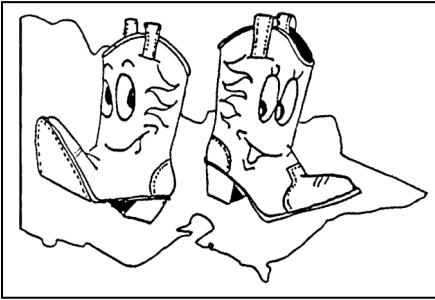


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VICTORIAN LINE DANCE ASSOCIATION

PROMOTING & SUPPORTING LINE DANCING ACROSS VICTORIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season's Greetings.

Well just a few more classes for 2010 to go now as Christmas rapidly approaches. Most classes will take a break over the holiday period and we will all suffer withdrawal symptoms until we resume in 2011.

Many dancers and country music fans travel to Tamworth towards the end of January for the Country Music Festival and the Australian Line Dance Championships. The VLDA is again pleased to be a major sponsor of the Championships. To those folk who are competing - good luck!

In the last two Newsletters I asked non-instructor VLDA members to send me their favourite dances for the year. The Newsletter usually contains the dances the instructors choose to teach their classes but I was wondering what dances the ordinary dancer enjoyed. Thank you so much to all of those folk who emailed me their dance list.

Some people sent me a few dances, while others sent me long lists! Some said it was difficult to choose their favourites – there were so many they enjoyed. Others said they had difficulty remembering the names of all the dances! I can certainly relate to that – when I go to a request social I have trouble remembering my favourites as well.

Well, here are the top dozen dances that you chose as your favourites for the year:

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| 1. Now And Then | 7. A Woman Like You |
| 2. Mr Whoever You Are | 8. As Love Is My Witness |
| 3. You'll Find Better Love | 9. Man Of My Word |
| 4. Best Days Of Your Life | 10. Stuff You Gotta Watch |
| 5. Fairytale | 11. Bobbi With An I |
| 6. Hold On | 12. I Need You Now |

It's interesting to note that 9 of these are Aussie dances and most of those are by Victorian choreographers.

Here are some important dates for your diary for the VLDA's big three events for 2011. The Gala Ball will be on Saturday June 25th at Springers Leisure Centre, Keysborough. The theme will be "Country Glamour" – dress up in your finest country gear!

The Portarlington Line Dance Weekend will be held over the March long weekend from Friday March 11 to Sunday March 13. If you haven't done so already you might like to consider booking accommodation for this great weekend of line dancing. The weekend will again feature workshops with Gordon Elliot on the Saturday, and socials Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Good Friday Marathon will be held on April 22nd at Norwood Secondary College in Ringwood (same venue as last year).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all VLDA committee members, and all of the other willing helpers, who have contributed so much throughout the year in various ways.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas with your family and friends. If you are going away, have a great time and travel safely, and come back refreshed for another big year of line dancing in 2011.

Merry Christmas