



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

### ***Howdy Folks!!***

Blimey!! It's hard to believe that we are half way through 2009. It won't be long before shops start putting out their Christmas decorations. Jeez, I can't wait for that ☺

Have you got your ticket for the Ball yet? If you haven't you still have plenty of time. It's very important that the Line Dancing public of Victoria get behind the Ball & support it 100%.

I know I have harped on this before, but the Ball is what keeps the VLDA alive - NO Ball No VLDA - it's as simple as that.

I know some of you have an issue with the Ball being held at MSAC; some of our students do as well, so Michael & I decided to run a bus. The response was overwhelming; we now have 2 buses going to the Ball. It's all about committing & supporting an organisation that has it's best interests in the Line Dancers of Victoria. Remember this event only happens ONCE a year, so it's only ONCE a year that you have to make the trip into the city, it's really not that bad.

After a marathon effort (& lots of coffee & a few headaches) the program for this year's Ball has been finalised. Many thanks to Cynthia for making the trek from Werribee to Pakenham to help us put the program together.

It was very interesting to read the list of dances that our Instructors put forward; obviously going by what dances were popular, our students are all for the 'easier' dances. The top dance was "Galway Girls".

A couple of months ago I mentioned that I was cutting back on the 'harder' dances to our classes & I have found since doing this our classes are remembering the dances better & they are up on the floor more at our classes & at our socials.

I am not saying that the harder dances are a bad thing, but instead of teaching 3 a month, I now only teach 1 a month & the proof is with my students.

Back in April, quite a few Line Dancers headed north to attend the "Heart's Of Gold Ball". We all had a fantastic time; it was interesting to see the other side of things & how it was done from another perspective.....hmmmm interesting!!

A special big thank you to the crew from Northern Riders for making our group feel very welcome; also to Robert Fletcher for the time & effort he put in with organising our bus & accommodation, our lunch on Darling Harbour was outstanding.

We will return again next year.....look out!!!!!!!!!!

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

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