

The Banana Benders Bugle

August 2007

“THE S-BAR-B 54TH BIRTHDAY GRAND FINALE”

Brisbane’s “S-Bar-B”, the club of “Golden Memories” will celebrate its 54th Birthday on Saturday, September 15, dancing for the final time at our much loved St Barnabas Hall, Waterworks Road, Ashgrove, Bus stop 12. It will indeed be a “Grand Finale” with life members, special guests and Brisbane Clubs invited to join us for great dancing, top entertainment and a special supper with all asked to “Please bring a plate”.

It’s where Val and I met, married and have since been privileged to provide square dance fun for many thousands since 1958. We’re proud of the “S-Bar-B” as Australia’s longest-established club, dancing to the same Caller in the same hall, except for a short time at venues close by while St Barnabas Hall was being renovated.

Val and I have always been a team and, with her absence through ill health over many months, it’s just not the same and I’ve decided that our Club’s 54th Birthday will complete its run in style with all the trimmings. It’ll be a night of nostalgia, a certain amount of regret, but best of all a huge celebration of these wonderful years of fun and fellowship together – a truly unique contribution to Australian Square Dancing – and by the way, it’ll be free!!!

Graham Rigby (Qld)

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be accepted up to 20th.
September.**

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S BAR B SQUARE DANCE CLUB

DON'T MISS THE "GRAND FINALE"!

OUR 54th. Birthday.

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

7.30 Saturday 15th. September.

**Great Dancing
Entertainment
Special Supper**

(Please Bring A Plate)

**Completing A Truly Unique Era
Of Fun And Good Times.**

My Scribble

Apart from urging all to keep Graham Rigby’s 54th. Birthday dance in mind I have no other points I would like to make at this time. Anyhow it is time some of the readers had their say, aired their views or made a suggestion, names withheld if that is what the correspondent wants. I’ll leave a space on the front of the September Bugle and I’ll bet it is still vacant at dispatch time. Please prove me wrong. Over to YOU. Noel.

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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.

21st. Birthday Party Square Dance.

**Wednesday
5th. September
7.30 p.m.**



Anglican Church Hall, 1069 Moggill Road, Kenmore.

All welcome to dance with the original callers (1986)

Kay Walker and Brian Horsey.

Uniting Squares dancers from yester year are particularly welcome.

If you know of any please inform them of this event.

Kay is especially eager to renew old friendships and establish new ones.

Contact Kay 32028378 or Aaron 33780825

Pine Rivers Senior Citizens

5th Saturday of Month dance

7p.m 29th September

**Community Hall,
Anzac Avenue,
Kallangur**

Philosophy Corner.

We are Valuable
We are more valuable than any
of the younger generations-

We have silver in our hair.
We have gold in our teeth.
We have stones in our kidneys.
We have lead in our feet.

and .
We are loaded with natural gas.

*Life is like a hot bath, the longer we
stay in it the more wrinkled we get.*

Cairns City Squares Visit

Rosalie and I were up in Cairns recently, visiting relatives. While we were there, we visited the local Square Dance Club. We were warmly welcomed upon arrival and introduced to all Club members present. Everyone was so friendly and happy to have us there. It is a record and tape Club, I was happy to be asked to do a few calls, which were well appreciated. We did dance to a few "tapes" (MD's) and had a great time.

They are moving halls at the moment. Most Clubs these days are moving halls due to economic reasons, i.e. the hall is getting too expensive for the Club's dwindling numbers. Not so in Cairns, they're moving because their present hall is not big enough for the growing Club.

I just want to say thank you Ron and Beverley and Allan and all the members of Cairns City Squares for a great night of "Fun & Friendship set to Music".

Glenn Wilson

Tugun Twirlers

"Winter Warmer Night" went off really well with stews, curries, meatballs, pizza etc. and thanks to Corinne for the creamed rice and ice cream for dessert.

Great to see most in dress for our theme of red, white and blue for American Independence Day. Our next party night is the 29th August and the theme is Cartoon and comic night, so if you have a great costume come and join us at 7.00 pm for mainstream, supper then plus dancing with rounds in between. A few dancers off to Woolgoolga for Woopie weekend.

The memorial dance in Mackay was a great success with a few dancers venturing north, and it was just as cold up there as here. Those that went had a great time and some winning raffle and dance off.

Yours in dancing,
Corinne Bradshaw

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES ACTIVITIES

Despite the cold weather lately, Cane Country Squares has been having good attendances at dances. Callers have kept us active each night to keep us warm. Our beginners are still progressing steadily and are included in special activity nights.

We have had the extra variety of callers lately, with John and Margaret Casey joining us over several weeks while in Bundaberg. We are fortunate being able to dance to calling from Shirley, Matthew, Norm and Arch on a regular basis.

July 6th was a special night for our caller Matthew Mills and fiancé Anita Dryland, as well as Cane Country Squares, as it was a pre-wedding dance for Matthew and Anita with the bonus of some of the guests at the wedding being callers. These callers as well as our own, gave of their time for the benefit of everyone attending our Club that night. It was a very enjoyable night. Matthew and Anita were married in Bundaberg on 07/07/2007 – that should be an easy date to remember. All club members wish Matthew and Anita a long and happy married life together.

A donation of \$300.00 was gratefully received by Heart Support, Bundaberg Branch recently, being the proceeds of our "Dance for Heart" night. Our Club makes an annual donation to this organisation.

Pam Garson
Publicity Officer/Cane Country Squares

Upbeat CHAOS

Dancing no.'s down due to flu and bad germs, A few members took off for Mackay and 3 people from this club won in the dance off in Mackay at the memorial dance. Rounds are on 13th & 27th August.

Just because it gets cold, and sometimes we like to stay snug in our homes, remember the Caller still has to be there, so please support your Club and the other dancers who dare to venture out.

Yours in dancing,
Corinne Bradshaw

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

Five of our dancers attended the National Convention in Adelaide, and for four of them it was their first Convention. We really gave our feet a good work out, but wouldn't have had it any other way. Roll on June 2008 when the Convention will be held in Brisbane and we can again catch up with friends we made in Adelaide.

We travelled to Adelaide on the trip organised by S Bar B and had a fabulous time. The scenery changed vastly from the dust bowl of western Queensland to the lush rolling hills of Kangaroo Island, to the snow covered ground and roof tops in Guyra. We saw some incredible sights that I am sure will stay in our memories for many years.

We danced on the way to and from Adelaide and even had the staff from one of the hotels we were staying at join in. Unfortunately most of our fellow travellers caught the 'wog' at some stage of the trip, and I hope that they are now back and fighting fit.

We were only home 10 days when we held our "Masquerade" Dance in June. Despite there being so many down with the flu we still had 64 dancers on the night, and 10 callers, and as usual, had a great night. Our next dance is 29th September (just one week after the Queensland State Convention) and we would love to see you there.

Quite a number of our regular Tuesday afternoon dancers have been on the sick list, and we wish them all a speedy recovery and return to the dance floor.

Jan Hay

Fishing Arrangements

Four married guys go fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place.

First guy: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I will paint every room in the house next weekend."

Second guy: "That's nothing. I had to promise my wife that I will build her a new deck for the pool."

Third guy: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I will remodel the kitchen for her."

They continue to fish when they realised that the fourth guy has not said a word.

So they asked him, 'You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?'

Fourth guy: I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a nudge and said, "Fishing or Sex," and she said,

"Wear your sun-block. it's on the kitchen table."

Definitions

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOUR:

A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL:

Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS:

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST:

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

Empowerment is all about letting go so that others can get going.

- *Kenneth Blanchard*

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome.

- *Samuel Johnson*

It is time for us to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever, the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it.

- *Vince Lombardi*

NORTH QUEENSLAND SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION. 2008

May is a fine time to visit Tropical North Queensland, and the Atherton Tablelands offers a cool change to Cairns' humidity. Make a holiday of it and enjoy the Clubs along Australia's east coast.

Water restrictions are unheard of here. Everything is green.

Malanda is a quiet little town at the heart of the Tablelands, only an hour from Cairns. It has dairy as it's main industry which at one time boasted the longest milk-run in the world (all the way to Singapore!)

Highlights include Waterfall Circuit, Crater Lakes, Great Restaurants, Wind Farm, Tea Plantations, Tropical Fruits, Widest Waterfall in Australia, gateway to Undara Lava Tubes, Thermal Hot Springs, Historic Mining towns, World Heritage Rainforest, old style Cinema and all just an hour from the coast.

Come on, join us in May, 08.

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FROM BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

(1) Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house."

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Uniting Squares Birthday Dance.
8 Logan City Square Dancers Inc. Dance
21–23 Queensland State Convention (including State Convention AGM)
28 International Food Night at Salad Bowl Squares
28- 30 11th NZCA Convention

A Poem

Oh! give me your pity, I'm on a committee,
Which means that from morning to night
We attend and amend and contend and defend
Without a conclusion in sight.
We confer and concur, defer and demur,
And re-iterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda
And consider a load of reports.
We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun!
But though various notions are brought up as motions
There's terribly little gets done.
We resolve and absolve but never dissolve
Since it's out of the question for us-
What a shattering pity to end our committee,
Where else could we make such a fuss?
(Author unknown).

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Jim and Betsy travel across the US and around the world, dancing and promoting dancing. Each month they share their experiences and thoughts. This month they want to talk about square dancing in Australia.

YOUR ROVIN' CORNERS July 2007

We are here in Australia and want to report to you that square dancing is alive and well here. We arrived on May 4 and went directly to visit friends in the "outback." After a week in the rural area and having withdrawal symptoms for not having square danced for over a week, we flew to Brisbane where we sought dancing.

Finding dancers in a different country is never easy, but we are not easily defeated. We had made several contacts before we came and were confident. Sure enough, we arrived and went to dance with the North Side Promenaders. The caller, Glenn Wilson, knew we were coming and came to us immediately to welcome us. He quickly explained that there are two main differences in Australian square dancing from most of the world. They promenade with the man's right hand behind the girl leaving her right hand free for skirt work, and they left allemande with the forearms vertical, pressing the forearms together as a pivot point for the turn. Otherwise, it is the same. Naturally we had difficulty changing our hand positions for such a basic maneuver, but the Australian dancers were very forgiving and tried to adjust to our forearm grips. This led to some amusing situations, in which we were groping for the corner's arm vertically while (whilst in Australian) the corner was trying for a forearm grip.

They also divide the dance night into 'brackets' (instead of tips). A bracket can be 2 or 3 parts. Three songs or one song and one 'hoedown' (patter). Tea is an integral part of the evening as it was in England, served with 'biscuits' (cookies).

We are here to specifically promote the 58th National Square Dance Convention which will be held in Long Beach, California in June 2009. Why travel to Australia in 2007 to promote a convention that is two years away? We know how long it takes us to plan and prepare for a long trip, and we want to attract a large number of "Aussies" and need to give them a lot of lead time! We have the convention outfits to wear, and our large banner inviting everyone to come to Long Beach. Before we left, we bought a number of beach balls to blow up and give away on our travels. We made promotional stickers to put on each beach ball with dates and website and we make copies of the convention pre-registration forms whenever we run out.

We started our square dance tour in Brisbane, on the East coast of Australia, some 10-12 hours drive North of Sydney. We danced several nights in Brisbane and even attended a Saturday business meeting of the "Queensland Square Dance Society." All business meetings can become dull and boring but we met many people who are dedicated dancers and active in promoting square dancing. In 2008, the Australian National Convention will be held in Brisbane.

While in Brisbane we danced with three evening clubs, and one daytime club which met in a lovely senior center. Margaret Baines, the caller for the Pine Rivers Seniors, was especially welcoming and hospitable. One thing that was quite delightful in this club was the way they welcomed and included "Robert" who is severely handicapped and wheelchair bound. Although he cannot dance, he is clearly a vital and integral part of the club and everyone visited with him and made him welcome.

We danced with Graham Rigby, the dean of Australian callers, who has been calling over 50 years, and Jason Dean, young and energetic, who has called a lot internationally. In fact, we met Jason in 2005 in Germany when we were at the 50th Anniversary of Square Dancing there.

From Brisbane we headed South down the famed Gold Coast through Surfer's Paradise. Huge, high rise condominiums, hotels and apartments dominated this vacation Mecca, but there is no square dancing (!) Soon we entered the state of New South Wales and turned inland and made for Casino, a medium-sized rural market town, home of Wilma Flannery, caller extraordinaire and mainstay of dancing in this area. Next year she will earn a 25 year calling certificate.

Unlike Brisbane, drought stricken, and under severe water restriction, this area is green and seems to be plentifully watered. Wilma welcomed us enthusiastically as did her dancers, the Casino Willi Whirlers and the Summerland Larrikins. A Larrikin is a mischievous, fun loving person. Good title for a square dancer! Hopefully some of the Aussie square dancers will come dance with a number of clubs in different places in the US before and after the 2009 convention. Some may contact you and ask for specific invitations to your club. Some may be willing to be hosted by American square dancers. This will be your chance to build ties with dancers from "down under" and promote square dancing internationally.

We are soon off to the Sydney Area, dancing on the way. A flight to Adelaide the end of May will bring us to the Australian National Square Dance Convention.

Jim and Betsy.