



Newsletter

December

2011

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<http://www.christchurchrocknroll.org.nz/>

From the President

We come to the end of a year we will all remember, and I won't even try to match the wonderful prose (and poetry) of our newsletter editor, Robin. Instead, I am looking forward to a time of growth and activity in the year leading up to our hosting of the 2013 Junior Nationals.

We have some exciting things planned; keep checking our website, as all the new initiatives will be listed there, as well as through news flashes from the publicity team, Robin & Connie.

Also I would just like to convey special thanks to the wonderful Committee and friends within the club. You are all so supportive of each other, and I feel both humble and proud to be part of such a great team.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, see you all soon in what we trust will be a positive and constructive 2012.

Brenda

Coming events

Coming to a dance floor near you:

December:

Thursday 8th Demo for Belfast School

December 9th Avon City Xmas Dance with Hi-Rollers

December 31st Avon City New Year dance to be confirmed

2012

January

Friday 27th Mini dance - kick the new year off with a shake, rattle and roll at the Hei Hei hall 7.00pm – 10.00pm

February

Wednesday 1st Free 'have a go' lessons

What a year

Well, as years go 2011 has certainly been one for the books. We lost count of how many earthquakes we survived; and many of us mourned friends, family, acquaintances, even total strangers who didn't survive. We shed tears of despair and joy, we lamented and laughed, but most importantly most of us survived. Having completed a creative writing course just the year before, like many I penned words, words like these:

*How quickly the earth
Heaved and trembled beneath our feet
And I saw the sunlight
Glinting like diamonds in your tears*

We lost the Hall for training, and then we lost it again, but through all of this we kept on dancing. We managed to have 3 couples and a top team dance at Junior Nationals, coming away with a well deserved 4th in couples, and eight couples and a senior team dance at Senior Nationals, coming away with a first and a second in the dancing, and three seconds in Best Dressed categories. We gathered support from all of the other Christchurch clubs, whether it was alternative training venues, or in moral support when we were on the floor. We managed Club Champs, and South Islands, in short we kept on going when life seemed like it wouldn't, even couldn't, return to 'normal'. Down at the training hall, people seemed perpetually tired, but above all else there was the same supportive and positive spirit that I have recalled in every one of the 5 short years we have been training there. Performance like this needs

Tuesday 7th Lessons begin, followed by club night

Saturday 18th Dunedin RnR Club competition

March

Saturday 3rd 20th NZ No Jumps Rock n Roll Competition, Morrinsville

Sunday 4th Quiz night fundraiser for Junior Nationals

Saturday 10th Birthday dance

Tuesday 20th Club AGM, 7pm

Friday 30th Juniors mini-dance fundraiser

April

6-8th Junior Nationals, Invercargill

May

Friday 4th Mini dance

June

1-11th Cooly rocks on, Tweed Heads, Coolangatta, Kirra

Saturday 16th Club champs

leadership, and I reckon we've been pretty lucky to have the leadership of Brenda, and her team on the committee, to get us through.

'Nil desperandum carborundum'... a piece of 'invented' Latin which is meant to mean 'Don't let the b***ds wear you down', and we certainly didn't. Well done, and THANKS, Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club!!!

Robin

Congratulations

Awards from the 2011 Christmas dance:

Keithleen Javier most improved junior

Jeremy & Kelly Inwood most improved junior couple.

Sam Crocker and Hayden Dale most improved senior couple.

Hall hours

The hall closes for the Christmas period on 7th December, and re-opens on 17th January.

Facebook

Follow Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club Facebook on Facebook for instant news... just look for "Christchurch Rock 'n' Roll Club" and click 'Like' to get all the latest news direct to your Home page on

July

Saturday 28th South Island Interclub comps

September

Saturday 15th Spring Dance

October

Saturday/Sunday 20/21: Senior Nationals, Napier

November

Saturday 10th All comers No jumps competition

December

Saturday 1st Mini dance

Senior Nationals 2012

Napier 2012 - Labour Weekend 2012

Karyn is seeking expressions of interest.

<http://www.rocknroll.org.nz/2012-Senior-Nationals.html>

Facebook. No spam, no nonsense, it's that easy!!

Hall car park

Reminder: when you use the car park at the hall, please make sure you don't leave anything of value in the car. There have been a couple of break-ins over recent months.

Welcome to our new members

Ken Blood
Clare Ansly
Henry Cha
Young Pyo

Looking ahead

Junior Nationals Easter 2013 will be held here in Christchurch at the Hornby Working Men's Club. Keep watching the Club web site for updates.

Farewell

Wendy & Ricky are off to Australia in 3 weeks and we would like to thank them for their contribution to the club over the past 5-6 years. We wish them well on their new journey. There is a farewell afternoon /evening on the 10th December at Wendy's. All welcome

Quiz night

Fundraiser for Junior Nationals, 4 March.. keep watching for details. Deposits are required if you are going down to Invercargill to support our dancers.

New club nights

In 2012 club nights will run for an hour on Tuesday evenings after lessons.

Come along, bring some nibbles, maybe something to drink.



Free "have a go" lesson Wednesday 1st February, 7 pm.

Open to the general public. We need plenty of club members on deck to help, so please try to pop along.