

WORLD LINE DANCE NEWSLETTER



Tampa Bay Line Dance Classic 2012

Well, I am finally getting the report finished. We had such a great time in Tampa and then Neville and Julie were here for a few days after so I'm just now getting my act together. It was such a fun weekend with so many good dances taught and so many friends from Florida and around the world. I heard so many people talk about how they really just felt so happy and festive all weekend. As always, Jen and Jason have everything done by the time we get there so they always get to enjoy the weekend as much as the rest of us. It's always fun to see the group of friends manning the registration desk and laying the floors and having the same friends year after year who come to work but also to have fun.

I like the hotel where this event is held. It's centrally located between two huge malls with lots of restaurants in the malls and lots of restaurants all around the area. It's also very close to the airport so it's easy to get to the event. Lots of people come early or stay late for a few days because it's such a beautiful time of the year in Florida. We were happy to see you at the After Party that Diane Poole and I do every year with the help of Cheryl being a super DJ and everyone bringing food to share. Thanks for coming. There was a big group here this year from Germany and do they ever know how to party and have fun. I think they saw everything in the state on their trip. LOL.

A highlight of the weekend was seeing Arline Winerman this weekend. She is doing so well after her operation (although I kept telling her she needed to rest), since she organized the show and the pro-am competition, but she is doing very well. Rosie a/k/a Charlie Chaplin was the emcee for the show, which she did amazingly well. The show always follows the dinner and the dinner was lovely, as usual. It's nice to be able to sit and chat with friends instead of starting a sentence and then running off because something is playing you want to dance to. LOL. The show was just the right length and the theme this year was the Roaring 20's so there were some great costumes people wore on Saturday night and the show maintained that theme. There were some really good groups performing this year. The Wild Roses, from the Ft. Lauderdale area (and coached by Jennifer Cameron for those of you who don't remember her great teams of the past), Junior did a fun clogging routine. Guyton and Will they did a skit reminiscent of the silent movies. There was a Roaring 20's routine done by a huge group of instructors at the event. The large contingent from Germany did Pavement Ends a really cute dance that has been posted on the WLDN site. Simon, Nicola, and Emily did a Charleston routine. Christine Bass with her group, Sweet and Sassy, danced to a medley of 1920's music. Thanks, everyone, for being in the show and doing such a great job. You set the tone of the evening party on Saturday and everyone had fun.

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JP Potter, Louie St. George, and Olivia Ray did a great job as DJ's and kept all the rooms going, including the reviews. The beginner room was packed all weekend and people kept going back and forth to dance everything that was coming up. Love the overhead list of upcoming dances. This is a wonderful addition to events.

One of the highlights of the weekend was Simon Ward dancing Hairspray in three-inch heels and a VERY short dress topped off with a huge blonde wig. The boy has great legs, by the way. LOL. I was so glad that someone got a video. It was really hilarious. That dance absolutely packed the floor and it couldn't have been more fun than seeing Simon leading the room. <http://youtu.be/mm6lPeu0j7M>

There were so many good dances taught in Tampa this year and it was a pleasure to have Nicola Lafferty and Emily Drinkall. What great dancers they are and they had fun all weekend. It was also nice to see Max and Kathy with Max teaching TEXAS and Kathy Hunyadi teaching SLOW BURN, two of my all-time favorite classics. There was a super lineup of instructors which included: Sandy Albano, Michael Barr, Michele Burton, Will Craig, Zachery Detweiller, Emily Drinkall, Bracken Ellis-Potter, Lorenzo goLo Evans, Neville Fitzgerald, Kathy "G", Kathy Hunyadi, Lisa Johns-Grose, Nicola Lafferty, Marilyn McNeal, Rosie Multari, Guyton Mundy, Max Perry, John Robinson, Frank Trace, Simon Ward, Joey Warren, Junior Willis, and of course, the person who started it all, Arline Winerman.

Jen and Jason are already planning next year's event and I'm sure it will continue to grow and thrive. We are so lucky in Florida to have one of the biggie events in our back yard. I hope you will join us next year and stay after to attend the After Party and to enjoy our beautiful beaches and weather and all that the Tampa Bay Area has to offer. I always keep a list of things to do and places to see so plan an extended vacation and plan to spend some time next November here in our area.

Be sure and look at the videos of the dances that Stacy has posted in the link above, the playlist of many of the dances done, and the pictures. Also be sure and look at the pictures that Dallas took for Jennifer and Jason's site at <http://tampalinedanceclassic.com/Photos.html> so you can feel like you were there having fun with us. Until next year. Mark your calendars for November 7,8,9, and 10th, 2013.

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