

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2007



Howdy Folks!!

I would like to thank all of you that gave us feedback from our 11th Gala Ball. From the feedback received, we have had nothing but congratulations & praise from the night. Yes, we did receive some negative comments & they have all been taken down & the Ball committee will no doubt look into them. It's never going to be perfect, you can't please everyone.

I will be the first to admit that I didn't like the venue (MSAC) but after taking some time on the night of the Ball to have a wander & chat to a lot of people, I had to eat some humble pie. There are of course the positives & the negatives, the majority of the people I spoke to on the night absolutely love the venue, they don't want to see it change, and then there are others that want us to take it back to Springer's.

In this month's newsletter we have a simple question for you to answer (see page 6) Do you want the Ball at MSAC or Springer's? Of course the majority will rule.

So this is your chance to have a say, don't sit back & whinge, put pen to paper & cast your vote. We will publish the result in next month's newsletter.

I must admit I am a little disappointed in the handful of Instructors that chose to put on "special" socials the same night as the Ball; you obviously don't want to be part of a great night, shame on you!!

Remember, this is one night out of 365 where all of the Line Dancing community from Victoria & now interstate & overseas come together to celebrate the "Night of Nights".

Our **Mega Melbourne Workshop & Social Weekend** is shaping up to be a huge event. The response has been unbelievable. Ticket sales have gone through to roof, next year we will definitely have to look for a bigger venue. If you still want to come, then you had better get in quick. We are limiting each session to 200 people only.

Our AGM will have come & gone by the time you read this with your cup of coffee & Tim Tam. 😊

I would just like to thank the following people for all the time & effort they have given over the past 12 months.

Their input has been outstanding.

Jenny Leigh (Vice President)

Julie Foote (Secretary)

Jess Lamb (Treasurer)

Cynthia Rennolds (General Committee)

Michael Loftus (Ball Coordinator)

Susie Gow (Website)

Tilly McIntyre (Memberships)

Cathryn Proudfoot (Newsletter / Publicity & Promotions)

A special thanks to **Marion Adams** who helped Michael coordinate this year's Ball.

I wish the new committee all the best for 2007 / 2008.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity in wishing all "**Father's**" a very happy Father's Day for the 2nd of September.

Take care, have fun, keep smiling & most of all keep DANCING!!

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