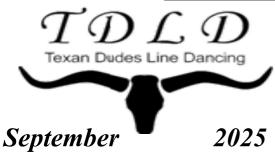
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Wanted Poster

Hi and once more welcome to the Wanted Poster news.
Having seen the end of all those Bank holidays and now seen the end of the school summer holidays, it can only mean one thing! 'It's Christmas'! Hold on! We don't need to panic there is still a while to go before then! The reason I know this is because I have seen shop shelves full of Halloween paraphernalia since the end of July!
Enough of my whinging, what line dancing news is there?

The first thing is a few words of encouragement tinged with a few words of caution.

A local club recently advertised a Country & Western evening. The advert mentioned dancing and in particular mentioned line dancing. The first thing to say is we should all be looking out for these events and supporting them if possible. Particularly important is to support clubs having live acts. However, a word of caution. If a venue isn't a recognised line dance venue or advertising a 'specifc' line dance event, any line dancing may well be 'Ad hoc'! It may well be left up to you to let your hair down and lead the first line! *Unfortunately, because of family* commitments, we couldn't attend this event, hopefully we will the next.

Live Acts & Dancing

Whilst on the subject of supporting local events I thought I would give a shout out for the many live acts that enrich our line dancing scene.

We teachers have a hard job(Get the tissues out!) trawling though hundreds of dances to find a dance which we think you will like. But spare a thought for the live acts out there that have to learn the song to the dance we have decided to teach! In this ever changing world of line dancing some dances fade away quicker than others. How impossible it is for these acts to know what dance and song will still be in favour in three months time and which songs they should learn?

Bear this in mind when you next go to an event and the live act tells you that a particular dance will fit the song he is about to play. I have heard that some dancers will not do a dance because 'that's not the right song'! If a dance fits a song then dance it, after all we are there to do the thing we love to do, 'dance'! It must be so disheartening for a live act to hear that someone is refusing to dance because he/she is not playing 'the correct song'.

I know I have said this before but in the 'old days' we would enjoy dancing the Tush Push in an evening to many different songs.

I know we all have favourite songs and the dances we are used to doing to them but sometimes you may get a pleasant surprise by dancing it to something else!

Is It My Imagination!

Lavinia is a lot more dedicated to trawling through the internet to find the next dance to bring to class than me. That's not to say I don't do my fair share of trawling!

As I go about the daily tasks that men often do about the house (Don't say a word!) Lavinia will often make time to sit at the PC looking at new dances. Obviously, I am too busy to watch video's but most of the time I am in a position to hear the music. Since the start of the year it seems to me that more often that not Country & Western music is being used for our pastime. I wonder if the upsurge in the popularity of C & W music is influencing choreographers! The hours that we teachers spend looking for dances means are probably in the best position to judge. It would be interesting to hear from other teachers if they are finding the same.

If we get any feedback from teachers we'll let you know.

Cold Front

After all the words about keeping hydrated during your dancing, a change of direction.

Pretty soon the cold winds of winter will be blowing through the corridors of line dance halls.(Brrrr)

I know its not winter yet but it is worth mentioning it before we are knee deep (sounds like a name of a dance)in snow. When it gets colder remember to dress in layers of clothes. You must remember to have extra layers on when leaving a warm hall and going out in the cold night air.(Grandpa has spoken!)

Remember When

This is the name of a beautiful song and the name of a dance that was choregraphed to it. (2012 I think)

It is a song of the way things were when we were young.

I often think of this song when dancers ask us when we are going to arrange another weekend away. Our last weekend away was in 2015(Wow time does fly!) when we decided to take a break in 2016, a BIG wedding anniversary year for us. So a year away from arranging the line dance weekend was called for.

Unfortunately health problems took their toll in 2017 & 2018 and then Covid came along.

During this period classes were cancelled and class numbers reduced. I am sure that there are other teachers that followed a similar pattern leading up to and after Covid.

All of this means that we haven't the number of dancers that we used to. As a result a weekend away or a Saturday night social would not be financially viable.

So you can see that it has absolutely nothing to do with age! (Yeh right!)

Dance Taught In August

A Summer Breeze-

Choreo. By: Rob Fowler.
Music: A Summer Breeze by Charlei
Landers, Jose Reazze & Raymond Sky.
A really nice slow summer dance. Lovely
song and easy dance.

Oldie Dance Revisited In August Walking The Line –

Choreo. By: Unknown in 1920 (It was a while ago) Music: Life's A Dance

Dance Like No One Is Watching Lavinia & Mick

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