



South Shore Dancers

June, 2022



'Denim 'n' Lace' Returns for 8th Time

One of our popular themes is back. We got this series started with local favorite, **Dave Joubert** to teach us some two-step back in the last century. Then our own **Steve Cavanaugh** carried the banner. This month, we have **Kelly & Paul Wybieracki** taking us to some **Night Club Two Step** starting at 7:00pm. After that, **DJ Tom Osterland** will gin up some musical sounds for your dancing pleasure.

We will have the usual Line Dances and Ladies Choice dances and a Waltz Mixer. **Special:** we will dust off a country favorite, the **Barn Dance Mixer**.

The South Shore Dancers will provide bottled water, coffee and tea. In addition, there will be a variety of fruit, light snacks, crackers and cheese. We welcome any other contributions our guests would like to share.

Reservations are required to get the discounted price of \$12 for SSD Members and USA Dance members. For all others, admission will be \$14. Email us at Tickets@SouthShoreDancers.org or call Tom at 781-659-4703. **Please DO NOT REPLY to this email with your reservation.** A reply will go to our Webmaster, not the Reservations Department. This causes extra work and possible confusion.

South Shore Dancers Annual Members Meeting – June 18th at 6:45 pm

The annual meeting will take place at the Cushing Memorial Hall, Norwell, MA, at 6:45, before the dance. The meeting agenda includes officers' reports and the election of Directors for the 2022-23 season. After the formal meeting, the schedule of dances for the coming year will be presented. You do not need a ticket to the dance to attend the meeting. Only Members may vote.

We Celebrated Life in May at SSD's Cabaret

So, with renewed spirits and a "spring in our steps", Saturday **May 14th**. The theme for the dance was "Cabaret". Yes, indeed, "Life WAS a Cabaret, old chum" in the dance hall that evening. **Jim McMahon** led with a Swing lesson to get us started. **DJ Lestyn Gilmore** then took over to keep us moving. Since we had heard positive feedback on the return of Waltz & Foxtrot mixers, we will continue to include them. The program also featured Ballroom Line Dances, including the **Cabaret** Line Dance led by **Steve Cavanaugh**.

Pot Luck Dance Cancelled

Due to a massive increase in hall rent and uncertain ticket sales, it was decided to look for a different venue. So far, we have been unable to find one that would meet our needs; i.e., large, good floor, air conditioning and ability to bring in our own food. We will continue to search for a suitable venue for next year.

Norwood Sunday Dances June 19th, July 10th (not July 3rd) and July 17th

Paul Hughes and Judy Silverstein are continuing their program of dances, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month at the Norwood Knights of Columbus Hall, 572 Nichols St. in Norwood. Dance music from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Snacks and beverages are available. Admission is \$15 per person. For information, call 617-759-1568 or go to www.norwoodsundaydance.com for the latest schedule.

A New Regular Feature: Dance Terminology

Contributed by Martha Cobb Kelly

Each month we will include one or two dance terms to improve our understanding of dance technology. Maybe, if we know what it is, we can do it better.

Body Sway: The slight sway of the body on certain steps, particularly turning steps which helps retain the momentum of balance.

Contra Body Movement: Turning the opposite hip or shoulder towards the moving leg.

Dancing on TV: CDWM, SYTYCD and DWTS

The newest series from CBS is *Come Dance With Me*, a family dance competition series that began in April and airs on Fridays at 8:00 pm. The show features talented young dancers from around the country (ages 9-15) who invite one untrained family member to be their partner. After nine weeks, the kids are improving but the untrained parents are improving by leaps and bounds. At least some are; the rest are sent home.

The judging is similar to *Dancing with the Stars* in that some of the comments are more encompassing than others. Some of the scores they give are often surprisingly lower than the rave comments lead one to expect. The best teams are still in the race with 5 teams left.

So You Think You Can Dance, the REAL reality show, which sought out skilled dancers from around the country to work with renowned choreographers and compete in a variety of styles, ran for 16 seasons on Fox until 2019. It has been off the air for two years, due mostly to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last month we introduced the new judging panel. Familiar names, **tWitch Boss** and **Jojo Siwa** and not so familiar *Glee* actor **Mathew Morrison**. Morrison has been removed from the panel after reportedly inappropriate contact with one of the contestants. A replacement has not been named. The Choreography Round is scheduled to begin on June 15.

The series has completed the tryout rounds with some impressive performances. The competition now moves to the choreography rounds for the remaining competitors. In the tryouts rounds, each competitors showed their best skill; in the choreography round, we find out who is most able to learn and demonstrate the ability to learn and perform the variety of genres required to survive the weekly challenges. As has been noted before, several successful competitors went on to star as pros on DWTS.

What's happening with *Dancing With The Stars*? The questions most viewers want answered are still in discussion. There are some non-changes: some with mixed reviews. It looks like we will have the same judges (We like **Derek Hough** and **Len Goodman**.) We have heard that **Tyra Banks** will not be back. There's a lot of buzz about who viewers would like. We have also heard that the top producer is gone and this seems to be good news to the pros who lost creative control when he came in.

The most significant change is that DWTS will be moving to a new network, (same owner) **Disney+**. That means that we will have to pay for the streaming service. The stand-alone price for Disney+ is \$7.99/month or \$79.99/year. But there are ways to get it for less with tie-in deals with Amazon Prime and Amazon Music and others.

No announcements yet about the cast of professionals although Sharna Burgess will likely not return as she and husband are expecting. Not much rumbling either about the stars for the season which is scheduled to return to its Monday night time slot in September.