

Fun stuff

game zone



By JOEL REINES



STAR PARTY
Platform: PlayStation 3
Age: PG
Rating: ★★★★★

Gather a few mates around and get in the groove with Dance Star Party. And when I say a few mates, you could in fact bring an entire bus load as this game allows for up to 20 players to engage in 160 dance routines to about round 40 songs including everything from Elton John to Lady GaGa. Think of it this way – with this game you could keep your own night club pumping.

In terms of game play, there are many different game modes to explore, and Dance Star Party has many neat features. For instance, the game allows you to set the length of each song, which is great because it prevents you from becoming bored.

And there are three different levels available to the player – beginner, intermediate and professional – so there's a level to suit every player's dancing capabilities.



In Dance Creator mode, you can create your own music dance video, which is recorded through the play station eye camera. Once this is done, you can share your choreography with the online Dance Star Party community.

This game also has a multiplayer Battle Mode, which requires two players to dual it out on the dance floor. This is a fun addition that brings out people's competitive edge.

And don't worry if you're sporty, the game also has a Workout mode that monitors the number of calories you burn off as you dance. It's also refreshing to see a dance game that accurately portrays your dance moves on the screen. Graphically, Dance Star Party is sharp, clear and well detailed. Overall this is a fantastic game, which is ideal for parties.

So get your disco shoes on and have a ball!

Famous Faces



Karl Vilips

If you walked past Karl Vilips in the street you would think he is an ordinary 10 year old. But see him on the golf course and you know he's a super-talented athlete. Karl's golf swing is so good, he's been dubbed the next Tiger Woods. This young star has won two junior world championships in the US and counts world number 10 golfer Adam Scott among his friends. Karl is a force to be reckoned with on golf courses around the world.

FACT STUFF

Age: 10 **Famous for:** Golf **Date of birth:** 16/8/01
Star sign: Leo **Born:** Jakarta, Indonesia
Currently lives: Melbourne **Eye colour:** Brown
Hair colour: Brown **Height:** 143cms **Pets:** 10-12 fish, all named Alex, and a lizard, called Thorny, that lives on the tree outside. **Hobbies:** Xbox, Transformers and sport.

FAVOURITE STUFF

Clothes: My white golf pants **Food:** Sushi
Music: LMFAO **Colour:** Blue **Book:** Harry Potter
Movie: Transformers **Holiday destination:** Pinehurst, North Carolina (where the golf championships are) **Sport to watch:** Cricket, but I don't like watching sport, I like playing it; I don't like to sit still – when I do sit still my legs feel tickly.

INTERESTING STUFF

What made you like golf? I liked following my dad around, it's fun for some bonding.
How old were you when you started playing golf? Two – but I didn't like it at first, I didn't like it until I was four.
Where has golfing taken you? To America. I really like it over there. There's the water park called soak city – I go there every time I'm in the US – and the toys are really cheap there.

What do you do when you're just hanging out with your mates? We play Transformers, I kick the footy with my dad, I like AFL and play Xbox. I like the new Kinect Sports. I've played a game of golf on it and you can play with your body.
What is your trademark? You know how Tiger wears a red shirt and black pants on the last round? I wear a blue shirt and white pants on the last round – it's lucky
What's the best thing about being on tour? Meeting new guys. We stay at other competitors' houses so when we're not playing golf we can play on the computer or in the swimming pool or watch SpongeBob. I've made lots of new friends as well.
Who's your golfing idol? Adam Scott, (world number 10 golfer) We're friends. When he first came to see me play I made a birdie. I was the only one who could make the shot over the water and I think Adam was impressed. Maybe he should be my caddy!
What have you got planned over the summer? Starting this Sunday I have match play. For six weeks I play one on one with other players. Then I have the number-one ticket at the JBWere Australian masters in December. I'm a guest at the President's Cup so I'll get to meet the world's best players there. It's very exciting!
What advice have you got for kids who want to be golfers like you? Don't get the wrong clubs. You can't use your dad's hand-me-downs. Tiger's dad got him special clubs when he started and my dad got me special clubs when I started. And train hard. I play nine holes three or four times a week.

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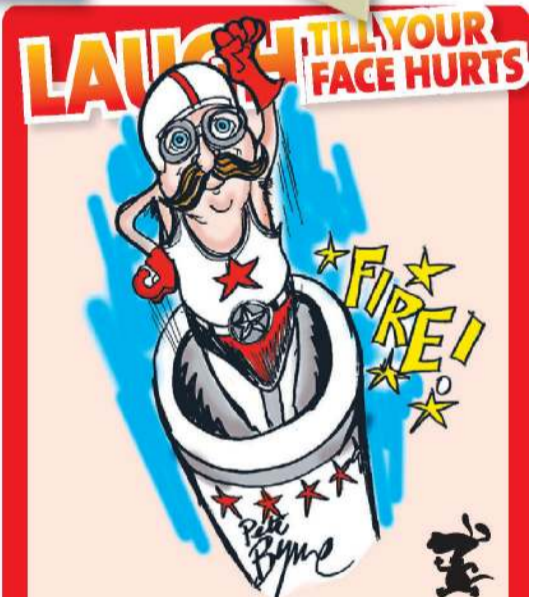


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