

May, 2014



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Dear Dance Friends,

Time well spent...

The NASSPDA Board would like to congratulate all those who attended another successful day of competition at the 12th Annual April Follies. While there were many awards, we'd like to recognize the rewards from what this day together brings; seeing old friends and new and being witness to the growth from participation and sense of inclusion that our same sex dancing community fosters.

We are looking forward to this same spirit when, hopefully, many of us will be either on the elegant ballroom dance floor or be cheering as spectators at the Gay Games this August. Or you may run into other NASSPDA members at upcoming events in Denver, Montreal or Boston. Whatever event you are able to go to we hope that you feel its time well spent wherever we meet.

Sincerely,

The NASSPDA Board of Directors

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SCHOLARSHIP Opportunities

NASSPDA will be offering 5 Scholarships for the Gay Games (NASSPDA membership, plus \$200 stipend, plus \$130 towards Dancesport registration fee) with an application **deadline of May 12, 2014.**

NASSPDA will also offer 5 scholarships to the Boston Open North American Championships (NASSPDA membership, plus \$200 stipend, plus \$65 toward registration) with an application **deadline of July 11, 2014.** If fewer than 5 scholarships are awarded for GG9, more than 5 scholarships to the Boston competition may be available. No individual can receive more than one such

scholarship. Scholarship application forms have been updated and posted on the NASSPDA website.

[Scholarship Guidelines](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

Upcoming Event Spotlight

IAGLCWDC (International Association of Gay/Lesbian Country Western Dance Clubs) is excited to begin its third decade of conventions and hoedowns with a bigger and better event. IAGLCWDC has planned a great event for dancers but still want to make sure you have the opportunity to see the Mile High City.

A few highlights of the 21st annual IAGLCWDC Convention May 24-27:

A Thursday night welcome dinner and pub crawl. This evening will give you the opportunity to see Denver GLBT nightlife and clubs. We will be dancing at not one, but two local clubs, with the potential for three different dance venues Thursday evening.

More workshops and instructors than ever at an IAGLCWDC hosted event. We are adding an extra workshop room. More evening dancing. Two ballrooms will be available for your dancing pleasure Friday and Saturday nights. They are conveniently located on the same floor, just a few steps apart.

And Sunday night's farewell dance is sure to be a highlight. Late night swing and line dance rooms on our two big nights! A special dance opportunity to see Denver on Sunday afternoon. We are finalizing details to make this one memorable. More sight-seeing on Monday (Memorial Day, US) including a trip to one of Denver's world-famous amusement parks.



Gay Games Resources:

For the most recent updates, Go to our Facebook page: 2014 Gay Games Dancesport

Also, Visit Gay Games website at www.gg9cle.com

!!! Current Number of Gay Games DanceSport Registrants: 92 !!!!!

Creating Community



Dancers, teachers, and event organizers are encouraged to visit and use Outdance! It is a website devoted solely to providing a calendar of events for the same-sex partner dance community. Anyone can post an event for free. You can update or edit your events whenever you like. You can customize your website by geographic area, dance styles, and/or type of event. This website was created for YOU! Please make use of it. The intent is to provide one place where dancers can find information about where and when to dance!

Competition News

April Follies 2014, Making History

While April Follies has always been billed as the longest running Same sex dance competition in North America, it now has a few other distinctions:

- A. This year's competition included 126 dancers; a record attendance in its twelve years in existence
- B. Argentine Tango was included as a graded event
- C. A dancer was proposed to by her (dance) partner in between graded rounds.

[Click here for visual highlights of April Follies 2014](#)

[Click here for Judging results](#)

Upcoming Events

June 21, 2014 Montreal Rainbow Danse Challenge [click here for more information](#)

August 9-16, 2014 Gay Games IX, Cleveland + Akron. World Championship. Sanctioned by IFSSDA ([How hot is this?!](#))

October 11, 2014 Boston Open. North American Championship. Sanctioned by NASSPDA
[2014 Details Coming Soon](#)

Check our [links](#) for classes and events in your area, and send updates and additions to newsletter@nasspda.org.

STILL GROWING!! outdance.org Check. It. Out!

Our Mission

The North American Same-Sex Partner Dance Association (NASSPDA) is a membership organization committed to the promotion and expansion of social and competitive same-sex partner dancing, which includes Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Country Western, and other partner dances. NASSPDA acknowledges and celebrates its origins in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.



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