



South Shore Dancers

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Cushing Center Open But Not for Dancing

Our home-venue, Cushing Memorial Hall, has rules, generally conforming to those of the State. While interpretations may vary from one place to the next, the hall is a municipal building and, as such, must comply. They can host events with up to 25 attendees observing social distancing. Specifically, there is to be no dancing. Our inquiry regarding line dancing was answered in the negative. If we wanted to push the issue, we could ask for permission to hold a Zumba class. Nobody would come anyway because we would have to charge \$27 pp. to cover rent and custodial service.

October Dance - No Harvest Ball This Year

Last month we had a **Line Dance** event instead of our regular dance. **Steve Cavanaugh** put the thing together and it came off superbly. So, we plan to do it again for our October dance.

And so, on **Sunday, October 11** we will meet (Saturday not available). This will also be a **ballroom line dance** event, with spots for **24 dancers**. We'll be dancing again at the **pavilion at King Oak Hill Park in Weymouth, Massachusetts, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm**. Use 6 Emery St. Weymouth for your GPS. Board member **Steve Cavanaugh** will lead us through 90 minutes of line dances, both familiar classics and easy new ones.

This is a lovely facility, with plenty of parking for everyone. The pavilion has a highly polished cement floor, that makes turns very easy and gentle on ankles and knees. It is a hard surface, so you will want to wear footwear that will cushion your steps. We will be outside, so you may want to bring a light jacket or sweater, depending on the forecast for the day. There are restrooms a few steps away from the pavilion and lovely grounds you can stroll before or after the dance.

Because we must limit this event to 24 dancers, you must purchase your ticket ahead of time. The cost is \$5.00, and you can pay online using the link below to Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-shore-dancers-october-ballroom-line-dance-afternoon-tickets-123419502053>



If the dance has to be canceled because of weather, we will host a ballroom line dance evening online on Zoom.

As we get into the Fall months, and the weather cools, we will search out the best alternatives for November and beyond.

News from Carousel Family Fun Center, Whitman

Carousel is now open for indoor line dancing. There is a limit of 30 dancers and they have established a very sound COVID protocol for our protection. We will be investigating the possibilities for our November event. Details will follow if we can make it work.

Dancing on TV: Dancing With The Stars Update

Returning to the regular time slot of 8 pm Mondays on ABC with mostly the same format. Judges are: **Carrie Ann, Derek Hough and Bruno**; Len Goodman is taking the year off due to the difficulty of maintaining his travel schedule due to COVID-19. The new host and Executive Producer **Tyra Banks** is getting a variety of comments from viewers. Some favorable, others not so much. The previous hosts, Tom Bergeron and Erin Andrews, were low-key and were with us for a long time. Tyra is more of a power-personality and that takes a bit of getting used to; or not.

Listed below are the **stars and their pro partners**. Three couples have been eliminated (gray). Your intrepid handicapper has marked his **Top 5** with an asterisk (*).

Nelly - Grammy Award-winning rapper

Daniella Karagach

21 - Paso Doble - No characteristic Matador shaping - walked through it.

Chrishell Stause - Actress - *Selling Sunset*

Gleb Savchenko

22 - Foxtrot - Feet still toed in - lost it near the end.

Monica Aldama - Cheerleading coach - *Cheer*

Val Chmerkovskiy

24 - Samba - Good rhythm and some Latin movement.

Anne Heche - American Actress

Keo Motsepe

21 - Paso Doble - Good footwork, balance issues. Revelations in video pkg may have cost votes.

* **Nev Schulman** - Co-host - *Catfish*

Jenna Johnson

24 - Rumba - Excellent arms & hands; needs more continuity between figures.

* **Justina Machado** - Actress - *One Day at a Time*

Sasha Farber

24 - Salsa - High energy, kept all her parts moving the right way. Clearly not her first Salsa.

* **Kaitlyn Bristowe** - former *Bachelorette*

Artem Chigvintsev

25 - Viennese Waltz - excellent continuity and shaping.

* **Johnny Weir** - Olympic figure skater

Britt Stewart

24 - Jive - Good timing. A bit loose; needs more sharpness on retraction after kicks.

Jeannie Mai - TV Host - *The Real*

Brandon Armstrong

21 - Tango - Good lines/posture; would have scored higher except for mistake near end.

Vernon Davis - former NFL player

Peta Murgatroyd

22 - Rumba - Good amplitude, frozen hips except for great cucarachas.

Jesse Metcalfe - Actor - *Desperate Housewives*

Sharna Burgess

21 - ChaCha - No ChaCha timing or Latin motion - a walk in the park with music.

* **Skai Jackson** - Actress, Author, YouTuber

Alan Bersten

28 - Foxtrot - Excellent poise and timing, great lines. Carrie Ann gave an emotional 10.

AJ McLean - Back Street Boy band member

Cheryl Burke

24 - ChaCha - His band provided video backup. It was the worst dance of the show; 18 at best.

Charles Oakley - NBA superstar - elim. wk 2

Emma Slater

Carole Baskin - Actress - *Tiger King* - elim. wk 3

Pasha Pashkov.

Judges scores tend to rise over the course of the show as memory of earlier performances fade - human nature.

Why did the producers pair the National 10-dance champions (Pasha & Daniella) with also-ran partners? Maybe their schedules required an early exit? Hopefully, we'll get to see them perform together later in the season.

Nobody got busted for **lifts** this week. The 'lift' rule is a real rule in ballroom dance competitions. It seems silly to enforce this obscure rule when they allow so many more substantial breeches without comment. Carrie Ann is the designated enforcer and says she will deduct a point when she sees a violation. But her scores are almost always in line with the other judges.