

(A Little Less) Strictly Come Dancing

By John Comrie

Last year I danced for a charity event for the Marie Curie Big Build Hospice, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This year the Event organiser Heather Manson of the Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice Trust asked us to be involved in the (a little less) Strictly Come Dancing Event which was sponsored by the Malcolm Group. It was held in the Hilton Hotel Glasgow on Saturday the 20th March, 2010.



L to R: John Comrie, Ola Jordan, James Jordan and Charlotte Comrie

I was asked to be Chairman of the Adjudicators for the evening and was billed as a younger Len Goodman. I also had to give a brief description of the dances as each of the couples came on the floor to dance. Charlotte was given the task of Scrutineering.

The evening started with a Champagne Reception followed by a delightful performance by Claudia & Ursula Fitzpatrick & Jaana & Alyssa Cranston who danced to 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' the signature tune for the Trust, this was followed by a Viennese Waltz danced by Colin Sharp & Kay lang, Chris Hannah a recent new Associate Member of the BATD & Dorothy Donnelly, Bobby Cranston & Eleanor Baldrey which set the mood for the fantastic evening which lay ahead.

Both Charlotte & I were very proud as we had trained a number of these dancers from a very young age.



Fiona Malcolm and Bobby Cranston

After the meal the dancers teamed up with their Celebrity Partners for the Competition:-

Colin Sharp & Hazel Tomkins dancing Quickstep

Kay Lang , Charan Gill dancing Jive

Bobby Cranston & Fiona Malcolm dancing Salsa

Eleanor Baldrey & Angus Purden dancing Samba

Chris Hannah - Suzie McGuire dancing Tango

Dorothy Donnelly & John Amabile dancing Cha Cha Cha

The Music for the evening was supplied by the Syd Lawrence Orchestra with singer Jim McCallister.



Angus & Eleanor



Suzie & Chris

The Event Hosts were Carol Smillie & Stephen Jardine

The Adjudicating panel consisted of:

Viv Lumsden & James Jordan
- Kaye Adams - John Comrie (Chairman)

The Dancers and their Celebrity Partners all performed to a very high standard despite being very nervous and received

encouraging comments from each of the panel.

After Telephone Votes and Adjudicators Marks were collated two couples returned for a dance off. Ola Jordan joined the panel at this stage and the final winner was decided by the five Adjudicators and boy was I glad that this resulted in a unanimous decision as I as Chairman would not have liked to have given the casting vote.

The two couples in the dance off were:-

Bobby Cranston & Fiona Malcolm - Chris Hannah & Suzie McGuire



Charan & Kay



Fiona & Bobby

The ultimate winner receiving the Mirror Ball Trophy was Bobby & Fiona.

The audience was enthralled with a spectacular demonstration by James & Ola Jordan, they auctioned a dance with each of them and raised £4000

General Dancing finished off the evening to Jim McAllister & the Syd Lawrence Orchestra.



Hazel & Colin



John & Dorothy

There were a great number of auctions throughout the evening donated by many sponsors The grand total of £70,000 was raised.

This event was so successful that the sponsors have agreed to sponsor it next year and we have been asked by Heather to take part.