TBDC Silver Membership. In May/June, Silver Members may join TBDC for: \$200 (\$400/couple). The Silver Member pays *nothing* at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, the TBDC Silver Member will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Gold Membership. In May/June, Gold Members may join TBDC for: \$250 (\$500/couple). The Gold Member pays *nothing* at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, TBDC Gold Members will be recognized in TBDC's monthly newsletter.

TBDC Platinum Membership. Would you like to pick the theme *and* music for a dance? If so, the Platinum Membership is for you! The Platinum Membership is \$1000, which includes the opportunity to pick the theme *and* music for a dance *and* prepaid admission *for two* to all twelve TBDC dance events. (The music selection could be a DJ or a band comparable to The Edd Jones Orchestra, 5 of a Kind, or The Chekmates. Please notify a TBDC board member with your preferences as soon as possible; music for 2020 will be booked before summer's end.) Platinum Members pay nothing at the door; and, unless one requests otherwise, Platinum Members will be recognized in TBDC's newsletters.

How to pay your dues. You may complete a membership form and pay your dues at the Spring Fling Dance. Or, print the membership form at the bottom of this newsletter (or send an email request to receive a membership form via email attachment); then mail the completed form with your check to:

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 2664
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403

May 18: Election of TBDC's 2019-20 Officers & Board of Directors

Please extend a word of thanks to TBDC's 2019 Nominating Committee: Lewis Cotton, Nita Hestevold, Diana Secor, and Regina Noland (*ex officio*). In accord with TBDC's by-laws, the TBDC Board approved the Committee's nominees at the April meeting:

President	Ken Lee
Vice-President	Scott Hestevold
Secretary	Regina Noland
Treasurer	Kathy Cotton
Board Member, 2-year term	Cathy Guzzo
Board Member, 2-year term	Butch Noland
Board Member, 2-year term	Garry Pearson
Board Member, 2-year term	Carol Russell
Board Member, 2-year term	Carolyn Ryder

TBDC's current members may pick up their ballots at the admission table at the Spring Fling Dance on May 18. Please cast your vote!

Returning TBDC Board Members. In 2019-20, these board members will serve the second year of their 2-year term: Lewis Cotton, Nita Hestevold, Jimmy Kunz, Diana Secor, and Don Wright. Thank you for your ongoing service!

Departing TBDC Board Members. For their faithful service to our dance club, TBDC extends heartfelt thanks to departing board members Nina Barnes, Janet Lee, Tom Russell, and Perry Wood.

Congratulations to Mike & Jamie Stanley!

As announced at The Novel Night Dance, TBDC members Jamie and Mike Stanley won 1st Place in their age group for the 5-dance competition at the Peach State Country-Western Competition in Atlanta in April. Their 5 dances included Country Two-Step, Country Waltz, West Coast Swing, Country Cha Cha, and Night Club Two-Step. Congratulations to Mike & Jamie!

Looking ahead: TBDC's Annual Anniversary Dance; June 15

The TBDC/PARA4Life Anniversary Dance: June 15. In June, TBDC will celebrate 28 years of sponsoring ballroom dances in West Alabama! At the Anniversary Dance on June 15, *The Chekmates* will provide the music, and charter members will be recognized.

TBDC Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 28; 7 PM

The TBDC Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 28 and again on June 24 in the Rotary Room of the Tuscaloosa Public Library. To confirm the meeting for May 28, contact Scott Hestevold (hestevold@att.net). (The meeting on June 24 is the first meeting for incoming board members.)

TBDC's 2019 Dance Schedule

All 2019 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center		
Date	Theme	Music
Sat, MAY 18	Spring Fling Dance	DJJK
Sat, JUN 15	Anniversary Dance	CH
Sat, JUL 20	Red, White, & Blue Dance	AM
Sat, AUG 17	Back to School Dance	5K
Fri, SEP 13	Tailgate Dance	DJJK
Fri, OCT 18	The Edd Jones Black & White Ball	EJ
Fri, NOV 22	Autumn Leaves Dance (Group class @ 7 pm, music @ 7:30 pm)	DJRR
Sat, DEC 14	Mistletoe Ball	CH

Music: 5K = 5 of a Kind; AM = Ain't Misbehavin'; CH = The Chekmates;

EJ = Edd Jones; DJJK = DJ Jimmy Kunz; DJRR = DJ Richard Richards

Attire: "Ball" designates a dressy event (with semi-formal wear or formalwear invited), and "Dance" designates a dressy-casual or theme event.

MONTHLY LISTINGS...

Do you have a Silver Sneakers card?

If you are a retiree with a Silver Sneakers card, a few seconds of your time can help McAbee Center. When you attend TBDC/PARA4Life dances *or* dance lessons at McAbee Center, please stop at the information desk and allow a staff member to scan your Silver Sneakers card: United Healthcare will make a donation to McAbee Center each time that you scan your card!’

PARA’s Dances; Northport Community Center: Every Thursday

PARA continues to sponsor dances every Thursday, 6:30-9:30 PM, at the Northport Community Center (2100 Park Street; 35476). Bob Sullivan and the Country Gold Band will provide the music. *Attire:* casual. *Admission:* \$5/person. *For further information:* contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or ctaylor@tcpara.org.

PARA’s West Alabama Dances; Northport Community Center: Every Friday

PARA continues to sponsor the West Alabama Dances every Friday, 6:45-9:45 PM, at the Northport Community Center (2100 Park Street; 35476). Music is provided by The Over the Hill Band. *Attire:* casual. *Admission:* \$5/person. *For further information:* contact Carole Taylor, 562-3235; or ctaylor@tcpara.org.

In Case of Severe Weather...

When a severe-weather alert has been issued for the evening of a TBDC event [lessons or a dance], TBDC will make a late-afternoon decision to proceed with the event or to cancel it. TBDC will then notify friends & members by 4:30 PM: TBDC will send the decision by email and will post the decision on its Facebook page. *Note:* As a rule, TBDC cancels events only when tornadic or winter weather poses a serious safety concern; a mere rainstorm does not stop the sun from shining on the dancefloor!

TBDC: Facebook, Website, and Email

- **TBDC’s email address:** Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com
- **Facebook: click “Like”!** For announcements, last-minute information, photos, and videos, go to TBDC’s official Facebook page [Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club – Community Organization]. In the top box, click “Like”:
<https://www.facebook.com/tuscaloosaballroomdanceclub?fref=ts>

NOTE: To be notified via Facebook when information and photos are posted, go to the TBDC Facebook page and click on “Following” down-arrow. In the drop-down window under Notifications, click “On (Events).”

- **TBDC’s website:** www.tbdc.org [webmaster: Lewis Cotton]

TBDC Directory

If you would like a copy of the current TBDC directory, send your request to: Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com. And, send email to the same address if you would like to be added to or deleted from the directory.

TBDC's 2018-2019 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors

Steve Richardson & Company CPAs
Victoria DaCosta's Let's Dance Studio

Emerald Sponsors

Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac: <http://www.barkleygmc.com>

Sapphire Sponsors

A-1 Mini-Storage (Don Wright), 9331 Hwy 69; Northport, AL; 35473; 205-292-2182

TBDC's 2018-2019 Supporting Members

Sustaining Student Members:

Sustaining Members: Bob & Nina Barnes; Butch & Regina Noland; Scott & Bonnie Porter;
Richard Richards & Rita Snyder; Diana Secor

Bronze Members: Lewis & Kathy Cotton; Anonymous (4)

Silver Members: Scott & Nita Hestevold; Garry Pearson

Gold Members: Ken Lee

Platinum Members:

If you are a supporting member of TBDC and your name does not appear above, please send a note to Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com if you would like your name included in the next newsletter.

Scott Hestevold

Tuscaloosa.Ballroom.Dance.Club@gmail.com



TUSCALOOSA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Ken Lee, President
Kathy Cotton, Treasurer

Scott Hestevold, Vice President
Regina Noland, Secretary

TO APPLY FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020, PLEASE SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP OPTION, COMPLETE THE APPLICATION, AND INCLUDE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO **TUSCALOOSA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB, INC.** MEMBERSHIPS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 2019 THROUGH MAY 2020. MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK TO: **Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club, Inc.; P.O. Box 2664; Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.**

- ☐ Basic Member: \$40/person; \$80/couple. (Each person pays monthly dance admission at door: \$8 Band Dances; \$5 CD Dances.)
- ☐ Sustaining Member: \$115/person; \$230/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- ☐ Bronze Member: \$150/person; \$300/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- ☐ Silver Member: \$200/person; \$400/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- ☐ Gold Member: \$250/person; \$500/couple. This includes prepaid admission to all twelve dances.
- ☐ Platinum Member: \$1,000. This includes TBDC membership for two, prepaid admission for two to all twelve dances, and the opportunity to pick the music and theme for one dance.

{Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum members will be recognized in monthly e-newsletters. If you prefer *not* to be recognized, please check below.}

_____ Please do **not** acknowledge my/our TBDC Sustaining, Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum membership in a newsletter.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

_____ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL _____ NEW MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____ SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME # _____ CELL # _____ BUS. # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print) _____

OCCUPATION _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A COMMITTEE: YES _____ NO _____

PARTNER INFORMATION, IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE INFORMATION

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME # _____ CELL # _____ BUS. # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print) _____

OCCUPATION _____, SIGNATURE: _____

IF A NEW APPLICANT, HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TUSCALOOSA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB?

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR PHOTO TO BE INCLUDED IN CLUB INFORMATION. YES _____ NO _____

Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club Use Only:

PAID BY: CHECK _____ CASH _____ AMOUNT _____ DATE _____