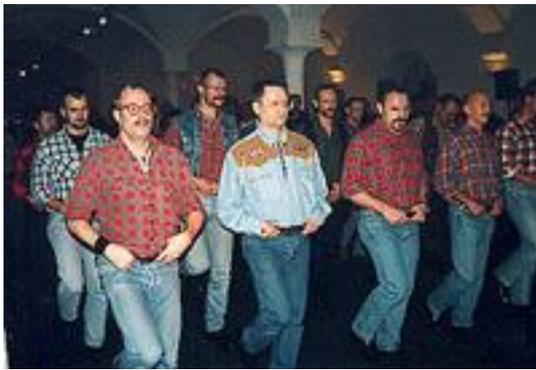


History of the Munich LAD's e.V.

On suggestion of the owner of the disco "The Stud" (Randy) Richard Lootens decided to bring into being (with the help of Randy) a dance group for Line Dance. On April 18, 1996 the first dance evening took place in The Stud. A steady group of eight to ten men met there every Tuesday. Because of the new law, governing the hours of trading, the dance evening was moved to Friday, but the number of participants decreased, so it was decided to move to the SUB gay centre, to reach new potential members. Dancing took place now once a month in the upper floor of the SUB. Because of the noisy bar atmosphere no reasonable dancing instructions could take place and so the group once again moved, this time to the Rainbowproject of the MüAH (Munich AIDS-Helpline), where we danced until February 1998. The group grew and the wish for more frequent rehearsals caused Richard to extend the frequency of the dance evenings to two times a month. When the rooms became too small the group's new home became the PSC (Care- and Service-Center) of the MüAH. In 1998 the group could be seen at their first public performance on the stage of the CSD (Christopher Street Day - Marienplatz), where 16 dancers entertained the enthusiastic audience with hot Country and Western Music. In the same way the S.A.D. Line Dancers provided for high spirits at the street party on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Teddy Bar and in this way congratulated Friedl on his bar's jubilee.



The picture above shows the Line Dancers at their show during the MLC-Party (Munich leather club) on the Prater-Isle. With a core of about 20 men in Sept. 1998 we moved into the community hall of the oldcatholic St.-Willibrord-Church, where we danced every 1st, 3rd und 5th Friday of each month. At about the same time we started a beginners evening at the new and bigger Rainbow-project of the MüAH on the remaining Fridays.

In July 1999 we participated in the CSD-Parade, appeared at the Pumps Race and demonstrated Line Dance at the Glockenbach Street Party. With the CSD background we also changed the name with the unhappy abbreviation SAD into the much more fitting contraction LADs, meaning Lucky Afternoon Dancers.

On the 2nd of November 1999 we had our first performance on TV recorded in Hamburg at the „Jörg Pilawa-Show“ with the motto: „I need a cowboy as husband“, where we were entertaining the audience, together with Truck Stop (a famous german County-Band)

On April 23rd, 1999 we celebrated our 3rd anniversary at the Cafe Regenbogen. With cakes, snacks and Prosecco we had an evening full of fun and dance, and as a highlight of the evening Richard presented a cheque for a donation of DM 3.000,- to the chair of the Munich AIDS Helpline.

Ever since we do a Birthdayparty each year:

2000 in the community centre of Unterschleißheim

2001 in the "DOOM" in Kunstpark-Ost with live music of P.G. Rider Band.

2002 we had a wonderful party in the "ZunftHaus"

2003 a party in Innsbruck/Austria organized by the "Wild Horses Innsbruck" as a gift to our group!

2004 at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising

2005 at the Max Emanuel Brewery with our guest of honor The John Boys Cologne

2006 party at the ZunftHaus with a Workshop from Alan Haywood from the UK. Special guests: the Wild Horses from Innsbruck/Austria

2007 party at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising

2008 party at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising, Guests: Gay Line Dancers from the area of Würzburg

2009 party at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising, special guest: Robbie McGowan Hickie

2010 party at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising

2011 party at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising, special guest: Kirsi-Marja Vinberg

2012 party at the "Bratpfandl" in Neufahrn near Freising, special guest: Ria Vos

2013 party at the "Bratpfandl" as usual

Since April 2002 we have beginners evenings on every 1st and 3rd Friday, while advanced dancers meet on all other Fridays in the community centre of St. Willibrord.

In December we had a performance at the 5th Anniversary of the D'Schwuhplatter e.V., they are good friends and we share the room at the oldcath. Church, cause they also showed performances on our several events. Cause of the motto we decided to perform in traditional outfit (if they had one!)



In the middle of January 2003, Richard (see pic above), the founder of the group, gave up his post and the group decided to become a member of the "Team München" (headorganization of the gay/lesbian sports). In May we became official members. We voted new committee members and a cashier. A new structure for our group, but good working. We've got an invitation to Rome for a performance and to join the gay pride. It was a wonderful weekend in Rome. Our yearly Grill-fest, since 2001, were also held and also Robert Hahn from Nuremberg joined us. Like always we enjoyed the good weather and the social singing with the guitar music played by Peter.



For the first time we invited Rose Grimmer to give a workshop on our party in October. She did a wonderful job and the party was a big success!

At the beginning of 2004 we had party time. Together with The Wanderers we organized a party with a workshop, given by Robert Hahn (trainer in Pullman City and leader of the Chattanooga e.V. in Nuremberg) and Manuela De Guire (president of the GCWDA), who taught us a lot of the competition dances for the 1st German Masters in line-competition.

On the 17th of April we had a huge party at the Bratpfandl in Neufahrn (near Freising). On the party Ralf and Kurt taught their brand new choreographed dance Two Cowboys Waltz (partner mixer waltz). We had about 100 guests to join the dance! In June we had to change again our training rooms. The Rainbow Cafe had a completely change and we don't fit anymore. Since this time we will be found weekly at the Zunfthaus-Restaurant (if booked out we are at the Roter Turm), which has a bigger dancefloor!

In December 2004 Ralf and Kurt were booked to give a workshop at a party. Maud, from Maud and friends (band), was happy to learn a new dance for her dance repertoire!

Through all the changings, day and place, we lost some members (job and other reasons). The women became more and a few new men joined the group. This is the reason to do a restart to become a good dance working group again. We teach every month an old dance to give the new dancers a chance to integrate in the old group! We decided not to dance on every event but we will still do a training for a good dance performance with a lower level (at the beginning)! This is how the group started 2005.

In January 2005 Ralf and Kurt were invited to do a performance and a little workshop in Diepoldsau/Switzerland. It was a big success and we've got a good press at the local newspaper.

At the end of the year before, we decided to do a group dance competition and in February 2005 we went to Irschenberg where the Maud and friends-line dance-competition was hold. We didn't won but it was a good experience for all who joined the competition!

On the 16th of April 2005 we had our 9th anniversary party at the Max Emanuel Brewery. It had a cozy atmosphere and our guests of honor "The John Boys Cologne" were happy to be at our party. We were very happy to hear last year that there is a new gay group in Germany and that was the reason to invite them for a friendship meeting. We hope we will meet them more often!

In June we had our first hiking weekend in Vomp/Austria. We did a big line dance party at the hotel with all our friends from Austria.

Because of the growing membership fee of Team München we decided to leave the community. On the 15th of December 9 members of the Munich LAD's met at the restaurant "Beim Franz" to found an own club. The name is now Munich LAD's - Lucky Afternoon Dancers e.V.. We gave ourself Bylaws and voted a new directors board. Since February 2006 we became a legal non-profit club in Germany. During our first two weeks we got nine members more. We hope that a lot of new members will join the group to have a lot of fun with us! At the end of December 2005 the tenant of the "Gasthaus Zunfthaus" told us that he will leave the restaurant at mid of January and a new tenant will come in February. After two weeks with no dance training the new tenant allowed us to dance again at the Zunfthaus. One month before the reopening!



The Munich LAD's Lucky Afternoon Dancers e.V. mourn for Ralf Kelbch! He belonged to the group for more than nine years and died on the 22nd of March 2006 after a long fight against cancer. This marvelous Trainer and Choreographer (Choreographers name Ralf O.K.) was always an inspiration for the group and he knew to show the students the fun of line dancing! He kept the homepage running during the last few years. With his dead we have a big loss!

At the beginning of may 2006, we were celebrating our 10th anniversary. We invited Alan Haywood from the UK to do a workshop (he did a wonderfull job!!!) and as guests of honor the Wild Horses from Innsbruck/Austria to say Thank You for our 7th anniversary! It was sad that they didn't come, cause of Ralf's dead. They don't liked to dance so soon after his dead! I hope we can meet next time in a more happy situation!

At the end of may we had our 2nd Hiking Weekend in Tyrolia/Austria. It was a long weekend and we had the time to visit the Black Boots and the Arizona Line Dancers at their training. On friday we all came together for a party at the Fort in Aschau at the Ziller-valley. We had loads of fun there. On saturday night we had our party at the hotel and 9 groups were visiting us. Two girls from Frankfurt, came as well. They are the founder of a new lesbian/gay line dance group. It was sad that some groups had a little fight (one group left the event!). I hope they can solve their problems in the nearer future because we like all the groups there!!!

Cause of a lot of troubles with the new owners of our training place we decided on our first clubmembers meeting that we will look for a new place to dance! Thanks Irmi, that you found the restaurant Zur Freundschaft. Since November 2006 we have a new wonderful place for our beginners training!!

Not many beginner trainings were canceled 2007 at the Zur Freundschaft. We have a lot of luck with the owners of that restaurant!

At the beginning of March we had a benefit performance for the oldcatholic church because we are happy that we can use their rooms for a small amount for our advanced class

In April we had our annual party for our 11th anniversary at the Bratpfand'l in Neufahrn which was a wonderful party!

At the beginning of June we were on our hiking tour in Tirolia/Austria. We made a little Minigolf-competition and on the evenings we gave and had workshops and danceparties with live music at the Country and Western Town Aschau together with the Black Boots and other clubs from the surrounding area for 3 nights.

On our general meeting in September we decided to work actively together with the Star Line Express Team to organize monthly parties! Sabine was voted as a new comitee member! We got a few new members and 2 are in sight to become members of the LAD's as well in 2008!

In April 2008 we had an owners change of our training location again. From April till mid May we were without beginners training! In that time we had the time to train for our new performance at the training place of the church. Like last year, we did a benefit performance for the oldcatholic church on the 21st of June. It was for a sewing school in Kamerun (Africa). Cause of the fine weather not to many people were watching the great show!

After a long time we had a performance on a gay pride again. We were invited from Augsburg to do a show on their event! In October 2008 we had a performance at our training location during the Country-Week. It was a nice change in the program for the viewers!

In May 2009 we had our fantastic anniversary party with a wonderful workshop given by Robbie McGowan Hickie. First time that we had guests from a lot of new clubs and all different areas of Bavaria and Austria (Tyrolia, Frankonia and Salzburg). Everyone loved Robbie's Workshop and the party became a big success!! On the 16th of May a few members drove to Regensburg to dance in front of judges to get the sport badge for dancing in bronze! Underneath you can see us waiting for the start to dance and the lucky winners with a little bronze badge and the certificate! We had to dance three different dances in different styles. Eventually some of us try to get the batch in silver in November this year!



 16.05.2009 – DTSA in Regensburg
Kati, Martina, Sylvia und Karin am Start



 16.05.2009 – DTSA in Regensburg
Kurt und Andy am Start



Since that time our members are visiting this events more and more, offered by the BCWTV.

This year we already had 2 performances. One on a private party and the other on an opening of a hair dresser salon of one of our members.

Our trainer, Kurt, was in Copenhagen at the World Out Games to start at the Line Dance Competitions (Division

Intermediate) there. He came home with one Gold and two Silver Medals. See picture!



In September 2009 Kurt got a phone call from an independent band from Hamburg called "&Urban Delights". They asked him to choreograph a dance for one of her new songs. They liked the result very much and so they sent a Videoteam to Munich to make an official Video for their new song. They filmed the big group of dancers (we invited some other clubs to join us and they learned the dance just for that event), a small group of dancers, than only one row and at the end only one dancer doing the dance. The video will be published at the beginning of 2010. Some pics of the Video works you can see on our pic-side. It seems that they didn't made a video out of it!!! Thanks to the band that they paid us some dinner and drinks for our work. We all had fun doing this together

In March 2010 (10th - 20.) we took part at the Benefit Line Dance Marathon. On our evening we had at least about 75 guests and we earned more than 360€. At the final event the "Münchner Kindertafel" (a project that pays the meals at school for poor kids) got 4321€. All the participating clubs were very proud!

At the end of March Kurt won the Choreography Competition of the Bavarian Line Dance Challenge with his dance "Go Harley Go".

At the VIII. Gay Games in Cologne Kurt won three Gold medals at the Intermediate Individual Line Dance Competition. Andi, another club member, got 1 bronze and 1 silver medal!

In August 2010 at the III. International Line Dance Meeting in Pullman City (C&W Fun Park in Bavaria) was the first public performance of the Go Harley Go for the "Sternstunden", which collects money for kids benefit! A few hundred people were dancing the dance at the Mainstreet.

In December 2010 we had a performance at the Christmas Market at the Hans-Mielich-Platz again.

Like the year before we took again part at the Benefit Line Dance Marathon. This time it was for an ambulant children's hospice. At our evening we had the funny comedians "Die Prima-Tonnen" as guests. They made this evening for our dancing guests unforgettable.

At our anniversary party we had Kirsi-Marja Vinberg from Finland as a special guest. She offered us a wonderful workshop and the party was big fun like always.

As the biggest highlight of the year 2011 we had Guyton Mundy offering a great workshop at our party in September. All the guests had loads of fun with him!

In November Alexandra, Andi and me had to do a performance at the "Rationaltheater" at a Burlesque-Show. It was called "High Noon". We were dressed up with silver hats and nice shirts trying to fit into the concept of the show as you can see on the pic underneath! The only bad thing was that the CD-player was on the tiny stage so the music was hopping, cause of the vibrations, at our last dance (loads of stomps!) but this wasn't disturbing the audience and we've got a big applause!



This year we were also part of the Star Line Express parties like in the last few years. Dj-ing, offering workshops etc.!

In March 2012 we had a change at our committee. Alexandra and Richard became new committee members.

Like it is our tradition, we invited a famous choreographer to offer a workshop on our annual anniversary party. We had Ria Vos from Rotterdam who offered us a fantastic workshop and we all had loads of fun!

On the first of May Kurt was offering a couple dance workshop at a Maypole-errection-Party. Therefore we could put our clubs logo (handmade by Kurt) to Munich's smallest maypole, at the beer garden of the "Siebenbrunn"-restaurant also. You can see it on the pic! Only kids were joining the workshop but at the end we had proud parents seeing their kids performing the new learned dances on the stage.

Also in May Kurt was invited to give a workshop at a bachelor girls farewell party. All the ladies had loads of fun and Kurt got a great feedback!

At the end of November the owner of the "Freundschaft" told us that the restaurant will be closed soon. We don't had a long search for a new location and with the beginning of January 2013 we will dance at the community hall of the oldcatholic church.

Cause of changing the training location we lost again some members and they are missing now to pay the rent for the community hall. At our last members meeting we decided to offer a beginners course at the beginning of 2014 to get some more new members who will also bring more drive and enthusiasm into the group!

The ever growing fame of our group got us an increase of demonstrations. Here's a list of our appearances on social and public occasions:

20th anniversary of Pop As

Klenze Street Festival 2000 and 2001

Glockenbach Street Festival 2000 and 2001

Summerfestival of the MüAH 2000 und 2001

Performance at Jörg Pilawa's Talk Show (Theme: I like a cowboy as husband)

Blue Moon goes Country in Vollmarhaus 2001

10th anniversary of gay & lesbian deafs association 2001

Christopher Street Day Augsburg

Caritas Summerfestival 2001

2nd Open Airport Country-Festival in Unterwössen 2001

Party of the Green faction of the Bavarian parliament on occasion of the same sex partnership laws 2001

Country- and Rock Night in the "Doom" 2001

alternative Wies'n (Oktoberfest) on Candidplatz 2001

25th anniversary of LC Stuttgart 2001/ECMC-AGM

an american wedding 2001

Streetfestival on World-AIDS-Day in Holzstr. 2001

a whole day Workshop given by Kurt and Ralf in Bayrisch Gmain, March 2002

Mr. Deaf Leather und Deaf Bear Munich Contest 2002

"King Of Country"-festival in Strasswalchen/Austria 2002

Country-Festival in Strasswalchen 2002

1 year anniversary of the "Kraftakt"-Internet Cafe

Gay Pride Regensburg 2002

Gay Pride Sportsmen-Festival at Oberanger/Munich 2002

Reisingerstreet-Festival 2002

5th anniversary of the "Münchner Schwuhplattler e.V." (gay bavarian folk dance group)

Leather Party from the Leather club Rome and Gay Pride Rome 2003

Hocketse Street-festival in Stuttgart 2003

a whole day Workshop with Kurt and Ralf in Bayrisch Gmain, April 2004

Festival of the cultures at Hans-Mielich-Platz/Munich 2004

Gay Pride Nuremberg 2004

Workshop at a party in Neufahrn/Freising, December 2004

Performance and workshop in Diepoldsau/Switzerland, January 2005

Workshop and a little performance at the Body Up Fitness Studio, October 2005

Performance at the Malaysian Club in Bavaria e.V. in December 2006

Benefit Performance for the oldcatholic Church St. Wilibrord on the 3rd of march 2007

Benefit Performance for the oldcatholic Church St. Wilibrord on the 21st of June 2008

Performance and workshop on the Streetfestival at the Hans-Mielich-Place in Untergiesing (decorating the Christmas tree), 4th of december 2009 and 11th of December 2010

Workshop at a private birthday party by Sylvia and Kurt, August 2010

Couple dance workshop at the first of May at a May pole erection-event by Kurt 2012
Workshop with Kurt at a future-bride-event also in May 2012

But we do not only participate, from time to time we throw a party on our own:

Halloween Party 2000 in the "Shockers", 2001 and 2002 in "Café Regenbogen", 2005 & 2006 at the "Zunftthaus" with prizes for the costumes, 2007 at the Restaurant "Zur Freundschaft", 2008 till 2012 we made a little Party at the Community hall of the oldcatholic church

Skiing weekend with Country Night in Telfes/Stubaital (Austria) 2001 to 2004

yearly anniversary parties of the LAD's since 1999

Hiking weekend with Country Night in Vomp/Tyrolia (Austria) 2005, Kirchbichl/Tyrolia (Austria) 2006, Aschau/Tyrolia (Austria) 2007

Party with special guest Guyton Mundy in September 2011 at the Bratpfandl - Neufahrn near Freising

Party with special guest Niels B. Poulsen at the Zunftthaus, Munich in January 2013