



*The*  
*Stetson Club*



*20th Anniversary*  
*Newsletter*

*September Issue - 2006*

# the stetson club

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## This Month's Birthday Congratulations



**\*\*FREE DOOR ENTRY  
ON CLUB NIGHT  
CLOSEST TO YOUR  
BIRTHDAY.\*\***

**5th Sept**

**5th Sept**

**6th Sept**

**7th Sept**

**14th Sept**

**24th Sept**

**29th Sept**

**Gail Harris**

**Maria Scott**

**Ann Bagnall**

**Dave Cook**

**Linda Wright**

**Colleen Brine**

**Jillian McWhinnie**



*Many Thanks to Fay Heywood*

Congratulations to the Stetson Club

WOW! Who would have thought back in 1986 that the Club would be celebrating 20 years. This is great credit to all of those who over the years have kept the enthusiasm going even through some tough times – like when we didn't have a place to call our own. We have been lucky to have people who were prepared to look at the wider picture and allow the club members to diversify their entertainment with line dancing - rock and roll etc. It seems a lifetime ago that I first joined the Club in early 1987 and I have enjoyed all of it including cooking steaks in kitchen, watching Steve Kenyon and Bruce Jack play out excerpts of the film 'Cocktail' not to mention the great time had by all on the mystery rally. Learning line dancing from the guys at the "Staircase" in Auckland and then teaching at Whangaparaoa for some years. It's interesting that some of the original dances are still being enjoyed. Some of my greatest memories are there and I'm sure you will all have your own special ones to tell and I look forward to hearing them.

So many other clubs fall by the way side but we have kept to the basics and have come through with flying colours. Live music and that old country feel to the club have been the reasons I am sure that membership has remained great and it is so nice to hear the comments of how friendly the atmosphere is. Back problems have kept me away of late but I am determined to get back up on the floor soon and get back into the swing of things.

Let us all look forward to another 20 years (although I may be using a walker by then).

Fay Heywood - President 1991, 1992, 1994 and 1995.

*Many Thanks to Diana Thurston*

#### **MAGIC MEMORIES FROM AN EX MEMBER.**

Enjoying the best of New Zealand Country Music  
Meeting like minded people who have become lifelong friends  
The wonderful dance organized at different venues all over Auckland  
The Birthday celebration dance held at Brown Bay Hall with the Warratahs band from Wellington.

The barbecue held at a supporter's place in Albany. Theme 'Hawaiian Cowboy'. Unfortunately a member left the property in the Rescue Helicopter !!

The lively house parties held at members homes.  
Finding the Albany hall which has served the Club so well ever since.  
The introduction of Line Dancing and being prepared to go anywhere to learn the dances!!

**THANKS TO BETTY AND JOE MASTERS FOR THEIR INSPIRATION AND DEDICATION.**

**Diana Thurston**

## From your President



**WELCOME MEMBERS** to our September issue/newsletter. September arrives with the utmost degree of excitement, with an exceptional event taking place, our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reunion to be held on 16 September at our Clubrooms, commencing at 7pm. The band this evening will be Brendon Ham & Back to Basix, but I guess there will be a fair amount of "chit chat", nostalgia, & many memorable moments recalled, during the evening.

### **DATES TO JOT IN YOUR DIARY**

**SEPTEMBER 16 20<sup>th</sup>. BIRTHDAY REUNION.** Sel Nash has a couple of surprises in store for us.

**SEPTEMBER 22 Fancy Dress/School Days evening;** be sure to dress up (if your school clothes still fit? – mine don't) have a few giggles, join in the hilarity/ cheerfulness such an evening of amusement can bring, (we're all kids at heart ? ! ) Chet O'Connell & his band will be in attendance, as he usually is for our Fancy Dress socials.

**AUGUST 11 143 (inclusive Committee)** a record attendance indeed, excitedly queued early at the entrance in anticipation, keeping Susan & Roy on their toes. We all admit we truly missed the Sue/ Henk team especially in the kitchen; we all rely on them so much, but we do trust they both had a pleasurable break away at the Jazz Festival at Paihia. What can one say except the entertaining evening performed by one of our favourite groups Sel Nash & his band, coupled with the unique Marian Burns on the fiddle: being newly married has only "made her better", if that is at all possible. Once again, the contented, jovial crowd left on the floor at the conclusion of the evening, wanted an encore, which Marian obliged with her explosive violin playing. You can hear Sel & his band again at our October 27 club evening.



## *From your President*



**AUGUST 24** Brendon Ham, who was freshly home from his trip in USA, & Back to Basix was our band this club evening. My, didn't he look pre-eminent, we had a new Brendon with his new Stetson, new shirt, new levi jeans. new snake skin boots & a new mike. Bet the credit card got a bashing, while in America. We had 115 inclusive of Committee arrive to hear Brendon, & as usual he didn't forget just what music we enjoy dancing the evening away. In stead with our normal behaviour at the bewitching hour of 11.30pm. we requested an encore. Brendon must have really missed us all, as he willingly gave us two encores. When all our helpers had departed from the premises, who was the male? ? ? (who incidently had changed out of his cowboy attire) crouching down by the repaired patch on the hall floor at the Cinderella hour of midnight, but no glass slipper in sight here, just our very own Dave Dawson with sander in hand doing his own thing, on behalf of the hall committee (& in preparation to have the floor looking its best for our Reunion). Good on you Dave; we had the feeling Dave was not the least bit amused with the Committee Members just sitting on the sideline viewing his handy-work. Not our idea of something peculiar to be doing at midnight after awesome night of socialising at our friendly Club.

We sorely missed our Vice President Jokie (who had family commitments elsewhere) & our Barman, Sheriff/ Steve but our solid Committee Members on deck coupled with our ever hardworking kitchenhand Henk, (even if he does give some lip ! ! at times) worked their "butts off" to ensure all went well in their absence. Thanks you guys, you are all awesome/dedicated toilers. As usual, our grateful thanks to all folks, who give us a hand at the conclusion of each club night, to pack away so swiftly & efficiently. Makes our job 100% manageable, we all love the Club, but we all love to arrive home at a reasonable hour, except Dave, of course.



## *From your President*



**FINANCIAL MEMBERS** Jokie has informed me, we now have 94 financial members We are heading along the right road rapidly to attaining the century mark. From hereon if subs. have not been paid, unfortunately, you will be required to pay full price, apologies but that is the way it has to be!

**THANKYOU** Carol & Bevan Bentley have asked me to pass on their gratitude for your cards telephone calls, visits etc. extended to them as they are progressing towards their recovery & wellbeing. Our loving/caring thoughts go out to them both; we miss them heaps & want them back amongst us real soon.

Also Sue a **BIG THANKYOU** for liaising/organising with your friend the impressive gift wrapping of our raffles of late, they always look awesome.

**YOU CAN'T START TODAY & HAVE A NEW BEGINNING BUT YOU CAN START TODAY & HAVE A NEW END"**

Looking forward to touching base with you sometime soon.

Cheers,  
**ROISEL**

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# WHERE DID IT ALL BEGIN ???

In the last twelve months our Club membership has increased dramatically and we thought a brief history of how it all began would be of interest to new members.

The Club was founded in 1986 by Betty and Joe Masters, together with Merle and Sel Pointon, Robyn and Bob Keenan.

Betty and Joe owned the Country Gentleman Restaurant in the City and when it was sold they got together with some of their regular customers to form a Country Music Social Club. This was because there was nowhere in the city offering similar entertainment.

The first official meeting was held on 20 July 1986 at the Pointon's residence and a committee was formed of which Betty was Treasurer. At this stage the name "Stetson Social Club" was decided on and as a point of interest the Club's minute book still has the draft of the "Stetson" used in our logo. Sel Pointon was a signwriter and it was he who created our Club logo. We have sent him one of our Club badges as a token gesture.

A Constitution was drafted and the Aims and Objects of the Club are:

- A: Such as decided upon by the Management Committee from time to time to promote the Social and Recreational interests and for the mutual benefit of the Members of the Stetson Social Club Incorporated and to promote local Country Music and artists in general.
- B: To apply for and hold a Club Licence or a Club Charter or any other Licence under the Sale of Liquor Act 1962 or any other subsequent legislation.

In the beginning the Club did not have premises so in order to raise funds, dances were held at the Auckland Leagues Club with the Al Hunter Band and Shores Country being two of the bands hired. Club members also met at the Shakespear Hotel.

In October 1986 club rooms were leased in Dominion Road and extensive renovations were put in progress by volunteer Club members. Unfortunately, this venture proved to be too ambitious financially and we were "locked out" by the landlord!! Obviously we had reached troubled waters and had debts amounting to over \$5,000.00.

Not to be daunted we continued to hold dances at the Carlton Rugby Club and the Takapuna Cosmopolitan Club, as well as smaller get-togethers at Club members' homes. One such get-together saw Club members clinging to the rafters!! in an effort to show their fitness? Tote tickets were also being sold and these proved to be valuable income.

By the May 1988 AGM all debts had been paid and once again we were in the "black". Club get-togethers were continuing at various venues such as the Keynotes Club in the City and the Prince Arthur Hotel.

December 1988 found us in our own club rooms in Botha Road, Penrose. This venue used to be a canteen for Freightways and was a perfect set-up for the Club as it had a good kitchen, a bar and lounge area. This became our "home" and during this time all Club functions were held at these premises. We introduced Sunday Afternoon concerts once a month in which we invited individual Country Music Clubs to provide entertainment for the afternoon.





October '87

## *The very first Stetson Club Newsletter*

PO Box 40 202  
Glenfield, Auckland 10

HI THERE, Members and Prospective Members of the Stetson Club.

This is our first newsletter to bring you up to date with the Stetson Club's progress so far. Our apologies for taking so long.

Most of you will be aware by now that we have leased club rooms. These are situated at: 337 Dominion Road, Mt. Eden. For those of you who do not know, the rooms are upstairs on the corner of Dominion Road and King Edward Avenue. The area is approximately 3260 sq.ft. with a car park for about twenty cars and loads of street parking in the area. The entrance will be from the rear of the building off King Edward Avenue. The premises were formerly used as a pool room and are in a rather run down condition at present, but with lots of help from members and prospective members we hope to have the Club open by Christmas. Our intention initially is to have the Club open on Friday and Saturday nights and possibly some Sundays. The facilities will include: main auditorium, dance floor, stage, bar, seating, games room, kitchen and toilets. Carpeting will also be fitted.

Anyone who is willing to come along and help out at working bees, please contact one of the committee members:-

Formation Committee:-  
Merle and Sel Pointon - AK 598614  
Robyn Larsen & Bob Keenan - AK 656795  
Betty & Joe Masters - AK 4191350

Some of you will have received a membership form stating that the fees would be going up as from 1st October. This has now been decided against and the fees will remain the same i.e.

Single.....\$50      Double.....\$75

Thank you to everyone who came along to our last fundraising dance at the Auckland Leagues Club and helped to make it a great success. Our thanks to the Gentle Annie Band, Mr. Mike Roycroft and Mr. Al Hunter. Also special thanks to the people who very kindly donated the raffle prizes:- Diana & Bruce Jack, Amy & John Morris and Carrie & Don Cameron.

Our next Social function will again be held at the Auckland Leagues Club, on Friday 31st October. This time with the Al Hunter Band. So how about getting a group of friends together to come along and enjoy a great "Country" night, and help us raise some funds for the Club. For information on tickets please contact one of the committee members.

We would like to send out a special "Get Well Soon" wish to one of our members, Mr. Stan Shore, who is recovering from an operation.

Hope you are all tuning into the Country Music Radio Station, 1XK 1404 which is operating every weekend during October for Country Music Month.

REMEMBER this Club is for YOU - we are only trying to get it off the ground, so please help us to raise the funds to bring the Stetson Club up to a standard we can all enjoy.

NOTE: THE NEXT WORKING BEE WILL BE ON SUNDAY OCT. 12th from 9AM.



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# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

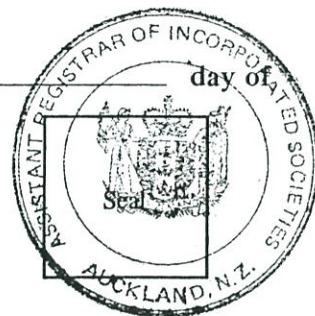
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I certify that STETSON SOCIAL CLUB INCORPORATED

is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Dated at AUCKLAND this 19th  
March 19 87

  
ANNE CATHERINE VICTORIA NELSON  
 Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies.



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The Secretary  
 Stetson Social Club  
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Dear Sir/Madam

STETSON SOCIAL CLUB INCORPORATED

I enclose herewith:-

- (a) Certificate of Incorporation.
- (b) Copy of Registered Rules.
- (c) Requirements after Incorporation.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of abovementioned documents.

Yours faithfully



For Robert On Hing  
 Assistant Registrar of  
 Incorporated Societies

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**PAST & PRESENT PRESIDENTS**

<b>SEL POINTON</b>	<b>1986</b>
<b>JOE MASTERS</b>	<b>1987</b>
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<b>MARY CARPENTER</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>JOHN WALLACE</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>FAY HEYWOOD</b>	<b>1991</b>
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<b>STEVE KENYON</b>	<b>1993</b>
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<b>SEL NASH</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>LINDA BOYD</b>	<b>1997</b>
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<b>SHARON RUNNING</b>	<b>2000</b>
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<b>ROISEL KERSHAW</b>	<b>2005</b>
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In 1989 I had been a member of Eastern Districts' CM Club for about 4 years which meant club nights & Awards & a lot of enjoyment from country music. Then I got the call from Peter Bamfield - Entertainment Officer for the Stetson Club. Could I do a night for them at Botha Rd., Penrose? So began a long association with a wonderful bunch of people & a very *special* club.

In those days, club night entertainment was solo artists & a band was brought in for special social occasions, like Xmas & new Year. So my first night at the Club was solo for 4 hrs. All I had was my guitar, a mic. & an old 'Rockit' amp. to run both through. I am forever grateful to Peter Bamfield for giving me this opportunity & more importantly for subsequent "gigs" there as a solo artist. Sometimes Dave Tusani would play bass for me & Bennie would help out on vocals, which was even better.

One night at Botha Rd., I looked from the stage to see Red McKelvie, Mike Roycroft & Murray Grindley, 3 heavyweights of CM at that time. Eventually they got up & performed which made for a memorable night. There were many more of course, but that was the first for me. We had a lot of fun at Botha Rd., but soon had to move on to new premises which became the story of the Club until the early nineties when we were again looking for premises & Faye Heywood suggested the Dairy Flat hall. We had been moving around so much, I think people had given up on us ever finding a place we could call home & our membership dwindled - 1 club night 7 people through the door & 4 of those were Committee Members! - Something had to be done, so we had little to lose by giving the Dairy Flat hall "a go". It seemed like a long way to travel at the time but Faye had a vision that this would work & most of the patronage would come from north of the bridge. We started off there, still with solo artists such as Red McKelvie, Glen Moffatt, Roger Skinner & "yours truly", but soon we were making enough to employ bands. Then line-dancing came to the Stetson Club via the cabin crew from Air NZ, who brought an American country tradition from Los Angeles. These guys were awesome. They were passionate about CM & line-dancing, but they were great to watch & keen to teach an eager audience. Our membership soared to around 300 & every Friday night the Dairy Flat hall was jumping, packed out with wall to wall line-dancing. If you wanted to do any other type of dancing - rock'n' roll, or partner dancing, it was a fight for space. It became a problem, but over time, some of the enterprising members started their own line-dance classes & venues sprang up - Boots'n' Blue Jeans in Henderson & Cask & Cleaver already established in Balmoral. This gave fans other options & other nights of the week to enjoy their passion. But the Stetson Club is where line-dancing began & remains special for that reason. There were commercial venues such as the Country Gentleman in Queen St., & Neon Cowboy in Browns Bay in the earlier times. They were great places to go but eventually they closed.

We had a close association with FM Country radio & the DJ's promoted the Club regularly. There were other club activities such as a car rally, Sunday get-togethers, for sausage sizzles & major shows like the night we hired the Warratahs at the Browns Bay Reception Centre. I remember the sound man drove a van load of gear from Christchurch! The Warratahs were a class act & we had a great night. But eventually these things lost favour & the people only wanted to come along & dance on club nights, have a good time & probably with other CM "gigs" going on, it was enough for them.

I was President in 1996. It's all a blur now but I can remember having good support & the year went by in its usual efficient manner. The Club has always had a good Executive, in key areas & over the years, the Committees have done a fantastic job keeping the Club going. ***MAY IT LONG CONTINUE***

In the late 90's, 2 of our long serving members - Bruce & Diana Jack moved to Taupo & of course had to have country music down there, so started an affiliated Stetson Club. It ran for several years with a membership of only about 12 & yet they had some great nights. The local R.S.A. were helpful in providing a venue & Auckland bands along with a bus load of supporters would go down from time to time. Even the Mayor came along to the functions but Taupo is backward - tidy but backward if you're a country music fan & the Taupo Stetson Club struggled on gamely until finally they bought a case of champagne & called it a day. People like Bruce & Diana are few & their passion for country music meant they would put in the time & hard yards to promote it wherever, whenever. They hosted many visitors from Auckland at their Taupo home & showed us kindness & hospitality. In fact the Taupo club members as a group (all 12 of them) gave us a good time & many memorable occasions.

**COUNTRY MUSIC IS A WAY OF LIFE & THE FANS ARE LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY.**



**Memoirs of a President**

Has 10 years really passed by so quickly?? Well, no actually! It was just 9 years ago the Stetson Club celebrated its 10th Birthday but records have shown we were a year out back then. Oh well, I feel a bit better thinking I've only aged 9 years, I think?!?!? With all the changes that have happened to the world in the last 9 years, NZ's first woman PM, Dolly the sheep is cloned, September 11 etc etc, isn't it great that our Club has stayed the same friendly and fun place we all know and love.

Not that the Club hasn't experienced changes over this time. Members and visitors have come and gone with only a handful of the original members still active. I'm sure Fay, Sel and Steve could tell some unprintable stories about the old days but as it was 1995 when I joined the Club, I can only recall the Stetson Club at the Dairy Flat Hall. We had 117 members back then but only 50 or so people came to Club Nights. I joined the committee as Treasurer when it wasn't a good time financially but, thanks to the hard working committee and Fay running the line dancing lessons, we were able to meet our bills. Hot topics in 1995 were the cost of bands, looking for a cheaper venue, and should we reduce Club Nights to monthly. Club activities included visits to other Clubs such as the trip to Dargaville. We left Auckland and picked up members on the way, had a great time at the Dargaville hall being entertained by Sel and Co, but most memorable was the long bus ride home, arriving back in the very wee hours! Another Club we visited regularly was Boots N Blue Jeans, with whom we had reciprocal membership rights and, although this club has since folded, some of their original members are still Stetson Club members. Robyn Stretton and I took over the line dancing lessons in 1996 which continued to supplement club funds. After much debate, door prices were increased in 1997 but luckily for us, have not been changed since. Meals were discontinued and replaced with the 'bring a plate' supper. Club nights were changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in October 1998 and Sharon joined me taking the line dancing lessons when Robyn reluctantly had to bow out. We again thought about moving but felt we would lose our independence and that new premises would really change the relaxed atmosphere we now take for granted. Fun activities in 1999 included a karaoke night where we were serenaded by a few brave members, some who could sing and some not! I think I fell in to the 'not' crowd after doing a duet with a notable singer who complained I sang so badly he couldn't even hear himself sing! Oh well, better not give up my day job. In 1999, we also had a Mid Winter Christmas, a Wild Wild West Night and a BBQ at Long Bay, all of which were huge successes. This was my last year as President, and although we only had 60 members at that time, Club Night attendance had risen again and we had money in the bank.

Getting together the photos for the Anniversary, I was reminded of some of the great bands who've entertained us over the years as well as the 'special' nights organised by the committee. For those of you who were present, remember the trip back in time with the Roaring 20's Boogie, the night the Spice Girls dropped in, another night we were entertained by ABBA (but the guys couldn't make it so it was just A...A), and Camp Mother & Camp Leader who gave us a special Stetson Show! If you don't believe me, see the photo album being circulated.

We are truly lucky to have this Club, a friendly, safe environment for people of all ages and walks of life to enjoy their common interest – Country Music. My thanks to the current committee for organising this celebration and for all committees past and present, as without their hard work on each and every Club Night we wouldn't have this wonderful club.

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> to the Stetson Club, looking forward to the next 20 to come.....

Linda Noble (Boyd)



*Many Thanks to Sharon Running*

## THE STETSON SOCIAL CLUB

I first came along to the Stetson Club in 1995 to have a go at line dancing. I remember that night it was announced that the club would only be having one club night a month, instead of two, as not enough people were attending. Well, haven't things changed since then!

I first became involved on the Stetson Club committee in 1996 as Treasurer. I was Treasurer until May 2000, and then President/Treasurer until May 2002. During this time the club has gone through a lot of changes and some hard times financially, but I think it has essentially remained the same – somewhere where people can go and listen to a live country rock band and/or dance the night away, in a safe and friendly environment.

I have also been involved for about ten years with teaching line dancing classes in Whangaparaoa, with the proceeds going to the club. It is nice to see line dancers, rock n rollers, and other dancers all sharing the dance floor and enjoying themselves on club nights.

A few things that have happened over the years I have been involved with the club that newer members may not know about are:

- the club used to have a contractor for the kitchen who provided meals on club nights. The meals used to be really nice too! This stopped in about 1997.
- “the line dancers are taking over the dance floor” used to be a topic for discussion on a regular basis. Now, everyone seems to co-exist and share the dance floor quite happily.
- using alternative premises was also discussed at various times, but it was decided that there would definitely not be the same atmosphere elsewhere, and so the club is still using the Dairy Flat Hall.
- club nights used to be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month, and the time used to be from 7.30 till 11.00 pm. We changed club nights in about 1999 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays – but I can't remember why! I'm sure there was a good reason at the time.
- various committees have tried (in vain) to organise social activities (other than club nights) for members, but any event was always so poorly supported that I think the committee gave up in despair.
- when club nights had really low attendances, the committee conducted a survey of members and non members to find out which bands were the most liked, so that we could have them play on a more regular basis on club nights. This worked really well, and forms the basis of the bands that still play at the club today.

For the Stetson Club to have reached it's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a great achievement. The club would not have survived without the support of so many people on club nights, both members and non members, and without the dedication and loyalty of all the committee members over the years. Long may it continue.

Sharon Running

*Many Thanks to Anne Blackburn*

**ANNE BLACKBURN**

***President of the Stetson Social Club from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2002 to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2005.***

I had a wonderful team of hard workers in the committees during these years:

2002-3	2003-4	2004-5
Bevan Bentley Carole Bentley Sandie Blair Sue Bradley Syd Hamilton Roisel Kershaw Jokie Maloney Sel Nash Ruby Nathan	Bevan Bentley Carole Bentley Sandie Blair Sue Bradley Dave Dawson Syd Hamilton John Hitchcock Ron Holder Steve Kenyon Roisel Kershaw Jokie Maloney Sel Nash Ruby Nathan	Sandie Blair Sue Bradley Syd Hamilton John Hitchcock Ron Holder Steve Kenyon Roisel Kershaw Jokie Maloney Sel Nash Ruby Nathan
52 members	65 members	62 members

**During that time we:**

- had several theme nights, including Valentines, mad hatters, black Friday, a "C" party and (the now annual) beach party (started in 2002).
- replaced the old red checked tablecloths (2002)
- established the tradition of "Santa Dave" at our annual Christmas socials
- Performed line dance demos, including The Rodney Festival of the Arts "Move and Groove Dance Day" at Whangaparaoa Mall in October 2003, and represented the Stetson Club by performing in a show at Centre Stage in Orewa which ran for two weeks – we raised \$500 towards our new sound equipment (2003)
- replaced our sound equipment. (2004 )
- Upgraded lighting in the hall. (2004)
- purchased a new upright fridge. (2004)
- By advertising intensively we grew and maintained the attendance numbers at socials, averaging 91 per night in 2004, then up to 110 by April 2005.
- In 2004 we added two new Lifetime members - Steve Kenyon and Sharon Running, bringing the total Lifetime members list up to 5 (Joe and Betty Masters (as our Founders), and Linda Boyd, who was nominated a Lifetime Member in 2002.
- raised/contributed \$2,500 towards the Gore Country Music Club, whose premises and memorabilia were lost in a fire . We had a fundraiser social, with 131 people attending on the night ( July 2004).
- increased our Club term deposit, balance to just over \$12,000. (2005)



**Some of the more personal things that I remember during my time as President:**

**2003**

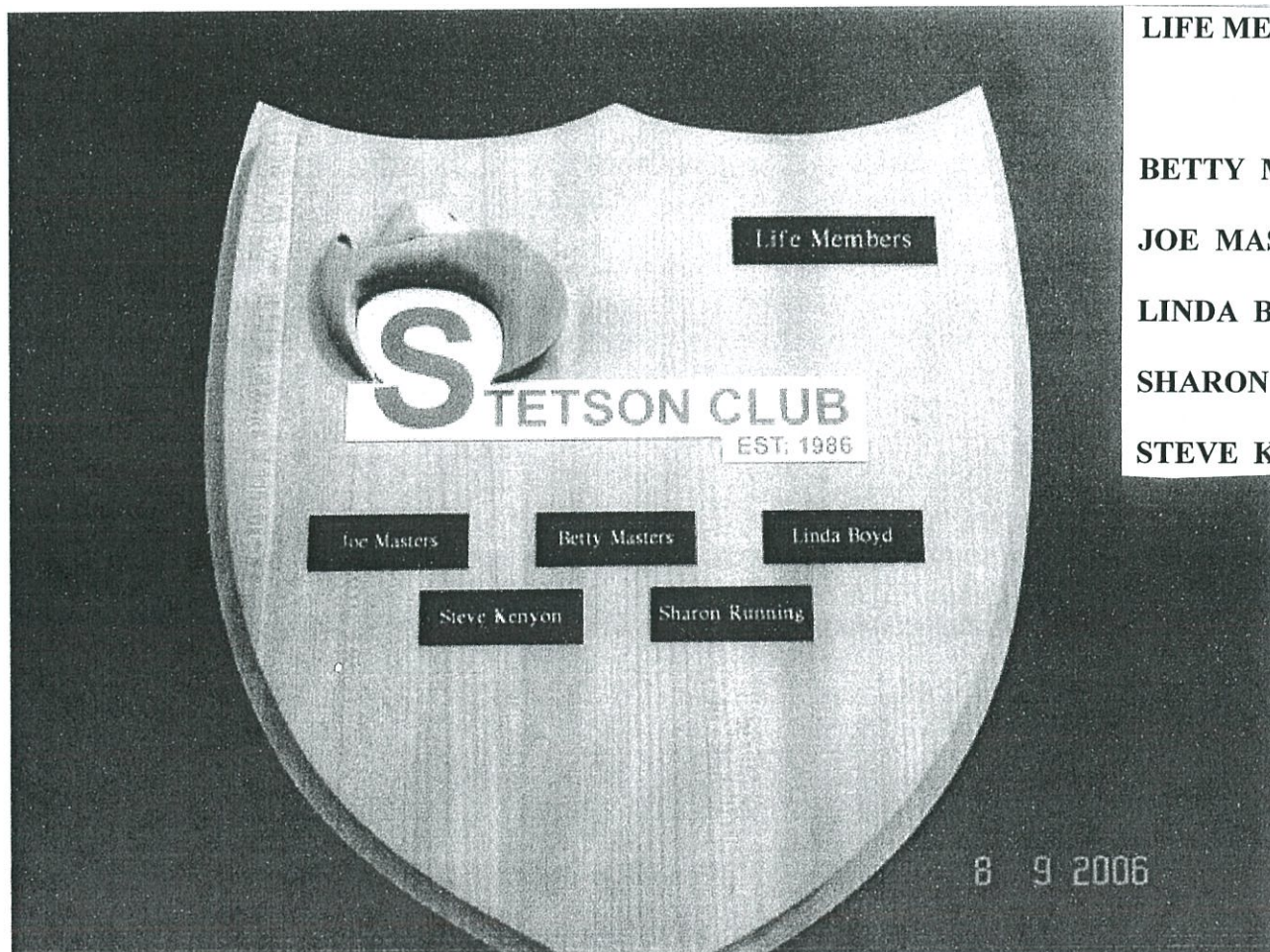
- Syd Hamilton's daughter married Paul Holmes
- Johnny Cash died in September 2003.
- Sel Nash was honoured with membership to the OLD FART'S CLUB!

**2004**

- Sel and Huia Nash got married
- Keith and Allie McDermott celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary (and Keith recovered from a heart attack!)
- Sadly, Rita Watson lost her husband, Gray.

**2005**

- Linda and Phil Noble were married in January.
- Roisel Kershaw, passed her exams at AUT year, to become a Celebrant. She officiated her first wedding ceremony in January 2005.
- JamesRAY, officially became a New Zealand Citizen.
- Maria Scott's 1<sup>st</sup> Album, "Making Tracks" was launched in April 05.



**LIFE MEMBERS**

**BETTY MASTERS**

**JOE MASTERS**

**LINDA BOYD**

**SHARON RUNNING**

**STEVE KENYON**



*Many Thanks to Roisel Kershaw*

Previously to the year 1997, I had the pleasure to visit the Stetson Club in Dairy Flat, for several of their socials. After becoming a Member in 1998, coupled with the desire & passion mixed with a fond love of county music & wishing to become more involved with this awesome club, I attended the AGM in 1999 when I made the decision/accepted the nomination to become involved on the Committee & I am still there. One of my first duties, was "in the kitchen" where I was fortunate enough to work & giggle alongside a dynamic little woman with a big heart, Sue Bradley - & we're still there. Over the years, I've witnessed various Committee Members, come & go, but feel humble indeed to have worked & interact with some terrific people.

At the 2002 AGM, I was nominated for the position of Vice President, which I reluctantly agreed to, with the fear of public speaking, but owing to the fact at this particular point in time, I was undergoing a personal, lifetime passion, to become a professional Marriage Celebrant. Naturally my courses in Celebrant studies at AUT, involved an exceptional amount of public speaking, in order to graduate, resulting in an additional asset towards accepting the position of Vice President.

Once again, in the years 2003 & 2004, I was re elected for this position.

"*WOW*" The 2005 AGM, had me accepting the nomination of President of this prestigious Club, - what an honour & privilege? Subsequently, I have a sense of belonging to the Stetson Club, another passion in my life. The 2006 AGM had me once again accepting the nomination of President for which I am more than happy to accept & serve the Members & Committee Members of this Club as a whole.

As past Club records indicated, there were a few photos "floating" around, so I recommenced "snapping" photos of special occasions such as our Theme, Xmas/New Year socials & these photos I place into albums for everybody who wishes to view them or just to take copies if required.

The 20<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary/reunion of our Stetson Club has already seen a great deal of research/investigation, telephone calls, liaising, emails etc. which I have become deeply involved with. Curiously, I have thumbed through past records & strangely enough feel envious of those who were there when it all began.


My involvement with the Stetson Club, during the passing years, has been a happy, eventful, satisfying one. The Members plus supportive Committee Members I have worked alongside, are a close knit, friendly bunch & a pleasure to be associated with. What better way to "hangout" each Friday fortnight, coupled with the social extension outside of the Club walls, which I've had the pleasure to enjoy, whenever the occasion arises.

My only regret is not being part of this exclusive Club earlier in my life. I have missed out on so much enjoyment but am sure making up for it now. On reflection, it has been an amazing few years, which I would not trade for anything. I am forever humble to be associated with this Club, & its ever increasing Membership.

LONG MAY WE PROSPER


*ROISEL E. KERSHAW  
PRESIDENT 2005 & 2006*



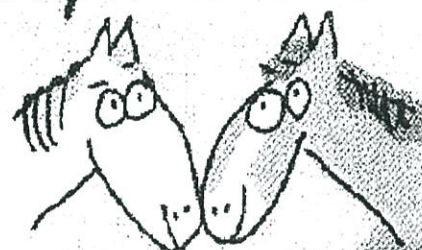


# Top Ten Old West Phrases

that Will Never Sound the Same  
after that Gay Cowboy Movie



10. "I'm gonna pump you  
fulla of lead!"



9. "Give me a stiff one, barkeep!"

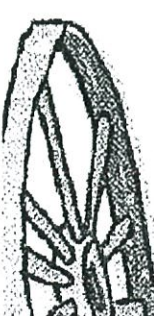
8. "Don't fret — I've been in  
tight spots before."

7. "Howdy, pardner."

6. "You stay here while I  
sneak around from behind."

5. Two words: "Saddle sore."

4. "Hold it right there!  
Now, move your hand, reeeal slow-like."



3. "Let's mount up!"

2. "Nice spread ya got here."



And the number one Old West phrase



From the Editors Desk.

First of all let me thank all you lovely people that has contributed all this great information for this special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Newsletter.

Thank you Roisel for collating this information for my publication.

I have very much enjoyed being a member of the Stetson Club since the year 2000 becoming a committee member and Acting Treasurer in 2001.

With the guiding help from Sharon Running I feel that I have become a competent Treasurer (Scrooge) for our club. I look forward to a few more years of being on the committee.

To a more serious note I have just been informed of some bad news !


**Peter Bamfield** who used to be our Club Entertainment Officer and a member of the committee around 1989 , unfortunately passed away on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2006.

I am sure many past members and committee will remember this gentleman. Condolences has been sent to his family from the Stetson Club.


See you on the Dance floor.

Your Editor/Treasurer .

Syd Hamilton.



# **COMING EVENTS**



## **AT THE STETSON CLUB**

Dress Up  
**School Day's Theme Night**  
Friday 22nd September  
Dance the Night Away  
with  
**Chet O Connell**



# **HISTORY**

OF THE

## **STETSON SOCIAL CLUB INC.**

**1987 - 1997**

It all started with a dream/vision to provide music and entertainment to all those interested in COUNTRY MUSIC etc. Joe and Betty Masters together with some friends decided to put the dream into reality in 1987 and the 'STETSON CLUB' was formed. The aim was to provide a venue where people could come and be entertained by professional and semi professional engagement at the Club.

Initially the Club provided a social evening about once a month in different venues to capture a wide field of interested parties and as membership grew looked around for premises which the Club could call home. Initially premises were found in Dominion Road but unfortunately that didn't work out and eventually the Club was lucky to secure premises in Botha Road, Penrose in a disused canteen which provided us with room for a bar, kitchen and enough space to hold tables and chairs and still provide a dance floor. This enabled us to hold meetings and social get togethers with membership of around 200 members. We were lucky enough to have these premises free of charge for about three years and used then every Friday and some Saturday nights. After this we moved to other premises in Penrose and then on to Mike's place in Mt Wellington. This was enjoyed for some time but we eventually had to find somewhere else. After trying several different venues for our Club nights in several Hotel premises we eventually looked at and secured the Dairy Flat Hall where we still call home. On obtaining these premises we applied for and got a bar licence to enable us to provide refreshments. We also maintained a full kitchen with meals, toasted sandwiches and the like.

Our membership has fluctuated over the years and currently stand at 78. We of course had no competition initially as the only other venues for Country Music were local Country Music Clubs. The starting of FM Country Music Station brought Country Music to a wider range and we maintained a close association with the station from when they first started in Albany. We are still going strong with a form core of members who keep the vision alive. Line dancing has of course widened the field and attracted new members with the Club also providing teachers.

We look forward to many more years of entertainment and camaraderie with our members and we give our thanks for the support and effort put in by so many people over the years to keep the dream alive.

**KEEP IT COUNTRY.**



What's on at the  
Stetson Club !!

For your  
Entertainment

22nd September Chet O Connell

13th October James Ray



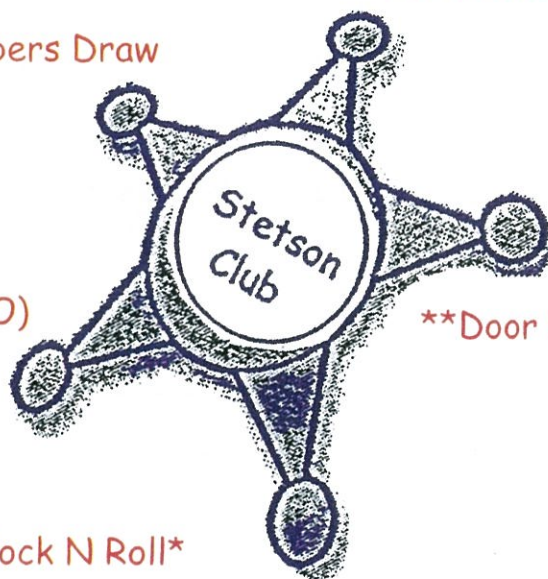
*\*With a line up of great entertainment*

**\*\*Live Band's**

**\*\*Members Draw**

**\*\*Fully Licenced Bar (no BYO)**

**\*\*Door Prize**



**\*\*Country Rock\* Line Dancing \* Rock N Roll\***

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