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55th National Convention Canberra
What’s Happening!

Welcome to this month’s edition of the Australian Square Dance Review. This issue is full of wonderful pictures of the National Convention which was recently held in Canberra. Special thanks to Geoff Jessop, Steve Longwood and Doona Young. I hope all our readers enjoy them! There will be more pictures next issue.

It is great to see so many new callers having a go at the convention. Both at the ACF breakfast where new callers can receive developmental feedback from peer mentors and during some of the dance sessions. Well done to all those clubs who have run successful beginner programs this year. We need both callers and dancers to keep our favourite past time alive and healthy.

Chris Froggatt has written an article on his views of the type of music he believes are important for square dancing moving into the future. I have also included an article Chris wrote nearly twenty years ago called the Ten Commandments which makes for interesting reading.

Don’t forget this is your national magazine. It would be great to hear from every state about the events that are happening.

Till next time
Rosalind

Stop Press!

Whilst marching in the ANZAC march this year in Melbourne life member & founding member of the ACF died. Twenty minutes later he was revived by the ambulance people in attendance. I have spoken to Jack, now at home after three weeks in hospital, but despite a couple of broken ribs (from the ambos) he is recovering remarkably well. If you type in {Jack Murphy ANZAC} you’ll see a video of him taken at the hospital. Jack is 94 years old & his future is looking good thanks to the Victorian Ambulance people. Jack called for the Whitehorse Club for nearly 50 years, great caller & friend.

Jeff Seidel
I must say that I am excited to have been asked to continue Gary Petersen’s excellent “Behind The Mike” segment in the Review. I’m sure most will agree that he did a fantastic job bringing news of the Australian Callers Federation to square dancers around Australia. Thanks Gary.

**Business First**: We have a new President. Congratulations Gary! It’s great to see someone having a go at the top job. It won’t be easy but I do hope it’s rewarding to you.

Positions filled on the Board are:

- **Chairman**: Gary Petersen
- **Vice Chairman**: Steve Turner
- **Treasurer**: Howard Cockburn
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- **Callerlink Editor/Historian**: J Garbutt
- **Registrar**: Les Heaton
- **ACF Program Advisory Panel** (PAP) Jeff Seidel, Glenn Wilson and Mike Davey; **Board Members**: Jim Buckingham, Matthew Mills, Barry Knight, Gary Carpenter, Kevin Kelly, Glenn Wilson and Jeff Van Sambeeck.; **ACF State Coordinators**: ACT; Allen Kerr; NSW; Les Heaton; QLD; Glenn Wilson; SA; Jeff Seidel; TAS; Diane Ashton; VIC; Mike Davey; WA; Jim Buckingham.

Allen Kerr needs a medal for all he has done keeping the ACF Website current and informative from its inception. A big thank you to Allen from everyone who has ever looked for information at www.aussiecallers.org.au and welcome to Mathew Mills, as Allen steps back from the position of Webmaster for the first time in a long time.

As you can see, there were some major changes in the ACF Board this year PLUS confirmation of the Caller/Cuer Conference being held at the Mantra Resort on the Sunshine Coast just 3 days prior to the ADNSC in 2016. There is special pricing for accommodation at the Mantra for callers and cuers and you can book NOW. Contact your State co-ordinator for the special form required to attain the Caller/Cuer Conference accommodation rate.

The Sound of Square Dancing

When did you start square dancing? Were you around during the boom years of the 1950’s when square dancing was found in every dance hall and pavilion? Did you dance to a live band or a caller who played his own accompaniment on guitar or squeezebox? Or did you come along later, like me, when the caller needed several large carry boxes to bring his music on 7-inch vinyl records. Perhaps you are newer to the activity and your caller brings all their music on a laptop, mobile phone or iPad. Whatever the era, we all know what square dancing sounds like… or do we?

Remember when you could be walking to the dance hall from the car park on a cloudy night, guided through the darkness by the dulcet tones of your caller drifting out the door, accompanied by the unmistakable sound of country music. You headed towards that sound with great anticipation of what was to come. There was no mistaking the sound of square dancing.

Having recently attended the 39th NSW State Convention in Salamander Bay and the 55th Australian National Convention in Canberra, there were occasions when I wondered if I was in the right place. Sure, there was plenty of music played featuring guitar, bass and piano, and even the occasional banjo and fiddle, but there was also a lot of electronic, synthesised music. The spectrum of sound sometimes made me wonder if we had mistakenly entered a 1980’s disco or a karaoke bar. Sometimes the hall was filled with a loud duff-duff-duff noise, the like you only used to hear from a passing “fully-sick” Skyline or WRX. Now don’t get me wrong, I like modern music (some of it, anyway). What made me smile to myself was that using this music was intended to give the impression that square dancing has a modern sound. I beg to differ. It just didn’t sound like square dancing to me.

After a decade away from the square dance scene, I have been updating my square dance music collection. I subscribe to Nev McLachlan’s latest release service and also listen to what is coming out from the online recording companies. I have also purchased music from several major square dance labels that require you to buy their whole year’s worth of releases in one batch (an expensive exercise). There are plenty of songs from the 70’s and 80’s, and even occasionally from the 90’s, but very little from the last two decades – unless you count the occasional Michael Buble song, but to me, his music is as modern as Sinatra.

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55th National Convention Canberra

All the colours of a rainbow shone down on Canberra with magnificent weather for all to enjoy the 55th ANSDC 23-27 April 2014. The convenors Robin & Gail, callers, cuers, committee and helpers delivered a fantastic event from start to finish. With around 580 attendees the floors of the Radford College accommodated all in a comfortable manner.

It was wonderful to be able to capture some nice photos of our young and upcoming new callers who all did us proud by calling at our national convention. We look forward to their long and successful calling career and hope they get lots of support from everyone.

There were many treats for us to enjoy including the Canberra Contra Band which didn’t quite hit the mark with many square dancers who were expecting ‘square dance’ contra and also had their brains in neutral as they tried to follow the instructions of the caller Roger Gifford. To cut a long story short many crashed and burned but we all had ‘fun’. We did manage some real square dancing to the live band thanks to Chris, Graham & Howard and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The venues were colourful and cozy and we were blessed with magnificent weather so walking between the venues was a great relaxing change from dancing.

One of the many memorable moments was on Anzac day when Richard Muir called his own version of the Ballad of the Green Berets but with words for our own Anzacs. There were many teary eyes as people danced away reflecting thoughts of our own soldiers.- Well Done Richard! I would love to see anyone’s video of this if somebody captured it?

South Australia is now looking forward to as many of us returning and more new callers and dancers to attend the 56th ANSDC.

Many thanks to all,

Steve & Julie Longwood
“Colours the Theme”

Some 600 dancers braved the cold to attend the 55th Convention. Radford College provided a great location with a large gym and smaller hall. Fortunately the weather was spectacular for Canberra so those walking from hall to gym didn’t get wet. Dancers were met by a welcoming group and presented with hand-made coloured bags on registration. A display of State and National flags adorned the large sound curtain and club banners were spectacularly displayed on the ‘cricket net’ on a side wall. The scenery on stage featuring bright multi-coloured umbrellas was built and erected by an active team led by Brian Wilson. This was taken down amazingly quickly at the end, in order to allow school use on Monday morning.

Refreshments tea/coffee/biscuits were provided free and the catering was staffed mainly by new club dancers, and other club members. The ‘Appreciation Reception’ was catered by a local firm-- Yiannos Catering.

The opening ceremony was led by a group of youngsters from the ‘Warehouse Circus’ and a display of ACT dancers ‘Trooping the Colours’. The opening was proclaimed by Anna-Lee Hodalji representing younger dancers. At the closing ceremony an active group from Adelaide invited all to come to ‘The Cabaret’ in 2015.

The last theme night was an invitation for Artists and Models and Colourful Characters to farewell the convention. There was a great response; with several artists, but only one model, several clowns, a crusader, and even a policeman among others. A resplendent clown appeared to be a well-known caller from mid NSW, and Dolly Parton was surely a caller from the south coast.

Hopefully the program catered for all tastes with Rounds, Clogging and Contra being presented as well as Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced sessions. Thanks to all callers and cuers for delivering the planned programme in a very professional and entertaining manner. The program manager Allen Kerr, Conveners Gail Giuliano and Robin Kerr, Secretary Ann Mathas, Set Decorations Brian Wilson plus the supporting committee are to be congratulated for a superb convention.

Mike Rickard [President ACT Square Dance Society]
The Sound of Square Dancing Cont.

No matter what some people try to tell you, square dancing is not modern. It never was and probably will never sound modern. Don’t get me wrong – I don’t mean that in a derogatory way - square dancing is TIMELESS, and so is the sound of square dancing. It doesn’t belong solely to any era, either in the 20th century or our wonderfully modern 21st century. I don’t believe we need to try to sound modern, anyway. The music of square dancing is part of what attracted me to it in the first place.

(Disclaimer: the opinions in this article are mine alone. Should you have a different opinion, please share it with us by writing to the Review Editor.)

Chris Froggatt

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Tassie News

Launceston (Glenn MacLaren & Di Ashton)

Convention dancers back with news of a colourful and enjoyable time in Canberra. Glenn ended up with a new surname and Dale with a new nickname. Trainee caller Frank pleased with his reception. Thanks Di & Frank for keeping the dancers on the go while Glenn was away. Celebrated Norma & Graeme’s 50th. wedding anniversary with lots of gold outfits and some of their cake. Club’s 63rd. birthday celebrated at end of May.

Shirley
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Additional Round Dance information is available from www.rounddanceassociationvictoria.org.au/
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**NSW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION CHANGES**
to be made to Cecil Leonard at leonard.c@optusnet.com.au or Phone 02 4341 3681

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NSW President’s Report

On behalf of all NSW dancers our sincere thanks and gratitude go to Roslyn Burrett for her dedication as president over the past seven years. During this time she has travelled to most clubs in NSW flying the society flag. Roslyn has been involved in organizing society dances, national and state conventions as well as representing NSW dancers at a national level. She has always made herself available to all society members to assist them in any way possible. Now it’s time for her to take a well deserved break, though I’m sure I’ll be asking for her guidance at times. She has left a very big pair of shoes to fill.

It was a great honour to be elected as president of the NSW Society and I will endeavour to do my best to represent NSW dancers. I have a great team working with me which I’m sure will make the job easier.

With amalgamation we are entering a new era of square dancing, times have changed and we need to embrace modern technology to spread the word about our wonderful activity but we also need to respect our past and the efforts of those who have gone before us.

Over the next few weeks all society members should receive a letter from me outlining what the Society does for its members, included in the letter will be a ballot paper asking you to vote on the amalgamation. Please fill it in and return to the address provided as we value your opinion.

On a sad note, Meg Kohen passed away on 28th April. She was well known through the square dance world. Our sincere condolences to Vickie, Steve and their extended families, Meg will be missed.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of any assistance to you with your dancing.

David

Are you a winner?
New NSW numbers in this issue.
Check carefully!

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# NSW COUNTRY SQUARES

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### N.S.W. Club News

**GREENWICH SWINGERS**  
Caller: Brian Hotchkies  
A most convivial atmosphere and wonderful calling made the National Convention in Canberra a delight. Thanks to Navman and TomTom for getting most of our dancers to Radford Hall from their disparate abodes, almost no circles were driven!! We wish a quick return to dancing for Keith, Alan, Sheila and Barratt. Our thoughts are with Vicki Dean and family at the passing of Meg.

**PELICAN PROMENADERS**  
Caller: Lorraine Long  
Congratulations to the Salamander Bay and Canberra committees for their enjoyable conventions. You danced us to a standstill!! Club nights still a load of fun with a few new learners attending. Our condolences to Dawn as she grieves the tragic loss of her beloved granddaughter. Get well greetings to Rachel and Robert. Hope to see you all promenading real soon.

**KNEE DEEP SQUARES**  
Chris & Linda Froggatt  
Congratulations Virginia winning Mother’s Day raffle. Welcome to all our new beginners. Lovely catching up with our interstate friends at National Convention, thanks to the committee for such a warm, friendly time. Birthday wishes: Kevin H. Neil, Jeff, Richard, Rob M., Bob, Barbara G.

**HILLBILLIES SQUARES**  
Callers: Vickie and Steve  
We were all very sad to hear that Meg had passed away after a short illness. There were lots of Hillbillies at her funeral. Heather had a fall, we wish her a speedy recovery. Arrie’s not dancing yet but she’s visiting us at the dance and she hasn’t lost her sense of humour. Happy birthday Tracey, Pauline and Georgina.

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Miltons Magic Moments
A Touch of Magic Sound Check
Saturday 27th September 2014

Jan and Helen, co-convenors for the 36th State Convention 2015 would like to invite you to an afternoon and evening of dancing at the Milton Showground Croobyar Rd Milton NSW, the site of the 2015 State Convention.

Come along and pay at the door $8.00 per session.

1pm - 4pm Plus, A1/A2 and Rounds.
7pm - 10pm Mainstream, Plus and Rounds.

Contacts: Helen - 0409534436  or  Jan - 02 44434436
N.S.W. Club News

SUSSEX SHOALHAVEN SQUARES
Caller: Jan Johnson
We are all starting to feel the crisp winter nights settling in down south. But our club members are enthusiastic so the attendance has been very good. We were delighted to welcome Natalie and Darcy from Shepparton, who dropped in on their way home for a dance and a call we all had a wonderful time.

SAINTLY DEVIL DANCERS
Caller: Margaret Betts
We have had some very enjoyable dances with some travelling to Glen Innes, Salamander Bay for the State Convention & Canberra for the National. Jack celebrated his 90th birthday with us. The cold nights have started & we have had some sleet, the trees are lovely in their autumn colours.

SAPPHIRE SQUARES
Pam & George Pitt
Those of us who went to Canberra for the National Convention enjoyed it thoroughly. What a fantastic weekend it was, with very good standard of both calling and dancing. Congratulations to ACT Society and all helpers for doing such a great job. Great to have Maureen & Robert Moore dance with us recently. Happy birthday to Gloria, Ann & Arthur.

PORT MACQUARIE SQUARE DANCE CLUB
Caller: Tony Bowring
Busy month with dancers travelling to the State convention and the National convention. We now have our club badges, keep an eye out for them around the traps. Good to see Brian & Cheryl Carpenter visit last club night. Details of our 1st birthday (17th month birthday) to be released soon, stay tuned.

JUST BLISS SQUARE DANCE CLUB
Caller: Jim Brooks
Throughout April enthusiasm at the Club has continued to grow. We have maintained our regular dancer attendance numbers. We were pleased to welcome American dancers Becky and Terry Johnson, to the club as our guests. We hope they enjoyed their visit and that they take home great memories of their time in Australia. Birthday best wishes to Marion and Beverley.

PANTHER SQUARES
Caller: Maree Huffadine
Most members have returned from travelling after the Conventions. Murray and Betty continue to improve after their operations. Best wishes to Marion for improvements in her health. Ralph & Ron still sidelined but soon to be back dancing. Good to have Faye and Ron for a visit. Birthday greetings this month to Daniele, June B, Nola & Bill. Happy dancing.

HENRY KENDALL SQUARES
Caller: Les Heaton
The National over for another year and every dancer who attended enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere along with the great weather. Shirley back after knee replacement. April birthday wishes to Judy and Sibylle. May birthday wishes to Richard C, Jennette and Noreen. Anniversary congratulations to Les and Joyce, Jeff and Lorraine and Shirley. Cooler weather now great for dancing.

NEWPORT OCEAN WAVES
We are continuing to enjoy dancing on Tuesday nights. Our two newcomers Len and Eunice seem to be having lots of fun and are coming on nicely with their dancing. Jan has been away with a fractured elbow and we hope to see her back dancing soon.

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Footnote: Clubs dance in the evenings except where an earlier time is shown. Visitors are advised to telephone clubs to confirm details.
Northern NSW Square Dance Association
Invites You To The
GALA WEEKEND FESTIVAL
With
GRAHAM ELLIOTT (SA)
AND
ROUNDS with JANE RAYNER (Qld)
22nd - 24th August 2014
Venue: Woolgoolga High School
Centenary Drive, Woolgoolga
(28kms North of Coffs Harbour)
DANCING LEVEL - FULL MAINSTREAM

Sessions:
Saturday - 2.00pm - 4.30pm (Squares)
7.30pm - 8.00pm (Rounds)
8.00pm - 11.00pm (Squares)
Sunday - 10.00am - 11.00am (NNSWSDA - AGM)
11.00am - 12 Noon (Rounds)
2.00pm - 4.30pm (Squares)
7.30pm - 8.00pm (Rounds)
8.00pm - 10.30pm (Squares)

***Special Plus Session on Friday Night 22nd - 7.30pm - 10.30pm - Pay at door
PLEASE NOTE: This Session IS NOT included in Weekend Ticket Price***

PLEASE BRING YOUR CLUB BANNERS

For Further Information & Registration Form: Phone Wilma - 02 6662 6647 or email - wilmaflan@bigpond.com
or Go To Our Website - www.nnswsda.info
N.S.W. Club News

CARPENTER & CO
Caller: Gary Carpenter
Back from the ACT National Convention. Share houses and club Chinese dinner went off well. At time of writing I’m off to Bali to recover leaving Wayne and Wendy to call a night. I’m sure everyone is supportive. Everyone now gearing up for Society Dinner Dance and the Bayabarra Fireman’s Ball. There’s even a chance of a fancy dress night.

CLOVERLEAF DANCERS
Caller: Neil Bryan
Neil and Tarranne are off on a cruise to Fiji. We wish them a great time. Meanwhile we have purchased a Hilton 300 and speakers for the club. This will enable us to function at times when Neil is away. Good to see some new dancers come along in recent weeks

WILLI – WHIRLERS
Caller: Wilma Flannery
The Glen Innes birthday and Canberra convention is over and Karen is recovering saying how good but how cold it had been down south. We heard about the jolly colourful clown (BH) who called for the dancers amongst other good callers. We are now gearing up for Beef Week.

SUMMERLAND LARRIKINS
Caller: Wilma Flannery
A good representation from our club went to Glen Squares 33rd birthday in Glen Innes. Wilma travelled to the State Convention in Salamander Bay. Then Karen, Frances & John travelled to Canberra for the national Convention. Anne & Neville are travelling again out west and wish them well. Happy birthday Les and John.

RED BARONS Thursday
Caller: Barry Wonson
Had a great night, guest caller Al Stevens, an American living in Germany called with Barry. Good fun! Wal back after doing battle with an Indoor Bowl, badly bruised ankle . Ouch! Liz missing with a very sore ankle also.

RED BARONS Wednesday
Caller: Barry Wonson
After the recent National we were lucky to have a visit from Dame Edna, Captain Jack Sparrow and a flower child who floated happily around the dance floor. We are missing Brian who is to have a heart valve replacement. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he and Jackie will be back soon. Glad not dancing at present but good to see her come with Ernie for the company.

MOUNTAIN DEVILS
Caller: David Todd
Enjoyed a visit from Geoff and Heather from the ACT-always great to dance with you. Some travellers returning while others are traipsing off again. Lovely to see Terry, Julie-Rose, Leo and Kimberly back dancing again. Our Mothers Day dance was fun filled with trivia, photos and excellent dancing. Thanks to all those who joined in!

Becky and Terry Johnson from America in front of dancers from new club Just Bliss in Randwick.

Frances, John and Karen at Canberra National.
VALE
Meg Kohen

Meg has always been a much loved part of Hillbillies both Square Dancing and Clogging. She was renowned for her talent in the kitchen with her great contributions to supper and on party nights we used to fight over her meat balls and cream horns. She was also a capable seamstress and made all her own skirts. She will be greatly missed by us all for her kind and gentle nature and her helpfulness. Meg has lived a full and busy life with many other pursuits besides Square Dancing and Clogging during a long and happy lifetime. She was only ill for a short time before her passing at 87. She had this message in the May Square Dance Review and in case you missed it here it is again:

“Due to difficulties with night travel I have retired and this is my last report. Thanks for all the friendships over the last 30 years, both Square Dancing and Clogging. Meg.”

NSW Calendar of Events 2014/5

AUGUST
23 Society Dance Matthew Mills Kiama

NOVEMBER
29 Society Dance James Reid Emu Plains

MAY 2015
36th NSW State Convention Milton

Thinking of attending the National Convention in Adelaide next April 2015?

Why not tour there by bus with us? We are awaiting prices from our tour company but please let us know if you are interested and would like an itinerary and costs.

Chris & Linda Froggatt
0421 133 518  9542 3518

Chris Froggatt calling with the band.
**36th NSW Convention Committee**

**Invites you to**

**MILTON SHOWGROUND, MILTON**

**29th—31st May 2015**

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**Convenors: Jan Johnson & Helen Hodalj**

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- Treasurer: Steve Johnson 02-44434436
- Registrar: Jan Johnson 02-44434436
- Web/Publicity: Anna-Lee Hodalj
- Program Manager: Brett Gill

Email: MiltonsMagicMoments@yahoo.com OR visit our website:
http://sqdancergirl.wix.com/miltonsmagicmoments

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**TRAIL-IN DANCE  Thursday 28th May**

- Hosts: Sussex Shoalhaven Club
- Venue: Milton Showground
- Dance start time: 7:30pm  Mainstream, Plus & Rounds
- Admission at the door: $8 pp

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**TRAIL OUT DANCE**

Monday Morning 1st June

Society BBQ Lunch

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**Optional Dinner Details Friday 29th May**

Shoalhaven Anglican School HSC Hospitality catering dinner.

Cost: $25 pp 5pm – 6pm Numbers limited—register early

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**2015 36th NSW STATE CONVENTION CALLER/CUER REGISTRATION FORM**  PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

**Callers MUST be registered by 1st February 2015**

**Name: ______________________ Club ______________________**

**Availability: Fri. □ Sat □ Sat. Nt □ Sun □ Sun. Night □ Mon Morn □**

**Levels: Mainstream □ Plus □ A1 □ A2 □ Round Dancing □ Clogging □**

**Duet preferences: ______________________**

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**DRESSED SETS REGISTRATION**

**Club representative (for contact purposes) Name: ______________________ Email and/or phone: ______________________**

**Name of Club: ______________________ Number of Dressed Sets: ______________________**

Dressed set registration must be completed by 30th APRIL 2015. It is the Club rep’s responsibility to confirm the No. of dressed sets by Friday 29/5 latest.
2015 36th NSW STATE CONVENTION  DANCER REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

Surname   First Name   Club

Address:  

Town/Suburb:   State:   Postcode:    

Phone: (   )   Email:    

EARLY BIRD until 30th November 2014  

__ Non-member Adults $55  

__ NSW Society Member Adults * $50  

Registrations from 1st December 2014  

__ Non-member Adults $65  

__ NSW Society Member Adults * $60  

__ Under 18 (with a paying adult)  

__ Non Dancer FREE  

__ Convention Badges $10  

__ Optional Dinner $25  

Add $5 if convention packs are to be posted to the above address $____

TOTAL:-  $____

Number of people from this form attending Society Monday BBQ    

If this is your first convention or if you would like a new badge, please indicate the name/s you would like on your badge/s

Badge Names #1                #2                #3                #4

* NSW Society Members  M’Ship Number:    M’Ship Number:    M’Ship Number:    M’Ship No.:    

PAYMENT METHOD: CASH  CHEQUE  - made payable to: 36th NSW SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION  

DIRECT DEPOSIT - NAB - BSB: 082-762  Account No.: 94-846-9137  36th NSW SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION  Include Surname as reference.

EFT Receipt No:-   Transfer Date:-   

Please forward copy of EFT Receipt with Completed Registration form

If you would like to place an advertisement in the convention program booklet OR hire a stall, please contact the Committee for details.

Would you be interested in helping out with marshalling or first aid? If so please be prepared to add yourself to a square or have someone ready to.

Registrations and Cheques posted to C/O Convenors, 406B Turpentine Rd, TOMERONG, NSW, 2540.
Glen Squares 33rd Birthday

On the second weekend in April between the New South Wales and National Conventions, Glen Squares celebrated their 33rd Birthday. About 60 dancers, some attending for the first time, from Tamworth and Armidale to Casino and Alstonville as well as Coffs Harbour and Taree, and places in between, came along to join in the celebrations and enjoy the usual Glen Innes hospitality. They put on some really lovely weather for us – well, maybe the nights were a bit cool but the days were really beautiful.

For most of its time the club has been a “Record Club” although Barry Knight, the club leader, does a great job of calling hoedowns so the club now has a mixture of live and recorded calls. On this occasion Barry was joined by other Northern New South Wales callers: Margaret, John, Wilma, Frances, Karen, and Les to provide an evening of great dancing with five squares dancing most of the time on Saturday night.

There was a great array of prizes for the raffle, and as usual the Glen dancers gave us a really super supper with a great mouth-watering birthday cake. On Sunday morning, there were still four keen squares dancing, and then finishing up with the BBQ lunch and socialising. As with most square dance weekends, everybody left for home with tired feet and bodies, but very happy they came.

Also in the area both Woopi Twirlers at Woolgoolga and Summerland Larrrikins at Alstonville celebrated their 22nd birthdays during April.

Matthew Mills

Matthew started dancing in 1990 and commenced calling in 2000. Dances and calls levels Basic to A2. Married to Anita in 2007 is now dad to baby daughter, Mia. Calls for Cane Country Squares in Queensland and also cues Clogging.
The Square Dance Society of NSW Inc

Invites you to the

Roaring 20’s

Featuring

Matthew Mills

Rounds

Helen Hodalj & Ed Coleman

Saturday 23rd August

Kiama High School

Saddleback Mountain Rd, Kiama

Afternoon: 2-5pm Plus, Intro to A/A

Evening: Rounds 7pm

Squares 7.40pm

Admission: $20.00 Society Members (both sessions)

$25.00 Non Members (both sessions)

Single session: $12.00 Members $15.00 Non members

Tea & Coffee Provided

Please bring a plate of Supper to share

Enquiries: David Todd 0411 888515
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Queensland President’s Report

The new Committee for the Square Dancing Society of Queensland has had a busy month since being elected. An updated logo is now in use and we are taking a fresh look at the administrative side of the Society and how it is managed.

Contact details for the Society are:

**Secretary: Sandy Hamilton squaredanceqld.secretary@gmail.com**

**Postal address:** 80 Deans Street East, Margate 4019

We respectfully request that all official communication be sent to the Society Secretary. If you have ANY CONCERNS re the Society or the Bugle, please also send this to the Secretary. Bugle Editor, Review Editor and Publicity Officer will still receive ARTICLES and CLUB NEWS as normal.

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We are interested in what the dancers of Qld have to say and would love to hear from you. We welcome your communication either in writing, via email or through attendance at future meetings. Help us build a stronger society and keep Square Dancing alive in Queensland.

Lynette Macpherson

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**COUNTRY ROUNDS**

**MONDAY**

- Buderim/S’shineCst
- Suncoasters Rounds
- Lrng II IV

**Bev McLachlan**
- 5445 1238/ 0427 135 442

**COUNTRY CLOGGING**

**WEDNESDAY**

- Buderim/S’shine Cst
- Centre Cloggers
- Basic/Int

**Bev McLachlan**
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Review June 2014
Snakes Alive 2014

After months of planning, the weekend for Snakes Alive had finally arrived. It all began about 12 months ago with the hiring of the venue, deciding on a theme and David Cox agreeing to be our featured caller for the second year. Flyers were printed and sent out to many clubs before Xmas followed by a reminder flyer early in the New Year, and notices were also sent to publications, and supper arrangements were set in motion.

The theme decided upon was “The Roaring Twenties” so the committee, with the help of some members set about making decorations. A fun day working bee saw a lot of work accomplished some by members who didn’t even know their artistic flare. By the end of the day there were life size cut outs of flappers and gangsters, with lots of smaller versions of musicians, flappers, guns, cars and glittering musical notes and letters.

Friday 11th April has arrived. The hall was not available until 5pm so that gave us two hours to prepare the hall. Two 4WD arrived laden with all the necessary equipment and supplies and then it was all hands on deck. Thanks to a lot of our members helping out it was finished in record time.

The evening started with half an hour of round dancing called by Phyllis Stewart, followed by mainstream until 10.30pm. Saturday began with a morning of mainstream with a difference. David had everyone putting on their thinking caps with some rather unusual moves but a lot of fun was had by all. Saturday afternoon started with two hours of plus followed by two hours of basic beginners. While this was going on behind the scene a team of ladies were busy making sandwiches and preparing the supper, the men folk were also busy blowing up 40 balloons to add to the decorations for the night.

The night saw the gangsters and flappers arrive along with some ladies from the twenties who were a little more conservatively dressed. The gangsters turned out to be quite a friendly lot and the flappers behaved themselves. David kept the night flowing as we danced to many songs from that era. Even though the numbers were a little disappointing a great night of dancing was had by all. The night concluded with a well-deserved supper.
Logan City Square Dancers Inc

**Plus & A Level Weekend**

Logan City Square Dance Centre  
161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

26\(^{th}\) – 27\(^{th}\) July 2014

Featuring Callers

**Alan Evans & Kay Walker**

Saturday afternoon (session 1) 1pm – 3pm        A Level Workshop  
(session 2) 3.15pm – 5.15pm Plus Workshop

Saturday night  (session 3) 7pm Plus dancing including 2 A level brackets

**Supper provided**

Sunday  (session 4) 11am-1pm        A level dancing  
Sunday  (session 5) 2pm – 4.30pm       Plus dancing

*For Sunday, catered lunch available $8 per person all you can eat.  
Meal must be pre-booked and paid by 18\(^{th}\) July*

**Cost per session;**  
*Afternoon* $8.00  
*Evening*    $10.00

**Full weekend ticket**  
$38.00

**Hall will remain open between sessions.  
Feel free to bring a basket lunch/ tea or there are several takeaway food outlets nearby.  
Showers available.**

Enquiries phone Jane Rayner, 0405 316 469 or  
Email; lcsquaredancers@bigpond.com
Queensland Club News

Cairns City Square Dance Club
The Club’s Friday nights dancing has been disrupted in April due to public holidays and the arrival of Cyclone “Ita”. Hopefully this month we can continue our regular dancing. Numbers have been down prior to this with members away or sick.

Cane Country Squares
Our trial for a 10 week introductory programme has finished with some keen dancers ready to transfer to our club night to help with others just starting to learn. We have had a lot of interest this year with moderate results.

Ez Squares Caboolture
Our new dancers are progressing really well. Our club recently held a mini Olympics day and a lot of fun was had by all who attended with the winning team each receiving a medal. On 11th & 12th April our club held our annual “Snakes Alive” dance with the theme of “Roaring Twenties” with feature caller David Cox from Port Macquarie.

Hervey Bay Squares Dancers Inc.
Congratulations to Allan Kerr and Co. for a wonderful Convention. Six of us travelled to Canberra and enjoyed 5 nights and 3 days of great dancing to top class callers. Everything ran like clockwork and all were friendly. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were fun to watch, and Graham Elliott got us all fired up for next year in Adelaide.

Rambling Eights Salisbury
Dancers who travelled to Canberra had a wonderful time, great to catch up with Teagan, now living and dancing there. Back home and our caller David has ended up with major heart surgery and all members are extremely grateful that Noel MacKenzie has stepped in to call. Our best wishes to David for a speedy recovery, and Faith for patience.

Suncoasters Buderim
On Easter Saturday, we, along with several dancers who were camped in our grounds, enjoyed a special afternoon Plus dance called by Gary. Our club had two dressed sets at the National and we all had a ball at as many sessions of dancing as we could handle. There was a great variety of callers to keep everyone hopping.

Snakes Alive 2014 Cont.
Once again many of our members stayed behind to help clean up and as the saying goes “many hands make light work” certainly applied in this case, and a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped in any way.

Delwyn Linck-Parker
Solo Dancers

The 2014 National Convention in Canberra was fantastic, well organised and plenty of dancing for all the different levels. A few hiccups with sound but nothing that couldn’t be fixed. There were lots of Solo dancers having a good time and with excellent marshalling all the dancers were easily assisted into squares. Many congratulations to all the people who organised the Convention.

Because the Solo meeting on the Thursday afternoon lacked numbers it was decided not to hold ‘formal’ meetings in future but to try and arrange informal get togethers so Solo dancers can meet socially. Unfortunately a “Dress Set” was not entered in the parade but hopefully there will be one in 2015. If anyone would like to participate please phone me or send an email. (Black trousers, yellow shirts, yellow skirts and black tops).

It is great to see there are a few young callers appearing on stage at the Convention. Also many young dancers are on the floor. However, it is becoming increasingly evident that many of us are getting greyer and not twirling as much. But we are still actively participating and enjoying our dancing. When will the general public and in particular the “health people” realise the benefits square dancing provides, not only to the body but also to the brain. Tell people that you keep fit and healthy by doing square dancing. Spreading the word may achieve more interested new comers. Keep smiling.

Eileen Boyd (Tamworth Cloverleaf Dancers) Email ejboyd@bigpond.com or phone 0409457342.

Internet Sites

SQUARE DANCE AUSTRALIA http://www.squaredance.org.au
NEW ZEALAND S & R http://www.nzsquaredance.webs.com
CANADIAN S & R http://www.squaredance.ca
BRITISH SQUARE & ROUND DANCING www.uksquaredancing.com
EUROPEAN WEB SITES http://eaasdc.de
TRAVELLING IN EUROPE http://www.benzcenter.de/RouteSDC/locations.html
JAPAN SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION http://www.squaredance.or.jp/
CALLERLAB WEBSITE http://www.callerlab.org
SQUARE DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY PROGRAM http://www.callorama.com
A GREAT WEBSITE FOR DANCERS TO USE BETWEEN CLASSES http://www.tamtwirlers.org/tamination/info/index.html
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“We do not grow too old to dance. We grow old because we do not dance.”

--Herb Greggerson, Square Dance Caller, 1953
Western Australia President’s Report

Now it is time to thank the convenors and committee of the 55th Australian National in Canberra. We also thank those for all the work done behind the scenes by the attending callers, cuers, dancers, delegates and helpers who ensure the wheels keep turning and these conventions keep coming year after year, hopefully learning from previous years.

It’s great to see all the photos from around Australia showing the success and celebrations of many clubs via the Review articles. It is also a great place to share success stories on effective ways to promote square dancing and ways to get the public to give square dancing a go.

This year’s Easter weekend dance at Boyup Brook was held a week early and became a pre Easter weekend to give our callers & dancers a chance to head to Canberra for the National. Thank you to Richard Muir, Steve Turner and all the other callers, also Stan Ball and the other organisers and helpers and of course – the dancers that made this year’s Boyup Brook weekend a wonderful success. Everyone enjoyed a weekend full of fun and friendship set to music and all look forward to returning next year to do it all again.

The North Perth beginners group are going strong with four sets being run each Wednesday night and the Como beginners group are following close behind with an enthusiastic lot of beginners and angels all enjoying their fun filled evenings.

WA dancers and callers are now starting to make plans to attend the 36th State Square Dance Convention in Albany in September 2014.

Regards,

Steve Longwood – President SDSWA

[Image of people at an event]
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Greenfinches Black & Spooky Night

Thank you to all who participated in our Greenfinches Black & Spooky night on 13th May. Little did Susan Turner know when she gave us some left over decorations from their home clean up that these skeletons and other spooky material would also form part of our club decorations so quickly. There were plenty of other spooky decorations, dancers, callers and ‘people’ who all joined in the ‘black and spooky event’ theme. It was very scary just getting around the hall let alone dancing with these monsters!!!!

To cut a long story short….you can see all the smiles on everyone’s faces and we had one great big party as usual ..... so..... many thanks to all for getting into the act and having fun.

Steve & Julie Longwood
The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing

This article written by Chris Froggatt was printed in the South Pacific Square Dance Review (Australian Square Dance Review) in 1997.

This thought provoking set of "Ten Commandments" is taken from a very old American Square Dance magazine. I have found that the philosophy and meaning behind them is the important thing, rather than the literal translation. A wise man once said that you will get out of life what you put into it. There is no doubt that this applies to Square Dancing too! The following "rules" are meant as good advice, and should be seen as a way of keeping our activity courteous, fun and fulfilling.

1. You will Square Dance only for the fun that you will find in it.

2. You shall not be a snob by considering yourself too good to dance with any and all by sitting out mixers, or by leaving a square lest you be required to dance with those you deem unworthy of your talents, for the gods of retribution will visit mischief upon you and you will be the one to goof in the square.

3. You shall be exuberant, but shall act your age. Do not offend others by your high flung legs, out flared skirts, or by over zealous endeavors to help others who may hesitate by pulling, grabbing, or pushing upon them or speaking loudly to them.

4. You shall go abroad and dance to other callers so that your opinions expressed as to the merit of this one and that one are based on fact.

5. You shall be conscious of the feelings of those around you, and shall not let the stranger in your midst sit on the side lines nor fail to speak to him or her.

6. You shall bathe diligently, that the sweet aroma of soap and shaving lotion may assail the nostrils of your associates. You shall similarly take care that the words of your mouth are not scented with strong smelling herbs such as garlic, or strong smelling beverages such as beer. Men shall wear long sleeved shirts so that their arms may be more pleasant to grasp.

7. You shall guard carefully the utterances from your lips while dancing, lest you add confusion to your square and cause yourself or others to hear the next call, for there is but one designated caller in the hall.

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The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing Cont.

8. You shall honour your club and give your loyalty, for if you cannot do this, it would be better to separate yourself from it and join yourself to another whose methods, members and caller are more to your liking.

9. You shall not kill your club by bickering and fault finding, or by pointing fingers of blame for errors in dancing or club operation, at any member or fellow dancer, for, in so doing, such a finger may thus be due in your direction.

10. You shall never forget that you were once a beginner and that others helped you to become a good dancer by tolerating your mistakes. You shall always remember that if you are able to continue in square dancing for a long time there must always be beginners and new dancers joining your hobby, and they need your patience and assistance.

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First VPAC weekend - run by Colin Dandridge, with Richard Muir and Jaden Frigo.

Queensland Snakes Alive Roaring Twenties Dance Night