

PRESIDENTS REPORT : DECEMBER 2008

Howdy Folks!!



I still can't believe we are in the month of December. It seems like yesterday that we were down in Portarlington having a great time on the beach, relaxing in the nice warm weather. My 'older' students tell me that when you reach a certain age the years go a lot quicker, well I mustn't be far off that certain age, 'cause the years are certainly going a lot quicker.

I am very pleased to say that our Association is leaving 2008 in a very comfortable position financially & membership wise. We have had quite a bit of growth this year in both these departments, which is great to see. This will enable us to spend a bit more money on events like Portarlington & the Ball next year, especially in the way of prizes.

Oh!! By the way the Gala Ball is only 7 months away, just thought you might like to know that at this time of the year ☺

We have had some great dances come out this year & a good percentage of these dances have been from our own Choreographers (*GO VICs!!!*), which is good to see. I managed to have a look back at our top 10's for the year & it's interesting to see that the majority of the dances that made it to the number 1 spot are all relatively easy dances, now surely that says something doesn't it.

In my classes if a dance has to be walked through for more than 4 weeks then it "*goes to God*", I don't see the point in spending all that time on one dance.

I hope I am not being rude by saying this, but we as Instructors have to remember what age our students are & what they can cope with, yes, we can do the dance, but can they manage it? This is a conversation that I have with a lot of students including mine that this is one of the reasons why we are losing some of our dancers.

In closing I would like to thank all of my fellow Committee members for all their hard work that they have put in for the year & looking at the 2009 calendar & it's already shaping up to be another busy year for us all.

Finally to all of you, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas & I hope 2009 is a brilliant year for you & your families.

Take Care & thanks for a super 2008.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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