

Local Learning Resources

Dancers tend to have a un-ending thirst for improving their dance skills. Fortunately, we dancers have many local opportunities available to quench that thirst. Our HSDSC web site is regularly updated with our latest information such as:

1. When and where we offer beginner and beyond beginner group lessons. Group lessons are low cost, socially interactive and a great place to start. They help you adjust to different leaders/followers, you can accumulate lots of patterns over time, you can be somewhat anonymous within the group, and you can learn with your friends.
2. We have an extensive DVD library of dance instruction, events and workshops that are available for loan to local members.
3. We offer several major workshops each year at the Boise Valley Square and Round Dance Center. Every January we hold our annual membership drive. Then we usually have a couple top-name, two-day instructor workshops before Summer and two more after Summer. We consistently charge our members less than other clubs around the country charge their members for comparable workshops.

And don't forget the additional learning opportunities available outside our club:

Several other dance clubs and instructors in our area teach dance on a regular basis. Check their web sites and/or Facebook links for details. You can find most of their web links on our Favorite Links web page under Local Dance Websites.

YouTube has loads of dance videos. Try searching by dance name and add a qualifier (e.g. East Coast Swing dance moves.). When using YouTube it is wise to stick with sources that you know and trust. Michael Kiehm's "Tips of the Week" (YouTube search Mkiehm1) is an excellent example. So is Robert Royston's "How to Swing Dance" series of videos.

There are also regional events that are within driving distance. Most bring in many top instructors and dancers. Usually these are weekend events that offer many dance lessons, a variety of competitions, and they thoroughly entertain us with dance champion exhibition dance contests and shows. For your convenience, we list most of these events on our club's web page.