



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT : APRIL 2009**

### *Howdy Folks!!*

Our Line Dancing calendars & diaries seem to be getting busier & busier each month & March was no exception. The body was just starting to get over the Portarlinton weekend, and then it was straight into organising the Bush Fire fundraiser. I am glad we have a break before our next big event, the Good Friday Appeal.

Portarlinton was again a huge success; our numbers for the weekend were up on previous years, considering the financial situation it was surprising. It just goes to show how cheap Line Dancing is. I have taken up playing Golf again, something that I used to do before Line Dancing came into my life;

I thought I had better have a lesson just to get back into the swing (pardon the pun) of things & to have a 45 minute lesson cost me \$40.00. We get 4 - 5hrs of dancing at a social for \$10-\$12 - very cheap.

Our Bush Fire fundraiser raised a whopping amount of just over \$22,000 an amazing effort by all our Line Dancers. A big thanks to all the committee members that helped on the day & to all Instructors that helped on the day by leading off some dances. Also a huge thank you those clubs that held their own or organised special socials to raise money for the appeal. Some of us actually gave up our income from our socials, to help raise the money we did.

By now you would have heard that we have had to change the date for this year's V.L.D.A. Ball.

I couldn't believe it when I received the phone call from Cynthia, I was mad, mad, mad & I let M.S.A.C. know about it. Needless to say I am not one of their most popular people at the moment. Unfortunately this was totally beyond our control; we tried every possibility to keep the Ball on 27<sup>th</sup> June but to no avail. So the 4<sup>th</sup> July it is & it will still be a great night despite the slight hiccup.

Ok now it's time for me to address an issue that I was told about last week.

The V.L.D.A. relies on the support & cooperation of our members & instructors; we survive financially by membership, Portarlinton & the Ball, also by the sale of our CD's from our workshops. It was brought to my attention that an Instructor of the V.L.D.A. is burning our workshop CD's & giving them to members of their classes - this is WRONG!! If everyone done this how would the V.L.D.A. keep going, if your students want the CD's, get them to become a member, then they can purchase the CD's like everyone else. I had a student come up to me at Portarlinton & ask me for Gordon's CD from the weekend so that they could copy it & then give it back - well you know what my answer was.....!!!!

Take Care, happy dancing, looking forward to seeing you all on the floor somewhere.

**Darren Mitchell : V.L.D.A. President**