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# Swing Contestants Swing It



CANDID CAMERA ACT ON PHOTO COURTESY LOS ANGELES EVENING NEWS

Seen swinging into action are Lillian Arnold and Lawrence Wise, dez who have been prominent contestants in the current Paramount Mary McCaslin and Maxie Dorff, and Venna Gascon and Gil Fernan-Theatre-Los Angeles Evening News Swing Contest Series.

## Swing Dance Tournament At Paramount Theatre Week Starting December Ninth

By TED TILLSON (Dancing Topics Staff Represent.)

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A list of regular contests follows. Names of the ballrooms, the time held and the type are given; also names of the winners of the previous or current week, and other information.

#### CASINO GARDENS-Ocean Park

Thursday—
Combination Waltz and Fox
Trot
Claire Miller
Larry Hartzell
Friday—Swing

Jack Arkin Ginger Thatcher

## CRYSTAL BALLROOM—Leng Beach

Prelim. Weekly, Finals Monthly Wednesday—Fox Trot Bernice Bowman Chester Valenta

Thursday—Collegiate Betty Jane Brown Bill Seydel

### LICK PIER BALLROOM-Ocean

Sunday—Waltz
Paul Aselin
Marguerite Chillson

Wednesday—Fox Trot Florence File Jimmy Smith Last week's winners: June Oblade Johnny Ludlow

Friday—Collegiate Virginia Spalding Bill Rowsey

#### MOREY'S BALLROOM

Wednesday - Fox Trot Florence Arpin Russell Parker

#### MANDARIN BALLROOM

Wednesday—Swing Pearl Myers George Bell

Friday—Collegiate
Hal Chavoor

Billy Lou Smith

Saturday—Swing Willie Lee

Rosemary Wilson
Saturday—Fox Trot

Rena M. Nuich Dr. Norman Schwartzkopf Sunday—Waltz

Last Week's Winners:

Jerry Sawyer Emil Bersback

RENDEZVOUS-Santa Monica

Wednesday-Waltz

The winning finalists were Edna Nelson
Lou Bourdon

Friday—Fox Trot Grand Finals:

Mildred Fitzgerald Grant Hubbard

#### WOOD'S BALLROOM

Saturday-Waltz

Florence File Bill Elm

#### ZENDA DANCE CAFE

Monday—Fox Trot or Waltz Alternating each week. Rena Nuich Dr. Norman A. Schwarzkopf

THURSDAY—TANGO Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spiros

Friday—Waltz Norman Schwartzkopf Rena Nuich

(Fanchon & Marco Contest) (See Story In This Issue)

## Important!!

# Last Call!! Memberships to close December 20th!

### Cards Will Be Mailed January 1st

The DANCE TROPHY CLUB OF AMERICA announces that memberships are available to all regular contestants who have won three or more events at major ballrooms.

These memberships are absolutely free; no dues, no initiation and NO COSTS OF ANY KIND. Simply send a stamped, self addressed envelope to the Club Secretary with a list of three or more major contests you have won, and upon verification your membership card will be sent to you

For the protection of all dancing contests purpose of the club is to eliminate any contests in are unethical, illegitimate, unfair or "fixed".

Ballrooms that have been approved by the club will be given certificates and will be listed in these pages, as "APPROVED BALLROOMS" holding "SANCTIONED CONTESTS".

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL will be issued to Ballrooms upon application if investigation reveals them to be satisfactory to club standards.

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