

## QUEENSLAND PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AUGUST 2012

The Society calendar is getting a little busy over the next couple of months with the Cardwell Delegate's Dance on 11-12 August, the Sunshine State Round Up/Gala Dance on 25 August in Ipswich and the State Convention in Hervey Bay commencing on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

With all these events happening, it will be appropriate to inform the dancers of the process of the Personal Accident Insurance if a claim is to be made.

### **“Personal Accident Insurance**

This policy only covers items which are **NOT covered by Medicare** (this is legislated by Government) irrespective of the type of health insurance the member may have. This policy covers you for up to 80% of all **Non-Medicare** medical expenses **up to \$2000** per injury.

The difference being those members who do NOT have private health cover incur a \$50 excess per claim on Non-Medicare related medical expenses. Members who have private health cover must claim first through their private health insurance before submitting a claim for the gap to the insurer. There is no excess if you have private health insurance.

### **Procedure for making a claim**

It is important that members who need to claim contact the Society Secretary giving their full name and membership number to report the accident and obtain a claim form. This notification needs to be made within 30 days of the accident.

The Secretary will then fill out page 5 of the claim form asking the member for relevant details.

The Society will contact DanceSurance to advise that a claim is pending.

The Society will then send the claim form with the relevant information completed to the member.

The Society member needs to fill out their section with the relevant details and forward to DanceSurance directly NOT their underwriters.

DanceSurance will liaise directly with the member.”

This article was taken from a previous Australian Square Dance Review.

Happy dancing,

**Leighton Bloomfield**

**President**

**Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.**

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## STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Attending Heats of the current Senior Superstars Contest in Brisbane has been a happy experience, with many audience members mentioning that seeing Clogging over the past couple of years introduced them to this great activity and was top entertainment.

Having won the 2011 Grand Final of SS, The Get Rhythm Dance Team cannot compete in future years, but as previously advised they will be featured at this year's SS Grand Final at the QPAC Concert Hall.

Incidentally, tickets were all allocated by QTIx within two hours of the 'phones opening for bookings!

Oh! And if you would like to catch this year's second semi-final, be at Souths-Acacia Ridge Sports Club at Brandon Park on Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August. I suggest you be there by 1 p.m. so as to get a seat. Performances get underway at 1:30 p.m. (Yes, they do serve lunch).

A surprise performance by the Team at the Seniors' Week Expo at the Logan Entertainment Centre on the 20th August is not so much that they have been asked to perform as part of a promotional Concert for an intended SS in Logan, but the dance routine they will be doing. Promises to be a great morning of fun.

Olive and her merry band were up to their usual hilarious shenanigans at the After Party at this year's Aussie Clog Camp.

It was another great weekend of Clogging.

Sincere thanks to all the Cloggers from our home State and interstate visitors who made it a special get-together.

Stephen Hope's BUCK & FLATFOOT DAY at the Scouts Hall, Lutwyche, on the 4<sup>th</sup> August is measuring up to be a biggy with lots of interest. Starts at 10:30 am.

Regular enquiries from intending beginners are helping to increase our membership. If you would like a brochure or two to hand on please let me know.

What will the Adelaide weather be like in late September for the ACA National Clogging Convention? No worries, registrations are still coming in.

Just a reminder that Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August is DAFFODIL DAY. Your support by purchasing daffodils and merchandise at various outlets would be a wonderful gesture in helping find a cure for Cancer, and supporting those who have it.

Every step in Clogging takes you further along Happy Street.

Best Wishes Always,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK OAM

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EMAIL: [lookdonfrances@bigpond.com](mailto:lookdonfrances@bigpond.com)

### My trip to Bunning's this morning

There was a bit of confusion at Bunning's this morning. When I was ready to pay for my gear, the cashier said, "Strip down facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to my local politician about Security running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card. I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador ."  
"No chance" says Mick, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

## New Email addresses for Society Committee members.

We have set up new Gmail addresses for the members of the Square Dancing Society of Qld. This has been done to improve efficiency of dancers communication with your Society. The members of the Management Committee listed below will have new Society addresses. Mail sent to these addresses will be forwarded to one other Committee member who can access and action the mail if the original recipient is not available or their computer system is not working.

Please send all society related emails to the relevant person on the list. Eg. Most mail will go to the Secretary ([squaredanceqld.secretary1@gmail.com](mailto:squaredanceqld.secretary1@gmail.com)). Matters of payment of fees etc. to ([squaredanceqld.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:squaredanceqld.treasurer@gmail.com)) and so on.

The full list on society Gmail addresses is listed below.

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### QCA GALA DANCE (Amateur Callers Contest) and QLD Square Dancing Society SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP



**Venue:** St. Joseph's Primary School  
42 Pine Mountain Rd.,  
North Ipswich

**Date:** Saturday 25 August 2012

**Prices:** Dancers: Gala Dance \$8.00  
State Roundup \$8.00 (members)  
State Roundup \$10.00 (non-members)  
Children: Half Price  
Spectators: Free

QCA GALA DANCE  
Amateur Callers' Contest  
1:00pm to 4:00pm  
Mainstream with a Plus  
Bracket.

Qld Square Dancing Society  
SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP  
7:00pm: Rounds (Paula Armstrong)  
7:30pm: Squares  
8:00pm: Dressed Set Parade and official welcome  
Please bring a plate for supper.

Amateur Callers' Contest and Dressed Set Parade.

Please send registrations for both to:

Noel McKenzie  
16 Lawson Place  
Forest Lake Qld 4078  
Phone: 3714 9917 / 0417 616 572  
Email: [merleandnoel@gmail.com](mailto:merleandnoel@gmail.com)

Registrations for the Amateur Callers' Contest (registration form attached to this flyer) must be received by 25 July, 2012.

Proudly brought to you by Town & Country Squares (Ipswich).

## AMATEUR CALLERS' CONTEST REGISTRATION

### ELIGIBILITY:

Eligibility is restricted to Amateur Callers who are defined as not having received remuneration of any kind for calling AND/OR do not run a Square Dance Club.

(a) SENIOR CONTESTANTS are callers who turn 15 years on or before the day of the contest.

(b) JUNIOR CONTESTANTS are callers who have attained 10 years of age and have not turned 15 years on the day of the contest.

Previous winners of a Division are ineligible to compete in that same Division in future years.

### CALLING REQUIREMENTS:

Contestants are to call within easy standard application in the QCA Mainstream - 53 Program -

(a) SINGING CALL

AND (b) HOEDOWN - for duration of between ONE and TWO MINUTES

**JUDGING:** Contestants will be judged on -

(a) PRESENTATION, (b) DRESS, (c) VOICE, (d) DICTION, and (e) TIMING.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration Forms must be in the hands of the organisers **ONE (1) MONTH** prior to the contest.

PLEASE NOTE - The 2012 QCA AMATEUR CALLERS CONTEST will be conducted at **St. Josephs Primary School** on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012

THIS REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**DOES YOUR CLUB INTEND TO REGISTER FOR DRESSED SET PARADE?**

Yes / No (please circle)

If Yes: **NAME OF CLUB:** .....

**NAME**.....

**ADDRESS:**.....

**JUNIOR or SENIOR:**.....

**HOME CLUB (1 ONLY)**.....

**PHONE:** .....

**SINGING CALL THAT I PROPOSE TO USE :**.....

**I DECLARE THAT I SATISFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (if under 18)**

**SIGNED** .....

**Return to: Noel McKenzie, 16 Lawson Pl, Forest Lake. QLD 4078**

**or email merleandnoel@gmail.com**

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Sunshine Squares Taiguna & Whirlers Wavell Whirlaways

Queensland Callers Association



DATE CLAIMER

Invite you to attend the  
33rd

Queensland State Square Dance Convention

to be held in the

Moreton Bay Region

on

27th - 29th September 2013

33rd Old State Square Dance Convention 2013 ~ Co - Convenors

Lynette Macpherson ~ (07) 3204 2335 / 0409 679 010

Sid & Betty Leighton ~ 0418 724 636

lynette\_macpherson@glc.qld.edu.au / sid\_leighton@hotmail.com

VISIT OUR BOOTH IN HERVEY BAY

Salad Bowl Squares

Country Western Night



Caller:  
Kay Walker  
MS/Plus

When: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012  
7:30pm to 9:30pm

Where: Anglican Parish Hall  
17-19 Station Street,  
Wellington Point, Qld, 4160



Admission: \$6.00  
Enquiries to  
Bev 07 3826 2260 or  
Terri 07 3829 2909



A plate for supper  
would be appreciated

## **Hervey Bay Square Dance Club News**

Square Dancing must be a compulsive recreation, for despite bitterly cold temperatures Hervey Bay's Club nights have been well attended. Our Saturday Morning Dance is proving to be exceedingly popular: come along too and join us for a fun session. One of our learners has 'thrown in the towel' Despite weeks of intensive tuition, Square Dancing became just a 'one-too-many' on the 'wanna-do' list. Another learner has moved away with work commitments, but we are happy to report that the remaining Beginners are doing extremely well and by the time you read this have worked their way up to the Mainstream moves.

The frenetic pace at which volunteers have worked toward the Convention has lulled to give batteries time to recharge to tackle the final preparations. Don't be complacent: September 27<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. Our members thank all those who have willingly helped with the various tasks required to ensure the smooth transition of the event. It is thanks to the teamwork that we are working well within the time-frame.

On July 14<sup>th</sup> Parisians themselves could not have surpassed our Bastille Day Celebrations. The hilarity no doubt was heard in Brisbane. Napoleon Bonaparte (Glenn Wilson) kept our toes tapping: he, resplendent in authentic costume, presided over the throng. French Maids, French Tarts, men wearing traditional beret who eyed shapely ankles with delight, danced the night away. How fortunate we were to have the company of so many visitors! There were Debbie and Kevin from Russell Island, Steve and Margaret from Bundaberg, John and Aileen from Cowra, Colleen from Auckland, Elaine and Rob from Brisbane and Diane from Maryborough who all braved the inclement weather. Without a doubt our evening of merriment will be recounted to their own Club members.

Just a reminder that on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August Kay Walker will grace our hall. The theme for the night is 'K', be innovative, be creative. We wait with baited breath to see your imaginative ideas. Yes, Kay will call PLUS from 2 - 4.30pm as well. Check our website [www.squaredancingherveybey.com.au](http://www.squaredancingherveybey.com.au) for our weekly session times, future guest Callers and Convention info.

To those dancers who have been unwell, in particular those who have family members who suffer serious ailments, our thoughts are with you and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Until we meet again, keep well and Happy Dancing from Hervey Bay.

## **SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP AND GALA DANCE.**

WITH THE DANCE LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY PREPARATIONS ARE GOING WELL. WE WILL BE USING THE SOUND SYSTEM THAT THE QCA HAVE AND SET UP BY GARY AND GLENN CONSISTING OF HILTON MA150 DECK MD PLAYER, ASHTON MIXER, MIC LEADS, CORDLESS MIC, HILTON AC 300 TURNTABLE, AND YAKSTACK SPEAKERS,

CLUB LEADERS: DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CLUB BANNER. DANCERS, BRING ALONG YOUR SPARE CHANGE FOR THE RAFFLE

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ROUNDUP DANCE, DURING SUPPER WE HOPE TO AUCTION TWO LOVELY PAINTINGS, NOT PRINTS, DONATED BY JOHN BORGE.

IF YOU INTEND STAYING IN THE HALL AFTER THE QCA DANCE THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES TO GRAB A BITE TO EAT. PIZZA CAPERS IS WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE HALL, JETS LEAGUE CLUB FIVE MINUTES DOWN THE ROAD, AND THE RSL IS VERY HANDY ALSO. YOU MAY WISH TO GO INTO THE RIVERLINK SHOPPING CENTRE AS THERE ARE FAST FOOD OUTLETSTHERE AS WELL.

ROUND DANCING STARTS AT 7PM. YOUR CUER FOR THIS SESSION WILL BE THE LOVELY PAULA ARMSTRONG, SO DON'T BE LATE FOR THAT ONE.

THERE IS PLENTY OF OFF-STREET PARKING ALONG SIDE OF THE HALL AND ALSO BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE EVENING AND MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS, AND NO DOUBT MAKE NEW FRIENDS: ISN'T THAT WHAT SQUARE DANCING IS ALL ABOUT?

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE,

NOEL AND MERLE.

### **CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG**

Several members of our Club recently travelled to Rockhampton for the Jeff Seidel week-end. Jeff certainly challenged us, with some unusual calls. The Rockhampton Square Dancers put on wonderful suppers and a lovely barbeque lunch for us on the Sunday.

We also recently had a Stars and Stripes night. We all dressed in red, white and blue and Matthew called to some great music. Our supper was also in the red, white and blue theme.

Averil Brookes  
Cane Country Squares

# QCA 32nd Qld State Square Dance Convention



hosted by

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.

on behalf of The Queensland Callers' Association

**September 28, 29, 30th 2012**



**Come to The Bay to Dance & Play  
and have a Whale of a Time**



**Main Venue: Great Hall, Hervey Bay High School,  
56-70 Beach Road, Pialba, Qld 4655**

## PROGRAMME

Friday afternoon: 1.30-4pm Intro to Round Dancing with Bev McLachlan  
Friday Night: 7pm Rounds, 7.30-10.30pm MS – Incl. Official Opening  
Saturday Morning: 9am – 12noon Clogging, Memorial Hall, Main St.  
Saturday Morning: 9.30-10am A1 (?) & 10am -12noon PLUS  
Saturday Afternoon: 1pm – 4pm Rounds, Memorial Hall, Main Street  
Saturday Afternoon: 1.30 – 4pm Mainstream  
Saturday Night: 7pm Rounds, 7.30-10.30pm MS – Incl. Dressed Sets Parade  
Sunday Morning: 9.30-10.30am State Convention Meeting  
Sunday: 10.30am – 1pm Mainstream & Contris  
Sunday Afternoon: 2-2.30pm A1 (?) 2.30-4.30pm PLUS Workshop  
Sunday Night: 7pm Rounds, 7.30-10.30pm MS – Incl. Closing Ceremony

**FULL REGISTRATION CLOSES 31st August 2012: \$70.-**

**SESSION TICKETS: Daytime \$12.- Night Time \$15.-**

**CLOGGING: Session Price \$10.-**

**STUDENTS : Under 16 ½ Price**

**FOOD: Free Tea & Coffee all weekend.**

**Canteen on site for snacks, meals & cold drinks.**

## **All Enquiries:**

**Phone: Glenda – Convenor: 07 4125 3305**

**Email: [squaredance2012hb@gmail.com](mailto:squaredance2012hb@gmail.com)**

**Registration & Information: [www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au](http://www.squaredancingherveybay.com.au)**

**POSTAL ADDRESS: 2012 Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.**

**PO Box 5383, Torquay, Qld, 4655**

## **DANCER REGISTRATION (Please print)**

For the QCA 32<sup>nd</sup> Qld State Convention at Hervey Bay on  
Sept. 28, 29, 30<sup>th</sup> in 2012

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

FULL PAYMENT (ENCLOSED) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all cheques/money orders payable to:

**QCA 32nd Qld State Square Dance Convention**

And forward together with the registration form to:

**2012 Hervey Bay Square Dance Club Inc.,**

**PO Box 5383, Torquay, Qld, 4655**

If you require a receipt, please enclose a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope or  
a current email address.

Details for Electronic Funds Transfer:

Bank Details: B.S.B. No. 084-705 A/C No. 196147556 \$ .00

Please use your name as a reference and email EFT receipt No. with date –  
Thank You.

Receipt No. DATED:

N.B. Cancellation fee of \$10.00 per registration applies, NO refunds after Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2012

LEVEL OF DANCING: Mainstream  Plus  A1  Rounds  Clogging

REGISTRATION Dressed Set  Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Banner Parade  Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

BOOTH SPACE:  Please indicate product \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED IN INTRODUCTION TO ROUNDS:

Conducted by Bev McLachlan - Friday Afternoon 1.30-4pm

## Rambling Eights, Salisbury

Caller: David Pearce

Our 'Christmas in July' dance saw the hall almost bursting at the seams with so many visitors. We always appreciate the support of dancers from Gumdale Grandsliders and Town & Country Ipswich, as well as calling from Noel Mackenzie and Graham Brandon, but this month we also had caller Glenn Wilson and dancers from EZ Squares Caboolture.

Also touring and dropping in for the night were Greg and Rhonda from Stanthorpe, Simon and Debbie from S.A.

Somehow we managed to get six sets squeezed onto the floor with the dancing alternating between fun level for the newest dancers and full mainstream for the old timers, with some other mixers thrown in.

The Major raffle prizes were won by Lorraine from EZ squares, Graham from Gumdale and Pam from Rambling Eights. The contents of the hampers as well as other prizes were all donated by Club members, and the beautiful wrapping was all done by Mary Wright and Faith. The supper was more than ample to satisfy sweet or savoury tastes, and nobody could have gone home for a snack after all that food.

As well as Club dance nights, David also called at Logan in July, and just over a set went along to lend support. This was a great night to catch up with other dancers we don't get to see regularly. The next day we had our Club barbeque at David and Faith's house. This is a great social event, where we enjoy good company and food, then toss around ideas and opinions, and get lots of planning done. Unfortunately, this time David and Faith announced that after nearly twenty years of organising the Club camp at Lake Perseverance, March 2013 will be their last. So, if you haven't had fun at one of these weekends before, this will be your last chance. We also set a date for our annual Soup Night, Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>, and it will also be a casual dress night. The soups will all be home-made by Club members, with bread varieties available, so bring your soup bowl and spoon and wear your comfy clothes. Also discussed was the Algester community fun day being held at Col Bennett Park on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Our dancers and David will again join with Alan's Allemanders to demonstrate Square Dancing to the community and provide those interested with details of where they can go to join in with this fantastic pastime.

To those who have been away – get well and get back on your dancing feet soon,

Cheers, Christine

A fifteen year old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, 'What is this Father?'

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, 'Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is.'

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially.

They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order.

Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son.....

'Go get your Mother'

## Burleigh Square Dance Club Gold Coast.

Burleigh Squares certainly celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> Birthday in style with a Masked Ball. Many dancers wore masks and dressed in keeping with the theme of the evening. We had nine (9) sets on the floor, which was a wonderful attendance. A busload of dancers from Gumdale Grandsliders added to the festivities. Also in attendance were dancers from Alan's Allamanders, Logan City Square Dancers, Sunshine Coasters as well as visitors from Bateman's Bay in N.S.W.

Four callers entertained during the evening. Alan Evans, Andrew Reid, Dougal Findlay and John Casey certainly gave us some variety.

A huge **thank you** must go to the many Club members and Committee who arrived early to assist with setting up, decorations, and preparations for supper. What a wonderful job they all did and their efforts certainly added to the excellent atmosphere for the evening.

Thank you to all the dancers who attended; without you there would not be have been the wonderful memories that we now have. Having so many squares on the floor certainly brought back memories of yesteryear for many and hopefully encouraged those new to Square Dancing.

Sue Mackley

Secretary

Burleigh Square Dance Club Inc

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*The Dalai Lama was asked what surprised him the most; he said, "Man, because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future;*

**"People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they need is a hand to hold, an ear to hear and a heart to understand".**

When I read this little verse I immediately remembered an experience I had some six months back. I have been doing volunteer work in a hospital for some ten plus year.

One of my duties is to see if I can be of any assistance, do any messages or perform any non-medical help to make the patients stay in hospital more comfortable.

I was doing my rounds, and I walked up this rather peaceful lady laying in bed. I told her what duties I could perform for her expecting a "No, I'm OK" or "I'd like a paper please" or some other such errand. Instead the lady grabbed my hand and just laid still. I did not move for about fifteen minutes, she didn't stir at all; she just laid there holding my hand. Eventually I quietly asked "Are you OK now?"

She answered "Yes thank you. You are the first non-medical person to have touched me in about three weeks. Thank you very much".

Loneliness, even where there are many people around, is a big burden to put up with. That little incident certainly changed my approach to patients. Sometimes their physical material needs are not the most needed thing they require. Now I often ask "Do you get visitors?" particularly if their side cupboard is reasonably empty. Spending extra time with the lonely is very rewarding. Noel M.

### More on billeting.

I read the article from Suncoasters in May's Bugle with interest. I would like to say that I agree wholeheartedly and if other square dancers agree — then let's hear from you.

The article related to dancers billeting each other and so reducing the expense when we are travelling away from home to square dance.

Personally I have been billeting square dancers for many years and I have been billeted in the past.

I do hope this idea catches on.

Dawn savage.