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Breakaway time

I didn't expect any Borishnikov strutting his stuff. Peter Stuyvesant Breakaway Night Final was, after all, an amateur dance competition. But to be kept waiting for two hours from 8pm and then another hour for the results to be announced did peeve me a little.

Held at Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur's ballroom, the evening was meant to be the climax of all the Peter Stuyvesant Breakaway nights. Ten couples from all over the country participated in the grand finale to determine the winners of the Peter Stuyvesant Breakaway Challenge Trophy and a trip to Argentina.

When the performance finally started, we were bored to pieces by the awkward performance of Johor Baru's Suhaimi Hamzah and Norsabihatun Nizam. Thankfully, KL couple Glen Phang and Joanne Tan saved the night with their glittering costumes and fancy acrobatic dance routine. After that it's ho-hum with the clumsy footwork of Kuantan's Yap Wai Kuan and Angeline Boon.

Just as we were about to doze off, Penangite Eddie Yeoh and his wife, Quah Siew Lyn (picture) burst to the scene in these spectacular African-inspired costumes that reminded me of feather dusters.

Yeoh could have done better if it wasn't for his bad knee, but the Penangites succeeded in keeping us entertained. The audience roared as Lesley Trey Juipi and Abigail Buchan Lyle from Kuching writhed and gyrated to a house tune, a response also met by KLites Chang Chee Kiong and Gan See Nee who executed their jazz routine superbly.

The next few dance routines left much to be desired and are not worth mentioning, except for KLites Koay Ching Leng and Ho Lee Hien's cheeky display of ballroom dancing.

After a string of annoying performances by KOOL, Res2 and Feminin, the names of the winners were finally announced. Eddie Yeoh and Quah Siew Lyn were declared champions, while Koay Ching Leng and Ho Hien came in second, winning a trip to Brazil.

Glen Phang and Joanne Tan were in third place while Lesley Trey Juipi and Abigail Buchan Lyle of Kuching came in

fourth. The KLites won a trip to Spain while the fourth couple, a trip to Austria.

By Salina Mohamed



Doing the cha cha

❖ A Cuban dance that evolved from the mambo, the cha cha rose to great popularity in the mid 50s. The pause found in the basic mambo was changed to a rapid triple step. Although the basic pattern is uncomplicated, the dance is varied by turns, change of direction and improvised steps.

- Recommended
- HH - Happy Hours
- LN - Ladies' Night
- VICP - Valet / Car Park
- CC - Cover Charge

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Kuala Lumpur

(Golden Triangle)

CLUBS

• Boom Boom Room

Still the best house joint. Watch out for Muscle Mania '96. 11, Lebuhr Ampang, KL; (03-2326906/07); daily 9pm-2am (3am on weekends and eve of public holidays); LN-Wed - free drinks all night for the girls; Guys Night Thurs - no CC; CP, CC - RM 15++ (weekdays) RM 20++ (weekends); showtime at 10.45pm and 12.15am nightly.

• Fire Disco

DJ Ravi and gang titillate young crowd with chart-topping numbers. Menara Sabre, 8, Lorong P. Ramlee, KL; (03-2300880); 8pm-3am; HH - 5pm-9pm only on Fri; CP, CC - Sun - Thurs RM 16 plus 2 drinks, Fri, Sat & eve of public holidays RM 21 plus 2 drinks; Dance Party every Sunday 3pm-7pm - RM 10 plus 1 drink.

PUBS

• Blue Moon

Rainbow plays daily. Mixed crowd. Only serves drinks. Hotel

Equatorial, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; (03-2617777); 11am-1.30am (weekdays) & till 2.30am (weekends); HH - 5pm-8.30pm daily; VICP.

• Blues Cafe

On-going jazz festival until Nov. Lot 10, Jalan Bukit Bintang, KL; (03-2444518); noon-1am (weekdays) and till 2am (weekends); HH - 3pm-9pm daily.

• Brannigans

DJ Gerard spins the best of R&B numbers. 1, Lorong Perak off Jalan P. Ramlee, KL; (03-2450935/0940); Sun - Thurs 5pm-2am, Fri & Sat 5pm-3am; HH - Mon - Sat 5pm-10pm - beer at RM 5 (mug) & RM 20 (jug). Sun - all night; LN-Wed - Long Island Ice Tea (cocktail) is available all night; CP.

• Connexions Pub Disco

Connexions go "Mambo-Jumbo." House, trance, rave, garage and techno from 12.30am till late. LG, UOA Centre, Cnr. Jalan Pinang and Jalan Perak, KL; (03-2646118); Mon - Thurs - 5pm-2am, Fri 5pm-3am, Sat 7pm-3am, Sun 7pm-2am; HH - weekdays 5pm-9.30pm, weekends 7pm-9pm, Sunday all night - one for one promo for draft

beers and 20% discount on other drinks; LN - Thurs (complimentary cocktail, soft drink or juice & 20% discount on cocktails after Happy Hours); VICP.

• Salsa

Good for a quiet drink. Features live jazz bands. Opens all week long. Salsa coffee will knock you off your shoes. 29, Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, KL; (03-262 6991); HH 3pm till very late (Sun); one-on-one house-pouring brands on Mon; 30% discount on beer on Tue; 30% on beer & 10% on food for hoteliers on Wed; 20% off if you dine on Sat; VICP.

• Tsim Sha Tsui

The City Boys performs here. Features occasional HK and Taiwanese superstars. 1, Jalan Kia Peng, KL; (03-2414929); 4pm-3am daily; HH - 4pm-9pm; CP.

• Zodiac

Mainly Filipino crowd. Has the best grunge bands in town. C12 & C13, 1st Flr, KL Plaza, Jin Bukit Bintang, KL; (03-2484375); Fri-Sat 5pm-3am, Sun 2pm-2am; LN - Tues, Thurs - Cocktail Nite, all cocktails 20% off; HH - 5pm-9pm.

CHAMELEONS

• Hard Rock Cafe

Rude gatekeepers make sure you queue after 9pm. Kitchen closes at 10.30pm. Filipino band Brown Skin currently playing. Wisma Concorde, 2, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; (03-2444062/4152); Sun - Thurs 11.30am-2am; Fri & Sat 11.30am-3am; HH - 5pm-9pm with one for one beer; CP, CC - Fri & Sat RM 23 (incl. of 1st drink). 1st drink to be purchased at the door on other days.

• Modesto's

Malaysia's own Guys & Dolls. Expats and glam girls get served first. 1, Lorong Perak D, off Jalan P. Ramlee, KL; (03-2489924); Mon - Fri 5pm-3am, Sat & Sun 7pm-3am; HH - 5pm-8pm; LN - Wed - free drinks all night long; VICP.

• Rio Churrascaria Brazil

Delicious Brazilian barbecue and killer cocktails. DJ Suresh spins Latin and R&B numbers. 1, Jalan Pinang, KL; (03-2410882); Mon till Sun - bar 5pm-min, restaurant 6.30pm-mid VICP.

• Shark Kuala Lumpur

New name, new image. Sells pastry too. Flying Colours

currently plays. 23, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; (03-2417878); 11am-2am (weekdays) & till 3am (weekends); HH - 5pm-9pm nightly, except Sundays-all night long - usual one for one promo with 30% off remainder drinks; VICP.

• Terrace Garden

Mohd Nor and Aida sing the evergreens and oldies as you sit down to a Western meal. A large place frequented by a mixed crowd. 308, Jalan Ampang, KL; (03-4572378); 4.30pm-2am; HH - 5pm-9pm; CP.

• The Captain's Cabin

Lounge with wood decor. Mostly middle-aged mixed crowd. Restaurant downstairs - The Ship - is suitable for family dining. 37-43, Jalan SS2/1156B, Damansara Utama, PJ; (03-7188020); 9.30pm-1am; CP.

• TGIF

Malaysian Bar Olympics 1st runner-up, Dee, does her juggling tricks here. GF, Life Centre, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL; (03-2637761); 11.30am-1am; HH - 2.30pm-9pm - RM 5++ (Tiger & Anchor draft); RM 5.50++ (Heineken draft); VICP.