



december 07 newsletter

Prezzies Patter . . .

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all our fellow Rock n Rollers. Hope 2008 is as successful as 2007.

Thankyou to all who who attended our Central Districts Combined Hop, the hall was packed and an enjoyable night was had by all.

What a fabulous weekend we all had at Nats in Christchurch. Fab hall but very hot; great to catch up with old friends. Thanks to Bush, Rose City, New Plymouth and City of Sails for their support of our dancers - very much appreciated. The section I enjoyed most was the Novice section - what a high standard of dancing. I can see this section skyrocketing in the future (I hope).

Thanks to Brenda and her team - brilliant.

We have a full calendar for 2008; we are 20 years old next year and holding our party around the 11th May which will be a night to remember.

We lift off next year with West Coast Champs on 1st March. Assessments will be held on this night as well, so if you are keen to be assessed let us know. Hope to see you all there.

Best of luck Whitney who is leaving us to go to Uni in Wellington next year.

Bye Bye for now and . . . Keep on a rockin. - Donna

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WOT'S



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January

13 **WORKING BEE**

19 Bush Hop at Pahiatua

March

1 West Coast Champs at our hall.

Doors open 5pm for 6pm start.

\$12 Adult \$6 child.

8 No Jumps at Morrinsville.

April

12 Jamboree at our Hall - 7.30 start

\$10 Adult \$5 child.

Easter Weekend - Junior Nationals

May

10 20th Birthday Hop

June

Central District Fun Challenge TBA

August

9 Club Champs

HALL HIRE & PRACTICE CHARGES

**ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE
MADE WITH DONNA BURNS**

PH 343 9554

GENERAL HALL HIRE

\$150 + (\$200 Refundable Bond)

Bookings and Key collection
see Donna

CLUB MEMBERS PRACTICE SESSIONS

One Month Periods:

\$5.00 per person per month in advance

If PRIVATE Practice is required

ie: no other dancers present without
permission of Hiree,

the charge is \$10 per hour

in advance for 4 hours

\$20 per hour thereafter

**Times can be booked
on Wednesday practice night
or by phoning Donna**

NEXT EVENT

West Coast Champs & Nats Assessments

At our Hall 74a Victoria Avenue

1st March 2008

**We are having the floor varnished
again over the Christmas break, so
classes will start 16th January.**



Christchurch Senior Nationals

Labour Weekend

EDITOR'S BIT: Twenty Two of us attended Christchurch this year. We always have an excellent attendance for Nationals and this year was no exception, with twenty of us travelling by car to Palmerston North where we boarded the plane and took a hassle-free flight direct to Christchurch. (June & Paul sailed the strait and took the train, but flew back with us).



Sue kept sane by keeping her head down and earphones up till we landed.

Took two mini-buses to the Apollo Motor Inn and were settled in by 1.30pm. After a

brief rest we headed down the road to the supermarket to stock up on various supplies for the weekend.

We were picked up by bus very early in the evening and taken to the event centre for Friday nights social get-together, only to be back around eleven pm for an early night, as we had to be back at the bus stop by 7.45am Saturday morning.

On time (all of us) and back to the hall just after eight o'clock for a gruelling 15 or so hours of Rock n Roll competition. It's pretty hard work just sitting on your backside and watching competition all day with brief general dance sessions to break the monotony so at around three pm the "smoothies" - remember them - decided to freshen up by hiring togs and going for a swim in the adjacent pool complex for about an hour. That was a great idea and we arrived back at the venue all freshened up and rarin to go again.

Our dancers were great - no placings this year but I am sure all of them would be very



pleased with their performances as I am sure all their supporters were. What a commitment these guys make. Practising all year and stepping it up more and more as Nationals time got nearer. The pressure on mind and body must have been tremendous. The majority of them had muscles and joints bandaged up well before the nationals, but still carried on to give a marvellous performance in all



their events. Thanks guys, you have made our club very proud of you all.



Sunday morning we had the only bit of free time so about ten of us walked up the road to a shopping mall and had brunch - very pleasant. The girls naturally had to break away and have a quick shop as they do.

Back to the hall around 2pm I think, for the Triples, Top Teams and Novelty events



combined with plenty of general dancing for some and a beauty supper which was dished out at a closed off part of the hall. Just a short stroll





and a large plate away. Bloating and tired we began leaving after 11pm to



head back to Apollo for a late night debrief before we hit our various beds.

Monday morning we had to be out of our units by 10am and most of us were. Stored our gear in unit one and wandered off down to the supermarket complex of shops to have a final look around and brunch. The mini-buses were back at 1.30 to take us to the air terminal for a flight back to Palmerston North where our vehicles were collected before going our own ways home.



A great weekend - my only gripe is we don't get much time to look around. Spend heaps to go to Christchurch but don't get to see it. Must take an extra few days off next year when we head to Auckland.





Our Nationals Trip to Christchurch -

Thankyou Wendy W.

Day One: - Hurray it's the 19th of October and we're all heading off to Palmerston North to catch the plane to the big smoke. Please don't tell me Donna is on time - what a miracle. It's a bloody cold morning - oh well, hopefully it will end up to be a great day. Phil is rarking up Donna, Danny, Steve, Karen & Gill's vehicle when it suddenly grew four blue arms and looked a bit like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!! The plane has started and we're off to a great start. I can see the wing through the window and all the houses looked like Barby Doll houses. The clouds are giant balls of cotton candy all conjoined together and moving like a giant blanket of snow. I was mesmerised by the awa - it looked so beautiful. Karen Bullock attempted to wrestle the steward for his tray of biscuits which were to die for and he wouldn't have had any left over after everyone had more than their share I bet. I had a few good dances with Neddy boy Friday night until he said "Oh my gosh me undies are slipping down. I think he might need some braces to hold them up or maybe the \$2 shop might be able to help.

Day Two: - It was a spectacular sight to see everyone catching up with ones they hadn't seen in a long time and everyone seemed to know heaps of other people there.

The dancers are all looking very kapai in their awesome outfits with such a wide range of colours just like an unuku (rainbow). Karen, Grandad, Gill n Phil all danced pretty awesome and made our club proud. Ned was filming on his video camera and dropped it cos he kept dropping off to sleep. He just needed a moi or maybe he thought the camera need one. Doug was sitting minding his own business when a lady asked him if he does Rock n Roll - in other words she was asking him for a dance. He gave the wrong answer, not realising what she meant straight away and felt a bit embarrassed for a while. Poor Neddy had a bit of a problem with one of the neighbouring tables contestants very large mother who glared at him for the rest of the competition when he accidently knocked her a couple of times trying to negotiate around her to get to the dancefloor. She had her friend swap sides with her in the end but still made poor Ned feel pretty uncomfortable.



Winner of the Ladies Best Dressed - everything perfect - the hair, makeup, necklace, gloves, shoes; and the poise.



Taken on the staircase of the Apollo Motor Inn - Monday 22 October 2007

From Top Left

Wendy Williscroft, Paul Searle, Danny Burns, Kelvin Adam, Helen Cowen, Phil Walker, John Williams, Steve Thoms, Ned Bullock, Marlene Holloway, Gill Pirikahu, June McGrath, Sue Walker, Karen Burns, Christine Williams, Karen Bullock, Diane Pryor, Doug Broughton, Gary Pratt, Phil Holloway, Jacky Adam, Donna Burns.

Central Districts



Xmas Hop

24-11-07



Jacky and I got to
the hall at 7.15
dressed in gear
you wouldn't want to
get caught in the street
in, to find John & Christine

doing a final set-up of things after Friday nights effort.

A very good turnout with 90 counted through the doors. Had to get more tables and chairs sorted as we had thought there wouldn't be such a large crowd turn up.

Good to see the team from Rose City as well as members from Bush, Rangitikei and Castlecliff turn up and enjoy themselves with a great night of dancing and fun.

I was sitting up behind the music desk and there didn't seem to be many dressed up at the beginning. I was feeling a bit hot and embarrassed in my get-up and contemplated sneaking out through the back door and getting changed into normal gear for a while, till a duck, a wizard and another bunch of elves came in and I decided to hang fire till



supper before making any move to change.

Jacky A won Best Dressed Lady and Neil Best Dressed Man, although really it was very close with around 25 people putting on their finery for the evening and providing hilarious entertainment for the others.

Supper around ten after doing The Rock n Roll Waltz we learnt at Christchurch Nationals in October. Everyone must have enjoyed themselves as we didn't begin closing till 12.20 and they were dancing right till the end. A great night - thanks Wanganui for hosting the evening.



Dan Carter, Doug Howlett and Richie McCaw are standing before God at the throne of Heaven.

God looks at them and says; "before granting you a place at my side, I must first ask what you believe in."

Addressing Dan Carter first he asks, "what do you believe?"

Carter looks God in the eye and states passionately, "I believe Rugby to be the food of life. Few sports bring such unbridled joy to so many people from so many nations.

I have devoted my life to bring such joy to people who stood on the terraces supporting their team."

God looks up and offers Carter the seat to his left.

He then turns to Doug Howlett, "and you, Doug, what do you believe?"

Howlett stands tall and proud, "I believe courage, honour and passion are the fundamentals to life and I've spent my whole playing career providing a living embodiment of these traits."

God, moved by the passion of the speech offers Howlett the seat to his right.

Finally, he turns to Richie McCaw "and you, Richie, what do you believe?" "I believe" says

McCaw: "you're sitting in my seat."



Questions that Haunt Me

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in".. but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your butt?



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NEXT Newsletter

Will be out probably February/March.
All contributions whether they are articles, clear photos, jokes or anything of interest are most welcome and should be given to Kelvin, the newsletter editor as soon as possible to avoid missing deadlines.

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