



PRESIDENT'S REPORT : MAY 2009

Howdy Folks!!

Have you recovered from our massive Good Friday Marathon yet? It took me a couple of days to get over the huge day that I put in; I didn't get myself out of bed until 2:00pm on Easter Saturday, how slack was that? ☺

What an amazing group of people we have in the Line Dancing community, our hands went into our pockets to raise an astonishing amount of \$35,000 for the recent Bush Fire Appeal & then we did it all again a few weeks later to raise \$96,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. This was obviously boosted with a very generous donation from a very truly wonderful person of \$80,000 - on behalf of the Line Dancing community, I would like to say THANK YOU. Thanks also must go to everyone that attended on the day & made it the success that it was. To all the committee that was involved, a big thanks you as well & to all the volunteers that helped through out the day a big thank you.

Our attention now turns to the VLDA Gala Ball & things are coming together for another great night. We are excited this year to be able to offer our Line Dancers some fantastic prizes on the night. The biggest prize is a trip for two to the beautiful Sea Temple Resort in Port Douglas which includes return airfares & 2 night's accommodation.

Plus there are some other brilliant prizes as well. YOU can have the chance to win these prizes by just turning up on the night & the best thing of all is that you are automatically entered into the draw for the prizes when you hand in your ticket at the door.

Once again, because of the size of the venue, we will have our split floors happening, which is a brilliant idea especially for our 'newer' dancers, I know there are quite a few of my 'newies' coming along & they are getting very excited.

Instructors - don't forget to send back your Ball list to Cynthia, ASAP, so that we can get the program out to you & then you can go through the list & brush up on the dances that you need to for the Ball.

A few of us on the committee are heading off to the Hearts of Gold Ball in Sydney on the 24th - 26th April. It will be interesting to compare & see what is done different.

I am sure the committee for the Hearts of Gold Ball will do a great job.

Michael & I are taking 30 of our students with us.

I don't know whether that's a good idea or not ☺

We have a few 'wild' ones amongst us, so it could be a very interesting weekend; not much sleep, but plenty of good fun & lots of laughs - of course Humphrey is coming with us, so his job is to keep an eye on everyone ☺

In closing I would like to wish all the 'Mums' out there a very happy Mother's Day.

I hope you have a wonderful day, however you spend it.

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

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