



South Shore Dancers

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November Dance - Was Red, White and Blue

Our next scheduled dance theme is "Red, White and Blue". Because we can't hold a traditional ballroom dance yet, we will have another **ballroom line dance** on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020, from 7 to 8:30 pm **inside** at the Carousel roller rink, 1055 Auburn St (Rt. 14), Whitman, Mass. To register for the dance, see the link in your email or below at the end of this paragraph for registration information. We are limited to 30 dancers inside the roller rink, and so we are restricting this dance to members and subscribers to this newsletter only. Pre-registration for this dance will be required.

This is a huge facility, with plenty of parking for everyone. Carousel recently refurbished the interior and refinished their floor. Masks are required inside the venue, as well as temperature check and sign-in at the door.

If we have to cancel this in-person dance because of new COVID-19 restrictions, we will hold a Zoom line dance event at the same time. Everyone registered will be refunded the cost of the dance, and informed about the link to join the Zoom dance.

Because we must limit this event to 30 dancers, you must purchase your ticket ahead of time. The cost is \$5.00, and you can pay online using the link to **Eventbrite** below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-shore-dancers-november-ballroom-line-dance-night-tickets-126533899299>

Where to Dance? By Steve Cavanaugh

There IS some ballroom dancing happening, in limited capacity around our area. Check out the listing below with links to websites where possible for more information.

Dancesport Boston in Weymouth has Friday night dance parties and ongoing lessons. For info you can visit their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dancesportboston>), or email Anne Marie at annemariepaul@dancesportboston.com.

Lestyn Gilmore is offering beginner ballroom lessons at her Raynham studio on Wednesday nights. <https://www.lestyndancestudio.com/>

John Peters is offering private lessons by appointment only at his studio in Plymouth. Contact JP at myshoes13@comcast.net.

The Dance Republic in Wellesley does not have any scheduled dances coming up, but does have private and group classes. See the web site for details. <https://www.thedancerepublic.com/>

The ABL Dancesport Center in West Boylston, Mass has a social party/dance every Saturday from 7 to 10 pm. Limited to 12 couples, no mixing, masks required. Admission is \$15.00. Sign up on the web site. <https://www.abldance.com>

Paris Academy of Ballroom Dancing in Taunton has Sunday afternoon dance parties from 1 to 4 pm on November 8, 22, and 29. Reservation due by 1 pm the day before. Limit of 16 guests. Admission is \$12.00. <https://www.parisacademy.com>

Where to Dance? Continued

The Dancing Feeling in Warwick, RI has a Friday evening "Solo Dancer" night every Friday from 8 to 9:30 pm. You must register and pay in advance. Admission is \$15.00.

<https://dancingfeeling.com/Solo-Dancer-Couples-Session/>

Also at the Dancing Feeling, there are 2 couples-only sessions on Saturday nights, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and from 8:30 to 10:00 pm. You must register and pay in advance. No mixing, masks required. Admission is \$15.00. <https://dancingfeeling.com/Solo-Dancer-Couples-Session/>

StudioOne RI in Lincoln, RI has a Friday evening dance every Friday in November from 7 to 9 pm. Limit of 12 couples only; no mixing, masks required. Admission is \$15.00. You must preregister online or by calling 401-305-3551. <https://studiooneri.com>

Dancing on TV: Dancing With The Stars Update

Now past the mid-point of the season, things should be getting a little more predictable. Listed below are the **stars and their pro partners**. Seven couples have been eliminated and **Jeannie Mai** has withdrawn due to a health issue. Your intrepid handicapper has marked his **Top 4** with an asterisk (*).

Nelly - Grammy Award-winning rapper

21+2=23 - Rumba - Too steppy - need more hip movement and less from upper body.

Daniella Karagach

Chrishell Stause - Actress - *Selling Sunset*

24+2=26 - Viennese Waltz - Let up in transition between figures. Good flight in basic dance.

Gleb Savchenko - Eliminated

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

27+3=30 - Viennese Waltz - Shouldn't try to rise & fall with feet, it made it choppy.

Jenna Johnson

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

27+2=29 - Samba - Poor costume choice; feet flat on floor, no bounce

Sasha Farber

Kaitlyn Bristowe - former *Bachelorette*

25+3=28 - Jive - They did a decent Swing; not a Jive.

Artem Chigvintsev

* **Johnny Weir** - Olympic figure skater

27+3=30 - Foxtrot - A bit non-traditional but judges liked it; weak rise & fall; bare ankles broke lines

Britt Stewart

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

25+2=27 - Salsa - Too many lifts; hard landings.

Alan Bersten

AJ McLean - Back Street Boy band member

24+3=27 - Rumba - Not fluid, jerky.

Cheryl Burke

Judges scores tend to rise over the course of the show as memory of earlier performances fade - human nature. With this in mind, the producers should reverse the order each week. AJ McLean and Cheryl have been near the end of the order most recent weeks. In addition, the judges have given them some outrageously high scores.

Every year we complain that the judges seem to want to avoid having any impact on who wins. When they give scores in a narrow range, they minimize their effect when compared to the viewers who will not make any effort to spare anyone's feelings. Last week they awarded 3 7s, 10 8s and 11 9s.

Lend A Hand Donations



We are again collecting donations for the [Patriot Ledger Lend-a-Hand campaign](#). Last year, we raised a **donation of \$2,067.00**, including SSD's match of \$500. We plan again to match the first \$TBA and hope to top last year's total. Collection boxes will be available at our dance. Donations may also be mailed in (SSD, PO.Box 276, Norwell, MA 02061) up until Christmas Day. We will write a single SSD check to consolidate your gifts so please make your **check payable to South Shore Dancers**, with Lend-A-Hand indicated in the memo block. Thank you in advance.