

Cool Cats Festival 2011

WHEN Sunday 27th November 2011 (11:30-7:30pm)

WHERE Vic Park Bowling Club
18 Kent St, Como

COST

Cool Cats Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$20

Guests and competitors from other dance studios are very welcome.

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FORMAT

Friendly Fun - The competition is about having an opportunity for Cool Cats to show the best of their dancing to friends, family, and other students. Some friendly rivalry may ensue, but there will be no complex judging systems, rules, or requirements to make things too serious. Just put on a number, get on the floor, and dance!

Social - The social atmosphere of the day will include breaks for social dancing, introductory mini-workshops for different dance styles & novelty dances (e.g. Jitterbug Stroll, Rockin' Cats, The Big Apple), prizes and awards (such as 'Best Dressed'), and a sausage sizzle during the lunch break.

Judges - To determine 'Best on Floor' a selection of guest judges from different dance backgrounds - not just Rock 'n' Roll - will cast their vote; ties shall be broken by the head adjudicator. The 'Best Effort' award will be voted by the guest judges, with ties to be broken by Cool Cats instructors.

Judging Criteria - Judges will be tasked with examining how dancers employ the key aspects of dancing: mechanics, pressure, timing & harmony. In other words, whether dancers are fluid through their motions, work off/with partner and the floor, and how they work to the music and move with each other. Apart from core elements of each style (e.g. no back-step in Rockabilly) this will not be about 'technical requirements' but rather how the dance comes together as a whole to be 'Best on Floor'. The 'Best Effort' award will reward those dancers demonstrating the most consistent effort (if not yet implementation!) on the floor with respect to the key aspects of dancing.

Awards - As a non-graded, social competition the emphasis is on having a good time rather than handing out trophies. Winners will receive a Cool Cats Festival awards shirt (sponsored by WestCoats Embroidery) with their name and listing the relevant victories. WestCoats Embroidery will present on the day to take relevant shirt and name details of successful competitors.

Music - Music suitable to the style(s) will be sourced from songs in the respective Class playlists. Time permitting; these playlists will be made available on the website. The playlists (slow, medium, fast) will be formed from those used for the 2010 Festival:

<http://www.coolcatsrocknroll.com/playlists.asp>

Rock 'n' Roll

DEFINITIONS

Jack 'n' Jill - An event to see who dances well with somebody who is not their regular partner. Partners are selected at random, making sure that the resulting couples at best dance on a strictly social basis.

Pro-Am - Dancers competing partnered with a teacher or class assistant will be judged for their individual efforts. If you do not have a partner available, but would like to compete, please nominate on the "Pro-Am" the registration sheet on the day.

Knock-Out - Any dance style is acceptable. A test of musicality and characterisation of style! This final event of the day will be judged in the classic "last couple standing" format. Everybody on the floor and have some fun!

Anything Goes - Anything goes!!! This includes Triples, Lifts, Cabaret/Performance acts - music @ ~165bpm. However, all dancers should remember to characterise the underlying dance style and do not spend too much time out of dance.

A summary of events and awards is provided below. Additional awards (perpetual trophies) will be given for Overall Champions, Rising Stars, Who's Cool (Best Support).

	Styles	Awards
Slower	Slow Swing 4Beat Blues Slow Jive	Best on Floor Best Effort
Mid-Pace	Rock 'n' Roll 4Beat Jive	Best on Floor Best Effort
Faster	Lindy-Hop Rock 'n' Roll Rockabilly	Best on Floor Best Effort
Jack 'n' Jill	Rock 'n' Roll 4Beat Swing/Jive/Lindy-Hop	Best on Floor (+Prize) Best Effort (+Prize)
Anything Goes!	Knock-Out! Champion Best Effort	Anything Goes! Champion Best Effort
Knock-Out!	Best on Floor Best Effort	Knock-Out! Champion Best Effort

Schedule of Events

Welcome

12:00pm - Welcome & Recognition of Major Sponsors

12:10pm - Social Dance

Slow (100-125BPM)

12:20pm - Slow Styles: Slow Swing, (Swing)Jive, 4Beat (Blues)

12:30pm - *FREE* 4Beat Blues Intro

Anything Goes!!!

12:50pm - Anything Goes: Lifts/Aerials, Triples, Boy/Boy, Girl/Girl, Cabaret

1:00pm - *FREE* Basic Dips/Props

Mid-Pace (135-160BPM)

1:20pm - Mid-Pace Styles: 4Beat, Rock 'n' Roll, Jive/Swing/Lindy-Hop

1:30pm - **Presentations & Lunch**

2:20pm - Mixed Styles "Knock-Out" (Slower)

2:30pm - Jack 'n' Jill: All Styles @ 150-160BPM

2:40pm - *FREE* Lindy-Hop Intro 'The Big Apple' (Greg Player; Swing Zing)

2:50pm - *FREE* West Coast Swing Intro (Megan Diggins; Megaroc)

Fast (160-185BPM)

3:00pm - Faster Styles: Rock 'n' Roll, Lindy-Hop, Rockabilly

3:10pm - *FREE* Rockabilly Intro

3:30pm - **Presentations**

3:40pm - Social Dancing

Knock-Out! & Perpetual Trophy Awards

4:00pm - Mixed Styles "Knock-Out" (Faster)

4:10pm - SummerSun: Knock-Out! Champions

4:15pm - Marcia Summers: Rising Star (Best Effort) Champions

4:20pm - WA ARRDC: Overall Champions (Best on Floor)

4:25pm - WARNRA/WARRDS: Showstoppers!

4:30pm - Cool Cats: Who's Cool? (Best Support)

4:35pm - Social Dancing

Band (Big Bopper & The HepCat) & DJ Daddy Cat

5:00pm to 7:30pm