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# Prezzy's Report...

It has been a little while since our last newsletter but here I go.

35 of us went to Rose City Club Champs recently for a great night with a fantastic crowd. Good to see so many clubs participating. Grant did a great job as MC. This was his first time and won't be his last I believe. Karen Devantier gets a big pat on the back from me for organising the night. Awesome supper and most of all great dancing. A great night Rose City. August 8th saw us holding our own Club Champs with around 145 people through the doors. Members from Harbour City, Gold Coast, New Plymouth, Rose City and Wellington helped swell the numbers and entries. This year we had 25 events including Best Dressed. Thanks to Dave and Mary Sayers from Wellington and Caroline Rickard from Palmerston North for judging as well as Yolanda and her friend for scrutineering. Well on the ball these two. Plenty of couples for assessment this year and all passed so 38 of us will have plenty to watch at Nationals in a few weeks time. I know we are going to have a great weekend at Gisborne.

Thanks to June our Club Champs organiser and Gilly our fill-in music woman who did a great job replacing Kelvin this time who decided a 6 week trip to Europe with the lovely Jacky was a better choice this year. Not next year though aye Kelvin. We did miss miss them both and it's nice to have them back.

Best wishes to Jacquie and Neil Rutherford who are settled in at Linton Camp. Nice to see them still coming over to Wednesday classes when they can. Hope you both enjoy your time with Rose City as well. Our next Hop is on 28th November; our combined Christmas event with Rose City and I hope we have a few more clubs come over and join us. We have a LIVE BAND this year with a great supper.

\$10 Senior Members and \$5 Child Members from any club.

See you all at SENIOR NATS and good luck to all competitors.

Keep on a rockin  
Donna

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## Nationals Update from the Pirikahu's . . .

Hi everyone

Well its been an eventful couple of weeks...2 cases of the runs, pulled groin muscle, 1 case of the flu, 1 case of hayfever, 1 case of vertigo, a pulled shoulder muscle and gout. Thats on top of what everyone is already carrying. On the other hand BIG UPS to Scott - 11 weeks smoke free and Helen who is going cold turkey. 1 Day smokefree. Nice to see our New Plymouth friends practicing with us on Sundays. You will find that practices are starting to get shorter but more intense as jumps are practised more and more.

Draw should be out shortly.

Check out national Website <http://www.rocknroll.org.nz/SeniorNationals2009.htm>

See also <http://www.rocknroll.org.nz/downloads/2009%20RULE%20BOOK%20A.pdf>

Rule Book A with regard to competitions.

Next lot of money due if you have not been paying into Aunties and Uncles Club is final payment of accommodation. And don't forget the weekly lotto raffle is to pay for petrol in the vans. If every person going bought 1 ticket (that's \$2 a week) it will make it much easier.

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Keep Saturday night  
28 November free  
for ...

# Central Districts Xmas Hop

at our hall this year.

We have a  
live band  
booked  
"Jam"



# HALL HIRE

## & PRACTICE CHARGES

**ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE  
MADE WITH DONNA BURNS  
PH 343 9554**

### GENERAL HALL HIRE

**\$200 + (\$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**

## Birthdays . . .

### SEPTEMBER

Kristine Absolum . . . . . 07  
Helen Cowen . . . . . 13  
Donna Burns . . . . . 23  
Alex Pirikahu . . . . . 15  
Phil Holloway . . . . . 03  
Jacqui Rutherford . . . . . 23

Wendy Williscroft . . . . . 02  
Raewyn Clarke . . . . . 1

### OCTOBER

Butch Thompson . . . . . 5  
Dawn Aukett-Stanley . . . . . 5  
Rachel-Marie Benseman . . . . . 11  
Jude Rei . . . . . 5

Cynjahna-Cayla Jacobs . . . . . 10  
Kelvin Adam . . . . . 8  
Butch Thompson . . . . . 5  
Gary Pratt  
Pete Sorensen . . . . . 30

### NOVEMBER

Te Manihera Pirikahu . . . . . 5  
Margaret Wansbrough . . . . . 10  
Marlene Holloway . . . . . 2

## MEMBERSHIP

Family: \$50 Couple: \$45 Adult: \$35 Child: \$20  
(some conditions may apply)

# Origin of Rock 'n' Roll Steps

By Dave and Mary Sayers - Off Wellington Rock and Roll website

Have you wondered where our Rock 'n' Roll basic steps originated? When Rock 'n' Roll first came to New Zealand in the 50's, we danced with a tap step with the odd back step thrown in. But where we lived in Wellington there was the Ngati Poneke Hall situated just opposite the Wellington Railway Station. On Friday nights they held Rock 'n' Roll dances.

One of the dances they did at the Ngati Poneke Hall was a type of line dance called "The Stroll". Girls lined up on one side, the guys facing them on the other side. It was always done to the music by the same name.

The footwork from this was adapted into the basics we know now. All the cool guys (and girls) did the Ngati Poneke style or as it was known as "The Maori Jive".

When the Rock 'n' Roll Revival began in Wellington in 1978 there were many discussions, even arguments, about which basic style to teach. We decided on the Maori Jive as it was the easiest to teach and to learn. And from Wellington it spread throughout the country. No matter where you live, you can dance easily with anyone from any part of New Zealand.

Wellington Rock and Roll Club (Poko Cummings & friends) came and taught us RnR at Kokohuia School back in 1987.

Thankyou Alex & Gill

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## How to Tell the Sex of a Fly . . . JUST TOO CUTE.

This is the cleanest E-mail joke I've come across in a long while!

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter 'What are you doing?' She asked.

'Hunting Flies' He responded. 'Oh. ! Killing any?' She asked. 'Yep, 3 males, 2 Females,' he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. 'How can you tell them apart?' He responded, 3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone.

Thankyou Helen C

# Central Districts Fun Challenge

13 June 09

This year Rose City hosted the event and an excellent crowd of well over 30 members from Wanganui turned up at 7.00pm for a night of fun on fun and dancing.

The trip there was uneventful - straight to the hall to arrive just after 7.00 to find the evening just starting. DJ "Kiwi" was very good and kept the night moving along nicely with his music and banter.

Danny was elected judge from our club and together with Rose City's judge had their hands full attempting to find the best competitors from a large field of entries.

Starting with Junior events and as the night progressed the Senior members of both clubs were drawn out of a hat to dance with other club members (not their usual partners).



Good to see dancers attempting moves a little out of there comfort zone with one highlight being Phil and Christine doing an excellent straddle only to be reminded it was a RESTRICTED event.

A beautiful supper once again with the judging results in our favour this year and the trophy triumphantly bought back to Wanganui.

Heaps of younger members competing this year and another new group of Wanganui dancers being initiated into the rock n roll 'family'.



Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could order 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

"We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter. "You don't?" I asked. "We only have six, nine or twelve," was the reply. "So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.



# Rose City Hop

11 July 09

by Chris Williams

We (Walkers, Williams & Holloways) took off for Palmerston North at 5.30pm in the Walkers van with a nervous driver, as Phil was being assessed tonight with Gill in Restricted.

As we pulled into McDonalds at Bulls, the Mence family and the Bullocks were pulling out; we all had the same idea for tea. The hall was fairly full when we arrived with some of the Wanganui crowd already seated so we chose the tiered seating and got a great view.

Lots of good dancing, good to see Karen & Brian and Paul & Eileen do well. Lots of children dancing for the first time also.

I have to mention the Mence family who haven't been with our club very long. Cath used to dance a while ago and has picked up her dancing with Scott Greenlees who also returned to us about 12 months ago (he was a founding member). Their young son had his hair spiked up and dancing with his friend, looked very good. Tom, and Cath's daughter put on a real good show when they danced in the open invitation. They have all had good training and it does show.

John won the \$100 raffle. The cash was inside balloons which he held on to for dear life. Abby (Sue's dog) nearly pounced on them when we got into the van later - good one John.

All passed assessment and it was another good Rose City supper.



I was checking out at the local PaknSave with a few items, and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of the dividers they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the checkout girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the divider, looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code, she said to me, "Do you know how much this is?" I said to her, "I've changed my mind, I don't think I'll buy that today." She said "OK". I paid her for my things and left. She had no clue as to what had just happened.

A lady at work put a credit card into her PC's floppy drive and pulled it out very quickly, repeating the action a few times. When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the "ATM thingy."

I was in a car dealership a while ago when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an extra in Twister. I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

Several years ago, we had an intern in the office who was none too swift. One day as she was typing, she turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" "Just use copier machine paper," the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five blank copies.

Police in South Auckland, interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine. A piece of paper with the message "He's Lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

### WORLD WAR III IS COMING

President Bush and Rumsfeld are sitting in a bar.

A guy walks in and asks the barman, "Isn't that Bush and Rumsfeld sitting over there?"

The bartender says, "Yep, that's them."

So the guy walks over and says, "Wow, this is a real honor! What are you guys doing in here?"

Bush says, "We're planning WW III."

And the guy says, "Really? What's going to happen?"

Bush says, "Well, we're going to kill 140 million Muslims and one blonde with big tits."

The guy exclaimed, "A blonde with big tits? Why kill a blonde with big tits?"

Bush turns to Rumsfeld and says,

"See, I told you no one CARES about the 140 million Muslims"

## Sinner

Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose woman.

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Timmy Shaughnessy?"

Yes, Father, it is.

And, who was the woman you were with? I can't be tellin' you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation.

Well, Timmy, I'm sure to find out sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now. Was it Brenda O'Malley?

I cannot say.

Was it Patricia Kelly? I'll never tell.

Was it Sheilah O'Brien? I'm sorry, but I cannot name her.

Was it Kathleen Morgan?

My lips are sealed.

Was it Fiona Grogan, then?

Please, Father, I cannot tell you.

The priest sighs in frustration. You're a steadfast lad, Timmy Shaughnessy, and I admire that. But you've sinned, and you must atone.

You cannot attend church mass for three months. Be off with you now.

Timmy walks back to his pew. His friend Sean slides over and whispers,

What'd you get?

Three month's vacation and five good leads.

# Club Champs 8 August 09 by Chris Williams

Doors opened at 4.30pm. Friends from Hawera, Rose City, New Plymouth, Harbour City, Hawkes Bay and Wellington joined us for a great Club Champs with over 140 people through the doors. Well up on last year with a record number of 51 entries also.

Starting at 6.00 o'clock with the first events being Best Dressed. Spots were certainly popular with many variations of them. The judges would have had spots before their eyes for a while after the event I reckon. Mary & Dave Sayers were hosted by the Walkers this year were judging together with Carolyn Rickard who was staying with June. Donna did her usual great job as MC with a little break for her Same Sex event with Gill. Alex did the music for most of the night, and other than a couple of Hiccups all went well. Our usual music man Kelyv was away cruising the Greek Islands with club secretary Jacky.

We had good entries in the Novice this year, the most we have had for a few years with learners from the latest block course held by June encouraged to enter. They did very well and looked great out there - keep it up guys.

We were treated to a high standard of dancing throughout the night, especially in the Triples and

Invitation events. A little mention about Gilly - she's a goer; she danced at least five dances I know of, having to change quite a few times

(which I can relate to also).

The last competition was the Top Team that Donna challenged Rose City to do with us at the Central Districts Hop in June. Alex got a team of young ones together a week earlier and Salone was doing lifts she had only learnt that week. He even managed to coerce Bubby into the team





- well done. Wanganui won the event but Rose City were hot on our tail though and gave a pretty impressive performance with Jackie & Neil Rutherford dancing for them as they have moved to Linton recently and are members of both clubs now. It was a good family atmosphere and it was nice to see Diane Butters in the mood by taking part in Best Dressed

in new frock and crutches (Diane damaged



her leg while practicing Triples with Holloways and is out of dancing for a while). Neil Rutherford partnered her in Best Dressed Couple, borrowing one of John's spare ties.



We had a nice supper at 10.30. A big thankyou to all who helped in the kitchen, especially Margaret (June's sister, and Cathy). It made me able to participate.

The raffle was organised by Marlene which, I might add, she won with Donna drawing the lucky numbers. Prizegiving was exciting, the it was announced all assessments passed and some new couples are now to dance at Gisborne Nationals next month. Phil & Marlene and Helen & Doug, best of luck. You have



put in the hard work so enjoy your events at Gisborne.

Good to see Phil Walker back dancing and doing well after his mishap before Nationals last year which put him out of dancing for quite a while. Also to John who had been out of dancing till six weeks ago having had a few health issues this year.



Good on all you guys for helping make it a very successful night.





# Results . . .

Best Dressed Junior Boy: 1st Tom, 2nd Dylan, 3rd Brandon

Best Dressed Junior Girl: 1st Bubby, 2nd Celone, 3rd Jacinta

Best Dressed Junior Couple: 1st Dylan & Hayley, 2nd Tom & Jacinta

Best Dressed Man: 1st Phil W, 2nd Phil H, 3rd Paul

Best Dressed Lady: 1st Christine, 2nd Heather, 3rd Karen B

Best Dressed Couple: 1st Phil & Sue W, 2nd John & Christine W, 3rd Phil & Marlene

Junior Novice Final: 1st Tom Worrell and Jacinta Mence, 2nd Dylan Mence and Hayley Mooney

Senior Novice: 1st Andrew Mence and Kath Mence, 2nd Shane Williams and Lois Allan, 3rd Doug Broughton and Sheryl Rooke

Senior Restricted: 1st Gary Pratt and Karen Bullock, 2nd Phil Walker and Gill Pirikahu, 3rd Phil and Marlene Holliway, 4th Doug Broughton and Helen Cowen

Junior Open: 1st Tom Worrall and Jacinta Mence, 2nd Dylan Mence and Hayley Mooney

Masters: Danny Burns and June McGrath, 2nd Phil Walker and Gill Pirikahu, 3rd John Williams and Heather Brider

Invitation: 1st Miles Coverdale & Sheryne Beeby, 2nd Tony Clarke and Pauline Kislick, 3rd Gavin McGlashin and Debbie Beazley



## MY NEIGHBOR FOUND HER DOG COULD HARDLY HEAR SO SHE TOOK IT TO THE VET.

The vet found that the problem was hair in the dogs ears, and cleaned both ears so the dog could hear fine. The vet then told the lady if she wanted to keep this from recurring, she should go get "Nair" hair remover and rub it in the dog's ears once a month.

The lady goes to the drug store and gets some "Nair" hair remover. At the register, the druggist tells her, "If you're going to use this under your arms, don't use deodorant for a few days."

The lady says: "I'm not using it under my arms."

The druggist says: "If you're using it on your legs, don't shave for a couple of days."

The lady says: "I'm not using it on my legs either. If you must know, I'm using it on my Schnauzer."

The druggist said "Stay off your bicycle for about a week, then."

Senior Same Sex: Kath Mence and Shona Hood, 2nd Gill Pirikahu and Donna Burns, 3rd Karen Bullock and June McGrath

Senior Triples Best Dressed: 1st Phil, Sue & Gill, 2nd Shane, Karyn & Kath, 3rd Roger, Raewyn & Melanie

Senior Triples: 1st Danny Burns, June McGrath and Karen Burns, 2nd Shane Williams, Karen Bullock and Kath Mence, 3rd Phil and Sue Walker and Gill Pirikahu

Open Restricted: 1st Doug Broughton and Helen Cowan, 2nd Butch and Karen Thompson, 3rd Ned Bullock and Jo Mackey

Golden Final: 1st Michael Wallace and Gill Pirikahu, 2nd Butch Thompson and Wendy Ford

Unders and Overs: 1st Hamuera Tume and Te Manihera AKA Bubby Pirikahu, 2nd Scott Greenlees & Celone Tuka, 3rd Tom Worrall and Gill Pirikahu, 4th Doug Broughton & Jaylee Hina

Platinum: 1st Scott Greenlees and Kath Mence, 2nd Alex Pirikahu and Shona Hood, 3rd Michael Wallace and Gill Pirikahu

Up & Coming: Kath, Andrew, Jacinta and Dylan Mence

Most Improved Junior: Tom Worrall

Most Improved Senior: Michael Wallace

Teams Fun Challenge: 1st Wanganui, 2nd Rose City



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Stevie Wonder and Tiger Woods are in a bar. Tiger turns to Stevie and says, 'How's the singing career going?' Stevie replies, 'Not too bad. How's the golf?' Woods replies, 'Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that right, now.' Stevie says, 'I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right.'

Tiger says, 'You play GOLF?'

Stevie says, 'Yes, I've been playing for years'. Tiger says, 'But -- you're blind! How can you play golf if you can't see?' Stevie Wonder replies, 'Well, I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball towards his voice.' But, how do you putt?' asks Tiger 'Well', says Stevie, 'I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice.'

Tiger asks, 'What's your handicap?' Stevie says, 'Well, actually -- I'm a scratch golfer.'

Woods, incredulous, says to Stevie, 'We've got to play a round sometime.'

Stevie replies, 'Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole. That a problem?' Woods thinks about it and says, 'I can afford that, OK, I'm game for that. \$10,000 a hole is fine with me. When would you like to play?'

Stevie Wonder says, 'Pick a night'

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. "Impossible!" says the doctor. "Show me."

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left chest and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, "You're not really a redhead, are you?" "Well, no" she said, "I'm actually a blonde." "I thought so," the doctor said. "Your finger is broken"

Was depressed last night,  
rang lifeline and got a call centre  
in Afghanistan,  
told them I was suicidal.  
They got all excited and asked if  
I could drive a van !!!

Old Paddy went to the ATM's the other day  
with the following statement:-

"SSShhhhhhhhh ... don't tell anyone. I  
think Bank of Ireland, AIB, IIB and Anglo  
Irish Bank are all in B\_I\_I\_G trouble!  
Yesterday I tried to draw money at all their  
ATMs, and each time I got the same mes-  
sage: "Insufficient funds."!!



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