

Déise Dancers Prove to Have All the Right Moves



Mark Boyle and Clodagh Carroll winners of the Ballroom section receiving their prize from Mark Fenton, Lion's Club President.

The 6th year of the successful 'Strictly Déise Dancing' Lion's Club event took place on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th May in the Tower Hotel, Waterford. 17 couples took part in this year's Strictly Déise Dancing competition. Training since January, the dancers gave a lot of time and effort to make the show a success. With our very own Bruce Forsyth (Patsy Sheridan) and Tess Daly (Zara King) hosting, the crowd was kept upbeat and entertained throughout the night. With the first dancer, Jo Breheny getting into difficulty with a knee injury, the show was off to dramatic start. However, Jo, determined to not let her partner down, Canice Cantwell, she came out in the second half of the show and performed a magnificent quick-step which ended with a very deserving standing ovation. Mark Fenton (President Waterford Lion's Club) thanked everybody who was involved in the success of the show; he made a special presentation to Patsy Sheridan for his involvement in the Lion's Club with the last 40 years. Noel O' Donoghue and his wife Angie were judicators for the evening. Noel O' Donoghue commented on the high standard of dancing and how it was a very close competition. The Strictly Déise Dancing Competition is a success because it comes down to the hard work of all its volunteers. "I would like to thank Betty Bible and her daughters Jean and Faith who give everything to the competition and never ask for anything in return" said host Patsy Sheridan. Clodagh Carroll and Mark Boyle impressed the judges with their sultry and powerful Tango. Getting into character from the moment they stepped on the dance floor, with their thematic expressions and head snaps, Clodagh and Mark stomped their way to winning the coveted prize of 2014 Ballroom Champions. Stepping it up in the Latin category, Shane Power and Jenny Larkin proved to be the perfect dance combination. They performed an upbeat Samba which was full of high kicks, shakes and shimmy's. This high standard of dancing led them to be crowned 2014 Latin Champions. The Waterford Lion's Club is celebrating its 50th year in Waterford this year.