



Dancers of the Month for May are Vicky and Sam Carmen

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Vicky and Sam discovered SaddleBrooke's dance community when they moved here nearly two years ago. Vicky has wanted to dance for as long as she can remember, but for 25 years Sam would say he didn't have time. When Vicky noticed ballroom dance lessons offered by Bob and Maryann Osborne, Sam reluctantly agreed to join her. They say it was the best thing that ever happened to them. Sam loved it and he even agreed to practice between their weekly lessons. When the eight week series ended, they didn't want to forget what they had already learned, so they began private lessons at a Tucson studio.

When they returned to Wisconsin last May, they immediately called a dance studio in the closest big city near their home. For twelve weeks Vicky and Sam traveled 90 miles round trip to Green Bay for private dance instruction. At their first lesson, they demonstrated what they knew and asked their instructor to build on that and make them look good. At the end of twelve weeks, they asked what he thought. He jokingly responded, "If my neighbor saw you dance at my son's wedding, he'd think you looked pretty good, but I'd know better."

When they returned to Tucson in November, Vicky and Sam continued lessons with the Osbornes. They continued to practice at the twice weekly open dance sessions where dance club members were available to help when needed.

Posted on the refrigerator door is a favorite quote that reflects their attitude about dancing:

“Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are not great because of their technique: They are great because of their passion.”

— Martha Graham

For those out there who want to dance and have not taken that first step, Sam and Vicky encourage you to do so. It is a perfect way to get a good workout while having fun. If you give it a try they promise you won’t regret it.