

Golden Rules

Measuring Life by a Different Standard

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Dancing with the Stars has become a social phenomenon; it remains the most popular show on TV. Whether or not one is a fan, there are considerable humorous and zany comments that flow from the mouths of the host, judges and contestants. Len Goodman and Bruno Tunioli might have missed their calling as stand-up comedians. And the host, Tom Bergeron, occasionally flashes Johnny Carson qualities. The show certainly knows how to exploit the "eye candy" – for both sexes!!

- Florence Henderson was admired for her zest and energy, and didn't want to be judged as a 76 year old dancer. Said Bruno, *I loved the Grande Dame entrance, but at times it looked like Driving Miss Daisy.*
- Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino presented his routine as a futuristic dance with partner Karina Smirnoff. Said Len: *If that's the future, I'm glad I live in the past.*
- Tom Bergeron: *Throughout the past five seasons we have had some stars with various physical challenges. Heather Mills had one artificial leg; apparently, Kenny Mayne had two.*
- Len Goodman: *Unfortunately, I am a cup of tea in a latte world.*
- When Olympic champion Anton Ohno adroitly fielded a politically sensitive question, his dance partner, Karina Smirnoff commented: *that's what I told him to say.* Retort by Bergeron: *he's obviously a well trained athlete.*
- After watching Matt Shirvington and Natalie Lowe perform the Rumba, Tunioli replied: *If you two are not already having an affair, you probably should.* To which Shirvington replied: *my wife is in the audience.*
- Ty Murray, a rodeo performer: *When you're a cowboy and you go on this show, you're gonna hear from a lot of guys you haven't heard from in a long time.*
- Lawrence Taylor: *I'll still be married after this dance, right?*
Edyta Sliwiska: *We'll see.*
- Perhaps the most hilarious verbal interchange occurred between Brazilian native Helio Castroneves and his dance partner, Chelsie Hightower. Indy racer Castroneves mentioned to her that his native language is Portuguese. She responded, *I thought you were from Brazil?!* He attempted to explain that he spoke Portuguese because of settlers who arrived from Portugal back in 1500 and likened it to the fact that they speak Spanish in other parts of South America. Hightower got wide-eyed and said in an incredulous tone, *They speak Spanish in South America?!*



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