

Lady Power!

Will I do the man tonight – oh no! – I do the man, you have done the man yesterday!

Imagine you hear a lady's talk as such with the ladies behind a door and you can't see them. What would you think? Oh no, we don't want to know.

Another festival at the Siemens sports club in Erlangen/Germany brought my friends and me on stage to dance a few figures of the Lancers and the Connemara.

In the weeks before our performance we lost a few men in our Set Dance group. Mike was sent to Australia - for the company, Daniel was doing an internship in San Francisco – for the company, Alex is working in Abu Dhabi now and Peter is in Tibet – just for the fun of it. More than 10 lovely girls were left over.

Come on girls, I said, Set Dancing is unisex, we will do a Lady's set on stage and four of us have to 'the man'. For a few seconds I looked into surprised faces but then I opened the Set Dancing News and we found lots of lovely pictures with ladies dancing together. Right then the deal was made! Good girls get into heaven, the others get on stage for a set.

We exercised the figures a few times in my own little dancing room to give the four new "men" a good try. I can tell you we had the fun and the laughs of our life.

Finally the day arrived to face our performance. With a drop of Baileys we tried to chase away our nervousness, results due to the amount we drank. But anyway neither the large audience nor the big stage could minimize our enthusiasm in dancing.

In our minds were a few words I heard Pat Murphy saying once: 'Keep smiling and people will look at your faces and not at your feet.'

'Lady's and 'gents' in the set enjoyed themselves very much being simply in Set Dancing heaven! The boss of the sports club was clapping mad and shouting out loud: "These girls don't need any men.....for dancing!"