

# Summer 2013 – Favorite Dances Ballot (and class feedback)

Beginning		Intermediate		Advanced	
Ain't Goin' Nowhere	111	Fields of Gold	111111 - 6	50 Ways	111 - 3
Barroom Romeo	111	Fly Like A Bird	11111 - 5	Begin the Beguine	11111 - 5
Electric Slide	1	Honey	111	Chilly Cha Cha	11 - 2
Lemon Tree	1111111111 - 10	Imelda's Way	11	Half Past Nothing	1111 - 4
Stroll Along Cha	1111 - 4	Love Is In The Air	11111 - 5	Pontoon	1
Texas Cha Cha	11	Southern Delight	11	River of Dreams	11111 - 5
Tush Push	11111 - 5	Storybook Endings	11	Time In A Bottle	11 - 2
Waltz Across Texas	11111 - 5	Zydeco Lady	1111 - 4	The Lone Ranger	11 - 2
<i>Dances you would like us to teach or review next quarter:</i> Blue Night Cha Cha ~ Storybook Endings ~		<i>Dances you would like us to teach or review next quarter:</i> Booty Shakin ~ Walkin' Wazi ~ River of Dreams? ~ Hello Dolly ~ JnJ Tango		<i>Dances you would like us to teach or review next quarter:</i> Walkin' Wazi ~ Alabama Slammin' (2) ~ Blurred Lines (Rachael McEnany) ~ Asking Questions ~ Sunshine in the Rain ~ Islands In The Stream ~ Calabria ~ Catch the Rain ~ Cha Cha Lengua ~ 50 ways ~	

## \*\*\*\*\*Comments About Class\*\*\*\*\*

### Teaching Quality and Curriculum:

Please comment on teaching pace (too fast? too slow?), whether dances selected were appropriate skill level, quality of teacher's attention to students of varying skill levels in class, and whatever you feel motivated to say about teaching.

Excellent ~ This session was perfect! Just enough review to remember the new dances the second time we see it. ~ I like how much time you take in a teach. Dances were great. ~ I like the format ~ I would love for there to be an advanced beginner class, but I realize there just isn't time ~ Just right ~ Great ~ Great ~ I have a great deal of difficulty when you up the speed of the dance when we are dancing; you used to stop music—announce the new speed and start over with the new speed. (Thank you very much for this feedback; I've wondered about it myself ... will try it as you suggest and see how it goes.) I like that better b/c I move to the intro to get the speed (rhythm) into my body before I start dancing ~ Pace can be little fast for the harder dances. Please spend more time on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, walls of the dances; it's a different dance away from wall #1. (Will do – sometimes we are just running out of time and I want to be sure we get to do the dance to the full song before class is over.)

### Music Selection and Sound System:

Please comment on music selection: Did you like songs selected, volume, quality of sound? Any other comments regarding sound? Any song requests?  
All is great ~ Love the music ... especially the rumbas (begin the beguine) ~ Good ~ nice that you can control the speed for learning ~ I love the variety of music and can't wait to learn the dance [hedy started] (the dance is shelved for the moment; will be back, though) ~ Fine; I like the variety ~ Loved selections like using western, rock and folk ~ Good ~ Great ~ good cross section of songs for different types of music. I'd like less waltzes and more faster dances.

### Class ambiance, features, and extras

#### Assistants:

#### Open dance time (before and between classes)

I really like this ~ fun to do intermediate dances between classes ~ more? ~ I look forward to these ~ Great ~

### Badges:

Not used much (advanced class) ~ OK ~ not necessary

### Room:

Great ~ nice and big with a nice floor ~ we need more fans ~ check ~ great ~ sometimes quite warm ~ a little warm in the summer

### Registration:

Easy ~ check ~ Fine, I wish they would re-instate drop-in policy

### Website ~ sheets and video

Great resource; really useful ~ great; it helps us a lot ~ wonderful resource ~ check ~ Great ~ good ~ Great; thank

### Socials/dance parties at end of quarter:

Love them! ~ wonderful time ~ this is a good addition ~ enjoyable ~ I'm in Ashland for august one, but I like them. ~ good

### Snippets (brief reviews followed by part of a song)

Really helpful ~ very good ~ great idea: pop quiz ~ good review ~ like this a lot ~ very helpful ~ like this a lot ~ good idea

### Balance between dance review and introducing new dances:

This quarter was perfect! ~ good ~ good ~ two checks ~ fine ~ just right

### \*\*\*\*Do you practice outside of class (be honest) ~ Is

there anything we can do to help you practice outside of class

Whenever I have time ~ some weeks more than others ~ A tiny bit. Usually right after class then I forget by the next class ~ Not as much as I need to ~ usually, but this summer was hectic, plus many new dances I missed 2 for the classes ~ just starting ~ No, just want to come and dance for this time ~ I like the CDs using the music from class. I'm still using the ones from former years. Have you checked our website? It links you almost always to recommended music for practice. ~ No, just can't seem to follow step sheets.

### Other Comments:

All is just great and perfect ~ I like the idea of learning to stylize chilly cha cha, if we could spend maybe one class on it (not so much that we get sick of it) ~ the whole ambiance with everyone is so welcoming and open (i like this idea too, will be thinking of ways to make it interesting and not boring) ~ All good ~ I'll be back ~ i do appreciate the concern you show for absolute beginners. I remember the challenge when i started and I learn fine points – like turning with your center. A class taught a little slower than the intermediate class would be perfect for me, but i'll be staying in beginner because the time is good and i get good exercise. You are an excellent teacher and the class is fun ~ Love the class, plan to dance as long as i can. ~ All great; when teaching a new dance putting music on earlier would help learn steps ~ all great ~ Everything about the class is excellent, you are a great teacher ~ Least favorite dance: time in a bottle; makes me want to stop dancing; please don't get angry if we watch others while dancing, it helps us to learn. (thanks for heads up – always OK to tell me you don't like a dance)

Thank you all for your kind words and constructive criticism – you must know by now that i love doing this and watching you all get better and better and happier each week. (sample size = 18 ballots)