

The Goddard Dance Club News

February 2003 News

New Sunday Class Format

We want everyone in the Club to consider the GDC Sunday night class and practice session a part of their weekly dancing experience. In order to enhance the Sunday night class and practice format to appeal to the largest number of Club members, we are making the following changes:

We are no longer teaching advanced material on Sunday nights. The Goddard Dance Club is a social dance club. While the intention is to provide class instruction that is interesting and useful to all levels of dancers, the focus is on having fun. Advanced material will still be introduced in the intermediate level classes on Monday nights.

The 6 PM Sunday class will start with beginner material and conclude with intermediate level material. Everyone profits from revisiting the fundamentals, and the beginners can join in as well. The objective is to cover material that can be incorporated immediately into our dance repertoire during the practice session. The beginners can practice the beginner steps and some of the intermediate material; while the intermediate dancers can clean up some of the bad habits they may have acquired in their basic steps.

The featured dance will be limited to a maximum of two weeks for Sunday night classes. Beginners will be exposed to a basic set of 12 dances within a six month period. Intermediate dancers will have a few new steps to work on for each dance. In this way everyone will have something productive to work on during the two-hour practice session that follows the class. The featured dance of the class session will also be featured in that night's practice session. Dancers can try their new steps, seek help, and get plenty of practice. At the discretion of the class, specialty dances, such as the Polka, will be offered for one week. This will offer some more variety and fun.

We are now rotating partners during all classes. As always, the club policy is to encourage members to rotate partners, however, if you are uncomfortable you always have the option not to rotate.

Rotating partners is now the standard procedure for all of our Club classes. This helps all of us to become better dancers, helps the singles dancers to participate, and accelerates the learning process for the beginners. We all get to meet and dance with new people and broaden our dance experience. For the more advanced dancers, if you really think you know something, try teaching it. You can learn a lot in the process.

Hopefully, among other benefits these changes will increase the social nature of our Club. We are optimistic that most members should enjoy this new Sunday format.

Half Price Classes Continue

Half price rates will continue in effect for everyone, not just members of other classes, during the January-February bimonthly Sunday series. This means that, for this month only, you can sign up for February Sunday classes at \$15/person. This is an opportunity you simply can't refuse. The first two Sundays in February will Salsa, followed by two weeks of Quick Step.

In March and April we will return to the \$60/person bimonthly rate, that includes both the class at 6 PM and the practice session from 7-9 PM. The continuing good news is that anyone taking either the Monday or Wednesday class can take a second class, including Sunday, for half price of \$30/person for two months.

Upcoming Special Events

Mark your calendars! All dances are now on Saturdays from 7:00 to 11:00. Here is a list of upcoming dances:

2003 Dances:

15 February	Saturday Pot Luck	Tony Luciano
15 March	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
19 April *	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
17 May	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
21 June	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
19 July	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
16 August	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
30 August	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
20 September	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
18 October	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
15 November	Saturday Pot Luck	Chip Atwood
6 December	Holiday Party - Catered	TBD

*NOTE: New April Date (April 26 changed to April 19)

Feel free to invite guests. Everyone is welcome. However, please make sure that everyone invited is included on the guest list. Members and guests must be U. S. citizens and a picture ID is required. Contact Kate Perrie (h) 410-757-1185, kate.perrie2@comcast.net or Martha O'Bryan (h) 301-574-3349, (w) 301-286-1412, martha.obryan@gsfc.nasa.gov. The guest list will be submitted to Goddard Security on Wednesday morning before the event.

2003 Membership Cards

If you don't have a 2003 Membership card yet, then please take the opportunity to become a 2003 member by filling out the form at the end of the newsletter and sending it along with \$10/person to the Treasurer.

Valentine's Pot Luck Dance

The Valentine's Pot Luck Dance will be on Saturday, February 15, 2003, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Featuring music by Tony Luciano. The cost is \$10 per person with a dish, \$20 per person without a dish (Plus \$5 extra for non members)

Tickets are on sale now and are available from your class rep.

If you are interested in attending this dance it is very important that you contact Kate Perrie and request to be added to the list of attendees. This list will be finalized on Tuesday February 11, 2003. Kate Perrie (h) 410-757-1185, kate.perrie2@comcast.net or Martha O'Bryan (h) 301-574-3349, (w) 301-286-1412, martha.obryan@gsfc.nasa.gov. Anyone attending the party will need either a Goddard badge, temporary guest badge, or have their name included on the guest list. The guest list will be submitted to Goddard Security on Wednesday morning before the event.

Why Dance at GDC?

There are a lot of good people to meet, dancing is good exercise, the social activity is abundant, the instructors are great, with a little persistence it is easy to learn, it gets you off the couch and out of the house.

Events Around Town

- Goddard Dance Club, Goddard Space Flight Center, Building 8 Auditorium, dances for 2003 are listed on page one of this newsletter. Contact Martha O'Bryan 301-286-1412 or 301-574-3349, or contact John Barker 301-614-6610 or 301-431-2626, or visit our web site <http://members.aol.com/tangomambo/goddard.htm>
- Davidsonville Dance Club, Davidsonville, Maryland. Ballroom dancing on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Contact Millie Cave 301-262-8010.
- Wheaton Ballroom Dance Club, Saturday night dances with live bands, 8:30 to 12:30 PM. Dances for 2003 include: 2/8/03 Helmut Licht 5PC Orchestra, 3/15/03 Pamela Ferguson Trio, 4/12/03 Tony Luciano, 11/1/03 the Continentals, and 12/6/03 Pamela Ferguson Trio. Contact Nancy McCeney 301-441-2338.
- Hollywood Ballroom, Silver Spring Maryland. Ballroom dancing on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday. Call 301-622-5494 or <http://www.hollywoodballroom.com/>.
- The Promenade Baltimore's Premier Dancesport Facility, 2605 Lord Baltimore Drive, Suites L-P, Baltimore Maryland, 410-277-0234, <http://www.mddancesport.com/>

Visit the Goddard Dance Club web site at
<http://members.aol.com/tangomambo/goddard.htm>.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list please email a Club officer or respond to:

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Glen Dale, MD 20769

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Parliamentarian	Paul McCeney	(w) 301-286-6499 Paul.J.McCeney@nasa.gov

GDC Board Meetings are scheduled quarterly, the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2003, 5:15 p.m, on the East Campus in Building 33, Room F225, followed by dinner at a local restaurant at about 8 PM. All members are encouraged to attend or contact your class rep if you have suggestions for improving the activities offered by the dance club.

People are needed for:

- Membership
- Newsletter
- Special Events Committee Volunteers (volunteer per event)*
 - Help set-up the ballroom at 5:45 PM
 - Monitor supplies of beverages and snacks
 - Help with clean-up at 11:00 PM (~20 minutes)

* The more volunteers we have helping out, the quicker we get everything accomplished. Call Kate Perrie, John Barker or Martha O'Bryan (phone numbers provided above) if you would like to volunteer.

Goddard Dance Club Policies

Membership is open to current, former, and retired NASA/Goddard civil servants and contractors; their guests; and former members of the club. Guests must be U.S. citizens. Membership is required to register for dance classes. Dues are \$10/year.

This is a volunteer club. Members are asked to arrive early to remove chairs and tables from the floor, and/or stay afterwards to put chairs and tables back in place for official work at NASA. If you are physically unable to do this, please speak to the Class Rep about volunteering to help in some other way.

The club reserves the right to cancel any class with fewer than 14 students. In the event of inclement weather, call 301-286-NEWS to determine if the Center has been closed.

Goddard Dance Club Classes with Chip Atwood

Basic Ballroom Class

2-Month series Wednesday, Wednesday, January 8 to February 26, 2003 offering Waltz and Disco Hustle

Next Series: Wednesday, March 5 to April 30, 2003

Other dances include Rumba, Cha-Cha, Tango, Foxtrot, Waltz, Hustle, etc. as requested by participants

Rep.: Ike Orłowski (w) 301-805-4545, (h) 301-805-8125, iorłowski@jnt.com or ikeorl@aol.com

Asst. Rep.: Billie Byard, (w) 301-429-2581, (h) 410-757-9433, bbyard@qssgroupinc.com or billie_byard@msn.com

7:30 – 9:30 Wednesday, Building 8 Auditorium

\$60 per person for 2 hours for 2-Month series

Intermediate-I Ballroom Class

2-Month series January 6 to February 24, 2003

Next Series: March 3 to April 28, 2003

7:30 – 8:30 Monday, Building 8 Auditorium

\$40 per person for series (Intermediate I only)

\$60 per person for both Intermediate-I and Intermediate-II per 2-Month series

Intermediate-II Ballroom Class

2-Month series January 6 to February 24, 2003

Next Series: March 3 to April 28, 2003

8:30 – 9:30 Monday, Building 8 Auditorium

\$40 per person for series (Intermediate II only)

Rep.: Ed Gaddy (w) 301-286-1338, (h) 301-390-5115, edward.m.gaddy.1@gsfc.nasa.gov; egaddy@comcast.net

Asst. Rep.: Ron Kaese (w) 301-286-6732, (h) 301-948-5458, ronald.w.kaese@gsfc.nasa.gov or rkaese@yahoo.com

Monday	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
7:30	Hustle	Tango	Triple Swing	Foxtrot	Samba	Sway	Salsa
8:30	Waltz	Hustle	Tango	Triple Swing	Foxtrot	Samba	Viennese Waltz

Sunday Night Ballroom Practice and Dance Variations Class

*** NEW CLASS STRUCTURE ***

Sunday class instruction will include all levels of dancers

Sunday class will start with beginning material and include some intermediate material later in the class

2-Month series January 5 to February 23, 2003 (half-price - see details on page 1)

Next Series: 2-Month series March 2 to April 27, 2003

Classes feature: Social Fox Trot (January 29th), Salsa (February 2nd and 9th), Quick Step (February 16th and 23rd)

Dance Variations Class 6:00-7:00 PM

Dance Practice 7:00 –9:00 PM

Building 8 Auditorium

Rep.: John Barker, (h) 301-431-2626, (w) 301-614-6610, barkers@earthlink.net, John.L.Barker@gsfc.nasa.gov

Asst. Rep.: Kathy Bennett, (h) 410-923-6778, KBenn26@aol.com

\$60 per 2-Month Class and/or Practice (Half price special \$15 for month on February)

For badged GSFC employee or member of another class (50% discount) \$30 per 2-Month

\$10 Single Night Class and/or Practice (\$50% discount for badged GSFC employee - \$5 Single Night)

2-Hour Practice discounted prices for members taking other Goddard Dance Club dance classes:

\$30 for 2-Month Series and \$5/night for 7-9 Sunday Practice

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Saturday, February 15, 2003, 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Featuring: *Tony Luciano*

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\$20 per person without a dish
(Plus \$5 extra for non members)



Location:

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Building 8, Auditorium

You will enjoy dancing even more on the
beautiful refinished wood floor



Ticket Sales:

Kate Perrie, Goddard Dance Club Special Events Coordinator,
410-757-1185, kate.perrie2@comcast.net

Martha O'Bryan, Goddard Dance Club VP, 301-286-1412
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John Barker 301-614-6610 or 301-431-2626,
John.L.Barker.1@gsfc.nasa.gov; barkers@earthlink.net

Other Dance Dates

Saturday Pot Luck Dances

Featuring Music by: *Chip Atwood*

15 March

19 April

17 May

21 June

19 July

16 August

30 August

20 September

18 October

15 November

Catered Holiday Party

6 December 2003



Goddard Dance Club 2003 Membership Form

Name (print) _____ 2003 Card # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Home Email _____

Work Email _____

Goddard Mail Code _____ On-Site at Goddard (Yes or No) _____

Check if you would like a hardcopy of Newsletter in addition to an email copy

Check if this form is for correction of information in Membership Database

Type of Membership (Check only one; members must be U. S. citizens)

___ A NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

___ AF Family Member of NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

___ B Retired NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

___ BF Family Member of Retired NASA or Goddard Civil Servant

___ C On-Site Contractor (Minimum of 20 hrs/wk on a GSFC Contract and on "LISTS")

___ CF Family Member of Current On-Site Contractor

___ D Off-Site Contractor (Minimum of 20 hrs/wk on a GSFC Contract and on "LISTS")

___ DF Family Member of Current Off-Site Contractor

___ E Guest of _____ (name of member)

___ F Guest Member Renewal: Last year of Membership was _____

___ G Single Night Guest of _____ (name of member)

Goddard Dance Club Membership is required to take classes: \$10 per year

Paid by check to the "Goddard Dance Club"

Paid by cash

My partner's payment includes my membership fee. Partner's name: _____

I, the undersigned, waive all rights and claims for damages that I may have against the Goddard Dance Club or instructors. Furthermore, I understand this is a volunteer Club and my use of government facilities is conditional upon my assisting in preparing the room for dancing and returning it to an appropriate state when required, unless I have arranged with the Class Rep to assist in some other way.

Signature _____ Date _____

If paying by mail, send this form and check to: Ron Ghosh, Treasurer of the Goddard Dance Club
Code 692, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771