



Swing Tulsa Style
WHAT IS SLOW WHIP?

At Houston events over the last several years, dancers have been exposed to a great dance called “Whip” and more specifically, “Slow Whip.” Houston touts many of the great master dancers of whip including the Robeaus (Mario Sr. and his son, Mario, Jr.). The Marios love the original “swing” they learned in their early years and want to share their enthusiasm for this style. The “Slow Whip” contests are intended to spotlight Whip dancing, however most dancers and spectators do not realize exactly what the judges are looking for in the contest. Many have recently asked about the differences between Whip and West Coast Swing, so what follows is my explanation with some help from Mario, Jr.

After the late 1940's, the soldiers and sailors who had learned to swing dance the jitterbug at the USOs returned from overseas and continued to dance. Because the bars where they now gathered to dance and drink were often crowded, smoldering hot and generally featured

slower blues music, an evolution of the dance began.

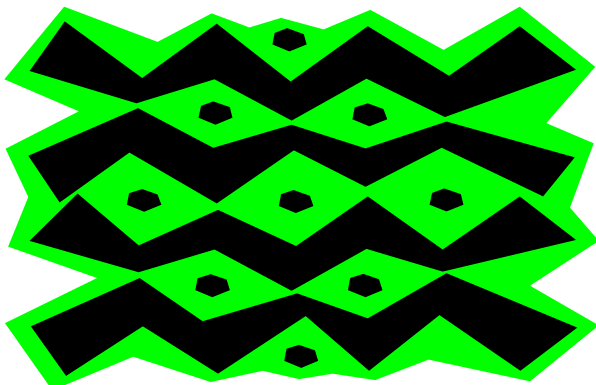
Whip (also known as “Push”) was popularized by Houston dancers who continue their steps to the Slower Rhythm and Blues music—usually under 100 beats per minute. The dance features a

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narrow slot that does not “move” around the floor—remember the crowded bars. As opposed to today's WCS, the slot does not dance to 4 walls, but rather turns within 2 walls and dancers focus on their partner. When comparing Whip to WCS Mario Jr. points out, “Whip's focus is inside the partnership, whereas WCS these days shifts the focus almost entirely outside the partnership.”

Patterns feature multiple spins for the follower, with a variation in step tempo resulting in moves that speed up (double-time) and then slow back down to standard tempo. This change in tempo (and energy) is incredible as dancers seem to become a part of the music.

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Swing Tulsa Style is a non-profit West Coast Swing Dance Club, dedicated to expanding West Coast Swing Dancing in the Tulsa community through classes, dance parties, workshops, competitions and other social events. Above all, STS is committed to a lifetime full of fun and dance.

P.O. Box 35813 • Tulsa, OK 74153

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Nominations & Elections for the 2007 Slate of Officers were held Thursday, December 14 at 8:00 at the Clubhouse. In order to continue to work of the current Board for the upcoming SWRDA event, the current slate of officers were voted back into office.

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While Whip does include footwork variations, these variations are generally “squared” to the partner, rather than open. Standard features of Whip include the “tap-step” (often in place of a triple-step), “rock step” (often in closed position) and “double resistance” (either in closed position or frequently at the end of a pattern as a the anchor). A hallmark of Whip is the slinky, sensual style of double –resistance incorporating body waves and isolated movement.

Many dancers in the Midwest and Southwest may not even realize the influence that Whip has on our West Coast Swing dancing. As you read through this article, you may see some of the influences on your own dancing.

Regarding the Slow Whip contests, the judges are looking for the true form of Whip, but what we often see is simply slow WCS. Therefore many spectators may be surprised by the winners. So the next time you watch a “Slow Whip” contest, look for the unique features of this traditional dance and enjoy the art of dancing slow.

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Improve your dancing with a Private lesson from one of our STS member instructors.

2007 SOUTHWEST REGIONALS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CELEBRATION OF THE STARS

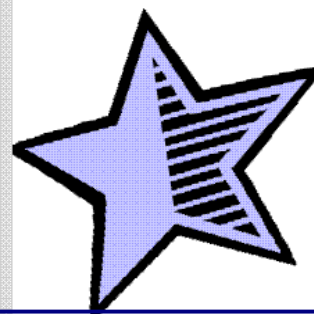
TULSA, OKLAHOMA • MAY 25-27, 2007

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DANCE ASSOCIATION

CONTESTS

- NEWCOMER /NOVICE JACK & JILL
- INTERMEDIATE JACK & JILL
- ADVANCED JACK & JILL
- NEWCOMER NOVICE STRICTLY SWING
- NOVICE STRICTLY SWING
- INTERMEDIATE NOVICE STRICTLY SWING
- ADVANCED STRICTLY SWING
- NOVICE PROGRESSIVE
- INTERMEDIATE NOVICE PROGRESSIVE
- ADVANCED PROGRESSIVE
- MALE PRO-AM STRICTLY SWING (Nov & INT)
- FEMALE PRO-AM STRICTLY SWING (Nov & INT)
- MIXED PRO-AM PROGRESSIVE

VENDORS
EXHIBITIONS
WORKSHOPS



TICKET SALES

Weekend (Purchase before 5/20)	\$65
Weekend (At the Door)	\$75
Spectator Pass (Per Day)	\$10
Single Pass	
Friday	\$25
Saturday	\$35
Sunday	\$30

LOCATION

Crowne Plaza Hotel
100 East 2nd Street,
Tulsa, OK 74103

Room Rate—\$79.00 (Quad)
(before 05/10/07)

RESERVATIONS

1.800.227.6963 or 918.582.9000
(ask for "Southwest Regionals")
www.crowneplaza.com/tulsaok
(Code ID: RSD)

- BAY AREA WHIP • DALLAS PUSH • FOR DANCERS ONLY
- HEART OF TEXAS WHIP • HOUSTON WHIP
- NORTH HOUSTON WHIP • OKC SWING DANCE • SOONER DANCE
- SOUTHWEST WHIP • SWING TULSA STYLE • TEXAS CLASSIC
- TULSA SWINGDANCE

For more information, go to www.SwingTulsaStyle.com/SWRDA.htm

STS Calendar

FEBRUARY 2007

				The Weekend		
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
				Friday Night Dance 8:30 <u>CLUBHOUSE</u>		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
General Meeting 2/8 @ 8pm		WEEK 5	STS Classes	Friday Night Dance 8:30 <u>CLUBHOUSE</u>		
		STS Classes Bobbisox-9pm	Caravan—9pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		WEEK 1	STS Classes	Friday Night Dance 8:30 <u>CLUBHOUSE</u>		STS WORKSHOP, PARTY & DANCE 7:00
		STS Classes Bobbisox-9pm	Caravan—9pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		WEEK 2	STS Classes	Friday Night Dance 8:30 <u>CLUBHOUSE</u>		
		STS Classes Bobbisox-9pm	Caravan—9pm			
26	27	28				
		WEEK 3				
		STS Classes				

Class Session Start Dates: February 14, March 21, April 25

Upcoming STS Parties: April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20, December 15

STS CLASS SCHEDULE

CLASS	DAY	TIME	SESSION	LOCATION	INSTRUCTORS*
Beginner 1	Wed	7-8:00 pm	5 weeks	Whiteside	Glenda, Judy, John
Beginner 2	Wed	8-9:00 pm	4 weeks	Whiteside	Glenda, Judy, John
Intermediate 1	Wed	7-8:00 pm	5 weeks	Whiteside	Nick & Jean
Intermediate 2	Wed	8-9:00 pm	4 weeks	Whiteside	Nick & Jean
Beginner Dance	Wed	8-9:00 pm	5th Week	Whiteside	STS Instructors
Group Private Lesson	Thu	6-7:00 pm	Weekly	CLUBHOUSE	Jeanne
Workshop Review	Thu	7-8:00 pm	Weekly	CLUBHOUSE	Jeanne

* Instructors Subject to Change

For more details on Class descriptions, go to the STS Website, and click on "Classes".



MARCH 16-18, 2007
Tulsa, Oklahoma

WEEKEND
PASS
\$69
(before 2/2/07)

INSTRUCTORS & JUDGES:
Parker Dearborn & Jessica Cox
Brent & Kellese Key
Cher Peadon • Austin Murrey
Doug Rousar • Will Carlton
• Mark Harris • Mary Harris • Stevie Young

- COMPETE FOR CASH & PRIZES
- Jack & Jill
 - Strictly Swing
 - Mixed Pro-Am Routine
 - Male & Female Pro-Am Strictly Swing
 - Top Teacher *(Male and Female)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
TulsaSpringSwing.com

Special Master of Ceremonies:
Barry Jones

**2007 Tulsa
City Swing
Dance Champi-
onship**
**Saturday,
March 10**

**For contests and
schedule, contact Pe-
ter at 918.378.5072**

Swing Tulsa Style
DANCE CLUB

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

P.O. Box 35813

Name _____ Birthday: ___/___/XX

**Registration
Type**

Address _____

New Member

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Renewal

Phone : (H) (_____) _____ - _____ (W) (_____) _____ - _____

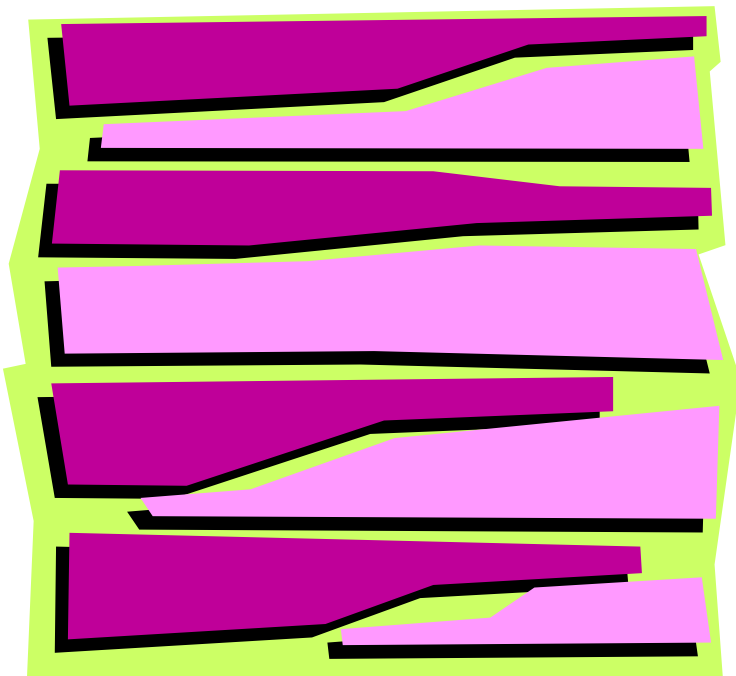
Modification

Occupation _____

STS MEMBER DIRECTORY

YES! The information marked above (☒) may be published in the STS Member Directory.

For STS Office Use: Date Joined: _____ Amount Due: \$ _____ Cash Check #: _____



**STS WORKSHOP
PARTY & DANCE
Friday, February 18,
2007**

Workshop with Nick & Jean
NC2-Step at 6:30—\$5

Dance Begins at 8:00—\$5
(STS Members—\$8 for both)

CLUBHouse ✦ 2735 South Memorial

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DANCE CLUB

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