



# CAPITAL CITY SWING Dancer's Association

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## **COMPETITIVE WEST COAST SWING 101**

Many of our members have never attended a swing competition, much less entered one...so we, your Board of Directors, thought you might like to get a better understanding of what an accomplishment it is to actually be chosen as a finalist or place at a swing event recognized by the World Swing Dance Council (WSDC). On any given weekend, there is a swing competition in some city that will be attended by hundreds of dancers and competitors. The WSDC ([www.swingdancecouncil.com](http://www.swingdancecouncil.com)) recognizes +/- 80 events around the country, where dancers can compete for cash prizes and Jack & Jill points. The WSDC points scale is used to determine the appropriate level at which a competitor qualifies to participate. At most of the WSDC events, the top professionals in the country gather to teach workshops, offer private lessons, and compete against one another to determine who are the best of the best for the given year. The National Association of Swing Dance Events (NASDE) recognizes 12 events around the country and ranks the Top 20 Professional male and female competitors, issuing a cash award to the 1<sup>st</sup> place couple. Check it out on the web at [www.nasde.com](http://www.nasde.com). To sum it all up for you...competitive swing dancing is quite fierce! To earn WSDC and NASDE points is quite an accomplishment! Congrats to our competitive swing dancers...keep up the hard work and the great dancing!

## **OUR MEMBERS REPRESENT.....**

Take a look at these results...as usual, CCSDA members are a real force to be reckoned with on the competitive swing circuit:

### **August 2006 - SWINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES, DENVER, CO (NASDE)**

**Bryan & Catrinel Jordan**, 1st Place—Male Pro-Am Novice  
**Catrinel Jordan**, Novice Jack & Jill Finalist

### **September 2006 - DALLAS DANCE, DALLAS, TX (NASDE)**

**Todd Sumrall**, Intermediate Jack & Jill Finalist

### **October 2006 - BOOGIE BY THE BAY, SAN FRANCISCO, CA (NASDE)**

**Todd Sumrall**, Intermediate Strictly Swing Finalist

### **October 2006 - BIG EASY SWING (ACC QUALIFIER), NEW ORLEANS, LA (WSDC)**

**Catrinel Jordan** (& Tommy Gray) - 3rd place—Novice Strictly Swing & 3rd place—Novice Jack & Jill

**Britt Mixon** (& Cory Chiquet) - 1st place—Intermediate Strictly Swing

**Peggy Polk** (& Ben Johnson) - 2nd place—Intermediate Strictly Swing

**Cathy Hunt** (& Gianmarco Russo) - 3rd place—Intermediate Strictly Swing

## **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS ... GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!**

**November 2006, Nashville Classic (NASDE)** - Four of our members, Peggy Polk, Jewell Reid, and Keith & Celeste Gussoni will be attending and competing in both West Coast Swing and Hustle.

**Thanksgiving 2006, U.S. Open Swing Dance Championships (NASDE)** - A few CCSDA members are excited to have the opportunity to attend the "biggest and best" swing competition of the year, in Anaheim, CA on November 23-26, 2006. Those planning to attend are: Denise Jordan, Britt Mixon, Cathy Hunt, Bryan & Catrinel Jordan. Both Bryan Jordan and Denise Jordan will be participating in the Strictly Swing and Jack & Jill Divisions.

## **OTHER NEWS.....**

- **David & Carol Murla** built a new house and moved to LaPlace....but, that's not too far to still come dance with us!
- **Jennifer Summar** and her husband moved to Birmingham, Alabama. Come visit us soon, Jennifer....we will miss you!

## FUTURE SWING DANCERS HAVE ARRIVED!

CONGRATS to our members, for their most recent arrivals:

- **Deb Johnson** has a few new girls around the house: Phoenix May Johnson - born April 28, 2006 and Berkley Chaney McDowell - born August 1, 2006.
- There's a new Hunt in town...**Roy & Cathy Hunt** are happy as they can be since the arrival of their newest addition to the family. Granddaughter, Brylin Ann Hunt, was born June 15, 2006.
- Proud grandparents Dane Lea & **Bonnie D'Armond** welcomed Suede Lea Messenger on September 14, 2006.
- **Peppy & Lajuana Doughty** are elated since the birth of their new granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Calegan, born on September 19, 2006.
- Proud uncle, **Todd Sumrall**, is pleased to have his 1st niece (after two nephews), Lauren Elise Taylor, who arrived on September 22, 2006.

## 2006/07 DANCES HAVE BEEN QUITE A SUCCESS SO FAR....

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> dance of the year, "Sign My Dance Card", was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Over 40 people attended and several of them became CCSDA members. The Association made over \$400 in profit, which will be used to support 2007 Swingapalooza. "Sign My Dance Card" game was a hit and the winners were **Scott Do** and **Cindy Serou**, who won free entry tickets to the next CCSDA sponsored dance. All dancers participated in a "Teacher Says" game, where couples had to execute a sequence of WCS patterns, when prompted by the "teacher says" command. The winners, **Bobby Sibley** and **Robberta Zweifel**, were also issued free tickets to the next CCSDA dance. **Buddy Edwards**, who won the raffle drawing, was issued \$50 in gift certificates towards dance lessons.

"Show Me What U Got!" was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and included an ice cream social, raffle tickets for cash, and a silent auction. Over 40 people attended this dance and two of them joined CCSDA, bringing the total number of members up to 74. The ice cream was donated by Blue Bell, with the help of our Liaison Membership Chair, Cathy Hunt. Thank you, Cathy! The winner of the raffle ticket was **Juliana Chan**, who graciously donated the cash back to CCSDA. Thank you Juliana, we appreciate you! The silent auction was a big success! All the proceeds (over \$1,000) will be used for the 2007 Swingapalooza. The CCSDA Board of Directors worked hard to organize the silent auction and it paid off! A huge Thank You goes to all of you who donated items, as well as to all of you who participated in the auction! Your support does not go unnoticed!

## MARK YOUR 2007 CALENDARS....

**We have 4 dances left:**

- Saturday, January 27, 2007 (workshop w/ Denise Jordan)
- Saturday, March 31, 2007 (workshop w/ Bryan Jordan)
- Saturday, May 19, 2007 (Swingapalooza)
- Saturday, June 23, 2007 ('07-'08 Membership Drive Dance)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS! IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER DAY ...

Julie Owens—8/7  
Scott Brannon—8/7  
John Serou—8/8  
Cathy Hunt—8/9  
Paul Owens—8/10  
Deb Johnson—8/16  
Sandy Patrick—8/19  
Carole Arceneaux—8/21

Christine Alello—8/25  
Cindy Serou—8/29  
Mechelle Ballard—8/30  
Britt Mixon—9/5  
Angela Courtright—9/18  
Nancy Rose-Dentro—9/21  
Bobby Sibley—9/24  
Peppy Doughty—9/27

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**SWINGAPALOOZA**

Saturday May 19, 2007  
Ric Seeling Dance Studio  
Baton Rouge, LA

Pro-am Strictly Swing      WCS Workshops  
Amateur Strictly Swing      Lots of general dancing  
Jack & Jill      Huge dance floor!  
Pro-am Jack & Jill      Tons of fun!!