



Tuscaloosa Ballroom Dance Club

eNewsletter

September 2018

Sock Hop (Dance)

***Friday*, September 21, 2018**

McAbee Center

(3801 Loop Road; 35404)

Music by DJ Jimmy: 7:00 - 10:00 pm

ADMISSION:

Standard Members: \$8 per person

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

Students: \$5 per person

Guests: \$12 per person

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

ATTIRE: casual, theme attire encouraged!

Sock Hop: Friday, September 21 @ McAbee Center; 7 PM

Do you have a fashionable pink poodle skirt that you've been longing to wear to a dance? Have you been hoping to go dancing in jeans, a white tee-shirt, and that way-too-cool black-leather jacket? The time has come! You are enthusiastically invited to wear your favorite 1950s (or casual) attire to the Sock Hop on Friday, September 21 at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). DJ Jimmy will provide a good mix of appropriate music 7-10 pm. This event is co-sponsored by TBDC and PARA4Life.

Exhibition. Appropriate for the Sock Hop, UA students Jacob Harris and Lian Remley will offer a swing exhibition during the first break!

Line dancing is invited throughout the evening! At McAbee Center, our expanded space can accommodate line-dancers all evening long. Line-dancers should use the dance floor between the tables and snacks; and ballroom dancers should use the space between the tables and the band.

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

August's Summer Knight's Dance

Under the direction of Anthony Marino, *The Chekmates* returned to TBDC on August 18 for our Summer Knight's Dance. The response to *The Chekmates'* music has been so positive that TBDC has already booked the band for several 2019 dance dates. Keeping the band in mind, Nina Barnes decorated the dancespace with chessmen and chessboards. Thank you, Nina! And TBDC thanks to Bob Barnes, Don Wright, and Karen Lee for assisting Nina with her clever decorations.

TBDC extends thanks to corporate sponsor Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac for providing the door prize given away during second break. (And thank you, Bonnie Porter, for making arrangements with our friends at Barkely!)

During second break, dancers congratulated TBDC members, Scott & Bonnie Porter, on their 11th wedding anniversary! The Porters' wedding was held on a Saturday afternoon exactly eleven years earlier; and on the evening of their wedding day, the Porters celebrated by attending the monthly TBDC dance!

Worth noting... Though *The Chekmates* offered a wonderful mix of dance music... only 39 attended the Summer Knight's Dance. The relatively small crowd had plenty of spirit, and there was much energy on the dance floor. For those present, the evening was a delight!

Reminder: TBDC moves to Fridays in September, October, & November

Please accept a gentle reminder that TBDC moves monthly dances to **Friday** evenings during the autumn months: September 21, October 19, and November 16.

Introductory Ballroom Lessons: ‘Not Too Late to Join the Class!’

Though TBDC’s Introductory Ballroom Lessons began on September 4, it is not too late to join the class for the remaining ten lessons. There will be two more classes devoted to Waltz and Hustle before the eight classes involving Rumba, Cha Cha, Foxtrot, and Swing. Professional instructor Victoria DaCosta (Let’s Dance) teaches the introductory class 6:30-7:30 PM on consecutive Tuesdays in the gym at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). *You do not need a dance partner to take the introductory class!* The fee is \$25 for students, \$40 for TBDC members, and \$60 for non-members. *Further information:* Regina Noland, regina001@aol.com *Note #1:* The fee for non-members includes TBDC membership through May 2019; admission for members to TBDC events is \$8 instead of \$12. *Note #2:* Taking TBDC’s introductory classes a second or third time is not uncommon; a number of introductory dancers return to grow more confident with the fundamental ballroom patterns.

Intermediate Couples Ballroom Dance Lessons

TBDC’s intermediate couples lessons also began on September 4, but it is not too late to join the class for the next ten lessons, 7:30-8:30 PM on consecutive Tuesdays in the gym at McAbee Center (3801 Loop Road; Tuscaloosa, 35404). Victoria DaCosta (Let’s Dance) will address Waltz, Triple-Step Swing, Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Rumba, and West Coast Swing; and the class is for those who have completed TBDC’s introductory series (or the equivalent). The fee is \$120/couple. To facilitate new patterns, dancers should bring ballroom or leather-soled shoes; no rubber-sole or open-back shoes, please. *Further information:* Regina Noland, regina001@aol.com

Looking ahead...

- ***The Edd Jones Stage Orchestra returns to TBDC on October 19.*** The Edd Jones Orchestra plays for many ballroom dances throughout the Midwest and Southeast. The orchestra returns to Tuscaloosa for TBDC’s Harvest Ball on Friday, October 19. (TBDC anticipates exhibitions of Waltz and Tango by special guests from Birmingham.)
- ***TBDC Group dance class @ 7 PM on November 16.*** Before the Fly Me to the Moon Dance on November 16, Richard Richards and Rita Snyder will teach a 30-minute group class at 7 PM. Richard will then serve as DJ, 7:30-10 PM.
- ***Mark your calendar: TBDC’s 2019 Dance Dates.*** Although TBDC’s 2019 schedule will appear in its entirety in the November eNewsletter, please mark your calendar now for the first four (Saturday) dances: January 19 (*The Edd Jones Stage Orchestra*), February 16 (*The Chekmates*), March 23 (DJ Richard Richards), and April 27 (*5 of a Kind*).
- ***Dance Marathon in Birmingham: October 20-21.*** The dance marathon is an annual fundraiser for Birmingham’s The Exceptional Foundation. The event includes six group classes plus an evening dance on Saturday the 20th and a competition on the 21st. For further information:

www.dancemarathon-birmingham.com

- **Directory.** Thanks to Lewis Cotton's efforts, TBDC will produce a revised **2018 eDirectory** within the next month or two. Watch eNewsletters for the announcement. In the meantime, if you would like a copy of the current 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 Board Meeting: Monday, October 1, 2018; 7 PM

The next meeting of the TBDC Board will be held at 7 pm on Monday, October 1, 2018 in the Rotary Room of the Tuscaloosa Public Library.

TBDC's 2018 Dance Schedule

All 2018 TBDC dances & balls will be 7-10 pm @ McAbee Center		
Date	Theme	Music
Fri, SEP 21	Sock Hop Dance	DJJK
Fri, OCT 19	Harvest Ball	EJ Stage orchestra!
Fri, NOV 16	Fly Me to the Moon Dance (Group class @ 7 pm)	DJRR
Sat, DEC 8	The Holly-Day Dance	DJJK

Music: 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.

CTBD's Fall Ball: Friday, October 5

The Crimson Tide Ballroom Dancers will sponsor their Fall Ball, 7-9:30 PM, Friday, October 5 in the Ferguson Center ballroom on the UA campus (751 Campus Drive). *Music:* DJ. *Attire:* semi-formal. *Admission:* \$5/student; \$10/general admission. *For further information:* contact info@CTBD.org.

MONTHLY LISTINGS...

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.

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's 2018-2019 Sponsors

Ruby Sponsors

Emerald Sponsors

Barkley Buick GMC Cadillac: <http://www.barklevgmc.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;
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.

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