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Saturday Report

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DPA Annual Summer Festival Dinner and Dance

Forward by David Trueman

The DPA are to be congratulated on a truly wonderful Summer Festival, which saw six fabulous days of dancing together with the United Kingdom Closed Championships.

The Saturday evening as always sees the Annual Dinner and Dance which this year saw the fabulous new live sound of the Paul Barry Big Band and what a great addition this proved to be. The quality of the music selected gave all dancers that feeling of being able to fully enjoy the experience whilst competing at their very best and to some of the finest musicians.



Paul Barry Big Band

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Saturday Report

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SA01 DPA UK Closed Professional Ballroom Championship

Report by Anne Gleave

1st - Glenn Richard Boyce and Caroly Janes. This was a master class in technical expertise, beauty in motion and musical expression. They delighted their local audience and adjudicators alike.

2nd - David Cockram and Rosie Ward. A beautiful and charming couple who are developing all the time and I look forward to their very bright future.

3rd - Nicola Caporusso and Ivanka Georgieva. Excellent competitors who are very consistent. They dance beautifully together.

4th - Lewis Hateley and Nadya Martynenko. Lots of energy from this couple making them very eye-catching. Balancing your hold would help develop you further.

5th - Cameron Robinson and Viktoriia Breus. Dramatically improving all the time and it's wonderful to see. Keep up the good work!

6th - Charlie Townsend and Ineta Vaicikauskaite. Congratulations on your performance! Working on the fundamental principles will really help you to develop further.

7th - Sanna Saidy and Sadie Wild. I'm sure it was a fantastic experience for you to be in this final and if you can focus on your frontal motion and balance it will create harmony between you.



DPA UK Closed Professional Ballroom Championship

Presenter Hannah Trever

(R to L)

1st Glenn Richard Boyce and Caroly Janes

2nd David Cockram and Rosie Ward

3rd Nicola Caporusso and Ivanka Georgieva

4th Lewis Hateley and Nadya Martynenko

5th Cameron Robinson and Viktoriia Breus

6th Charlie Townsend and Ineta Vaicikauskaite

7th Sanna Saidy and Sadie Wild

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Action Shot:
Glenn Richard Boyce and Caroly Janes



DPA UK Closed
Professional Ballroom Champions

SA02 DPA UK Closed Professional Latin Championship

Report by Goran Nordin

Every year in July I am always looking forward to my visit to the sea side town in Bournemouth. It's been a journey I have been a part of over the last 20 years, where it started at the Bournemouth Pavilion all those years ago. Now of course it has moved up to the BIC International Centre with many more facilities and bigger and better halls for everyone, as the Festival is growing rapidly year after year.

This year we had many more features to look forward to, a new Organizing Team, a new Band Leader and his Orchestra, a brand new screen, as well as many more added events.

I can only imagine how much the whole team has worked over the last year to achieve something like this with an outstanding professionalism throughout. I must say I am very impressed with the results. Everything was thought of right from the beginning, very impressive indeed.

One of the festivals highlight is the Annual Dinner Dance that falls on the Saturday night, where some of the most prestigious events is taking place namely the Amateur Ballroom Championship, Professional Ballroom Championship, as well as the Professional Latin Championship.

SA02 DPA UK Closed Professional Latin Championship cont'd...

Report by Goran Nordin

Here are the results and comments from the "Professional Latin Final 2026"

Action Shot:
Brian Dibnah and Georgiana Muja



DPA UK Closed Professional Latin Champions

Into first place were: Brian Dibnah and Georgiana Muja. A couple that from the beginning were very unchallenged in tonight's field. A very well balanced performance from them both, with many great features added to their skills. Great changes of speed and very powerful actions that put them in front of all the others on many levels. Both very experienced dancers with their individual style, that in my opinion works perfect for them. My only suggestion would be to try to combine all the above skills and pay more attendances to dance together rather than separate in many occasions. But my Sincere Congratulations must go to you both for winning the first DPA UK-Closed Professional Latin.

Into second place were: Oliver Long and Sophie Woodall. A duo that challenged and getting stronger and more together each time I see them. A well matched couple that showed a good male/female look on the floor, as well as some interesting choreography. But to challenge for a higher level and a higher position some more detailed understanding needs to be addressed in the area of timing. Many times I find myself seeing many steps danced separately and not timed from the man in charge. With some more attention to these subjects, a much clearer complete picture will appear for the future.

Into third place in tonight's Pro -Latin field were: Mathieu Marechal and Klaudia Zaniewska. A relatively new partnership that really had a good night, it looked easy and very pleasing to watch. They both seemed happy to be on the floor and perform, and to see that enthusiasm is now a quite rare fact. For the next stage of the partnership more work needs to be put in on dancing together as one unit to achieve a stronger yet artistic performance. Nice and clear choreography was shown, and it suited them very well. Looking forward to see the development in the near future.

SA02 DPA UK Closed Professional Latin Championship cont'd...

Report by Goran Nordin

Into forth place were: Lloyd Griffiths and Jessica Lewis. A young fresh and energetic couple, well matched and seamed to be working towards a common goal. I really liked their choice of costumes a very tasteful choice, and a bit "out there"which I really value. Showing a well balanced and clear approach, and a very possitive attitude. For a further development I would like to make each step and each intention a bit more clear. That suggestion will only improve the all over look, but a very well presented performance tonight. Well Done to both of you.

Being placed fifth today was: Charlie Townsen and Ineta Vaicikauskaite. The first of two 10-dance couples in this final. A difficult task to be able to master both styles, as well as the character changes over all 10 dances. Not an easy job, but here we can clearly see it's possible. Also a very promising future in both styles. All in all a well thought through performance with great clear timings throughout. But playing safe is NOT always the way to go further. I would like to suggest and to see some more interesting combinations to achieve a more sophisticated and strong latin look.

Completing the line up in sixth place were: Lewis Hateley and Nadya Martynenko. Yet another 10-dance couple that produced a very similar performance to the couple above. But to move further forward not only in results but also in the development, a clearer understanding in the Latin American fundamentals skill is needed. More understanding on how to create speed and dynamic changes will need to be added to a daily routine. So only time will tell how the development will go, but I am looking forward to follow the development.

As a final thought from this week. I am truly delighted to have been a part of this years DPA UK-Closed Championship 2026, and I am sure and super excited to see what the committee team will surprise us in the next years event for 2027 Championship.

DPA UK Closed Professional Latin Championship

Presenter Hannah Trever
(R to L)
1st Brian Dibnah and Georgiana Muja
2nd Oliver Long and Sophie Woodall
3rd Mathieu Marechal and Klaudia Zaniewska
4th Loyd Griffiths and Jessica Lewis
5th Charlie Townsend and Ineta Vaicikauskaite
6th Lewis Hateley and Nadya Martynenko
Photo by MJO Photography



SA05 DNL DPA UK Closed Amateur Ballroom Championship

Report by David Trueman

1st Andrei Toader and Mia, Champions again and winning all dances. This was a performance that left one in no doubt as to who are the leaders in the Amateur field in the UK right now. The level of accuracy in foot placements was just wonderful to see. Top couples achieve supreme status by attending to the most finest of details, illustrating the vital importance of adhering to the correct path towards excellence.

2nd Alexander Ward and Anastasiia Malakhova this was a well deserved runners up spot. I saw them recently at another event and it was evident then that considerable work had been carried out in the development of controlled posture and poise in movement. Tonight they produced a level of shape too that was correctly aligned in both proportion and reliance and therefore it all moved with ultimate synchronicity.

3rd Max Draper and Sofiia Tyshchyk there is such a noticeable progression in the direction of fundamental precision. They possess such strength in upper body structure and yet the isolation of the free movement of the legs and feet was so efficiently produced and this was combined with lovely musical touches.

4th Mykhailo Bokii and Olivia King this was one of their best displays to date. There was an air of confidence about them, which provided a great platform of considerable stability in all areas of dance to be fully exploited and appreciated. The Lady offered a greater flow of her head movements too which allowed for a wonderful use of the natural forces that occur to be enhanced and realised.

DPA UK Closed Amateur Ballroom Championship

Presenter Hannah Trever
(R to L)
1st 98 Andrei Toader and Mia
2nd 66 Alexander Ward and Anastasiia Malakhova
3rd 101 Max Draper and Sofiia Tyshchyk
4th 53 Mykhailo Bokii and Olivia King
5th 31 Tom Longhurst and Polina Boitsova
6th 18 Kyrylo Novikov and Tallulah Wilkinson
Photo by MJO Photography



SA05 DNL DPA UK Closed Amateur Ballroom Championship cont'd...

Report by David Trueman

Action Shot:
Andrei Toader and Mia



DPA UK Closed Amateur Ballroom Champions

5th Tom Longhurst and Polina Boitsova what an amazing time these two are currently having they are leading the way in the youth field and here on one of the biggest stages of dance, with an incredibly knowledgeable audience they are again producing a performance of the highest quality and with such a mature and sustained attention to muscular control.

6th Kyrylo Novikov and Tallulah Wilkinson they would have been disappointed with this final placing as they have been edging up the field. However there does appear to be a slight loss of direction at present and with all those around and even with many of the semi finalists firing on all cylinders it makes progression in results somewhat harder. They are such wonderful dancers with so many wonderful attributes that it is surely only a matter of time for them.

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Sunday Report

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SE01 DNL DPA UK Closed Over 50 Ballroom Championship

Report by David Trueman

1st Dan Baxter and Aileen Carol-Turner this was a solid performance with a good level of technique on display. There were at times a look of disconnection between, them resulting in an over activity of the hold.

2nd Keith Cartwright and Alexandra Hadalin they use their height well and produce a strong and positive maintenance of the upper body structure in lines. There is a need to increase movement around the floor as they can appear rather static at times.

3rd Graham Simpson and Kristina Downing one of their best performances for some time and a little unlucky not to finish higher on this excellent display. Today they appeared very much at home with their dancing.

4th Adrian Jackson and Tanya Powell. Another couple who danced extremely well and they too offered a very strong and sustained challenge.

5th Norberto Santangelo and Justine Holyer. They got better as the event progressed and by the final it all came together well. They could explore a greater control of upper body structure in all dances.

6th Adrian Hibberd and Sharon Alflatt it was good to see them included in the final and as with some of the others they could have been placed higher on what was a very good performance.

DPA UK Closed Over 50 Ballroom Championship

Presenter Kris Turner

(R to L)

1st Dan Baxter and Aileen Carroll-Turner

2nd Keith Cartwright and Alexandra Hadalin

3rd Graham Simpson and Kristina Downing

4th Adrian Jackson and Tanya Powell

5th Noberto Santangelo and Justine Hollyer

6th Adrian hibberd and Sharon Alflatt

Photo by MJO Photography



TH11 DPA UK Closed Under 19 Latin Championship



DPA UK Closed Under 19 Latin Championship

(R to L)
1st Tom Muller and Sofie Taylor
2nd Gleb Tkachenko and Olivia-Rose Owen
3rd Caleb Arslan and Kristyna Fatuliaj
4th Fabrizio Scattone and Chloe Garner Smith
5th Luciano Stoto and Ilinca Buga
6th Christian Cavaterra and Raisa Sedykh

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SE03 DPA UK Closed Senior 4 Ballroom Championship



DPA UK Closed Senior 4 Ballroom Championship

Presenter Kris Turner
(R to L)
1st Peter Wakefield and Teresa Hardy
2nd Yiping Song and Hong Song
3rd Robert Booty and Carole Booty
4th John Speake and Angie Speake
5th Christopher Horsell and Anita Horsell
6th Mike Penver and Anna Szymanska
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