

*Gaby's Dance Studio Club*  
*Where Dancing is for EveryBody*

**Gaby's Dance Studio Club 2013 Annual  
West Coast Swing, Modern Jive and  
Ballroom Latin Dance Competition and  
13th Birthday Ball**

**9:00am Saturday 20th July 2013 -  
1:00am Sunday 21st July 2013**

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**Event Details**

Meet and Greet Dance Party

**BYO** food and beverages

Date: Friday 19 July 2013

Time: 8:00pm to Midnight

Venue: Griffith Neighbourhood Hall

Stuart Street, Griffith ACT

Nearest Corner - Barker Street

The hall is next to the Griffith Shops

GDS Open Dance Competition and Birthday Ball

Date: Saturday 20th July 2013

Venue: Olympus Room, Hellenic Club of Canberra,  
1 Matilda Street Woden ACT, Australia

**Pricing:**

Friday Night Meet and Greet Dance Party: \$5

GDS 13th Birthday Ball Only: (Includes 3 course meal, Cabarets, Team Events,  
Showcases, Birthday Cake, Lucky Door Prizes and General Dancing until 1:00am) - \$98

GDS Package: Dance Competition and GDS 13th Birthday Ball - \$128

Spectators for Daytime Dance Competition: \$20, free for full time students and pensioners

## Video and Photography:

- Video Cameras without tripods are permitted
- Still shot cameras without tripods are permitted
- Sharing of photos and video of the event is encouraged
- DVD of the competition will be available for purchase. Cost: \$68

Theme: **Colour Theme - Cherry Red, Ruby Red, Burgundy and Maroon.**

Dress: Smart casual and comfy dance attire.

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## Recommended Accommodation

### Quality Hotel Woden

Only two minutes walk from the Hellenic Club venue

## GDS Comp and Ball Schedule:

9:00am • International (Ballroom) Latin Registration

9:30am • Dance With A Stranger: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced/Champions

10:15am • Freestyle Heats: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Champions

11:00am • Freestyle Finals: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Champions

11:45am • Battle of the Sexes

12:00am • West Coast Swing Registration

Please note, this is not a World Swing Dance Council Registry Event.

12:15am • Jack and Jill: Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate

13:00pm • Strictly Swing Heats: Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate

13:45pm • Strictly Swing Finals: Newcomer, Novice, Intermediate

14:30pm • Battle of the Sexes

14:45pm • Modern Jive Registration

15:00pm • Dance With A Stranger: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced/Champions

15:45pm • Freestyle Heats: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Champions

16:30pm • Freestyle Finals: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Champions

17:15pm • Battle of the Sexes

17:30pm – 18:30pm • Break, Teams & Cabaret practice

18:30pm • 13th Birthday Ball - Doors open

19:00pm • Cabarets

19:30pm • Team Events

20:15pm • Meal Commences

21:00pm • Trophy Presentations, Lucky Door Prize Draw, Promotions, Cutting of the Birthday Ball Cake,

21:30pm General/Freestyle Dancing and more fun until 1:00am Sunday.

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## Birthday Ball Menu:

Entrees - 50/50 – 8:15pm

Classic Creamy Pumpkin Soup with chive cream (V)  
Potato & Crispy Bacon Soup with smoky paprika (GF)

Mains - 50/50 - 8:45pm

low Roasted Scotch Fillet with shallot & red wine jus with  
baked jacket potato with chive sour cream and in season  
vegetables Cooked Medium

Pork Cutlet with balsamic caramelised apples served with  
baked jacket potato with chive sour cream and in season  
vegetables

Desserts - 50/50 - 9:15pm

Mint, Melon & Passionfruit Cocktail with raspberry coullis  
served with whipped double cream and an appropriate sweet  
sauce

Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with vanilla ice cream and creme anglaise

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Tea served with after dinner mints

### **G.D.S. Open Dance Competition**

The G.D.S. Dance Competition is held prior to the Birthday Ball.  
The competition levels range from beginners to advanced and  
champions, even if you have only just started dancing we encourage  
all to join in the fun.

#### **What can I compete in?**

Competitor's can enter as many events as they like.

#### **What division am I in?**

Divisions for International (Ballroom) Latin and Modern Jive are separated into categories  
as described below.

#### **Division Description**

Div 3 Beginners - Under twelve months in that style.

Div 2 Intermediate - Over twelve months

Div 1 Advanced - Placed in intermediate and some teachers may enter

Champions - Mainstream teachers or winners of advanced levels

\*Please note that you can be in different divisions in different dance styles. Example:  
Advanced in Modern Jive and then beginners in International (Ballroom) Latin.

#### **Divisions for West Coast Swing are separated into categories as described below.**

- Newcomer: This division of competition is designed and intended for anyone who has never competed as a NOVICE competitor or AM competitor in a Pro-Am and has never

taught dancing in an organized class setting.

- Novice: You must have never danced in a Non-Professional (Intermediate), Open or higher Class category, in Classic, Showcase, Strictly Swing/Just Dance style or equivalent categories, or as a Pro in a Pro-Am, in any style of dance. Jack & Jill competitions are not excluded.
- Intermediate: You must have never danced in a Rising Star, All Star, Open or higher Class category, in Classic, Showcase, Strictly Swing/Just Dance style or equivalent categories, or as a Pro in a Pro-Am, in any style of dance. Jack & Jill competitions are not excluded.

### **General Rules for Freestyle & DWAS/Jack & Jill.**

- This is a freestyle competition.
- Couples will dance to music chosen by the organisers which will be a mixture of 70's, 80's 90's and today's music.
- Couples will dance for a minimum of 2 minutes and a maximum of 4 minutes.
- Partners must not release hand hold or break contact for more than 20% of their routine.
- Ballroom Latin competitors must dance 100% Ballroom Latin.
- Modern Jive competitors must dance a minimum 80% recognisable Modern Jive.
- West Coast Swing competitors must dance a minimum 80% recognisable West Coast Swing.

### **Aerials**

Division Aerial Rules

Div 3 Beginners - Lady's hips not to pass gentleman's shoulder height

Div 2 Intermediate - Maximum of three aerials per song above the male shoulders

Div 1 Advanced - Maximum of three Aerials per song above the male shoulders

Champions - No limitations on aerials or partner separation - open interpretation to the music.

### **Dance with a Stranger (DWAS)/Jack & Jill**

In addition to the general rules, the following rules apply:

- Partners will be allocated at random.

### **Battle of the Sexes**

In addition to the general rules, the following rules apply:

- All lifts, jumps and acrobatic moves are permitted in this section.
- Maximum of three Aerials per song.

### **Cabaret & Teams**

Cabaret and Teams limited to eight entries each

This section is open to ALL Dancers.

- Competitors may use more than one piece of music which must be professionally cut and recorded.
- A copy of the song must be provided to the organisers in mp3 format.
- Routines should be between 2 & 5 minutes.
- There are no restrictions in this section. Props and/or removing of clothing or accessories in this section is allowed.
- You may mix dance styles.
- Team numbers: Minimum 6 with maximum being as many dancers as can fit on the dance floor space safely.
- Cabaret numbers: minimum 2 persons with maximum of 3 persons.

## Judging

- Judges will be looking at your overall dance abilities. Points will be awarded for:
- Timing: Consistency
- Floorcraft: Proper flow around the floor where necessary and consideration of other dancing couples.
- Styling, discipline & technique (footwork, rotation & use of arms, head and body)
- Execution of lifts, jumps and acrobatic moves (control & safety)
- Interpretation of the music
- Personal Expression: The extra feeling and personal touches.
- Costume and overall presentation
- Partnership: working together, eye contact with partner
- **Enjoyment: Smiling and Having Fun, Fun, Fun...**

## Disqualifiable Offences:

Judges have the right to disqualify any competitor who breaches the rules and will not enter into any discussion with a competitor over their decision. Rules are designed to create fairness, safety and harmony for all whom are involved.

1. No props and/or removing clothing or accessories whilst dancing is allowed. Permitted in Teams and Cabaret performances only.
2. Inappropriate/offensive costuming is a disqualifiable offence.
3. Inappropriate language and behavior is unacceptable, and may not only have you disqualified, but removed from the premises.
4. A competitor who removes any of the Judges Sheets without the permission of the Organiser/s, will be immediately disqualified.
5. Verbal disrespect of any judging decisions is a disqualifiable offence.
6. Deliberate interference and/or injury of another competing couple with dangerous dance moves will mean disqualification.
7. Not dancing 100% Ballroom Latin if you are a Ballroom Latin Competitor is a disqualifiable offence.
8. Not dancing a minimum 80% recognisable West Coast Swing if you are a West Coast Swing competitor is a disqualifiable offence.
9. Not dancing a minimum 80% recognisable Modern Jive if you are a Modern Jive competitor is a disqualifiable offence.
10. You fail to register for the competition.

Judges decision is final

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