

The Banana Benders Bugle

August 2008

Kangaroo Kapers

Kangaroo Kapers held their sixth birthday on Monday 21st July with a Dinner Dance at which 13 new dancers graduated at mainstream level. Over four squares of dancers enjoyed a great evening together to celebrate this special occasion. Arriving from Canada early in 2002, we took over a small tape group at the Buderim Garden Retirement Village.

As caller for Robin's Roundup in Wingham, in 1997 Robin moved from Australia to Canada where, not long after, she and her husband John started a club in Winnipeg.

In July 2000 Steve Turner, when travelling across Canada with wife Sue, delighted the Canadian dancers, calling a dance for the Canadian version of "Kangaroo Kapers". As the only Aussie caller running a Club in North America at that time, we had chosen something typically Australian for our Club name.

When we moved permanently back to Australia, to live in Buderim, and were asked to take over the tape club, we decided to keep the name "Kangaroo Kapers."

We have since graduated several groups of beginners and after six years, we are dancing twice weekly. As we have never advertised our Club, not many dancers from other clubs are aware of our existence.

As most of our dancers prefer it, we dance in casual dress, but we have just as much fun, and we also find this a cooler option for our Queensland climate. We start early - Saturdays from 8:00AM - Plus the first hour, followed by mainstream for 2 hours!! Do feel free to contact us, if you are visiting the Sunshine Coast and would like to check us out - we will welcome you with a smile!

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Robin and John



BUGLE HOLDUPS

There have been a few problems associated with producing the Bugle on this occasion consequently this edition is two weeks overdue. To get things back on line the next Bugle will go out about 7th. September and the October issue will go out at the beginning of that month.

If you are normally a recipient of the BBB and your copy does not arrive by email please contact me. During the hiccup the mailing list reverted back to the list I had in February and I know I have added names to the recipients list since then but I may not have remembered all such names.

I thank all correspondence who sent their contributions a second time to help out. I did lose a good portion of information and if your article was submitted pre July 24th. and it is not in this issue please let me know. Again a big thank you for your assistance and understanding. Noel Miller.

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THE PARTY!! PARTY!!

CARINA CAROUSELS and our MANY visiting Square Dance friends celebrated our 16th Birthday on Thursday 17th July.

Sixteen years of Square Dance fun and friendship was TRULY shown at our Celebration Party.

We wish to thank our visitors who came from Ipswich, Redland Bay, Gumdale, Wavell, City Hall and Salisbury. Hope we haven't missed anybody for helping us to make our 16th Birthday a day we, and we hope you, will always remember.

The Party atmosphere was !!ELECTRIC!! for the full afternoon, particularly between the dance brackets as the sound of Square Dance friendship and happiness filled the Hall. We danced up to eight Squares of happy, smiling people.

Graham was assisted on the programme by Noel McKenzie, David Pearce and Gene Medford. Thanks Boys.

The day finished with a wonderful PARTY FEAST complete with our Birthday cake decorated by Margaret Mansfield-Young.

To ALL of our visitors a BIG THANK YOU.

To all of our Carousels a BIG THANK YOU for your help with the preparation, the participation and particularly **cleaning up**.

Together we ALL showed the TRUE MEANING of Square Dance Fun & Friendship.

Do we have to wait a FULL year for another Birthday or ANY Party??? SEE YOU THERE.

Graham Brandon.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

We have had the pleasure of the company of various visitors from other Clubs travelling in our sunny part of the country after the Convention, most often to other dancing venues somewhere.

Nine of our members travelled by mini-bus to join the two Rockhampton Clubs for dancing Saturday evening and Sunday morning followed by a BBQ lunch. Thanks to the hosts who billeted us for their hospitality. We were so well looked after and thanks to both Clubs for a very enjoyable weekend.

Every one was talking about the hospitality of our hosts, Clubs and of course the good food.

We were entertained by Michael and Bevan, two callers from Rockhampton and Shirley, Matthew and Norm- all callers from Bundaberg. Round dancing was also included in the programme.

On Sunday morning family members visiting were also included in the dancing activities.

Representatives from Heart Support, Bundaberg were presented with a cheque for \$300 raised during our continuous raffle at our "Dance for Heart". They encourage heart victims and their families to choose healthy heart lifestyles by visitations to hospital and sometimes homes.

They presented our Club with a video called "One Life – A Second Chance" teaching patients and prospective patients how to take charge by lifestyle modifications. It was produced by Heart Support – Australia and supported by the Government Department of Health and Ageing.

PAM GARSON

DIET NOTES

Here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know this after all those conflicting medical studies. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

The Germans drink a lot of beer and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British, or Americans, or Australians.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills

STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Thanks for all the 'Best wishes for success' coming to the Get Rhythm Dance Team as we progress to the semi-Finals in the 'Senior Superstars' contest.

Come along for an afternoon of fun and entertainment as we, and a line-up of other talent, perform at Souths Sports Club, Mortimer Road, Acacia Ridge on Sunday 17th August. It all starts at 2 p.m.

Aussie Clog was yet again a terrific weekend of Clogging led by Olive, with assistance from her team of helpers. Visitors from around Queensland and interstate boosted the local numbers and, as always, we all had a great time at Redland Bay. Olive thanks the BUGLE for its support.

Dian and Frances got some good vibes back from their visit to the Scottish Country Dance Week on the Gold Coast, and appreciated the chance to spread the Clogging message.

A troupe of eight Cloggers brought sunshine into the morning of the residents at CASNA Care at Sunnybank Hills on 4th August. Everyone had a happy toe-tapping time. A repeat performance has been enthusiastically requested.

Stephen, Dell & Dian are in Malaysia on a Clogging meet'n'teach visit organised by Michael and Sally Lim.

Just a reminder about the Peter Johnson Dance on 16th August. Incorporating Clogging, Square Dancing and Rounds, it promises to be a wonderful afternoon and night of dancing and socializing. (See last month's BUGLE for full details).

Other Clogging demos pencilled in include the Seniors' Expo at Mecklem Street, Strathpine on the morning of Tuesday 19th August. Lots of stalls, info. and entertainment. Free admission.

Not long to go to the National Clogging Convention in Sydney. Whether you're driving, flying (check those arm muscles), going by row boat, or walking a marathon to get there- safe journey, have fun, see you there.

LET'S DANCE!

Bye for now,

Frances

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Sun City Square and Round Dance Club

Townsville

We have just had our first ever Christmas in July Dance. It was strange hearing all the favourite Christmas Carols come out in the middle of the year. A good time was had by all but there were some strange Aussie Christmas Santa dress-ups.

We are looking forward to the Cardwell dance on the 2nd August. This is an annual gathering of dancers from the Townsville and Cairns districts with Cardwell being the halfway town. We get the opportunity to meet new friends and greet old friends and discuss dancing business.

Our Club Birthday Dance will be celebrated on the 26th, 27th and 28th September. Our Guest Caller will be Brian Hotchkies. Round dancing will be in the capable hands of Cuer Julie Jensen. If anyone would like any more information please contact Darryl Burrows on 47752843 or Fay Lambert on 47515556.

Julie

Salad Bowl Squares

Despite the cold weather and flu that is around, we still managed to have over two squares on the floor enjoying our dancing with Kay Walker. Soup night in June was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and we are looking forward to Christmas in July and the club's 38th birthday in August – hopefully some of our retired club members may be able to help us celebrate. We are pleased to hear Jack Thorpe is recovering well from his unexpected trip to hospital and Margaret Mansfield-Young. is enjoying her new great grandchild.

Happy dancing!!

"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

BE NOT AFRAID OF GROWING SLOWLY,
BE AFRAID OF STANDING STILL.

A Chinese proverb.

BAR – K – RAMBLERS / CIRCLE W SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Our Story

The Bar-K / Circle W, as it is commonly known, is the product of the merger of two individual clubs: “Bar K Ramblers” and Circle W”.

Bar K Ramblers was originally formed in 1961 by Bernie Kennedy, whose initials, plus the fact that the club danced in numerous locations before settling down in Milton, formed the basis for the name. Bernie was an expatriate Victorian who came to Queensland in 1953 as a representative of the McGrath organization, which in those days was the largest group of Square Dance Callers and Teachers in Australia.

The “Circle W” was formed by Nev McLachlan and his family in 1969 as a junior Club. Nev was introduced to square dance calling by established caller Johnny Wilkinson and had his first exposure to the square dancing public in the Queensland Amateur Callers Contest just prior to the 1967 National Convention in Brisbane. Part of the prize for winning the competition was to call at the Convention. A senior Club opened soon after in Norman Park in 1971 and both Clubs continued to function until the merger with “Bar K Ramblers” in 1974.

Both clubs enjoyed a close liaison in the early 70’s before the circumstances of falling membership and a throat condition that was plaguing Bernie Kennedy led to their decision to amalgamate. This proved to be a sound decision as the merged talents of Bernie’s experience and the youth and enthusiasm of Nev provided a unique brand of calling that appealed to dancers.

“Bar-K / Circle W” has always been a committee-run Club with Bernie as its first director and Stan Herbert as its Deputy. When Bernie passed away on 18 August 1977, Stan Herbert, who had been a long time friend and supporter of Bernie, was appointed Director, with Nev the Deputy. Later, as Stan’s health began to fail, Nev was given the Director’s role and still serves in this capacity.

“Bar-K / Circle W” has always strived to provide its members with a variety of entertainment at minimal cost which has included picnics, car rallies, barbecues, socials and camps. We have participated in special square dance events such as Summer Holiday, Winter Wonderland, Combined Festivals, Warana, World of Dance, and State and National Conventions. Our own annual festival, The Exhibition Roundup, has been a popular ongoing event since it was first staged in 1970.

Many Club members, both past and present, have contributed to the continued success of the Club and the square dance activity by their unselfish efforts.

“Bar-K / Circle W” celebrated its 34th birthday as a combined Club in 2008, and although no longer dancing on a regular schedule, still operates and continues to promote square dancing and provide entertainment for its members.

Nev McLachlan
Director.

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MEMORIES, BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES.

On Saturday evening 28th June, a MEMORIAL DANCE was conducted by the Queensland Round Dance Association and Aaron Hoppe, son of ELVA HOPPE, to commemorate 20 years since Elva's passing. What a wonderful night, so FULL of memories of a lovely Lady.

Elva was a dedicated Round Dance Leader/Teacher, always with a happy smile and a kind word. She was the Leader of Carousels Round Dance Club.

Elva was very instrumental in organising and presenting beautifully costumed Round Dance Presentations at National Conventions and Festivals.

She also was involved with the Square Dancing Society of Queensland where for many years she was the Editor & Distributor for Queensland of the South Pacific Square Dance Review.

Margaret and I were very fortunate and honoured to be closely involved with Elva when we were selected as Co-Convenors of the 1982 '12th Commonwealth Games Square Dance Jamboree' which incorporated the 23rd Australian National Convention, and in 1988 the 'Square Dance Expovention' at World Expo, at which we danced in the walkways and pavilions.

Elva was the Secretary for both Conventions, and a more efficient and dedicated person would be IMPOSSIBLE to find.

These were the first two Conventions held at the now Sleeman Sports Centre, and as you can imagine there was much interaction between the Brisbane City Council and the Convention Committees, particularly after the Commonwealth Games.

Elva's Memorial Night was very well presented, and with the happy smiles and the friendship it was like her old times.

A beautiful video presentation played during the night showing celebrations at the Carousel Club, their 21st Birthday and various Festivals and Conventions, and particularly when Elva was shown, there with her smile and happy, shining eyes. I'M SURE SHE WAS THERE WITH US.

Elva always appreciated a joke and a laugh, and with the feeling of her being with us, in my mind I went to speak with her.

"Elva" I said "When you were teaching us to Round Dance, did you teach us to walk along a fence like a crab chasing butterflies?"

I'm sure I heard her laugh.

THANK YOU ELVA for the many years of FRIENDSHIP and MEMORIES. You will always be with us.

Graham Brandon.

SUNCOASTERS - BUDERIM

Things seem to have gone a little quiet since the convention; after all, an event like that is a hard act to follow. We have enjoyed the company of interstate travellers who stayed on and danced with us for several weeks and greatly appreciated the huge amount of work they put into sprucing up the Sunshine Coast Square Dance Centre - Thanks a million!

The major event on our calendar was the Plus "Boot Camp". Designed as a crash course introduction to Plus, the Boot Camp covered all the plus moves over one hectic weekend with three teaching sessions each day. It was very well attended by keen mainstreamers, eager to add the next dimension to their dancing enjoyment. One young man, not yet out of his teens, attended the six sessions and then proceeded to dance the full plus program at our regular Monday Plus night without a single moment's doubt or hesitation. Oh! for the clear and retentive mind of youth!! We could do with a few dozen more like him.

By the time this goes to print, our famous Anniversary Weekend will have been upon us (1st - 3rd August). It was an exciting weekend of fast and furious fun, dancing at all levels.

Burleigh Square Dance Club



Burleigh Square Dance Club's 20th Birthday bash was a tremendous success with many thanks due to all the dancers who attended from as far afield as Christchurch, Adelaide, Hervey Bay, Lismore etc.

Alan Evans kept the night moving with his own characteristic style of challenging calls, and guest cuer, Jane Rayner, gave us an opportunity to practice our round dancing skills.



The cake cutting ceremony was ably performed by Alec and Nellie from the Square Dancing Society of Queensland.

Five squares kicked their heels up and had a ball, making the most of the beautiful floor at Maher Hall, Burleigh Heads.

We hope to see you all again for our 21st Birthday Party next year!

Tugun Twirlers Square Dance Club

Gary Peterson has been the caller at Tugun since June 2004, making the 250-km. round trip every week, but August 27th. will be the last time he will be making this journey on a regular basis.

As with many other people these days he is finding the pressure of work and other commitments a little too much. Gary has put in a mighty effort and is to be congratulated for his commitment.

Tugun members will discuss matters and may continue as a tape club until other arrangements can be made.

ROMANCE

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk.

"You used to hold my hand when we were courting." She said.

Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep.

A few moments later she said, "Then you used to kiss me".

Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck".

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?", she asked.

"To get my teeth!" came the answer.

Wavell Whirlaways.

Since the Convention we have enjoyed the company of visitors from New Zealand and Western Australia. It was great to have the company of dancers from such distant places.

During Sid's absence Lynn has been in the caller's position and she acquitted herself very well on both occasions. Many thanks for your efforts Lynn.

Sid issued a list of all the dance calls he has used in the past and the dancers get to choose a dance that they wish to hear Sid call again. We certainly get to brush the cobwebs off some old numbers and we are looking forward to a couple of 'old time nights'.

The next big thing for the Club is a whale watching boat trip on the Bay. The members involved are really looking forward to this event.

June and Margaret.

From a Children's science test -.....

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

On a Plumber's truck:

'We repair what your husband fixed.'

On another Plumber's truck:

'Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber..'

Round Dance Corner

The **K. D. Round dance evening** was held on the 12th. July at St. Agnes Parish Hall. A good turn-up of dancers enjoyed a great night of dancing, arranged by Linda Williamson. A number of beginner dancers attended and were well catered for with a selection of easier routines. The mixer and the Gypsy Tap were very popular with all present.

This year marked the twelfth year of the River City Rounds, twelve years since Linda changed the name from the original K.D. Rounds. To help cut the Birthday cake, two of the club dancers, Arthur and Norma, together with Dulce Collins, the K.D. Rounds founder, join forces.



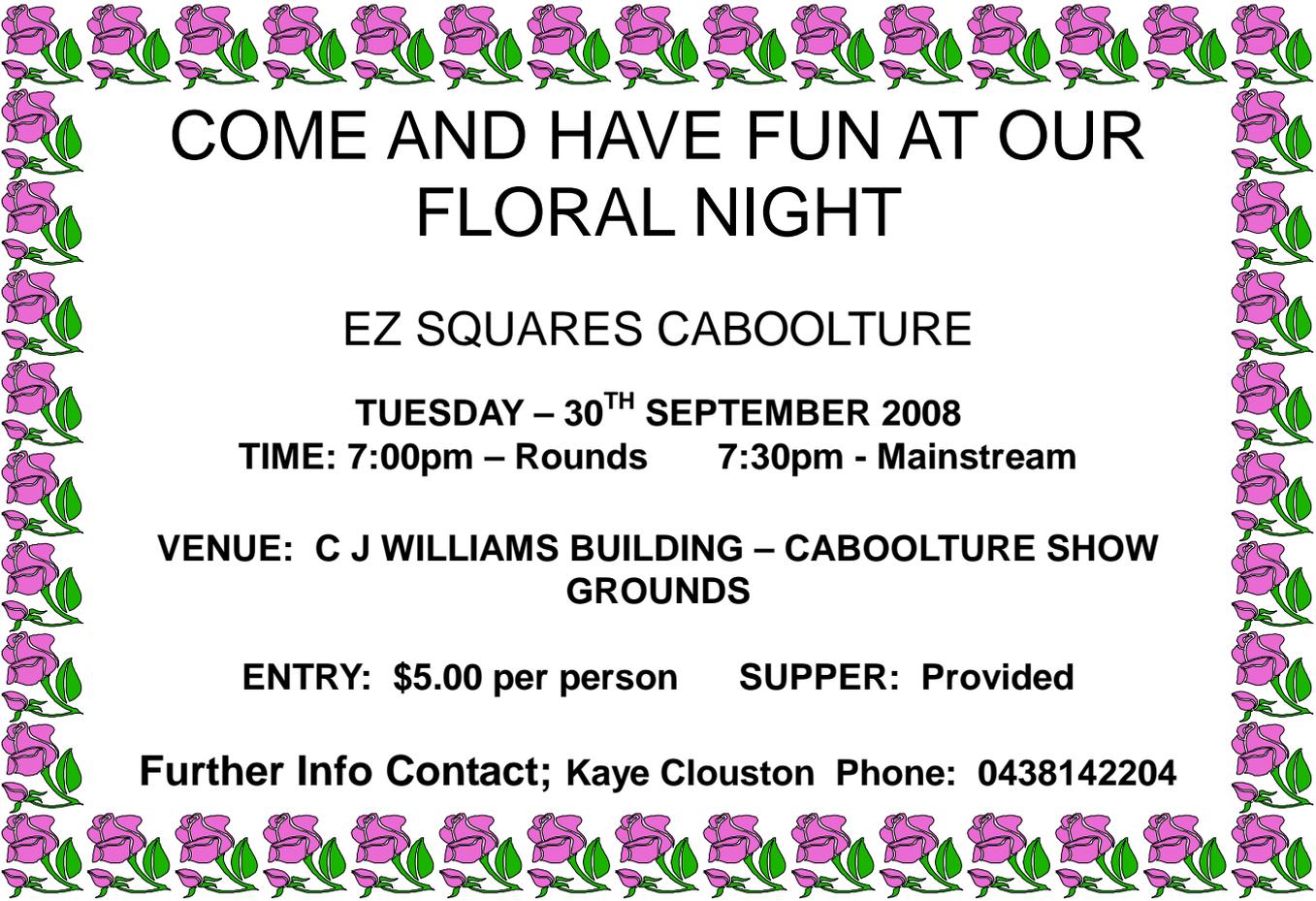
A get together of the QRDA leaders reviewed the National and the following Teaching weekend and found most of the activities were very successful in the way they were organised and carried out. There is a possibility a similar formula might take place, a teaching weekend following the National, when the National is held in Victoria next time.

Next year, 2009, a **"Big Day of Dancing"** will take place on the first Saturday in October— 12 hours of dancing and teaching; finishing with a big dance after the evening meal break. Mark your diary now, 3rd October, 2009. More details in the new year.

Diane Austen, Caller/Dancer from Tasmania and her group went up the Story Bridge and made a Circle. They weren't allowed to move much but they can say that they "Squared Up" on top of the Story Bridge



Do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end?
This is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the phone.
This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a 'real' sales person to call back and get someone at home.
What you can do after answering, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone, 6 or 7 times, as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialed the call and it kicks your number out of their system. Gosh, what a shame not to have your name in their system any longer !!!



COME AND HAVE FUN AT OUR FLORAL NIGHT

EZ SQUARES CABOOLTURE

TUESDAY – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2008

TIME: 7:00pm – Rounds 7:30pm - Mainstream

VENUE: C J WILLIAMS BUILDING – CABOOLTURE SHOW
GROUNDS

ENTRY: \$5.00 per person SUPPER: Provided

Further Info Contact; Kaye Clouston Phone: 0438142204

"I don't know what the key to success is, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.
Bill Crosby.

Personal & Homewares Products Expo

23rd August 2008

Logan City Square Dance Centre
161A Magnesium Drive Crestmead

*Fashion Lingerie Jewellery Aromatherapy Candles Kitchenware
Cleaning Products Craft Scrapbooking Kid stuff and more*

Sausage sizzle

10am-3pm

Admission; Free

Enquiries; Jane 3299 7717 or Dougal 3803 0247



STEVE TURNER
Accredited Caller Coach

I received a number of reports about this bloke. All the reports are complimentary but all containing different information about his recent accomplishment. To clear up the situation I contacted the said bloke.

He is a great caller but not too good in expanding information via letter. The reply read: "Yes apparently I'm the 40th Caller to receive the "Accredited Caller Coach" award."

As I understand things that means he is the 40th Accredited Caller Coach in the whole square dance organization of which Australia is a small part. That is quite an accomplishment.

In this case I have no hesitation in speaking on behalf of every person involved with square dancing in Queensland, "Congratulations, well done. We are all very happy for you." Noel Miller

Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc.

Sunshine State Round Up

11th October 2008

The Theme is **BLACK & WHITE**

Coorparoo Secondary College
East Stanley Street, Coorparoo.

Rounds 7.00pm – 7.30pm Squares 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Round Up to include Club Banner Parade

Supper 10.00pm

Free Tea & Coffee at both dance sessions

Admission

Dancers \$10.00 Students \$5.00

Family maximum \$25.00

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Amateur Callers contest

Saturday Afternoon Dance

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Admission

Dancers \$8.00 Students \$4.00

Family maximum \$20.00

SQUARE DANCER

I'm a two sex Square Dancer

And may seem rather dim
But I spend an evening
As a full time "her" or "him"

I change my sex from dance to dance
My corners always alter
It's really not surprising
Occasionally I falter

The old and simple dances
I manage very nicely
And do it quite precisely

But when it comes to next week
I don't know if I can
For I learnt it as a woman
And now dance it as a man

And to you men who have the luck
To always stay the same
When female "gentlemen" go wrong
Be sparing with your blame.

Anonymous