Thanks for coming to TinkerBal 2026, the tenth annual small-group Balboa workshop weekend (11th if you count BIY online in 2020)! We hope you have fun and learn a ton this weekend with Annabel, Bobby, Heather, and Sylvia!

We have organized the small groups to create an optimal learning environment for all participants, so **please do not switch groups**. Notebooks and pencils are available so you can take notes to support your practice later, even though we know most of you use your phone.

You'll notice that each group has **free class periods**. We encourage you to use that time constructively: practice off to the side with other students, watch other groups, expand on your class notes, or just get a bit of rest. All we ask is please be respectful of the ongoing classes by **keeping the noise level low**.

We aim to **create an environment that is safe and super-fun for everyone** regardless of age, gender, dancing role, dog person or cat person...you get the picture. If you have any issue at all during the weekend, don't hesitate to find July, Stan, or Cassie so we can help you out. Email us at **info@bostonbalboa.org**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Stan or July. We're so excited to have you all here, tinkering with your Bal!

Saturday November 7

11:30am – Check-in opens. Get to know your pod-group-mates! Coffee & DONUTS & bananas! Auditorium, Government Center, 119 School St.

12:00pm-5:15pm – Workshops

8:30pm-11:30pm – **Saturday Night Shuffle** featuring DJs Michael Quisao and Kevin Lin Auditorium, Government Center, 119 School St. SNS admission included with TinkerBal registration.

At 10:00pm, the lobsters will come out to play. You'll need a partner so find a friend! Stupid contest, awesome prizes!

Sunday November 8

11:30am – Doors open. Coffee! (+ snacks left from yesterday)
Auditorium, Government Center, 119 School St

12:00-5:15pm – Workshops

5:15pm – Group photo!

5:30-8:00pm – **Balboa Speakeasy social at Franco's Pizzeria & Pub**! 714 Moody St, Waltham. Join us for food, drink, and dancing to Balboa tunes DJ'd by Stan and Michael! Franco's is a 7-minute drive or 26-minute walk from Govt Ctr. KEEP YOUR WATER BOTTLE IN YOUR BAG! No outside drinks allowed at Franco's, and they will ask you to leave if the bottle comes out. They are cool about putting pitchers of water out for us, so use those instead.

Order pizza, wings, etc. at the bar, along with your drinks. Tip your waitstaff generously! We'll be in the back room behind the bar. Free admission; food & drink is pay as you go.

Walking directions to Franco's from Govt Ctr:
If you go out the main door opposite the Auditorium, you'll be facing Common St. Take Common St, which will turn into Moody St, and keep going until you see Franco's on the left about 25 minutes later. It's a nice walk over the river and up the main drag of town, and you can stop for ice cream at Lizzy's if you want.