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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.

## Northern Riders Socials for Nov/Dec

All the latest class dances and your other requests played

*Yagoona Greyhound Club*

*Friday November 11*

*7.30pm—12.00am*

*\$12 All Request Social*

*Bring a plate to share*

*Yagoona Greyhound Club*

*CHRISTMAS SOCIAL*



*Friday December 16*

*7.30pm—12.00am*

*\$12 All Request Social*

*Bring a plate to share*

Come along and demo any new dances you have choreographed or learned recently

CACTUS CLUB SOCIAL

with

JOSH TALBOT

SAT 12 NOVEMBER

7.30—11.00

\$10

Bistro from 6.30

*Denistone East Bowling Club*

*New Years Eve Saturday December 31*

*with Jenny and John as your DJ's*

*7.30pm - 1.00am*

*\$15*



*For table bookings contact John*

*0409399817*

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

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# Mildura Country Music Festival

✿ A few of the Northern Riders have recently returned from the eleven day trip to Wentworth to participate in the line dancing events as part of the Mildura Country Music Festival. I have said on a number of occasions that this is the best week of line dancing of the year and this year was no exception. Warm, friendly atmosphere, great people, excellent workshops and socials, lots of fun and laughter, and lots of dancing were features of the week. There is no doubt that it is a long way but well worth every kilometre of the journey.

This year, Jenny, Michelle, Joey and I travelled to Wentworth together, leaving on the Friday morning and reaching Wentworth on the Saturday after an overnight stop in Hay. The trip went off without any problems except that once again, when we made our compulsory rest stop at the Balranald Bakery on Saturday, they had been too busy to make any of their famous apple cakes—my favourite!! This is two years in a row, as I let the owner know. I reiterated that I had travelled some 800 kilometres for one of their apple cakes and they had been too busy to make any !!! She remembered us from last year when this had happened, so to make up for it she iced me an apple slice instead. It's just not the same!!

We did our usual shop in the gift shop next door before finishing our trip to Wentworth and settling in at the Central Motel across the road from the Club where all the action takes place.

Ken and Carol and Brenda and Peter had made the trip in their caravans during the week before and Wendy and her husband Bernie arrived on the Wednesday of the festival week.

The Wentworth Memorial Services Club is a great venue for line dancing and, with the main lounge, the bowls floor and the auditorium all operating, catered for line dancers as well as country music artists and their fans at the same time.

All in all there were ten intermediate line dance workshops led by Darren Mitchell, Jennifer Hughes and Tim Gauci (pictured right). Twenty-eight dances in total were taught at these workshops and some dancers attended all ten of them!! Now that is dedication. A list of all the workshop dances is included on page 5. In addition there were two beginner workshops conducted by Darren and three really successful partner dancing workshops led by Linda Pink. The nine all request socials were also very well attended and dancers entered into the spirit of the "Black and Red" and "Aussie" night theme socials.

The week culminated in the Super Line Dance Friday where line dancing holds centre stage from 10 in the morning until midnight. The morning session from 10am to 1pm consisted of a choreography competition, workshops of the winning dances, demonstrations and social dancing. Lu Olsen and Marcia Langton performed a competition duo, Jeannie Soine entertained the crowd with a wonderful solo performance and the partner dancers took to the floor to show off two of the dances they had learned during the week. The results of the choreography competition are on page 5. The afternoon session from 2pm until 5pm once again consisted of workshops and request social dancing. Then it is back to the motel to rest for the social from 7.30pm until midnight. What a great day and a fitting way to wind up a wonderful week.

Last year, the very popular dance "Man of My Word" was choreographed and taught by Jenny and Darren. This year they produced another beautiful brand new dance called "Can't Remember to Forget" (Steven Jaymes) so keep an eye out for it. Next year Tim is going to join Darren and Jenny to choreograph a dance especially for Super Line



dance Friday 2012. Now that should be something!

It is not all line dancing during the week of course. We made a few trips out and about to have a shop in Mildura and to visit and have lunch at the lovely craft and gift shop in nearby Merbein (picture right). There is a great country butcher in Merbein as well and we bought some huge porterhouse steaks for our team barbecue on the Thursday night when there was a break from dancing. Country music artists perform all week at the club and by the river behind the club so it is always good to take a stroll to see who and what is going on. I was particularly impressed this year with a young country singer by the name of Angela Easson. She was a Star Maker finalist in Tamworth last year and I loved her beautiful waltz song "Cry Baby Cry".



This year during the Friday line dancing, we were informed that 500 members of the "Rebel" motorcycle gang were on their way to Mildura for their AGM. They were looking for places to stay around the area and Wentworth was one of them. As we walked back to our motel several of the gang arrived at the hotel next door and noisily parked their bikes at the back of the pub behind our motel. Later that afternoon five carloads of police from the motorbike gang squad arrived and booked into our motel (picture left).

They had driven all the way from Sydney that day to support other police from around the area. That night the police were seen relaxing and having a few drinks at the Wentworth Club. One even dropped into the auditorium to check out the line dancing. The next morning we woke to find them gone. Apparently they were not needed after all so they drove BACK to Sydney!! A little later and a

lot louder the bikies next door left and they too did not return either.

Now, what happens in Wentworth stays in Wentworth—generally. But sometimes things just slip out, don't they?

Wendy's husband Bernie joined us for the first time this year. Wendy often speaks of Bernie but Ken and Carol and Brenda and Peter had never met him. They thought he was a figment of Wendy's imagination. But Bernie does exist and, even though he doesn't line dance, he was quickly part of the group enjoying the country music and amusing himself with trips around the area. Bernie was also very willing to help out by running different errands as needed. So, when Wendy, Michelle and Joey thought they would like some more garb to dress up for the "Red and Black" social Bernie offered to help out on his trip to Mildura. However, he was not too pleased when they told him what they required—three pairs of red three quarter length gloves and three red "Fascinators". Bernie, not being a "fashionista", was not aware of "Fascinators" so it took a little while to explain to Bernie exactly what a "fascinator" was and where he might be able to get some cheap gloves along with this fancy head gear. "Cheap as Chips" and "Lombard's Party Shop" were placed on his Mildura itinerary.

Now Bernie saw that he had two main problems. 1—where to find these places in a town in which he had never been before and 2—to make sure he was able to convince the salesperson that these items were indeed not for his own personal use!! He had never heard of, let alone seen, these hair "thingamajigs" whatever they were called and he did not like the idea of asking the salesperson for three quarter length gloves either.

Being the real trooper that he is, Bernie found "Cheap as Chips" (not that you could miss it) and, after taking great pains to ensure the salesperson that HE did not in fact wear three quarter length gloves was told that the best place to find things like that would be the party shop and was told where to go—to find Lombard's that is!! He did not even ask for the hair thingies!

At Lombard's, Bernie convinced the assistant once again that three quarter gloves were not his thing and, this time, they did have some but only in purple or black. Bernie had been sent for RED (even though it was for a red AND BLACK night) so did not buy any of these. It was now time to face the music and ask for the hair thingamies whatever they were called!! So Bernie plucked up the courage and said to the salesperson that he also needed "three red .... Terminators".

I think the sales person is still cacking himself and the bloke wanting "three red terminators" will go down in Mildura party shop folklore!! When he finally stopped laughing the assistant said Bernie might be able to get the red fascina-

tors from the bridal shop but he might need a few hundred dollars.

Bernie returned to Wentworth empty handed but with a great story. When it was suggested he went back for the black gloves .....!

It was great to have Bernie with us and, as long as we don't ask him to buy fascinators, he might be back next year.

Speaking of next year, planning will be underway very soon for the trip to the festival in 2012 (Friday 28 September to Monday 8 October 2012) and we would love **you** to be part of that trip with us. So, keep your eye out for the flyer coming out shortly which will be asking for expressions of interest for 2012.

Oh, and I didn't get my apple cake on the way home as the bakery was closed on Sunday!! Twelve months to wait. I'm going to let them know we are coming next year!!  
John



Red and Black but not a glove or a terminator in sight.



It was cameras at ten paces!!



Aussie, Aussie, Aussie—Oi, Oi, Oi!!!



**WORKSHOP DANCES AT WENTWORTH**

**Dances taught by Darren Mitchell**

A Love Worth Waiting 4—Norm Gifford  
 Believe in Love—Anne Shaw & Trudi Dickie  
 Bumpy Ride—Linda Burgess  
 Dr Flame—Sala, Scott, Buckley, McGowan Hickie  
 Gems—Darren Mitchell  
 Journey to the Stars—Peter & Alison  
 My Sister Jen—Rhonda Mathieson  
 Ready to Roll—Kathryn Sloan & Kelvin Dale  
 Voices—Darren Mitchell  
 Warning Labels—Tracie Lee  
 We Own the Night—Darren Mitchell

**Dances taught by Jennifer Hughes**

Believe Me Now—Karen Jennings  
 Bleed Red—Jennifer Hughes & Karen Jennings  
 Blue Bayou(D.Leith and McClymonts)—John & Jennifer Hughes  
 Good Directions—Karen Jennings  
 Gotta Get to You—Robert Fletcher & Michelle Palmer  
 If I Had Wings—Jennifer Hughes  
 Last Love I'm Trying—Jennifer Hughes & Stephen Paterson  
 Run—Joshua Talbot  
 Still Holdin' Out For You—Lu Olsen & Marcia Langton  
 You Don't Know My Love—John Hughes

**Dances taught by Tim Gauci**

Fire & Gasoline—Tim Gauci  
 Mista Saxobeat—Tim Gauci  
 Cha Cha Espana—Ira Weisburd  
 Never Love Another—Tim Gauci  
 Abba-esque—Tim Gauci  
 Why Don't U Stay—Tim Gauci



Our workshop leaders—Tim, Jennifer and Darren

**Jenny and Darren's new Wentworth dance for 2011  
 "Can't Remember to Forget"**

**CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION RESULTS**

**Beginner Dance:**

*1st place: Bad Day Fishing—Jennifer Hughes*  
*Runner up: Say Hello—Sue Fisher*

**Easy Intermediate Dance:**

*1st place: Alcohol On It—S. Fisher and R. Mathieson*  
*Runner up: Get on Down the Road—Donna Hansford*

**Intermediate Dance:**

*1st place: Still Holding Out for You—Lu Olsen & Marcia Langton*  
*Runner up: If I had Wings—Jennifer Hughes*

**People's Choice:**

Believe in Love—Anne Shaw and Trudi Dickie



Winners are grinners. Jennifer Hughes, Sue Fisher, Lu Olsen and Marcia Langton



People's Choice: Trudi Dickie and Anne Shaw



**DANCE For CHARITY**

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**LINE DANCE**

**SOCIAL**



**All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House, Westmead**

*Presented by Jennifer, John, Michelle, Robert and Pat*

*Special Guest—Margaret Emery from R.McD.House, Westmead*

# Greyhound Social Club

**140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona**

**\$15**

**Sunday 20 November 2011**

**\$15**

**1.00pm to 6.00pm**

**Theme: BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL**

**Contact Robert Fletcher at the club on 9709 3859**

**or John Hughes on 0409 399 817**

**Lucky door and raffle prizes.**

Bring a group along and demo any new dances.

Send dance requests to northernriders1@aol.com



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NOW!!**

**Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea**