



Newsletter No. 15

Dear Member

You are a registered member of the DPA so we are sending you the latest of several important DPA announcements regarding the competition scene in the UK so that you are fully informed. If you missed any of the previous Newsletters you can obtain a copy from our website at

www.dpaonline.co.uk

WDC AL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

Next Easter (Saturday April 4th and Sunday April 5th 2015) The Dance Promoters' Association in association with Blackpool Entertainment Company Ltd are again presenting the WDC AL Open European Championships at the fabulous Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens, Blackpool. On the Saturday the Juvenile Latin Championship, the Junior Ballroom Championship, the Youth (Under 21) Latin Championship, the Amateur Latin Championship, the Senior I Ballroom Championship, the Senior II Ballroom Championship, the Senior III Ballroom Championship, the U/35 Pre-Amateur Ballroom Championship and the O/35 Pre-Amateur Ballroom Championship will take place. **ALSO ON THE SATURDAY **NEW FOR 2015**** the DPA "Open to the World" Professional Ballroom Championship will be held.

On the Sunday the programme includes the Juvenile Ballroom Championship, the Junior Latin Championship, the Youth (Under 21) Ballroom Championship, the Amateur Ballroom Championship, the Senior I Latin Championship, the Senior II Latin Championship, the U/35 Pre-Amateur Latin Championship and the O/35 Pre-Amateur Latin Championship will take place. **ALSO ON THE Sunday **NEW FOR 2015**** the DPA "Open to the World" Professional Latin Championship will be held.

All spectator entrance Tickets are available from the Box Office, Winter Gardens, Blackpool. **BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN.** (<http://www.wintergardensblackpool.co.uk> or telephone 0844 856 1111) (Note: Front Row seats are also available but can only be obtained from the DPA Treasurer, Jackie Conway, 2 Ralston Close, Bloxwich, West Midlands WS3 3XS). You can enter on-line on the Dance Promoters' Association's website at www.dpaonline.co.uk.

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ON-LINE ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN - VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.dpaonline.co.uk

ALL ENTRIES IN ADVANCE - CLOSING DATE 2nd MARCH 2015

BOURNEMOUTH SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015

This year the Bournemouth Summer Festival takes place from Thursday 23rd July to Sunday 26th July 2015. **DO NOT FORGET THAT ENTRIES CLOSE ON 24th JUNE 2015.** You can enter online at www.dpaonline.co.uk or send an entry form to Mark Lunn, 151 The Ridgeway, London E4 6QU. We are delighted to announce that the Festi-

val is taking place in the huge Purbeck Hall of the Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road, Bournemouth BH2 5BH INCLUDING THE DINNER & DANCE ON THE SATURDAY EVENING (Tickets for the Dinner and Dance are only available from DPA Treasurer, Jackie Conway, 2 Ralston Close, Bloxwich, West Midlands WS3 3XS priced at £52.00).

If you have any questions regarding the above then please email us at dpaenquiry@gmail.com We would like to express our thanks to you all for your support and we can all look forward to a great Festival. Wishing you every success at Bournemouth. See you there. Tickets for the Festival are available from the BIC Box Office or the Pavilion Ballroom Box Office. Tel: 0844 576 3000.

NATIONAL LEAGUE 2014/5

Firstly a very big "Thank You" to all the couples who have taken part. The 2014/5 Season finishes on 28th February and the new season (2015/6) begins on 1st March 2015 - the details of which can be found below. As in previous years the prize presentations - and the cheques - will be issued on the Saturday evening of the Bournemouth Summer Festival. Shortly the top 12 couples in the Under 35 and Over 35 2014/2015 charts for Pre-Championships, Intermediates, Novices and Beginners will be contacted by the Dance Promoters Association to offer them free tickets and entry to dance in the GRAND FINALS which are being held on the Thursday evening (July 23rd 2015) of the Bournemouth Summer Festival. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE TOP TWELVE COUPLES AND ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW (prior to invitations being issued) in order that the opportunity to compete in these prestigious competitions can be offered to the next couples in line. These competitions are only open for the top 12 couples (Top 12 Under 35s and Top 12 Over 35s). Many thanks. Just send an e-mail to dpasecretary@googlemail.com if you know that you are not able to attend. Remember the new season starts on 1st Marh 2015.

SEQUENCE NATIONAL LEAGUE 2014/5

From October 1st 2014 in the new National League charts the Social Chart will be split into Under 35 Social National League Chart and Over 35 Social National League Chart. If there are several Social competitions (Under 35, Over 35, Open) on the same day only the best result of the day will be included in the respective chart.

NATIONAL LEAGUE 2015/2016

The forthcoming DPA/BDF National League commencing on 1st March 2015 will have some substantial alterations.

National League points for Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre-Championship will only be awarded to separate Under 35 and Over 35 competitions and not to the top result in Open competitions. This will mean that you should see separate Under 35 and Over 35 competitions in your 2015 competition programmes after March 1st to ensure that the competitors attending receive their points for the National League.

Double Points Events: For Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre-Championship double points will be awarded for all the "United Kingdom" competitions held at the Bournemouth Summer Festival. For Pre-Championship couples double points will be awarded at the European Championships held at Easter in Blackpool.





NATIONAL LEAGUE NEW POINTS SYSTEM

NATIONAL LEAGUE for Amateur Ballroom, Amateur Latin, Senior 1 Ballroom, Senior 1 Latin, Under 21 Ballroom, Under 21 Latin, Junior Ballroom, Junior Latin, Juvenile Ballroom, Juvenile Latin, Senior 2 Ballroom, Senior 2 Latin, Senior 3 Ballroom

All Competitions and Championships with the “NL” prefix in the above grades will now receive the same points as each other in the 2015/6 season.

The DOUBLE POINT events will be:

The WDC AL European, Easter April 4th and 5th, Blackpool including Pre-Amateur Championships

United Kingdom Closed Championships, July, Bournemouth

British National Championships, November, Blackpool

BDF Star Championships in January, Amateurs only in London

BDF Star Championships in February for all other grades in Birmingham

New New New Super League Points

New “Super National League Points” may be offered at some future competitions throughout the country. Competitions that are registered to be Super League Points will be marked “SL” denoting their extra status. (Note for clarification: Super National League Points will be used within the current National League Tables and there will not be separate Super League Tables).

The points system for the 2015/1016 season will be awarded as per the table below:

DPA/BDF NATIONAL LEAGUE POINTS FOR 2015/2016

| Points Structure European, UK Closed, British National and Star Championships | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | Semi | Quart | Prev | Prev | Prev |
| 24 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Super National League Points | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | Semi | Quart | Prev | Prev | Prev |
| 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Points Structure All Other Competitions and Championships | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | Semi | Quart | Prev | Prev | Prev |
| 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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A full set of the 2015/2016 Rules can be found on the next page:

DPA/BDF NATIONAL LEAGUE RULES 2015-2016

BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN

- 1. The DPA/BDF National League in Amateur, Senior I,II,III (Senior III Ballroom only), Youth, Junior and Juvenile sections will operate for a 12 month period starting on the 1st of March each year.**
- 2. The DPA/BDF National League in all Pre-Champ, Intermediate, Novice and Beginners will now be Under 35's and Over 35's operating for a 12 month period starting on the 1st of March each year. (Mixed age couples must dance in the younger age group)**
- 3. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 10 results will be used to ascertain the League positions in each event.**
- 4. In the event of a couple tying for first place in the Amateur, Senior I, II,III, Youth, Juvenile and Junior Sections, The result of the UK Closed Championships (Bournemouth Summer Festival) will decide the position.**
- 5. In the U35 and O35 Adult Beginners, Novice, Intermediate and Pre- Championship events. The couples finishing in the top twelve of the DPA/BDF National League will be invited to dance for the United Kingdom Title in that category at the Grand Finals at the Bournemouth Summer Festival.**
- 6. The couple finishing top in each section of Beginners, Novice and Intermediate Charts will automatically be promoted in the National League Charts to the next grade for the following League Year.**

CLASSICAL AND MODERN SEQUENCE

- 7. For Classical and Modern Sequence all DPA/BDF National League Events will operate for a period of 12 months starting 1st October each year.**
- 8. Points will be totalled in each category and the best 8 results will be used to ascertain the winner.**
- 9. In the event of a couple tying for 1st place, the result of the United Kingdom Open Championships (DPA Midland Area Championship Event) will decide the position.**

GENERAL RULES

- 10. All age groups are as set out in British Dance Council Rules**
- 11. If a couple splits during the year points are null and void and cannot be transferred to a new partnership.**
- 12. In the event of a couple changing groups during the year the points they have earned will be frozen in that grade/age group and they will need to earn points in the new grade/age group. If a couple have already earned enough points to win their previous grade/age group they will still win.**
- 13. All DPA Members will qualify for National League Status unless they ask not to be included.**
- 14. In the event of an 8 couple final the 8th couple will receive the same points as the 7th couple.**
- 15. Any couple winning six or more competitions in a grade higher than they are in the National League charts where there are more than 6 competing couples will be automatically moved into the higher grade in the charts.**

EXPERIMENTAL NEW SUB AGE GROUP

On an experimental basis a new additional age category will be offered at some competitions that of "Amateur II" for couples aged from 25 to Under 35. One half of any partnership must meet the age criteria to take part. The first trial Ballroom competition is on March 8th at Stockport Town Hall organised by Nigel & Janice Horrocks.



If you have any questions please contact a member of the Management Executive Committee of the Dance Promoters' Association who are

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**ALL GENERAL ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
dpaenquiry@googlemail.com**

Newsletter issued to All Members of the Dance Promoters' Association by the Management Executive Committee
of the Dance Promoters' Association.





The 26th Annual Bournemouth Summer Festival Incorporating THE UNITED KINGDOM 'CLOSED' CHAMPIONSHIPS

PURBECK HALL, B.I.C., BOURNEMOUTH

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th July 2015



THURSDAY 23rd JULY

Doors Open 2.00pm First Rounds 3.00pm

All Times for Doors Open and First Rounds will be confirmed once the entries have closed.

- TH01 Bournemouth Masters Open Juvenile 8 Dance (WTFQCSRJ)
- TH02 Bournemouth Masters Open Junior 10 Dance
- TH03 Bournemouth Masters Open Senior 10 Dance
- TH04 United Kingdom Closed Amateur 10 Dance Championship
- TH05 United Kingdom Closed Juvenile All Girls Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)
- TH06 United Kingdom Closed Junior All Girls Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- TH07 United Kingdom Closed U/14s Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)

Plus United Kingdom DPA/BDF National League Invitation Grand Finals

The top 12 couples who have qualified in the relevant DPA/BDF National League tables will be invited to compete in these invitation events, to ascertain the overall United Kingdom DPA/BDF National League Winners.

National League Under 35's Beginners (WQ); National League Under 35's Beginners (CJ); National League Over 35's Beginners (WQ); National League Over 35's Beginners (CJ); National League Under 35's Novice (WF); National League Under 35's Novice (RC); National League Over 35's Novice (WF); National League Over 35's Novice (RC); Under 35's Intermediate (WFQ); National League Under 35's Intermediate (CSJ); National League Over 35's Intermediate (WFQ); National League Over 35's Intermediate (CSJ); National League Under 35's Pre Championship (WTFQ); National League Under 35's Pre Championship (CSRJ); National League Over 35's Pre Championship (WTFQ); National League Over 35's Pre Championship (CSRJ)

FRIDAY 24th JULY

Doors Open 9.45am First Rounds 10.30am

- FD01 United Kingdom Juvenile Closed All Girls Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- FD02 United Kingdom Junior Closed All Girls Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)
- FD03 United Kingdom Closed Under 14s Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- FD04 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Beginners (WF)
- FD05 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Beginners (WF)
- FD06 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35's Novice (WQ)
- FD07 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Novice (WQ)
- FD08 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Intermediate (FQ)
- FD09 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Intermediate (FQ)
- FD10 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Pre Championship (WTQ)
- FD11 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Pre Championship (WTQ)
- FD12 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Beginners (CS)
- FD13 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Beginners (CS)
- FD14 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Novice (SJ)
- FD15 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Novice (SJ)
- FD16 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Intermediate (CS)
- FD17 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Intermediate (CS)
- FD18 NL Bournemouth Masters U/35s Pre Championship (CSR)
- FD19 NL Bournemouth Masters O/35s Pre Championship (CSR)

First Rounds 5.00pm

- FE01 NL United Kingdom Closed Juvenile Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)
- FE02 SL Bournemouth Masters Open Junior Ballroom Championship (WTFQ - VW Semi & Final)
- FE03 NL United Kingdom Closed U/21 Ballroom Championship (WTFQ - VW Semi & Final)
- FE04 SL Bournemouth Masters Open Senior 1 Ballroom Championship (WTFQ - VW Semi & Final)
- FE05 SL Bournemouth Masters Open Juvenile Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- FE06 NL United Kingdom Closed Junior Latin Championship (CSRJ - J Semi & Final)
- FE07 NL United Kingdom Closed Senior 2 Ballroom Championship (WTFQ - V Semi & Final)
- FE08 SL Bournemouth Masters Open Senior 1 Latin Championship (CSRJ - Jive Semi & Final)

SATURDAY 25th JULY

Doors Open 8.30am First Rounds 9.00am

- SA01 NL United Kingdom Closed Amateur Latin Championship (CSRJP)
- SA02 United Kingdom Closed Professional Ballroom Championship (WTFVQ)
- SA03 United Kingdom Closed Professional Latin Championship (CSRJP)
- SA04 NL United Kingdom Closed U/21 Latin Championship (CSRJ - Jive Semi & Final)
- SA05 NL United Kingdom Closed Senior 1 Latin Championship (CSRJ - Jive Semi & Final)
- SA06 NL United Kingdom Closed Senior 3 Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)
- SA07 NL UK Closed U/35s Pre Championship (WFQ) - SA08 NL UK Closed O/35s Pre Championship (WFQ)
- SA09 NL UK Closed U/35's Pre Championship (CSJ) - SA10 NL UK Closed Over 35s Pre Championship (CSJ)
- SA11 NL UK Closed U/35 Intermediate (WQ) : SA12 NL UK Closed O/35 Intermediate (WQ)
- SA13 NL UK Closed U/35 Intermediate (CJ) : SA14 NL UK Closed O/35 Intermediate (CJ)

SATURDAY EVENING July 25th 2015

FESTIVAL DINNER & DANCE

Featuring **ROSS MITCHELL, His Band & Singers**
including the **SEMI-FINALS & FINALS OF THE PRO BALLROOM, PRO LATIN, AMATEUR LATIN & THE FINAL OF UNDER 21 LATIN**

DINNER & DANCE TICKETS £52.00 -

TICKETS FROM DPA Treasurer, Jackie Conway,
2 Ralston Close, Bloxwich, West Midlands WS3 3XS

SUNDAY 26th JULY

Doors Open 8.30am First Rounds 9.00am

- SU01 United Kingdom Closed Professional 10 Dance Championship
- SU02 SL Bournemouth Masters Open Juvenile Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)
- SU03 NL United Kingdom Closed Juvenile Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- SU04 NL United Kingdom Closed Junior Ballroom Championship (WTFQ - VW Semi & Final)
- SU05 SL Bournemouth Masters Open Junior Latin Championship (CSRJ Jive Semi & Final)
- SU06 Bournemouth Masters U/14s (FQ) : SU07 Bournemouth Masters U/14s (CJ)
- SU08 Bournemouth Masters Junior Novice (WQ) : SU09 Bournemouth Masters Junior Novice (RC)
- SU10 Bournemouth Masters U/11s (FQ) : SU11 Bournemouth Masters U/11s (RS)
- SU12 Bournemouth Masters Juvenile Novice (WQ) : SU13 Bournemouth Masters Juvenile Novice (CJ)

SUNDAY 26th JULY

Doors Open 2.00pm First Rounds 2.30pm

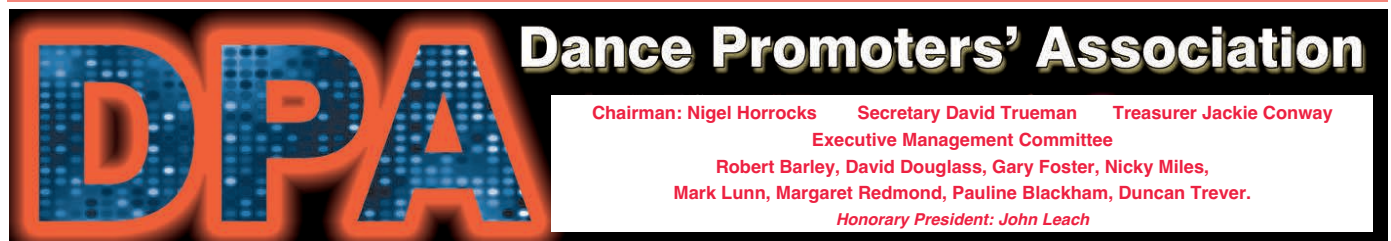
- SU14 NL United Kingdom Closed Amateur Ballroom Championship (WTFVQ)
- SU15 NL United Kingdom Closed Senior 1 Ballroom Championship (WTFQ - VW Semi & Final)
- SU16 United Kingdom Closed O/50s Ballroom Championship (WTFQ)
- SU17 NL United Kingdom Closed Senior 2 Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- SU18 United Kingdom Closed O/50s Latin Championship (CSRJ)
- SU19 NL Bournemouth Masters Open U/35s Pre-Championship (WFQ)
- SU20 NL Bournemouth Masters Open O/35s Pre-Championship (WFQ)
- SU21 NL Bournemouth Masters Open U/35s Pre-Championship (CRJ)
- SU22 NL Bournemouth Masters Open O/35s Pre-Championship (CRJ)
- SU23 NL Bth Masters Open U/35 Intermediate (WF) - SU24 NL Bth Masters Open U/35 Intermediate (SJ)
- SU25 NL Bth Masters Open O/35 Intermediate (WF) - SU26 NL Bth Masters Open O/35 Intermediate (SJ)
- SU27 NL Bth Masters Open U/35 Novice (FQ) - SU28 NL Bth Masters Open U/35 Novice (CJ)
- SU29 NL Bth Masters Open O/35 Novice (FQ) - SU30 NL Bth Masters Open O/35 Novice (CJ)

All Times for Doors Open and First Rounds will be confirmed once the entries have closed.

ALL ENTRIES IN ADVANCE BY JUNE 24th 2015

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY - NO LATE ENTRIES

You Can Now Enter On-Line at www.dpaonline.co.uk or send to Mark Lunn, 151 Ridgeway, London E4 6QU



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Dance Promoters' Association



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*The Dance Promoters' Association Presents in association
with Blackpool Entertainment Company Ltd.*

The 2015 WDC/AL Open European Championships

Saturday 4th April 2015

*WDC/AL Juvenile Latin Championship, WDC/AL Junior Ballroom Championship,
WDC/AL Youth Latin Championship, WDC/AL Amateur Latin Championship,
WDC/AL Senior I Ballroom Championship,*

*WDC/AL Senior II Ballroom Championship, WDC/AL Senior III Ballroom Championship
WDC/AL U/35 Pre-Amateur Latin Championship, WDC/AL O/35 Pre-Amateur Ballroom Championship,*

Sunday 5th April 2015

*WDC/AL Juvenile Ballroom Championship, WDC/AL Junior Latin Championship,
WDC/AL Youth Ballroom Championship, WDC/AL Amateur Ballroom Championship,
WDC/AL Senior I Latin Championship, WDC/AL Senior II Latin Championship,
WDC/AL U/35 Pre-Amateur Ballroom Championship, WDC/AL O/35 Pre-Amateur Latin Championship,
(The above events are open to all dancers eligible to dance in Europe)*

PLUS **NEW FOR 2015**

DPA "Open to the World" Professional Ballroom Championship on Saturday

DPA "Open to the World" Professional Latin Championship on Sunday

At the Fabulous Empress Ballroom, Winter Gardens Blackpool

Easter Saturday 4th April 2015 - Easter Sunday 5th April 2015

On-Line entries at www.dpaonline.co.uk



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