

The Banana Benders Bugle

July 2007

My Scribble

Calendar of Events

Winter is here and a number of dancers are out on the 'wallaby', consequently some Clubs are down in numbers. Nothing unusual about this, it happens every year but the overall effect is a bit of a worry.

Last year I am sure, most of you were sick and tired of me writing about promoting Square Dancing and getting new members.

Activity-wise nothing seems to have happen in this sphere since Christmas. I have only heard of one Club which has had an increase in numbers at Club nights. Another Club has about three new dancers learning. It really is a cause of some concern.

Then again, your Club may be going great guns in the membership department. If this is the situation, **please let us know.**

Why do Clubs exist? Surely the answer has to be so members can enjoy the company and the fellowship, enjoy the dancing and have a good time.

To continue to achieve this we have to replace those people who cannot participate for personal reasons or who have gone away. People just don't walk into a hall and ask to learn Square Dancing. We have to go out and invite them to participate. This costs time and money, but the bottom line is **"Promote and Recruit or Perish."**

Time is a matter of generosity of the Club personnel. Funds are another matter. Some Clubs are in a fortunate financial position. Some run on a shoe string, but accumulating funds at the expense of promotion is an absurd practice. I have seen this scenario and it can decimate a Club. It takes a lot of hard work and effort to recover from such a situation. Sometimes even the very existence of the Club is in jeopardy. Not a very smart way to operate!

NOEL MILLER

P.S. I had set myself a deadline to deliver the Bugle on the first of every month, but there have been a few unavoidable personal problems this time. If I have inconvenienced anyone for not meeting my deadline you have my apologies.
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JULY

- 7 Burleigh Square Sq. Dance Club Birthday
- 12 Carina Carousels 15th. Birthday
- 13 Rambling 8s Soup Night
- 13-15 Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance
- 14 Logan City Square Dancers Saturday Dance
- 14 – 16 Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance Mackay
- 20 – 22 Rocky Twirlers 10th. Birthday Dance
Rockhampton
- 20 – 22 Heritage City Hoedowners M'borough –
David Smythe Calling
- 27 Salad Bowl Squares Wine and Cheese Night,
- 27 Rambling 8s Christmas in July
- 28 K-Dee Round Dance Evening,
St Agnes' Parish Hall, Mt Gravatt
- 29 Upbeat Chaos Party Night

AUGUST

- 3 – 5 Anniversary W'end Buderim
Jerry Jestin (USA) Calling
- 4 Town & Country Welcome Back Caravanners.
- 8 Gumdale Square Dance Ball
- 11 Q.C.A. Quarterly Meeting Bundaberg
- 15 S Bar B 54th. Birthday Dance
- 15 Hervey Bay Squares - David Pearce Calling
- 18 Society Delegates Dance Cardwell
- 18 Logan City Square Dancers Saturday Dance
- 25 Society General Meeting
- 31 Salad Bowl Squares Club Birthday Night
- 31- 2nd Sept 12th ACA National Clogging
Convention

SEPTEMBER

21 – 23 Q'ld State Convention

**Copy for the next Bugle will be
accepted up to 20th. of this month.**

Reproduced courtesy of

Burleigh Square Dance Club

Calling all square dancers!

YOU are invited

Join in the Fun
at our

"Coming of Age" 18th. Birthday Party.

7pm Saturday 7th July.

Maher Hall, 42 Matilda Street,
Burleigh Heads, Gold Coast.

Fancy dress is optional.

For further information, please contact Joy on
(07) 55 233 047 or Karen on 0415 832 137.

Regards
Karen McCarthy

Tugun Twirlers Gold Coast

American Independence day dance.

4th July

Theme is red white and blue.

A reminder that Our Winter Warmer night
starts at 6.00pm not the usual time of 7.00pm

Rambling Eights Club Night.

Friday 13th July will be a Soup Night.
We will have several different Tastes
for a Super (Soup) Supper,
Visitors are welcome.
The More the Merrier .

St Pius X Hall,
Golda Ave. Salisbury.
Dancing starts 7.30pm

Rambling Eights

"Christmas in July"

A PARTY NIGHT

Friday 27th July

Pre Dance Rounds from 7.00pm

Squares start at 7.30pm

All Visitors are welcome.

St Pius X Hall, Golda Ave Salisbury

Carina Carousels

15th. Birthday

Thursday 12th. July.

1 – 4 P.M.

Fun & Friendship

Carina Senior's Hall

1 Edmonds St. Carina.

Contributions to Afternoon Tea Appreciated.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED

To attend our (Wishing Well) BIG day!! (Open Ceremony)

Place: Geebung Uniting Church Hall, Corner of Simla Avenue and Mayflour Street, Geebung

When: 7th July 2007 at 7am (Be early to get a seat)

Please no presents, a voluntary gift of money would be appreciated more for the Wishing Well.

Sam and Scott

Tough Old Cowboy.

A tough old cowboy from Oklahoma counseled his grandson that, if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gun powder on his oatmeal every morning.

Following his grandfather's advice, the grandson did this religiously to the age of 103.

When he died, he left 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, 25 great-great grandchildren, and a 15-foot hole where the crematorium used to be.

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

If you are a member of the ACA, please check your membership card to see if renewal is due this year. If so, please send your payment to the ACA Treasurer. Nina's address is:

Nina Annand, P.O. Box 143, Edge Hill, Qld. 4870.

If you are not a Member, talk to your Leader about the benefits of joining the ACA.

All States are busily practising their entries for the SHOWCASE segment at the ACA National Convention- it's getting close now, Girls and Guys!

Congratulations to our friends, Christy and Oliver Loesch in Sydney on the birth of their son, Micah Riley Loesch, 3.5kg.

Capers a'plenty at Kindilan, venue for the 2007 Aussie Clog weekend. Another first class effort from Olive and her helpers, Cuers and dancers.

Take it easy, keep on dancing.
Cheers for now,

Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

To the Knitters

If you are a person who likes to knit and help babies this may interest you. There are many premature and AIDS babies in Africa who are in need of some garments to make life a little more palatable.

These nippers need some very utility clothing. The required articles are designed to act as a sleeping bag for the new-born and as the child grows, the same garment can be used as a jumper.

The Bugle will be happy to act as a conduit for information on this project and will email the pattern of the required garment to anyone interested. The completed articles can then be sent to Gumdale Grandsliders Sq. Dance Club and personnel within the Club will arrange to get them to Africa.

Town & Country

For the month of July, while many of our friends and members are enjoying their "happily ever after" caravanning, touring, traveling hither & thither, we, at Town & Country, have decided to invite Mainstream dancers to attend our Thursday night venue at Rochedale. We will be dancing alternate Mainstream, Plus brackets all through the month of July. Sound like fun? Just come & give it a go! It could become a permanent arrangement.

On the 4th August, we will be hosting a "Welcome Back " to our travellers with a "Winter Wonderland Spectacular" theme. So all of you travellers out there who are returning or have returned, come along & swap photos and notes on your travels. Could be interesting & sure to be fun. Of course there will be prizes & Monte Carlo activities.

Ian Small will be visiting again from across the Tasman, so he will again be sharing the calling with me. Let's all get together and warm up this cold old winter with laughter & dancing. Don't forget the date 4th August,

Venue: Community Hall, Nerida St. Rochedale. 7:30pm - 10pm.

Admission: \$5:00

Regards, Noel & Merle McKenzie

Did You Know

When I send out the Bugle, or any news referring to the Bugle, I do it in 'group sending' to save time and money.

These groups vary in size between 15 & 20 persons. If you hit the 'Reply to sender' button on any of those 'group sendings' on occasions. EVERYONE in that group gets a copy of what you have sent to me. I do not know if it is how the email normally works but this has happened on a number of occasions.

Normally this is no problem but a bit of personal 'stuff' has been broadcast this way. Just thought you would like to know.

Noel Miller

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG

Another successful "Heart Dance" was held in May. Funds raised annually are donated to Heart Support Bundaberg, which offers advice and assistance to people who have suffered heart problems.

Informative literature was available on the night for members to take home, and representatives of Heart Support attended giving information on how donations are used by their organisation. Members wore something red and the hall was also attractively decorated with the red theme. A continuous raffle ran throughout the night.

Several members attended the 48th National Square Dance Convention in Adelaide, renewing friendships and making new ones. Thanks to the organisers for a very enjoyable five days of dancing.

Pam Garson
Publicity Officer/Cane Country Squares

Tugun Twirlers, Gold Coast

Great to see Members enjoying dancing to Gary Petersen, with 4 squares of mainstream dancers getting to dance to Trainer Caller Brian Hayhoe .

We celebrated another OBE (Over Bloomin Eighty) with Valda H. in May. Great to see so many Dancers dressing up for our Roaring 20's Night.

A reminder that Our Winter Warmer night starts at 6.00pm, not the usual time of 7.00pm.

Yours in Dancing,
Corinne Bradshaw

Society Christmas Party.

Rambling Eights has been selected to host the Society Christmas party this year. At this time we are not sure where it will be held, but the date will be Saturday 24th November. Keep this date clear for a fun evening and a great start to your Christmas Parties.

You may remember that the Qld Society Christmas Party was designed to save individual clubs having to organise their own dance party. You may like to consider this function Your "Club Party" that you can share with other clubs.

Rambling Eights will be happy to fulfill your need to run a function by letting you assist in the running of "**The Christmas Party**". Watch the next issue of BBB for more details.

We had a fun time organising the 2000 party. Our challenge this year is to come up with some things to equal this and for dancers to support it in droves.

UpBeat Chaos, Deception Bay

Our Party night in April was a great success, inviting Mainstream dancers to join our Plus, who with Round Dancers combined well.

There will be no Rounds on 10th July night as I will be away. (It was on the calendar.)

Gary is really putting dancers though their paces with some very mixed Plus. The challenge of getting your partner back was the middle mixer. Great calling Gary.

Yours in Dancing

Individaul Insurance

Over 120 members have taken up Society membership and this is a very pleasing result at this time. There is one small problem. The name of the club these members regard as their 'home club' was an unfortunate omission on the membership form. If dancers would put the name of the club they mostly dance at on the Application for Membership form it would be greatly appreciated. If you have applied for membership of the Society would you please advise the Society of 'your club' so all membership receipts could be mailed to the particular clubs for distribution. This would be a real money saver from the Society's end It is a wonderful response and there have been no real difficult questions asked.. Thank You. Alan Rayner

Don't Miss Our Grand Finale.

The "S Bar B" 54th. Birthday.

Saturday September 15

St Barnabias Hall, Warter Works Rd.
Ashgrove. Bus Stop 12

*As Our Club Of Golden Memories
Completes Its Truly Unique Contribution
To Australian Square Dancing.*

Meanwhile, Join Our Run Home
Dancing On Friday July 13 & 27.
August 10, 24 & 31

National Convention

Nearly 900 dancers registered for the Australian National Convention in Adelaide which was held over the June long weekend. There was a good contingent of Dancers and Callers from Queensland. Well done Queensland! Next year Brisbane. Registration forms are available, I believe over 200 dancers have already registered and claimed the discount price.

The dancing at Adelaide was great, but we needed to keep dancing to keep warm. It was a pleasure to dance with Japanese dancers and to Japanese callers. These dancers were very accomplished despite the fact that very few spoke much English at all. They knew all the moves in English and knew how to enjoy their dancing. We look forward to meeting some of them in Brisbane next year.

It is always good to meet up dancers from interstate and overseas. We are always surprised how we just pick up where we left off a year or two ago.

David Pearce.

Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance

Dancers have been here in Mackay a couple of weeks in readiness for The 2007 Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance featuring American callers Jerry Story & Tony Oxendine.

A welcome Dance, Friday 13th July will have a Black Theme featuring four top Australian Callers Jason Dean Queensland, Philip Aslanidis, Victoria. Barry Bonson, N.S.W. Jeff Seidel, South Australia. Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th July will have two full days & nights of calling by Jerry Story & Tony Oxendine.

Monday 16th July will be the Callers Seminar with Jerry & Tony. (Morning Tea & Lunch Included)

Monday Evening 16th July will see a Farewell Dance at 7p.m. with Callers still in the area at the Tommy Webster Memorial Hall, Walkerston.

There is a table booked for Dancers who would like to purchase Dinner at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club Walkerston (R.S.V.P. at the door on the weekend) from 6 p.m.

The Mackay & District Square Dancing Club has been successful in obtaining a RADF Grant from the Mackay City Council for a Square Dancing weekend to be held on September 8th/9th 2007.

Caller for the weekend will be young Victorian Caller Philip Aslanidis, who is also appearing on the programme on the Friday evening at the Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance

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The New Constitution, continued.

The Executive of the Society consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Assistant incorporating Web Master / Librarian. The first three positions have their duties set out in the guidelines for Incorporated bodies. The position of Vice President is a standard position but has no specific duties other than to assist the President. In the Society's case there is one extra on the Executive Committee, an Executive Assistant incorporating Web Master / Librarian. The person in this position will need to be Computer literate.

The preferred methods of keeping members of the Society informed will be through Clubs, newsletters and individual emails. To achieve this communication with its members the Society will need to use 'today' tools, and the Web Master / Librarian will be an important part of this system. This person will also be available to help other Executive members who may be overloaded from time to time. When this 'communication with members' was considered during the writing of this new Constitution, it was determined that it would be impossibly expensive to use snail mail as a means of communication with members.

The **REGISTRAR** is a position mentioned in the Incorporation Act. It is usually a part of the Secretary's duties but the Society will have a separate person doing this job. According to the Act the Registrar will

- (a) comply with the Act and this Constitution in respect of the register of Members and Affiliates
- (b) keep and maintain a Register of Members and Affiliates in accordance with Section 11 of the Model Rules of Associations' Incorporation Regulations 1995
- (c) have custody of the Register at their place of residence
- (d) remove from the Register the name of any Member who dies, who resigns or whose membership is terminated.

A few facts about individual members of the Society will be recorded in this Register, such as name and address, email address if applicable, where you normally dance, any positions held in the Society and that is about it. At no time can any information kept in this register be used for other than Society use.

Country Regions Coordinator is a position created to represent any Club or member who requires a spokesperson about a particular subject at any Society meeting. Clubs/members sometimes feel they are not represented at such gatherings and the creation of this position was an attempt to overcome this situation.

S.P. Review State Editor/Distributor and State Newsletter Editor are self explanatory. As mentioned in the previous article on this subject, a newsletter is specifically mentioned in this Constitution as a primary means of keeping members informed.

Society Functions and Events Coordinator is the person who consults with other organisations about functions, venues, programme and the like on behalf of the Society. This position should take some burden off the Secretary and iron out any knots. This being the main duties of this position much more consideration can be given to obtain the most suitable venue for events.

Promotions and Publicity Coordinator. Self-explanatory and a very big and responsible job if Square Dancing is to survive and thrive. Far too big for one person. In the past this position and possible members on a sub committee have been the subject of some heated discussion. Why I will never understand. The position only seemed to get attention at election meetings. All other times their reports are respectfully listened to and SBA (initials for Aussie 'nothing') is done about any positive points. This has to change.

Other than the Executive members and the Registrar, the new committee define the duties of all other positions in the Bylaws yet to be drawn up. The reason for this is, if duties are defined in the Constitution and there is a need to change any of these duties it can take months. E.g. at present the discussions with Fair Trading are well into their second year just to get any knots resolved with the new document.

And finally, why go to all this trouble? What is trying to be achieved? Very simply, Square Dancing is submerged in the past. No matter what comes up the inevitable words will be uttered "Back when" . This living in the past 'days of glory' is just not practical. We don't have thousands of dancers any more. To survive an effort has to be made to involve all existing dancers.

In the past the Society acted as an umbrella organisation for all kindred types of dancing. Today the Round Dancers, the Cloggers and the Callers have their own organisations. With this new Society Constitution, the Square Dancers will have an organisation which can concentrate on looking after Square Dancing. There has to be very close cooperation between the dancers and callers- they are dependent on one another. No doubt there will be close cooperation in the future with all mentioned bodies, and if and when an overall body is needed it will happen.

The new Constitution distributes duties across an increased number of people. Yes, there will be problems and bumps to be smoothed out but at least it is a chance to get more people involved, hear new ideas and share the load. A small group of dancers will form the nucleus of this organisation (the management committee) but this new constitution strives to give all dancers a say and some responsibility for the future of Square Dancing in Queensland.

MY DAD IS A FATHER TOO

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on- backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar that way.-

The man, who was a priest, said, " I am a Father."

The little boy replied, - My Daddy doesn't wear his collar like that."-

The priest looked up from his book and answered,-

I am the Father of many."-

The boy said, "My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren-and he doesn't wear his collar that way."-

The priest, getting impatient, said, "I am the Father of hundreds" and went back to reading his book.-

The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and whispered, -

"Maybe you should wear your pants backwards instead of your collar.-

A WORLD OF WONDERS

An Amish boy and his father were in a shopping mall.

They were amazed by almost everything they saw--but especially by two shiny silver walls that could move apart and 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 in amazement, a fat old lady in a wheelchair rolled her way up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small chamber. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until the last number was reached; then the numbers began to light in reverse order.

Finally the walls opened again, and a gorgeous 24-year-old Blonde stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son..... "Go get your mother"

A Happy Man. A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably coifed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. "It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up.

I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, the best advice for us would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank those for their part in filling our Memory banks and keep depositing."

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Invite you to something different.

A REUNION BALL / SQUARE DANCE

Featuring

Rockhampton's sparkling **Mills Brothers** and resident caller **Alan Evans**

7.30pm. Wednesday August 15.

At Alexandra Hills Community Hall

Cnr. Funnican & Windemere Roads

This is an opportunity for all who have enjoyed the calling of Alan Evans over the years to reunite,

Share non- alcoholic wine and dance to the wonderful Mills brothers.

Square Dance clothes or Formal attire, whatever you like.

\$6 per person + bring a plate.

35TH EXHIBITION ROUND UP

Friday August 17th 2007

8.00 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

St Mary's Anglican Church Hall

Main Street, Kangaroo Point

(High on the Cliffs between the TAFE College and Mt Olivett Hospital)

Supper - contribution appreciated.

General Admission \$ 5.00 per dancer

22nd ANNIVERSARY DANCE

AUGUST 3rd, 4th, 5th 2007

FEATURING

Jerry Jestin

Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre,
Buderim, Queensland

Week-end Dance Ticket Mainstream only \$ 20.00

Mainstream & Plus Dance Ticket \$ 35.00

Full Week-end Dance Ticket \$ 40.00

Session Ticket \$ 8.00 each session available at door

SEPARATE MEAL TICKETS

For Catering purposes Please **ORDER AND PREPAY** BY 27th July 2007

SATURDAY DINNER

SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY LUNCH

Served at 5.30 p.m. \$10.00

Served from 8.00 A.M. \$ 8.00

Served at 12 NOON. \$ 8.00

BOOK EARLY = LIMITED POWERED SITES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CARAVAN, CAMPER OR TENT

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