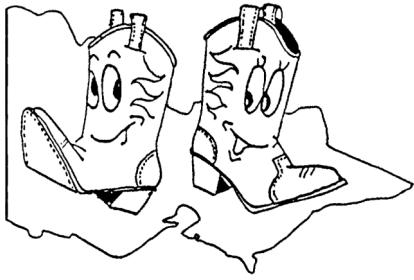


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PROMOTING & SUPPORTING LINE DANCING ACROSS VICTORIA

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T



The warmer Spring weather is here. We can finally walk into a hall without turning on the heaters or waiting till a couple of dances are done to finally feel warm. It is also easier to leave the comfort of your home and take off to the class you love to attend.

On the 10th of September I went to the Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair. There were carnival rides, general stalls, a display of exotic cars, bands playing music and pony rides, but the best and of course most important event of all was the line dancing hosted by Caro Stoll of Bootscootin Basics. Caro organised and presented a line dance competition between two schools from the region. The girls performed the dance called Peaches and Cream which went very well to the music Cotton Eye Joe while a large group of spectators cheered them on. After the competition the spectators and a large group of experienced line dancers joined the girls for a couple of beginner dances taught by Caro. It was great to see people of all ages joining in and having a go while Caro's professionalism, enthusiasm and expertise kept the crowd entertained and excited to be a part of this form of dancing while showing that we do line dance to any type of music. After the lesson the group of dancers that came to support this excellent promotion of line dancing continued to dance for another hour until the rain became persistent.

This event was a huge success due to the efforts of Caro and all the supporters who travelled near and far to contribute to the promotion of line dancing. If there is a club who would like to organise a line dance demo please email me the details.

I was unable to make it to Mildura/Wentworth this year but with all the workshops I am sure that as in previous years instructors will come home with new dances to teach. Last year Man of My Word choreographed by Jennifer Hughes and Darren Mitchell proved to be one of the most popular dances along with Sing and Tell by Madison Glover and If I Knew then by Tom Glover. Congratulations to Tom Glover from Illawarra Country Bootscooters for winning Australian Easy Intermediate Line Dance of the year for this beautiful waltz. I also look forward to hearing which dances are the most popular danced at Wentworth. Information will be in the next issue of Oz in Line which you can subscribe to by visiting www.ozinline.com.au. Please also attend the next VLDA workshop for a look at some new dances. Full details are on www.victorianlinedance.asn.au.

My most recent venture was to the St Mary's Band Club on the outskirts of Sydney. This beautiful venue is home to the Southern Cross Line Dancing Club where the NSW Open Line Dancing Championships were held during the day followed by socials in the evenings. Mark and Kate Simpkin are the organisers of this annual event and were fully supported by numerous instructors from all over Australia who travelled the distance to help judge the competition dancing. This line dancing competition is similar to our very own Southern State Line Dancing Competition here in Melbourne organised by Adrian Lefebour, Chris Herbing, Cynthia Reynolds and Stephen Paterson. We also have a line dancing competition in the country area of Hamilton organised by Linda Rook from Hamilton Bootscooters and held on the 5th November 2011. These extremely well organised, fun and friendly competitions are an opportunity to see many talented dancers of all ages, from all over Australia and I know your support will be very much appreciated.

Your Committee has already started organizing next year's Gala Ball which will be held on Saturday 30th June and we will inform you of the details in the months to come. In the meantime, any suggestions, or offers of support, would be most welcome.

Just another reminder about the next VLDA Meeting/Workshop on 22nd October. I have a few ideas I would like to discuss so please come along and join us for a fun morning of dancing and socialising. In the meantime continue to enjoy your dancing.

Nadia Friel President