

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT : MAY 2008



### *Howdy Folks!!*

I have just realised that my next report will be 1 month away from our July edition that takes us half way through the year, scary thought.

The month of April kicked off with the Bairnsdale Line Dance Championships.

It was very disappointing to hear that another competition was held only 1 week prior to Bairnsdale; you would of thought that the organisers would have had enough brains not to put on a

competition so close to a major competition that has been around for quite some years.....grrrrrrrrrr. Although competitor numbers were way down on previous years, we witnessed some fantastic routines.

Congratulations to Jenny Leigh & Cheryl Germano, who took out the Invitational, a superb routine & very entertaining.

I am very happy to say that this years Bairnsdale Competition may NOT be the last. It looks as if the 'Valley' Instructors are rallying together to keep Bairnsdale going, some great news, well done to all involved, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Also, I would like to thank Marlene Lansbury & all her valued helpers for all the hard work that they have put into making Bairnsdale such a great weekend, you all deserve a big pat on the back.

I guess most of us are now preparing for our next big event here in Melbourne, the VLDA Gala Ball.

You only have **1 month** to finalise all your tickets, so if you haven't booked a ticket yet, then you had better get yourselves organised.

This years Ball programme is now complete & is in this months newsletter.

I think everyone should be very happy with the dances chosen for our 12<sup>th</sup> Ball, there is a good mix of old, new, fast & slow, something to suit us all.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the "**Mega Melbourne Workshop**" in September, due to it conflicting with one of our member's socials.

The committee thought long & hard about this decision, we tried to find an alternative date, but our calendar is just so full we were unable to find a suitable date that didn't clash with anything else. The VLDA is there to help & support Line Dancing in Victoria, so it was inappropriate for us to hold this event at this time.

We will have to pencil a date in for 2009 & hopefully with enough notice, we won't clash.

Quite a few clubs are having 'Birthday' socials this month.

*Whittlesea Cruisers* are celebrating 12 years,

*Good Time 'n' Bootscooters* are celebrating 11 years,

*Cactus Moon* are celebrating 10 years & *Aimee Country* are celebrating their first birthday.

Congratulations to all the above clubs for reaching such a great milestone.

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

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