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### From the President's Desk

Hi all you southern rockers and unfortunately welcome to autumn as well as the end of day light savings!! No more spending long nights outside working on the house or the garden or even going for those great evening walks while the sun is setting. Well, in a positive way it means you can instead come down to the club for your weekly club night fix.

With the way the weather has been, warm, still and still very summery, there hasn't been the same crowd at the club. So if you haven't been there for some time it would be fantastic to see you and have a good catch up. We are looking at revamping a few items within club night and thank you to **Karen Birch** for introducing some new sounds that we can dance to. Come along and see what else we may look at changing.

The clubs next major event is our Easter dance on the 13th of April. Doors open at 7.00pm with some great music, entertainment -a large bunch of the excited juniors attending the junior nationals putting on their routines so please come and support and witness some great dancing. Book this date and get in early for a good seat. Theme for this year is the best decorated egg so kids get creative and see what you can come up with. In previous years there has been some very talented kids with what they have come up with. **Remember to bring along a plate for supper also**

The hall was a hive of activity recently with members preparing for the South Island Competitions in Dunedin on the 17th of Feb. Yet again we had a strong contingent travelling up to compete or/and spectate and in all accounts we all did very well. There were couples that danced up there dancing for the first time dancing outside of Invercargill so well done to you all. This competition is always a great chance for all our juniors going to the Nationals for their warm up in preparing and getting their routines all set.

Once back from the Dunedin comps there were no breaks, it's been straight back into practicing and re juggling routines in preparation towards the junior nationals. With Easter being halfway through April it means we have had more time to get couples sorted which they all need. Kindly Todd and Amanda Meikle came down from Christchurch to give their time to look over a number of our juniors to see if they are all set for the nationals. All couples that attended walked away more passionate and knowing what they needed to do to make their routines work out on the dance floor. I would like to thank Amanda and Todd for taking your personal time in coming down and helping our club out. The juniors, coaches and parents really do appreciate it.

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Over the past 6 weeks since Dunedin, the juniors have worked their butts off week after week with some couples up to 4-5 days a week so they can step onto the nationals floor confident, proud and ready to rock knowing they have done their best before they dance. I feel so proud walking into our hall seeing the floor so busy with dancers and usually not much room to move. The juniors are all so busy, full of energy and seeing the passion in their eyes while they try and get their routine 100% right is truly awesome. If you would like to pop down and just sit and watch them, you're more than welcome and the juniors would love to see you there.

WOW! The junior nationals are only two weeks away now which is very scary thinking it was only 2 years ago we put up our hands to host it. Nikki and her dedicated team are in full steam ahead doing the last bits of organising and making sure everyone that will walk through that door on the weekend will be blown away and heavily satisfied with having some great memories to go back home with knowing that juniors 2019 was a fantastic nationals not to forget! Well done **Nikki and her passionate team, Wendy, Genna, Nicola, Cheryl and Michelle** for what you have done up to this date.

Also raffles are needed for the weekend and we really need as much as possible to make it through the long weekend. If you haven't got anything then a donation is fine or approaching a business would be great input. Businesses will be thanked throughout the weekend for their kind and generous support. There is a donation box and the front of the hall.

Hopefully you have secured your nationals tickets now and coming along to support our club and the team behind it. If not, tickets are still available and will be during the weekend. You can just purchase a day pass if you want instead of the full weekend, just let us know and we can sort it. Also we are needing as many helpers as possible which will be used for the ticket sales, public viewing, security and our raffles table. We will have a roster system of 2 hour slots so you won't be stuck there for a full day. Please let us know if you can help.

Tuitions are on their last night next Wednesday for the first senior basic's. Thank you to John Brown and Cheryl Cross for taking the first block. Ewe have a good keen bunch that have gone through and will keep going on to the next block which is the advanced class. If you or someone you know would like to go through the next step advanced block then let myself or Cheryl know. Kicks off from the 17th of April for three weeks. The next block of basic's start back up on the 29th of May for both seniors and juniors if you know of anyone that is keen.

Right I think I have said way to much but it's all very important and you should all be looking at attending. So please remember the Easter dance on the 13th April, Junior nationals from the 19th to the 21st April and as important, the club nights every Wednesday.

Karl Herman

## Club Notices

- ◆ **Junior Nationals**  
⇒ **Invercargill ILT stadium, 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> April 2019**
- ◆ **Fundraising**  
⇒ **Still looking for raffle prizes for Nationals. All members are asked to contribute please.**
- ◆ **Rocking with the stars**  
⇒ **Following Nationals there will be a big push with this. We look forward to the next step with this.**
- ◆ **Demos... Please please volunteer to assist with these, and age, any ability, lets celebrate our club in the local community!! See or text Karl to confirm your availability.**  
⇒ **Calvary Hospital....Early April, 4-5 Juniors and Adults required please.**  
⇒ **Nostalgic Club 6 Ap.**  
⇒ **Sharks and Steel Games, dates to be confirmed.**

## Extra shout-out from Karl:

### **Senior top team/ Open top team interests:**

With the senior nationals being hosted by the Christchurch club in October labour weekend we would like you to take this as a major opportunity to put any groups together and that's where we now need to look at seniors that are interested in taking part in either the senior team or open top team. we have secured our coach for the senior team and are wanting expressions of interest for that group so we can make a start straight after the junior nationals. Please email your interest to Karl Herman on [k.herman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:k.herman@xtra.co.nz)

Also the same applies to the open top team, needing expressions of interest there so we can plan ahead. Email Karl also.

**South Island competitions in Christchurch** - This year they are held over Queens Birthday on the Sunday. As a club we do need to keep supporting these events to keep them running. They are important for any competitor for their dance improvement ultimately, being familiar with other judges/ dancers, improving your confidence but also for others around the

### **Signage:**

A HUGE thanks to JP Plastering and Golden Homes for sponsoring our new sign that has gone up on the south side of the building which is also a great advertising platform with the amount of traffic going past. Take a look next time you visit.

# **South Island Interclub**

## **Competition**

### **CHRISTCHURCH**

**On the Sunday of Queens Birthday Weekend  
(2nd June)**

**At Prebbleton Hall, Springs Road (10 mins from  
Hornby) This was formerly held at the Working  
Mens' Club, note the change of venue.**

**Time to be confirmed.**

**Door charge \$10 adults, \$5 children.**

**Entry forms out soon!**

**Remember ..**

**Easter Dance , Doors open at 7pm,  
\$5 plus your supper plate, see you all there!**

**Nationals donations accepted now at the front of the hall.**

# Happy Birthday!

## March

2 Nikita Rogers  
3 Joel Terrill-Dodd  
5 Jordan van Miltenburg  
6 Amanda Rangi  
8 James Phillipson  
8 Mike Hewitt  
9 Bailey Matthews  
9 Steve Phillips  
13 Karl Herman  
20 Merv Ryder  
23 Carter Middlemiss  
25 Craig Cunninghame  
27 Jessica Thomson  
28 Daniel Herman  
31 Ron McDowell

## April

1 Sharron Lane  
3 Dominic Hodgkinson Harris  
4 Brendan Gray  
8 Caitlin van Miltenburg  
10 Chloe Hewitt  
11 Addison Gray  
15 Alesana Lafoga  
20 Margaret Sands  
24 Craig Dudfield  
25 Tim Lawry  
26 Jenny Fraser  
27 Jaguar Band  
29 Kyron Devery  
30 Lorraine Herman

## New Members

A big warm welcome to the following new members:  
Celia and Jason Devery, Ethan Gray and Eli Bartley

### Club Night

Every Wednesday at  
7.30pm

Members \$2

Non-Members \$5

### Out and about

Level One have just released their new menu. If you are thinking of trying it out, The Invercargill Rock 'n' Roll Club have a 'company card' set up. All you need to do when paying is mention the number (#3728) and we will accumulate points.

# Member Profile

## Presenting,,, Clare Atkinson



### **How did you get involved with the Rock n Roll Club?**

Was out walking one day and saw the sign advertising Junior Beginner classes and thought my granddaughter would love to learn Rock'n'Roll dancing. And she does!

### **Your favourite Rock n Roll song?**

"We're all going on a Summer Holiday"

### **Your favourite event?**

MMMMMM.... That's a tough one.... Haven't experienced Junior Nationals yet – Roll on Easter !! so at this stage probably the club champs – great to see all the different categories danced. Love the Highland Hop at events – shows how strangers of all ages can come together and dance and have fun – Isn't Rock and Roll Great!

### **What do you enjoy most when dancing?**

I have two very left feet and an ankle injury so don't dance myself YET... but am always toe tapping – Love the music/ Love the beat.

### **What would you do if Elvis walked in?**

Faint ! Then once he'd picked me up I would ask him to sing " All Shook Up"

### **What is your main aim in dancing?**

Have fun watching all the dancers – right from wee tots through to the golden Oldies.

### **What other hobbies do you have?**

Spending time with my grand kids. My tunnel house is my Happy Place. Also love a good book or movie and Travel ! Got a few places to cross off my bucket list yet...

### **You favourite TV show?**

Downtown Abbey – Love historical dramas.

### **What would you do if you won 10 million dollars?**

Give the club a large Donation, some to ChildFund towards the village in Sri Lanka where I sponsor two young girls, give some to each of my children to clear their mortgages and have a decent holiday And travel and tick off my bucket list.

### **Who has inspired you most in life?**

Nick Vujcic -He's the Australian motivational speaker with no arms or legs... He is amazing – Love without Limits ! Nothing is impossible ! Be happy, positive and go do it all!

### **What do you enjoy most about the Rock 'n' Roll Club?**

Going to the competitions and dances to watch everyone having so much fun to some as some music.