



The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

Wednesday, March 31, 2006

“And The Winner Is...”

The 4th annual Oscar Prediction Contest for Wednesday Night dancers ended in a tie. The two winners were *Eddie Span* and *Russ LaRose*, each getting five of the seven predictions correct. The bonus question--Best Cinematography--was designed to break any ties, but they both got that correct!

The group as a whole didn't do as well as last year, when the collective vote picked the winners in all categories



ies but best movie. The 2006 consensus predicted Best Actress, Supporting Actress, Director and Cinematography.

If our vote counted, *Brokeback Mountain* would have been Best Movie and its stars would have won Best Actor and Supporting Actor.

The winners last year were *Sally Davis*, *Marion Scholtz* and *Patricia Michaud*.

New Event Formats for 2006

2006 started off with two new type of events for dancers.

Our first Quarterly Clinic for 2006 was a cha-cha workshop, with a teach of Ron & Ree Rumble's "*Boom Boom*," a mergenue-cha (with a dash of paso). 20 couples from as far away as Temecula and Castaic came to Cedarbrook Dance Center for the clinic.

Gloria Sedore arranged the first of the new Occasional Potluck Party Dances, at Seal Beach Leisure World, for about 60 dancers. It followed a BYU dance team performance at Cal State Long Beach.

The next quarterly clinic will be Sunday, May 28, 2006, at the Cypress Senior Center. The theme is "Making Quickstep Musical (and Do-Able)."

As part of the clinic we will teach a new *Dan & Sandi* quickstep called "*Hot Licks*."

The clinic will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with a dance to follow until 4:30 p.m. The workshop is designed for all dancers interested in the quickstep. It will cover the basics and some advanced groupings.



Days of Our Lives

Birthdays:

April

Junius Nelson	April 4
Malcolm Wong	April 9
Andy Lin	April 11
Alice Nackard	April 15
Anne Lane	April 21
Ken Zieg	April 22
Tim Todd	April 28

May

Alice Scanlon	May 8
Jim Throgmorton	May 12
Bob DuFault	May 14
John Hooton	May 16
Pat Lane	May 17
Paul Stottlemeyer	May 17
Howard Davis	May 22

June

Eddie Span	June 2
Betty Stottlemeyer	June 5
Emerson Beckstead	June 21
Sun Bae	June 29

Anniversaries:

Rick & Jean De La Torre	May 2
Barbara & Ed Johnson	May 21
Judi & Junius Nelson	June 1
Mas & Aiko Nabata	June 4
Bob & Nancy DuFault	June 22
Bill & Millie Murff	June 22
Don & Jean Miller	June 27

More Ramblings

Barbara Evanko made sure everyone on Tuesday Night had "pants" for Christmas. She made and gave out to all the dancers shoebags made like bloomers.



We welcome to Thursdays *John Malthouse*, *Don Aitchison* and *Joyce Ollila*. The Thursday Advanced Basics Workshop has been focusing on foxtrot movement ("heel, heel-toe, toe, toe-heel" ...remember that?) and foxtrot figures for the past month.

Bob & Nancy Dufault are back from 10 days of grand-parenting in Carlsbad with their two granddaughters, ages 4 and 7, while their son and his wife went to Italy to see their other son who is stationed there. They report that the kids were good but the dog was a brat.



Ken Scholtz celebrated his birthday at the San Diego March dance weekend, booking a room at the local El Torito for a large group.

Mas & Aiko Nabata (right) celebrated his 85th birthday with each of the classes the entire week of his big day, March 29, and a different cake each night.



Welcome *Anita Froehlich*, who has relocated back here from the East Coast.

Ramblings:

Jim & Marty Morgan celebrated the return of their son from Iraq early this year. Jim got to accompany him part of the way on a troop ship that landed at Camp Pendleton. Within a few weeks of that happiness, they welcomed their sixth grandson, Ryan Daniel, into the world on Tuesday, March 28.



Harold Peyton & Cheryl Sullivan won first place in waltz and swing and tied for first place in rumba at the second annual amateur ballroom competition put on by the city of Cypress in February.



The travel bug has hit our dance community early. *Tae & Sun Bae* just left for a month of touring, starting in Brazil and expecting to end up in Spain and Portugal before heading home in May. *Cheryl Sullivan*, just back from a Republican Women's Club meeting with state legislators in Sacramento, will be off to Hawaii in April with her godchild, son and grandchildren. *Fred Lesh & Colette Weiss* are off to Tahiti for a month. *Cami Bolduc* is back from Florida and her granddaughter's cheer-leading competition. *Larry & Carol Rhyne* are off to Tucson, AZ, to take pictures and relax, and on the way home hope to pick up her new kitten, an ocicat. *Ed Gaines* was invited to play in a slots tournament in Laughlin. *Paul & Betty Stottlemeyer* had complimentary rooms at the new Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas if she'd come gamble. Of course she won again.



Pat & Anne Lane and Alice Nackard made the trip back to Florida in January for the annual Coliseum Week with the Gosses, Worlocks and Rumbles. Other locals going for the week were Oberdan & Vanessa Otto and Bill Bingham. The lucky Lanes won a free registration for the 2007 event.



A very large group of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday dancers--29 as far as anyone could count--went to see "Forever Tango" at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center one Saturday in February. *Bill Chan* joined the group, and for some of us, it was the first time to meet *John Hooton's* wife and *Barbara Evanko's* daughter.



Sick and injured report: *Bud Hanson* is recuperating at a rehab center. He would love to receive cards. *Alice Nackard's* son is recovering from a serious automobile accident in his home state, Florida. *Sally Davis* spent several days away from home to help her daughter recover from surgery. *Margie Moeller* fell and broke bones in her "other" foot, requiring surgery, just as the opposite foot was mending. *Jean Miller* is recovering from surgery to repair the last surgery.



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Mark Your Calendars:
Quickstep Clinic & Dance
Sunday, May 28