

NOVEMBER

Well, I finally got my wish, to ride western!! Have always wanted to, (must be growing up watching all those Cowboy films!!) We all set off for the New Forest Jo, Mum, Auntie, Sheila, Sue and of course me, and on arriving I was given the name of my horse, 'Coyote'. He like most of his mates were coloured horses. About eight other people were booked in, so we were all helped onto our steeds, and given a short practice, before heading off into the forest The Forest was beautiful, as all the leaves were in their full autumn colours. For two hours we rode, and I had to feel sorry for my fellow riders, they were all getting a bit stiff and sore! and that was after the first twenty minutes!! I'm glad to say I was fine, must be all the dancing, just knew Line Dancing was good for you. On returning to the 'Ranch' we were treated to a B,B,Q, yep, beans as well. It was a great day, and I really enjoyed being back in the saddle. So huge thanks to Jo for my brilliant, birthday gift.

We held The Sideliners Annual free party the week before our club holiday. What can I say, good food. (thanks to Sheila, Sue, Auntie,Jo) good dancing and great company!!

THE CLUB HOLIDAY

Friday the 23rd of nov, saw 25 of us boarding a Sea View coach, bound for Bournemouth, Roy, our driver, was briefed on the need for a stop half way there, for a cup of coffee of course!!! the rest of our bunch made their own way in cars. On arriving at the Queens hotel, we all checked in, and most of us hit Bournemouth, only a ten minute walk. We all miss our good friend Carolyn, who moved to Devon last year, but we still keep in touch, and she comes on our club holidays. So it was really great to catch up with her, when she arrived friday evening. Hope to see you again soon Carolyn, and your name is down for next year!!!

Friday night saw us all ready to dance, well we were until a delicious, three course meal (silver service no less!) Had us all so full we could barely move!! In fact, the food all weekend was excellent.

Maggie, taught her easy/inter dance Valerie, bit nippy, but everyone seemed to enjoy it. Then we all danced till midnight, with the Sideliners sometimes looking like they were doing a demo, as we were by far the biggest club!! and they did us proud! After breakfast Maggie had taken little Shaun for a walk. She arrived back without him, having met Auntie, who had taken Shaun over and gone for an even longer walk,(you know Auntie!!) The saturday morning workshop, had Maggie teaching her good new waltz, Pretty in Pink, I liked this dance, and you can't help singing along to it either. She also taught, Wanna know why, so we had a nice easy time, as I had taught this a few weeks earlier! Jo Conroy, our host, also taught two dances. My new Life, and her own Hey Daddy, which some of us missed because we were helping on Maggie's merchandise.stall, but it looked good, and I will teach it soon. Saturday afternoon saw us all shopping, some doing a bit of Christmas shopping too!!! The evening found alot of us dressing up with a Christmas theme, our two Gnomes, were amongst the winners of

the fancy dress (check out all the photo's in the Gallery) Maggie, also carried in the birthday cake for one of our beginners Tony. Then proceeded, to sit him on a chair in the middle of the dance floor, and did an Irish dance demo just for him! well actually we all loved it. It was a great demo and not half as naughty as the now infamous photo suggests!! But Tony certainly looks like he is enjoying himself!! What a way to celebrate your birthday hey Tony?? we then all danced till one, and after much laughter and giggling finally made it to sleep at about three!!!!

Sunday morning, and some of us were dancing, some were walking or last minute shopping (again!) Maggie taught her Kylie one, Pair of Hearts, Jo and I, had learnt this ourselves a couple of days earlier,so we were quite happy to watch everyone concentrating hard on this one, until Maggie asked me to go on stage, so folks could follow my feet, while she was on the floor teaching (where does your brain go exactly, at times like that!!!!) anyway thank goodness my feet took over, and Jo had also stood up to stand on the side, so we were ok. Phew!!! As the coach didn't come till three we had another beach side walk, then it was time to head back, with Roy once more at the wheel. We told him we would ask for him by name next year (not sure whether he was pleased or not!!!)

It was a really great weekend with a fantastic atmosphere, the staff at the hotel were all friendly and funny, the food lovely, Jo our host was very nice, and Maggie, as always was on top form, she really is good, and has made even more fans, as our beginners thought she was amazing, and of course, what can I say The Sideliners are just the best group of people around. Here's to next year, sign up soon, and come and have great fun with us all!