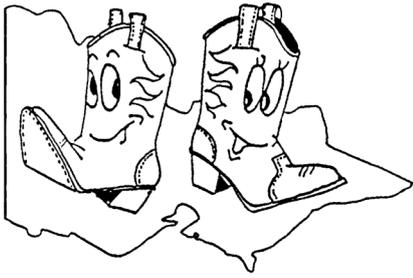


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Our weekend at Portarlington was a huge success. People came from near and far to enjoy another Labour Day weekend of dancing fun. Thank you to our interstate visitors who joined us again this year and for those that travelled to Portarlington for the very first time and to all the Victorian dancers that supported this great weekend again. A thank you also goes out to Gordon Elliott for running the Friday night social and conducting the workshops on Saturday morning and afternoon. We all enjoyed the dances taught and were later happy to dance them again during the social at night. Gordon will be back next year when we will again be delighted to have his expertise and professionalism back with us once more.

Our Roaring 20's themed Saturday night was a lot of fun with many ladies dressed in flapper dresses, feather boas and stylish accessories with men also dressed in the 20's gangster style with their suits, hats and ties. A few of our dances suit the style of that era such as Hello Dolly and Burlesque. We danced the Cowboy Charleston to a medley of Toot Toot Tootsie, If you knew Susie, I'm looking over a four leaf clover, Ain't She Sweet, Bye Bye Blackbird, and Yes Sir That's My Baby to name a few. Sunday night was the theme to come dressed in pyjamas which I loved because I don't think I have ever danced in more comfortable clothes.

Thank you also, to all the instructors that helped out on stage and thank you to the very hard working Committee for all their time and help prior to and during the weekend. We all worked so well as a team enabling the event to run smoothly and be as successful as ever. All contributions to this weekend have been very much appreciated.

Bookings for this year's Annual Gala Ball to be held on Saturday 30th June are now open and the theme is Red and Black. As you will be aware a mini workshop by Simon Ward will begin at 4pm till 5 pm before the ball starts at 6 pm and finishing at midnight.

Simon Ward has recently won Australian Choreographer of the Year and has choreographed dances such as Americano, Smell Of Your Sweet Perfume and recently Perfect Day, Show Me The Love and Love to Dance, just to name a few. The dance "Titanic" is a classic and still being danced today.

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Simon is an award winning competitor at many Line dance championships and has consistently along with Maddison Glover won the Ashby Cup over the past 2 years and going for a 3rd this year at Mayworth. Simon won Advance Dance Of The Year with "Turn Me Loose" in 2009 at the UK Crystal Boot Awards and was nominated for International Instructor of the Year at the same awards in 2010. Simon has been nominated several times at the US Dancers Choice Awards in Las Vegas for teaching and choreography and also at the New Zealand Beat Awards and the Australian Awards. The dance "Americano" which he choreographed with Maddison Glover was used as a solo dance at the 2012 UCWDC World Championships in the US. Simon also won the CWDI International Masters Male Solo Division in 1998 and 1999 and many Australian Championships since 1994.

Simon has been flown all over the world to teach at events at places such as Taiwan, China, Japan, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Hawaii, USA, Canada, Alaska, Portugal, France, UK, Denmark, Sweden and New Zealand.

I have been fortunate to watch Simon and Maddison win the Ashby Cup in Mayworth as well as attending Simon's workshops and I can honestly say we will all be in for a treat. Tickets to the workshop are only \$5 on top of the regular ball ticket price.

Keith Davies is the Ball Co-ordinator and is currently collating the dance lists submitted for the ball and will have a program ready for the May Newsletter.

Our next Workshop and General Meeting will be held at Gordon Hall, Main Street, Gordon on Sunday May 20, 2012. Continuing on from this will be a Public Social with Kerry Bailey from Nuline Dance at 3.30 pm. For more details refer to separate flyer in the Newsletter.

Remember to check out the VLDA Facebook page for current photos and dance information.

Enjoy your dancing.

Nadia Friel
President



Maddison Glover

and

Simon Ward