

Wearing a different hat



Back in January I reported that Jason was stationed overseas at Prince Sultan Airbase in Saudi Arabia. I received this photo from him the other day. He appears to be holding some sort of reptile that I am thankful is not native to this area! Hope to see you back at the club soon

Mike Ponte

Jason Giorgi

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Jason Giorgi



Diamond Rodeo's DJ 'Joe DeSio' and Cat Country's 'Sam Stevens' host one of the Friday night dance parties.



Krisily Kennedy
Miss Rhode Island USA
2003



Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
Gail McKenna

Wednesday-Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Gail McKenna
Friday - Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Gail McKenna
Cat Country Dance Party Night Every Friday
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LETTERBOXING



Wendy

When Joe first asked me to do another article for the newsletter, I had no idea what I'd write about. Then my daughter Kellie read something in the newspaper that sounded like it would be fun to do, so she went out and tried it. Then she got me to try it. Dave and I went for the first time last Sunday and had a great day. It's called letterboxing. I don't know if any of you read the article in the paper (I still haven't read it yet) but it explains how letterboxing came about. Letterboxing first started in Damoor, England. A gentleman simply left his calling card in a bottle by a remote pool. The basic idea is someone hides a waterproof card in a remote location, which contains a rubber stamp, stamp pad, pen and little notebook. The hider would then write the directions down as to where the box was hidden.

Some of the clues are cryptic, some use map coordinates or landmarks, and some of them are just straightforward. Once you have the clues in your possession, you attempt to locate the box.

Before starting on your hunt, you might want to get your own pad and stamp. This way, when you finally find the box, it will be your turn to write and stamp in the note pad left inside the letterbox. You stamp the notepad with YOUR stamp, write down the date and I usually leave a little message for the hider of the letterbox. Let me tell you! Some of the clues that are left can be very confusing! Dave and I went to Smithfield looking for the Mother/Daughter Letterbox. We found the Mother letterbox with no problem at all -except maybe a tick or two- but the Daughter letterbox was much harder to find! After much frustration, I finally found it, much to Dave's disappointment! Inside the moms letterbox was the 'Yin' stamp, and daughters held the 'Yang' stamp. It's a great way to spend a beautiful day outdoors. You get to enjoy the fresh air, do a little hiking, and get some exercise, all while having fun. If you're going to be in a certain area, you can just check the web for any letterboxes hidden in a certain area. On our first Sunday, we ended up finding four stamps. We went to Beavertail, (that hike was awesome...you had to

go over the rocks that were really close to the water. You had some absolutely beautiful views there also) Ft. Adams, and two in Brenton Point in Newport. If you're looking for something new to try and enjoy being outside, I definitely recommend you give letterboxing a try. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Wendy

A Message for Bubba

Mark, I'll tell you why the ladies really enjoy line dancing-sometimes we do like to be in control of the situation. We love to watch the two-steps go through their routines and we also like to two-step with a good leader but think about it, we get all the exercise we want plus our minds learn the many intricate steps and we also move to the beat



Rita Polce

of some fine country music. We have the best of everything. Now lets get down to the ro-

mance. The eye contact is good the closeness is great but don't you think a nice slow country song like "When the Lights go Down" by Faith Hill or Shania Twain singing one of her slow sexy songs puts bodies closer together than the two-step? I don't think you can be "dead drunk" and learn to line dance because



Bubba

let's face it there's no partner to pick you up. I really enjoy watching the guys line dance. There are many who can do a fine job and really like to learn the dances. Bill O'Brien is really great at line dancing and he also entertains us during our lesson. It becomes a challenge as to who will be the first to say "End of Dance" and Bill has become the champion. "Absolutely!" Bubba I must say we really enjoy watching you two-step. You move so easily around the dance floor and you're a good leader, which makes me believe you like to be in charge at all times. I challenge you to get on the hardwood floor with us some night and try line dancing because I know you would do a great job. As you so eloquently put it, "If you screw up so what". Well I did enjoy reading your article and don't forget to wave as you dance by me while doing your favorite country-dance, the two-step. You've made your point and I do agree that the country two-step is really great along with

all the other couple dances we do at the Diamond Rodeo. Keep dancing it's good for the body and mind and maybe a few other things.

Rita Polce

In response to Bubba's article in the Feb. 2003 issue of the Diamond Rodeo Newsletter.



Jeanne & Dave

To all our friends at the diamond rodeo:

You know the saying: you should try something at least once in your life. Well, Dave and I did just that. We went on our first cruise recently and we had a blast. I wouldn't call it relaxing because it is a bit overwhelming. There is so much to do you don't want to miss anything. We actually had to buy a watch so we would be on time for some of the events. We found time to fit in a little R&R but you are always on the go. You never go hungry either. It's true what they say about cruises, there is always plenty of food. We would like to go again but maybe next time with a bunch of our family & friends from the diamond rodeo. We'll take over the ship and show them how to have a good time country style.

The Caribbean was absolutely beautiful. We had great weather. Dave won a contest. If you see him, he won't be wearing his medal but you should ask what contest it was that he won. He even got on stage and did the hoola hoop with some other unsuspecting contestants. I made the stage at one point. I was learning moves of a dance, which I should have been doing the hoola hoop with my hips moving like they were. There were clubs on board but they did not compare to the fun we have back home. So needless to say, we thought of ya'll. So whoever would be interested in going as a group, I'll be happy to write some names down and see what we can plan.

Jeanne & Dave



A Change of Season, A Time to be Thankful.

I don't think anyone is sorry to see this winter end. Between the snow and the cold weather it was just a bad winter and we in Rhode Island are not used to bad winters. We had to learn how to drive in snow, which is something Rhode Islanders always found hard to accomplish but no matter what the weather we always managed to get to our favorite club the Diamond Rodeo.

We certainly have to thank our wonderful DJ's for always being there for us no matter what the weather. We welcome Joe DeSio back from his little vacation. Joe is truly a great DJ but then Sam and Chris also do an excellent job. Joe has a way of stirring up the crowd on Friday nights by asking the dancers "are you having fun" from his DJ booth. Everyone answers with a loud cheer, which answers his question with en-

thusiasm.

Another of our favorite people is Gail McKenna. She is doing a great job of teaching us many of the new dances. Through rain and sleet and snow she has always managed to be there for us. She has made us all into accomplished dancers. Thank you Gail. That other club beginning with the letter "B" will have to keep up with us.

I know everyone would like to thank John Ready for making the Mardi Gras a safe place for us. No one had to shut him down he did it on his own and made what we always considered a great entertainment complex into a great safe complex. We also have to thank him for being a fan of country music and keeping the Diamond Rodeo alive and well. John your compassion for the loss of the people at the Station fire is greatly appreciated by their families and friends and all your regulars at the Mardi Gras. The tragedy is something that will never be forgotten by the people of Rhode Island. While I am in a thanking mood I could never forget Paul who manages the complex and does a great job of it too. He is always there for the needs of the club and it's patrons. Thanks Paul. By the way I couldn't forget the bartenders who have my drink ready before I even order it. Thanks to Walter Bolek the veteran bouncer at the club who with his stylish attire keeps everyone in line, we really enjoy his presence. Mike Ponte and Joe Macera keep the newsletter going and we thank them for that. Mike is the Diamond Rodeo's official photographer and if you want to see some great photos visit his web site and enjoy. There are always interesting articles in the news-

letter which keeps us posted on new things happening and we find out a little bit about everyone who writes an article. Mike and Joe are always looking for new articles so put on your thinking caps and write for the newsletter. I thought the beginning of this new season was a good time to thank a few people for what they do all year round. I have been going to the Diamond

Rodeo for a few years now and it has always been a place to relax and have fun. It's the perfect place to forget your troubles, meet friends, learn a few dances, and just enjoy all the club has to offer.

Rita Polce
June 2003



If you would like your photo to be in one of the newsletters, please flag me down at the club. I will be happy to take single and group poses. Remember, you can also check out the photos I take on Friday nights on my web site at <http://www.mikeponte.com/country/clubphotos>

Mike Ponte

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