

Dunedin Rock'N'Roll Revival Club

NEWSLETTER
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President's Report

Hello Fellow Rockers

We have a few things happening this month and in following months that you need to know about:

- On Tuesday, 7 May, the Club is running a Quiz Night at the Kensington Tavern starting at 7 pm. This is a fun event, so please give it your support. NOTE: There is NO Club Night on 7 May.
- We also need donations for the raffles, which can be dropped off at the Hall or at St Kilda Automotive. Last night to deliver donations is Monday, 6 May.
- The Central Otago Club have their birthday dance on Saturday, 11 May, in Clyde.
- Our monthly dance is on 18 May, with a DJ. Also on this day the NZARRA AGM is being held in Wellington, which I will be attending on behalf of the Club.
- Our birthday dance this year is on 15 June.

- The Club Champs are coming up on 20 July. The Committee needs to know if any Club members are wishing to enter. If you are thinking of entering, please let us know by 18 May.
- The Club AGM is coming up in August and we will be needing some more Committee members. Please give this some thought.

Your President,

Roger King



Rock 'n' Roll Revival Club
Saturday, 18 May, 8.00pm



DJ - Jude

Bring a Plate Supper

**Prices: members-\$8; junior members-\$6
non members-\$12; junior non members-\$10**

**Flat shoes only on the dance floor
Community Hall, 253 King Edward Street, South Dunedin**



When: Tuesday 7th May

Where: The Kensington Tavern, 4 King Edward St

Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Meals and drinks on sale from 6pm
(Ticket holders get cheaper drinks)

Cost: \$5 per person, teams of 4-6

We will be selling raffles on the night

We would kindly ask that each member or family donate 1 or 2 items towards the raffles. The more donations we have, the better the result for this annual fund raiser

Donations can be dropped off to the hall on Monday or Tuesday nights, 7.30pm to 9pm, or to Richard Robb at St Kilda Automotive, cnr of Richardson St and Prince Albert Rd, during business hours.

To order your tickets – contact Richard 455 1031 (wk) or 487 6462 (hm).
Tickets can be bought at the hall on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Tickets must be pre-purchased

All minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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CENTRAL OTAGO ROCK 'N' ROLL CLUB

invites everyone to our



DANCE



Music by: **Th'Art of Cheese**

Clyde Memorial Hall

Cnr Fraser & Newcastle Sts

Saturday 11 May

8 pm till late

(Doors open at 7.30)

BYO and a supper plate

Tickets \$15 each

Tickets available from:

Raewyn Hall

03 443 2996 or 027 270 5922

g-hall@xtra.co.nz

Irene Wallace

03 445 1102 or 027 428 3323

iredave@xtra.co.nz

Door sales will be available

SAY SHOES!

One of the questions folk who are new to rock 'n' roll want answered is: "What shoes should I be wearing?" And the answer is anything really that you find comfortable and that improves the whole dance experience. That said, obviously some shoes are going to improve the experience more than others, mostly due to cushioning of the sole (because let's face it, after four hours of dancing on a Saturday night, everyone's dogs are barking!) and the composition of the sole exterior, ie whether it makes spinning and stopping easier. Also, you want to be sure that your shoes are not going to come off, no matter how energetic your dancing – guys probably don't have to worry about this aspect as much as the ladies, as men's shoes are usually lace-ups, so no worries about security there. Also, as the Club has a "No high heels on the dance floor" policy, ladies need to consider whether they want flats or a very low heel.

So, for an overview of shoes, from budget to high end, here is a quick summary:

- **Local shoe retailers**

This is a good place to start. When you've just started dancing, you don't want to shell out a whole lot of money until you're sure just how this rock 'n' roll thing is going to pan out. In my early days of rock 'n' roll I kept an eye out for sale priced street shoes that ticked the boxes – nice slippy sole and something that would be secure on my foot, either a lace-up, Mary Jane with an instep strap or a T-bar (fortunately for us, ladies, the current fashion for lace-up brogues provides many exciting choices). Likewise, for the gentlemen, a standard dress shoe with a hard plastic sole is generally fine. Sometimes you may find a really nice pair with a leather sole, but these can be pricey, so once again, keep an eye on the sales. Many dancers find just the shoe they are looking for at the likes of Dowsons or Number One Shoe Warehouse and at a fairly wallet-friendly price.

- **Branded dance shoes**

There are a number of dance shoe companies who make shoes specifically for rock 'n' roll, swing or lindy hop. These are, pretty much without exception, a more expensive and risky option, as you will generally be ordering on-line from overseas suppliers, so getting the fit right is much trickier. If you're not sure of your size, contact the retailer with your foot measurements (both length and width of your longest foot) and they will generally assist and most seem to be happy to do a size exchange, although this will be at your cost for postage/courier charges. Some examples are:

Bleyer Shoes at bleyershoes.com – They offer Swingin' and Rockin' styles for both Women and Men (including the Jitterbug and Lindy Hopper Strap for the ladies) and can also be found closer to home at websites like bopjonnys.com.au.

Bleyer shoes offer their patented “Swing Sole” and “Spin Spot”, are extremely light weight, but be aware that these shoes are a narrow European fitting.

Aris Allen Swing Dance Shoes – You can check out their range on websites such as dancestore.com or Amazon. It would appear that the standard fit Aris Allen shoe is also a narrowish European fitting, but they offer a “snub toe” option for the ladies in a wider fitting and they suggest that the style of some of their men’s shoes allows for a wider foot also. My Aris Allen shoes (which I purchased with great ease via Amazon) are wonderfully lightweight, but being designed more for lindy hop, I did take them in to a local cobbler to have the suede-effect heel replaced with rubber so that I had some “brakes” when I put my heel down. Also, due to the very lightweight construction, these shoes sadly only lasted me about a year of full time use, but I would buy them again as they were so comfortable.

Marie’s Dance Boutique – mariesdanceboutique.com. I note this website offers a couple of “PW Dance” options, both men’s and women’s.

Let’s Jive – letsjive.nz, finally a New Zealand based website! They offer a range of 50s appropriate (although not all dance appropriate!) shoes, both men’s and women’s, including Bleyer. They also offer (dangerously) a range of ladies’ and some men’s clothing.

My Juju Dance Fever – myjjudancefever.com.au offers their own brand dance shoes, with a variety of heel heights and styles, both men’s and ladies’. I bravely ordered a pair for both myself and my husband. He wears shoes in both 40 and 41 and chose to go with the larger size and they fit perfectly. I, however, who am a fairly standard 39, found mine too small and after an amicable email discussion with the owner, returned them, with an outline of my foot, for a size exchange. The replacements duly arrived, and while a firm fit, are now my current go-to rock ‘n’ roll shoes.

Bop Jonny’s - bopjonny.com.au offers a range of other shoes in addition to Bleyers, including Alexi and Re-Mix. A visit to their website will set your imagination alight!

JJ’s House – jjshouse.com.au offers a range of dance shoes, including swing styles. A Club member recently purchased a pair from this website and found JJs easy to deal with and is very pleased with the shoes. On checking out the website myself I found it a little difficult to navigate at first, but eventually found what I was looking for under “Shoes, All Dance Shoes” from the top menu,

which I then refined by Category on the side bar, where you have to click “more” which brings up “Swing” as an option. Some of their jazz shoes might be of interest and this site also has men’s dance shoes.

So there you have it. Not a comprehensive list, by any means, but hopefully this may be of assistance. If you have any additions to this list or comments, please send them to me at gillhormann@yahoo.co.nz. Happy dancing!

Happy Birthday To These Rockers! *May Birthdays*

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| 01. Trevor Graham | 19. Robyn Tweedie |
| 02. Erin Taylor | 22. Roger King |
| 03. Paul Bretherton | 25. Sally Gable |
| 05. Dianne Ashworth | 25. Phil Walker |
| 08. Peter McDonald | 25. Yerren van Sint Annaland |
| 09. Leila Maaka | 26. Pat Laney |
| 11. David Musgrave | 26. Barry Gordon |
| 12. Judy Hore | 28. Sharon Free |
| 19. Lynne Ray | 31. Jacqueline Clearwater |



Happy Birthday To These Rockers! *June Birthdays*

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| 02. Ty-Rae Cherry | 17. Brent Cox |
| 03. Glenys Birtles | 24. Wendy Coward |
| 04. Liam Ansell-Douglas | 30. Anita Gaiger |
| 11. Sharon Chappelow | 30. Wayne Young |



7 May	Quiz Night
11 May	Central Otago Birthday Dance, Clyde
18 May	May Dance
15 Jun	Birthday Dance
20 Jul	Club Champs
17 Aug	August Dance
20 Aug	Club AGM
25-27 Oct	Senior Nationals in Christchurch

To keep up with the latest ... join the club's Facebook Page!

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Please send any articles you wish to have included in the newsletter to Gill at gillhormann@yahoo.co.nz

or on the Website to Sharon at schappelow@gmail.com

EMAIL: dunedinrocknrollclub@gmail.com

Looking for R&R Shoes

Check the website for Maries Dance Boutique in Auckland.

Prices are from \$135-165.

<https://mariesdanceboutique.com/collections/shoes/rocknroll-swing>

COMMITTEE

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Fundraising/Hall Trust:	Richard Robb	487-6462
Committee:	Erelene Milne Gay Nicholas	

OTHER INFO

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