FUN IN THE SUN REPORT 2019

Well, another FITS has come and gone but not the memories and friendships old and new. It was, as always, a fabulous, fun weekend. It started with a pool party at one of the most beautiful pools in Florida



with the addition this year of an actual floor poolside to dance. Next year you will have to bring some poolside shoes to wear so get some of those you wear to walk the beach and then it won't be hot on your feet, although I heard that Roy made that part of the fun of watching him dance.

The hotel is very nice with comfortable rooms (I particularly like the large shower), with refrigerators in every room so you aren't having to worry about that. It is VERY close to the airport so that is another painless transition from travel to fun. The staff is very responsive to any request or need and there is always water available in every room without having to remind them it needs to be refilled. If you want to come early, Jennifer Cameron can help you schedule your trip to Disney since she now does that too! If you haven't attended this event, you should put it on your calendar because I think every dancer in Florida comes and supports this event as we do all the Florida events and we love having people come from out of the area and make them feel welcome.

Thursday night was open dance night and that is always one of my favorite nights at an event. John Robinson taught a really fun, rousing dance called GREAT SPIRIT by Sobrielo Philip Gene, Jo Kinser, John Kinser, Jonas Dahlgren & Johanna Lodin

https://www.copperknob.co.uk/stepsheets/great-spirit-ID131465.aspx

It was a perfect start to a fun weekend and John had everyone on the floor.

Here is the lineup of instructors and DJs:

Instructors and DJ's

Our instructors for the weekend will be Rachael McEnaney White (UK/FL) Roy Hadisubroto (Netherlands) Fiona Murray (Ireland) Doug & Jackie Miranda (TN) Scott Blevins (IN) John Robinson (IN) Rhoda Lai (Canada) Jamie Marshall (TN) Trevor Thornton (FL) Cody Flowers (FL) Sandy Albano (FL)

DJS

JP Potter (CA) & Mary Kaye Johnson (VA)

Friday was lessons all day. I started the day with one by Cody Flowers and Rhoda Lai called Get A Moment and ended the day with Everybody Feel Good by Rachael McEnaney-White and Scott Blevins. I am going to include posts from other people about what their favorite dances were because there were three rooms going all day and there is only one of me and I missed some good dances and took classes with some good dances.

Here was the Friday Schedule:

http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/FridayFITS19.pdf

Friday was also when the Corn Hole Tournament was held and if you think this isn't a big competition, you would be wrong! People really try hard to win the cup and the prize money and if you ever want to play you need to sign up early with your hot \$5 to play because only 20 people can play. The winners this year were Jamie Marshall and Tim Claitor.

Here was the Saturday Schedule:

http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SaturdayFITS19.pdf

I have to say the highlight teach of the weekend was Rachael McEnaney-White teaching SOMEBODY TO LOVE. Rachael is a wonderful instructor, choreographer, and opera star not so much. Scott Blevins closed all the doors around where he was sitting while she did her performance but the teach was so much fun! You need to take this lesson from her when she is singing in your area. LOL. I really do love the dance, too, so I'm very happy I took the class.



Saturday is always a big day at this event. The USLDCC Choreography Competition is always fun to watch and there were some very good dances done. If you don't know this, the winners qualify during the events that participate during the year and win prizes and the ability to compete in the finals held at the end of the season. I believe this year the finals will be at the Line Dance Marathon. Most importantly, the grand prize winner is awarded a cash prize to be able to go to the World Dance Master's in England and have a teaching slot there. This is a wonderful opportunity for people to have their dances seen whether you win or not. Many of the people who won and did not win have been invited to teach at many events after the competition. Go to the web site and read the rules, get some friends to demo with you, and get you and your dances seen. I promise if you have any inclination to teach at events or to have your dances noticed, this is a perfect way to do it. Here is the link to check out the rules and if you have any questions, there is information on the site to contact the directors of the competition to get them answered:

https://usldcc.com/ The results will be posted at this link in the next couple of days.

Saturday night is also the Dinner with an Instructor which is always fun. The food was delicious. How many times do you get prime rib at a dance event dinner? Not too often because I usually do the dinner. There were yummy desserts, salads, fresh rolls, veggies, chicken, coffee and tea. It is definitely worth signing up for the dinner and meeting some new friends since there is room for nine people at each table along with one instructor. My favorite thing about the dinner was the trivia game that Jamie Marshall authored. The clues were HARD and the table that got the most answers got to go into the ballroom ahead of the other tables. I'm going to give you the questions and ONLY IF YOU WEREN'T THERE AND DIDN'T FIND OUT THE ANSWER, try to answer them and I'll send out the answers in a couple of days so you can see how many you got right. It was really fun with a lot of groans when we found out the answers. LOL. Thanks, Jamie.

2019 FITS DINNER GAME GOOD LUCK!

- 1 120 Continuous Motion -- I'll give you the answer to this one so you will know what we are doing. ELECTRIC SLIDE. I know, you are thinking what the heck that means but think 120 volts. See? Most of us didn't see but you know, Jamie did make these up and that girl ain't right. LOL.
- 2 Oakley Turn
- 3 Go Sing to Them
- 4 Chocolate Treat
- 5 Painful Organ
- 6 Choo Choo
- 7 Dry Cup of Coffee
- 8 FITS
- 9 Cold Handed DJ

- 10 Butt Shove
- 11 Confused
- 12 Alley Opinion
- 13 Guns a'Blazin
- 14 Keep Out!
- 15 Positive Negative
- Maybe, Maybe Not
- 17 Bed with A Triple
- Pasta at the Stadium
- 19 Drunk Test
- The Cold Truth Hunts
- The "Entitled" Society
- Mainly on the Weekend
- 23 Pre-Walking Fruit
- 24 Flower Bed
- 25 Enjoy the Craziness

One of the special things about FITs is the kids' classes. I believe the instructors for them this year were Roy, Fiona, and Rachael. I think the ages were between the ages of 5 and 11 and they really worked hard to get ready for the Show on Saturday night. It is such a great way to get kids involved and they all become friends in the process. I would see them sitting around playing games or just talking or at the pool together, so if you have a child or grandchild who would like to participate, bring them next year. They even have a pizza party after the show to celebrate their performance. I'll be posting three albums on the World Line Dance Newsletter Facebook Group and I'll try to share the albums in the newsletter so be sure and look at the adorable kids.

The show on Saturday night was really fun. The theme was SUNSHINE and all the kids who were working all weekend to get their routines down did great. I think John Robinson and Rachael planned the show and it was just fun. After the show the 50/50 raffle ended up being \$560 and the passes that were raffled off were:

FUN IN THE SUN IN ORLANDO
LINE DANCE SHOWDOWN IN BOSTON
HOTLANTA
FLORIDA CLASSIC IN ORLANDO
BIG BANG IN NORTH CAROLINA
LINE DANCE MARATHON IN NORTH CAROLINA
FOR WAYNE IN INDIANA

Here is the Sunday Schedule:

http://www.jcdanceproductions.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/SundayFITS19.pdf

If you would like to view any of the dances, you can order the OFFICIAL VIDEOS from 7 Arrow Media (this includes a walk-through by the actual person who taught it and/or choreographed it) and you can also order photos if you visit this link:

https://www.7arrowmedia.com

You can also see videos that Stacy Garcia gathered from the internet of the dances done at this event:

http://www.worldlinedancenewsletter.com/stacyj2019/2019-fits-videos.pdf

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR FOR JULY 9-12, 2020 and/or July 8, 2021. Thank you, Jen and Jason (and Jaden) Cameron, and all the staff, DJs, volunteers, floor crew, 7 Arrow Media for the live feed and videos, and everyone at the hotel who make this one of the most fun events of the year. I can't wait to do it again next year because I never miss this event!



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Future Dates: (go to www.jcdanceproductions.com for registration information for this event and for their other events, Florida Line Dance Classic, Line Dance Showdown, and Hotlanta.)

July 9 – 12, 2020 July 8 – 11, 2021