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Step, Lock and Shuffle

A monthly publication to share line dance news associated with Northern Riders Line Dancing

Northern Riders' Classes for 2011

Monday—Yagoona Greyhound Social Club—6pm to 8.30pm

Beginner to intermediate class with Michelle and Robert.

Tuesday—Denistone East Bowling Club—6.45pm to 8.45pm

Intermediate to advanced class with Jenny.

Wednesday—Yagoona Greyhound Social Club—Beginner 6.15pm to 7.15pm then intermediate to 9.45pm with Michelle.

First Friday of Each Month—Yagoona Greyhound Social Club.

Partner dancing and two-stepping with Robert and Pat.

Southern State Line Dancing Championships

Not even volcanic ash from Chile, a dance floor that was like an ice-rink or "Tiger Airlines" could spoil the fun we had at the Southern State Line Dance Championships (SSLDC) over the June long weekend. Jenny, John, Karen and Joey flew to Melbourne at 7.30am on Friday morning (that's dedication for you!) to participate in the competition. Jenny, John and Karen were joined by Kristine and Carol from Diamond Line Dancers to compete and Joey was there as usual as our reliable "support staff".

Kristine and Carol were scheduled to fly with "Tiger Airlines" on Friday night but their flight was, according to "Tiger", cancelled. It is more likely the airline had overbooked, as is policy, and had to kick some people off!! "Tiger Airlines" told them that they could reschedule them for 2.30pm Saturday afternoon. But, as they had to dance at 9am Saturday morning, Kristine was not impressed. They eventually rebooked a flight with "Virgin Airlines", at top money, that got them into Melbourne at 11.30pm on Friday night!! The "Tiger" saga does not end there. More later.

The competition was held over Saturday and Sunday and we were entered in 12 sections over the two days. We had been warned by organisers earlier in the week that the floor was a slippery, but just how slippery it was did not come out until the competition started. Dancers dropped like flies!! Jade from Hotfoot went down three times in one routine and eventually threw her boots off, during the routine, and continued in bare feet. It was not just slippery, it was treacherous!! Layers of non-slip tape on the bottom of boots helped but even then dancers slipped. Eventually, for safety reasons, the organisers were forced to remove the "dance in boots" rule and allow dancers to dance in any shoes they wanted. The local K-Mart sold out of rubber soled sneakers.

Thanks to Joey for lending Karen her Bloch dance shoes to dance in, otherwise Karen would have had to pull out of the competition.

Social

This Friday

17 June

Yagoona

7.30 - 12pm

Bring a plate for supper.



For more information on upcoming events and for lots of photos visit our website—www.northernriders.net. (Hosted by Liz Barned)

Please send news, views, suggestions, photos etc for inclusion in future publications to jhughes866@aol.com.

Everyone agreed that the competition this year was very strong and there was some outstanding line dancing throughout the weekend. When you have teams from Cowboys and Angels, Illawarra, Hotfoot, Dare to Dance Melbourne and Bandits to name but a few, it is no surprise you will see some great dancing.



The highlight for Northern Riders was Karen and Jenny’s win in the 40 and Over Masters Freestyle Duo. This was the first time they had danced a freestyle duo and their “Let’s Go Girls” routine wowed the audience and “brought the place down”. We were keen to defend out “Inter Club Dance Off” title from last year but were pipped into second place by a great routine from the Dare to Dance team. Overall we placed in all sections with 8 gold and 4 silver medals in total. Thanks to Carol and Kristine from Diamond Line Dancers for dancing with us in group and trio sections.

Two socials were held over the weekend. The Saturday night social theme was to come as a letter from SSLDC. So John did go as a letter that is! He was joined by Lifesavers, Ladybirds, Super Heroes, Sumo Wrestlers, Surgeons, Cheer Leaders and a Chef. The chef took out the best dressed prize. The Sunday social was a “Slumber Party” which was very appropriate after a long and tiring weekend. We took out the best dressed prize thanks to Wendy’s sewing skills as she made us each a “Rip Van Winkle” hat to wear with our pyjamas. She also made one for the organisers, Stephen and Adrian, so bribery probably helped.



So ... Monday ... time to go home. Or so we thought! We did not count on ash from a Chilean volcano—how silly of us!! Our QANTAS flight from Melbourne at 8.30am was cancelled. We were told we might get a flight at 5-30pm if planes were able to leave at 10am, but there was no guarantee of that. As it happened QANTAS did not start flying until 1pm so who knows what time we would have left. We might still be there. So we decided to hire a car and drive home. We eventually got back into Sydney airport at 6.30pm to pick up our car and drop off the hire car. A long day but well worth the effort. At the time of writing this, Kristine and Carol, our “Tiger Airline” passengers, due to fly out Monday night, are still there. “Tiger” told them that the earliest flight they would get might be Wednesday but could be Friday! How is this airline allowed to operate??? They eventually were able to get a “Virgin” flight out on Tuesday afternoon so spent the extra time at Carol’s sister’s place.

So, congratulations to the organisers of the SSLDC, we had a fun time and we will be back next year for the 2012 SSLDC rain, hail, shine, volcanic ash or tigers!



Diva or Deviant?



Sumo Wrestlers



Sleepy heads

Carl Sullivan has sent an invitation to us all to attend the celebration of the completion of 17 years of line dancing for Northside Linedancers. The celebration will be held at the Pennant Hills Community Centre on Sunday 26th June from 2pm to 6pm. The theme is “Checks and Denim”, the cost is \$12 which includes afternoon tea and you bring your own drinks. Unfortunately some of us will be in Melbourne for the VLDA Ball but the invite is open to all.



➔ Note error in Northern Riders’ social calendar published last month. **There is NO social on Friday 22nd July.** All other dates are OK at this stage. Sorry about that.