

**If you're undecided about joining our High Desert Swing Dance Club, because you're not sure we're worth it, please take the time to read the many benefits below that we offer our members.**



Since we are non-profit organization, ALL of our membership fees and event incomes are used to benefit our dancers and our local community. And, when compared to other dance clubs across the country, we consistently charge our members less for professional instructor workshops because we don't need to make a profit. Our members also get reduced admission to our monthly club dances (\$5 vs. \$8).

In January, we offer a Membership Drive and Workshop package that includes five beginner lessons and five intermediate lessons (your choice), one year HDSDC membership, and free entry into our Saturday dance the evening of the workshop. That's a great deal all on its own, without even considering the additional benefits listed below.

We own an extensive DVD library of dance instruction, dance workshops and dance events that local members can check out and use in the comfort and privacy of their home.

We usually offer a few dinners each year. We pay for the entire meal, with desserts. You only pay for the dance that follows the dinner. Sometimes we also host pot-luck dinners before dances. And we always provide free snack foods, coffee, cups, plates, utensils, napkins, etc. at all of our workshops and monthly club dances.

When we bring professional instructors to Boise for our workshops, they stay at a board member's home. This helps to further minimize the cost of our workshops. We also provide free locations for dancers to take private lessons and we help dancers schedule their lesson times.

We're constantly purchasing new music for our lessons and dances, and we're constantly creating new playlists that often include music that our members request. We believe that music is the single most important factor at any dance but, of course, we can't please everyone.

We have several dance instructors who regularly teach our dance lessons, but they don't get paid a penny! They serve our dance community out of the kindness of their hearts and love of dance. And you get to benefit from our free, or nearly free, lessons.

Our instructors frequently travel to out-of-town, weekend dance events at their own expense. They take lessons throughout each weekend from many of our nation's top instructors. This keeps them current and "in-tune" with our constantly changing sport. After returning from these events, they teach much of what they've learned at our local lesson venues.

We own two nice wireless microphone systems that we use for our lessons and workshops. We also have two complete sound systems. Of course, we keep our equipment in excellent working order.

We are always on the lookout for new venues to teach and dance at that might be better than our current venues. We are very thankful, however, for our current venues.

Each year we donate financially to Military families in need, the Meridian Food Bank, and sometimes to additional needy causes.

We keep our dancers informed via our weekly Email Updates, dance announcements, web pages, Local Dance News, Facebook, and Meetup.com (Boise Dancers).