



# Rhythm and News

The Official Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Portland Swing Dance Club

September 2014

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## Club Jack and Jill Competition Sep 13

## BridgeTown Swing = Swing Dance Euphoria September 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

It's time to experience the fun of great dancing with the Northwest's friendliest dancers. You can expect three days packed with thrilling competitions, premiere workshops, private lessons with professional dancers, and non-stop dancing. And don't forget, dancing continues all night until the sun comes up.

There is also a special Kick Off Dance Party on Thursday, Sep 25. It starts with a workshop at 8:00 PM presented by Ben McHenry and Cameo Cross. Social dancing starts at 9:00 PM and continues until 2:00 AM.

### Featured Professional Instructors

Ben Morris, Jennifer DeLuca, Myles Munroe, Tessa Cunningham Munroe, Joshua Sturgeon, Lindsey Nastos, John Kirkconnell, Alyssa Glanville, Nick King, Tara Trafzer, Samantha Buckwalter, Doug and Nicki Sifton, Eric and Tamara Allen, Marcus Sterling, Sean McKeever, Courtney Adair, Delanie Lewis, and John Piper.

### Featured Staff

- MC: Ian Kirkconnell and Jody Moscaritolo
- Chief Judge: Jim Minty
- Featured DJs: Chris Jones, Martin Casillas, Koichi Tsunoda, Anya Crane

### Many Contests

**J & J:** Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Sophisticated, All Star/Champion, and All American

**Strictly Swing:** Novice, Intermediate/Advanced, All Star/Champion, and Mixed Level

### Outstanding Workshops

- Beginners Track Workshops. **FREE and open to the public!**
- Full workshop pass is \$40 with a weekend pass (your choice of over 35 workshops in 15 time slots)
- Individual workshop passes are \$10 with weekend pass, or \$25 separately

### Weekend Passes

Includes 3 days of action-packed competitions, social dancing, and fun!

- Weekend Pass \$130 (after 9/1/14)
- Juniors' Weekend Pass \$55 (17 & under)

### Event Location and Hotel

[Red Lion on the River](#), Jantzen Beach  
909 N. Hayden Island Drive,  
Portland, Oregon  
503-283-4466  
\$103 BTS Special (Double Occupancy)  
Free parking, free WiFi, and complimentary, on-call airport shuttle



## President's Message

It was great to see everyone at the PSDC Summer Picnic in August. Everyone brought very delicious food, desserts, and beverages. We had fun playing games and making new friendships.

We are half way through this busy year. There have been many activities that wouldn't have been possible without the help of volunteers. I would like to take the opportunity to thank every volunteer who has helped with our events.

I also want to thank the PSDC Board of Directors: Donna Heyting, Emerald Beanland, Glenna Cooke, Joe Broderick, Larry Sanders, Melena Bronson, Nomer Dumanon, Peter Bailey, and Ted Macy for investing in this club and helping it grow. Special thanks to Jim Heyting for his photography work and David Lim for maintaining our PSDC website.



Photos contributed by Jim Heyting

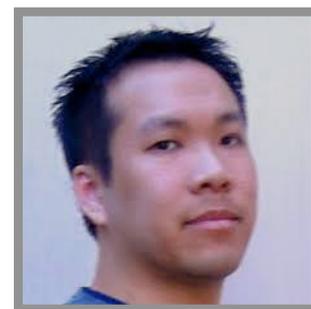
As September is already here, guess what? BridgeTown Swing is just around the corner! Come and meet people from various cities across the northwest and other countries visiting this event! You won't want to miss out. Hope to see you all there!

I want to thank the BridgeTown Swing Committee for organizing another fantastic event. The BTS Committee members and volunteers have put in a lot of time and hard work preparing for this upcoming event. Truly, to every single one of you, thank you very much!

And remember, if you are interested in helping and volunteering for our dance community, please contact one of the members of the PSDC Board of Directors.

Thanks for your support,

Jimmy Ho  
President,  
Portland Swing Dance Club  
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## ?? Dear Patsy ??

*Dear Patsy,  
I've been watching some competitions lately, but I don't understand the different categories. Exactly what are Jack & Jill and Strictly Swing competitions?*

*Confused Dancer*

Thanks for the question. As a newcomer to competitions it can be difficult to understand all the categories.

Strictly Swing contests are entered as a couple. The music during the contest will be chosen by the competition DJ and no music information is given in advance. This is a lead/follow format swing competition and routines are not allowed. Costumes are not required, but matching outfits are often seen.

Jack and Jill (J & J's) competitions are modeled after social dancing. The competitors do not know who their partner will be. Sometimes during contests the competitors switch partners for each song. This is a good competition to enter because you get the experience of dancing with partners you may not have danced with before. Again, all music is chosen by the competition DJ.

I hope this helps you enjoy the competitions at BridgeTown Swing on September 26-28.

**NOTE** If any of you have other questions about the club or dancing, send them to [newsletter@portlandswing.com](mailto:newsletter@portlandswing.com).

## The Sounding Board

Since its founding in 1999, the Portland Swing Dance Club has been a strong force in building the Portland area swing dance community. Many people gain experience and improve their skills by teaching and serving as DJs for PSDC. In addition, several area dance promoters and dance school owners can thank PSDC for providing a venue at which they can advertise. PSDC dances and events provide not only great dancing opportunities, but also, a place to learn the fundamentals of the dance as well as the latest trends in patterns and styling at a reasonable price. We offer our local instructors great exposure to potential students while giving the dancers a chance to find instructors with whom they have a good connection.

PSDC clearly plays an important role in our dance community. But what is truly noteworthy is that dedicated volunteers do everything the PSDC accomplishes. Without the tireless efforts of our wonderful volunteers there would be no Portland Swing Dance Club and the face of our dance community would look very different.

So our thanks go to those who have volunteered to be the face of the PSDC this year by greeting our dancers at the admissions desk – thanks to members **Janet and Larry Smith, Connie Sanders, Sally Jeanee Vingelen, John and Kathy Stone, Dennis Schalk, Carol Shioishi, Mat Haug, and Julie Isaacson**. Others who have volunteered to setup for our special events include **Pat Easterly, Larry Carr, David Whalen, Jim Groat, Katherine Dodd, Victor Locke and Pat Reynolds**. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed snacks to the dances and potlucks.

Another group that works tirelessly on behalf of the PSDC is our Board of Directors. These volunteers not only attend monthly board meetings but also attend special planning meetings. Most board members attend every dance and special function. They fill in whenever there is a need. One very important board member is **Ted Macy**, Director of Facilities, who fills the water cooler and adjusts the lights at our dances. Ted arrives at each dance venue before the dance to set up the room and the sound equipment. And, he cleans up the buildings after the dance ends. He always appreciates volunteer helpers before and after the dance. Give him a hand some time.

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## Portland Swing Dance Club 2014 Board of Directors

President	Jimmy Ho <a href="mailto:president@portlandswing.org">president@portlandswing.org</a>
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### *Sounding Board, Continued*

If you have attended any of the potluck dinners, you've seen **Donna Heyting**, our Director of Events, setting up and arranging the dishes so everything is within easy reach. Donna is the person who brings homemade cookies and other tasty treats to our dances. If you enjoyed the picnic and the fabulous Hawaiian Luau at the August Norse Hall dance, please give Donna (and Jim) a pat on the back. Donna organized the dinner and cooked several dishes and Jim has loaded up his pickup truck more than once to bring decorations to PSDC functions and to other events like the Portland Dance Festival Swing Room.

**Peter Bailey**, our Membership Director, creates and updates our member database. You will often find him helping at the admission desk too. He also lends a hand with the bookkeeping chores at the end of each dance.

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## Portland Swing Dance Club Locations

### Second Saturday Dance

*Air Conditioned*  
Sunnyside Grange  
13289 SE 132nd Ave  
Clackamas, OR 97086

### Fourth Saturday Dance

*Air Conditioned*  
Norse Hall  
111 NE 11th Ave  
Portland, OR 97232

Join us at the next  
PSDC Club Meeting,  
Oct 25, 2014  
@ 5:00 PM at Norse Hall

The approved PSDC Board meeting minutes can be found on our web site.

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## PORTLAND SWING DANCE CLUB

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## 2014 PSDC Dance Schedule

Prices Members = \$7.00  
Guests = \$12.00  
< 17 years = Free (with adult)

Sep 13 **Second Saturday**  
Instructor=Marcus Sterling  
DJ=Joe Broderick  
Open J&J Competition

Sep 25-28 **Fourth Saturday**  
Join us at  
**BridgeTown Swing**

Oct 11 **Second Saturday**  
Instructor=TBD  
DJ=Kathy Carter

Oct 25 **Fourth Saturday**  
Instructor=Jimmy Ho  
DJ=Marcus Sterling

Nov 8 **Second Saturday**  
Instructor=TBD  
DJ=TBD

Nov 22 **Fourth Saturday**  
Instructor=TBD  
DJ=TBD

Save the Date – Dec. 28, 2014

☆ PSDC Holiday Party ☆

## Upcoming Dance Events

Sept 4-7 [Desert City Swing](#)  
Phoenix, AZ

Sept 25-28 [BridgeTown Swing](#)  
Portland, OR

Oct 9-12 Boogie By the Bay  
San Francisco, CA

Oct 16-19 Paradise Country Dance  
Festival  
San Bernardino, CA

Oct 23-26 Halloween Swingthing  
Irvine, CA

Oct 30-  
Nov 2 Mountain Magic Dance  
Convention  
S. Lake Tahoe, NV

Nov 6-10 Sea to Sky  
Seattle, WA

Nov 27-30 US Open Swing Dance  
Championships  
Burbank, CA

## Club Volunteers Needed

Dance Coordinator  
Nominating Committee Members  
Social Media Coordinator  
Welcome Desk Assistants

Help your club run smoothly and help out a few hours a month by volunteering your skills to PSDC. Contact [vicepresident@portlandswing.org](mailto:vicepresident@portlandswing.org) to talk about how you can contribute.

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If you enjoy the PSDC Newsletter, give a special nod and a "thank you" to **Larry and Connie Sanders**. They create an informative and exciting newsletter loaded with news of upcoming local, regional, and national events. And it's always fun to see the photographs -- taken by **Jim Heyting**, **David Lim**, and others -- that capture the smiling faces of our dancers.

These are just a few of the folks who volunteer their time and energy to make the PSDC dances and other activities successful. Part of being a PSDC member is taking advantage of the opportunities to meet fellow members by volunteering at club activities. Even the challenging jobs are easy, fun, and rewarding when everyone pitches in.

Happy Dancing!

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