

The Banana Benders Bugle

August 2009

What Is APD?

That's a good question, and one that was emphatically answered by two of the world's best Callers, (in my opinion), at the Martin Klibbe Memorial Dance which was held in Mackay recently.

Tony Oxendine from South Carolina, USA and Kenny Reese, who was born in Texas and now lives in Germany, are international Callers of excellent standard who enjoy their calling and entertaining dancers.

Tony is part owner of one of the top Square Dance record companies. He has been calling full time for over 40 years, (he started as a teenager). He uses interesting and energetic hoedown music including some he has gleaned from around the world including Japan and Croatia. As well as travelling throughout the year to many countries, he also runs a Square Dance RV (recreational vehicle) Resort where dancers can holiday, attend dancing sessions and learn to call. What an experience to have something like that in Australia.

Kenny started dancing as a child with his family and became actively involved in Square Dancing in 1974 in Germany. He is an active member of "CallerLab" and calls at all levels from Basic through to Challenge. He is also an accredited Caller Coach.

When these guys say the session will be "Fun Mainstream", dancers can expect to hear calls that they are used to hearing but have never done from that position or formation.

Both these Callers excited the dancers with the unexpected. It was a great experience to grasp new views and understandings of the Basic moves that we have been doing for years, but from limited positions. Tony and Kenny helped us through situations when squares had difficulties and believe me, we did have difficulties quite often. No dancer who attended the weekend could have come away without learning and enjoying the Squares more than when they went.

We are privileged to have Callers of this calibre visiting our State from time to time and we look forward to the next time we are able to dance to their calling.

So; What is APD?. "All Position Dancing" does not describe the excitement, the challenge, the understanding and the joy of completing routines that you have not danced before. You have to experience it to understand the term. Personally, I can say that I do understand it more today than last week.

David Pearce

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

That was the weekend that was, with as fine a gathering of Cloggers as you could see anywhere, as AUSSIE CLOG lived up to its reputation of being a grrreat weekend of dance and highjinks. The Gympie chocolates were hilarious.

Many thanks to Olive and the generous time put in by her Clogging companions for making it so enjoyable.

Visitors from all over Queensland plus all the other States travelled to Redland Bay for rousing choruses of "HEY! THERE" as dancing friends, new and long-time, greeted one another amongst the gum trees at Camp Kindilan.

Still plenty of pencilling-in of demos as the Get Rhythm Team entertain, enthuse and spread enjoyment at a divergence of venues.

The Dickson Seniors' Expo is on at the Strathpine Community Centre, Mecklem Street, Strathpine on the 25th August, and we are pleased to accept the organisers' invitation to come along once again and be part of the entertainment from 9 a.m. There will be other entertainment, plus lots of stalls and food sales. Come along and enjoy the morning. Admission is free.

The 29th Queensland State Square Dance Convention is fast coming up and we are pleased that **Clogging** will be part of this great weekend. Clogging date- Saturday 12th September; time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Location: Cleveland Assembly Hall, Smith Street, Cleveland. Come along and let Redlands see what a great time you can have Clogging.

A sincere **"THANK YOU"** to all who have offered their assistance to yours truly after a mishap which tore my cruciate ligament in the right knee. As the Physio commented: "That's a footballer's injury!" (and I don't even remember running on during the State of Origin).

Warning: Don't vacuum- it's a HEALTH HAZARD! Anyway, the show must go on, and with a lot of help from my co-Leaders and you, the dancers, all Club days and nights will continue nonstop- see you there.

Enjoy the beat,

Best wishes,

Frances

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Heritage City Hoedowners, Maryborough Square and Line Dance Club.

Girl Guides Hall , 73 North Street,
Maryborough.

Alan Evans will be calling and instructing our Club on Saturday 29th. August.

The usual Plus in the afternoon, with a BBQ tea, followed by Intro. to Plus at 7pm. and the rest of the night with Alan and his very unique style of calling.

Then we have Nev McLachlan on Saturday 26th September with the same format. We are indeed very fortunate to have so many Callers to help us over the year, due to the Fraser Coast City Council and the Qld. Government RADF Grant scheme.

Many thanks,

Helen Meyer, Secretary

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

A big thank you to Kate for reporting and distributing the Bugle for the past couple of months while I have been overseas. We also wish her well while recuperating over the next few weeks.

Our numbers are holding well and we are very grateful to our terrific band of dancers who turn up week after week. One of our new dancers (and I am sure she won't mind me telling you) is 85 and is doing extremely well, so don't anybody say you are too old to learn. A group of our dancers are attending Christmas in July at Russell Island and Margaret will be calling with Glenn Wilson in Rockhampton for Rocky Twirlers birthday at the end of July. Don't forget the upcoming Gala Dance and Sunshine State Roundup on 22nd August at Burpengary. This is a fund-raising dance for both the Queensland Callers Association and the Square Dancing Society of Queensland, so please try to support one of them if not both. Once again we will have an entrant in the Amateur Callers' Competition and we wish him all the best.

Our next 5th Saturday of the month dance is on 29th August and the theme is "Black and Red". The dance commences at 7p.m. and the cost is \$6 which includes supper. The venue is the Community Hall, Anzac Avenue, Kallangur. Should you require any further information, please telephone Margaret on 32852130 or Jan on 33859947

Happy dancing, Jan

QUEENSLAND CALLERS ASSOCIATION

29th QUEENSLAND STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
CLEVELAND ASSEMBLY HALL, SMITH STREET, CLEVELAND 4163

FRIDAY 11th - SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2009

WEEKEND REGISTRATION: \$ 40

SINGLE SESSION: DAY \$9 ---- NIGHT: \$12

FRIDAY NIGHT: 7.00 pm Rounds; 7.30 pm Squares; Zodiac Theme Night

SATURDAY MORNING: 10.00 am Plus; Clogging

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 1.30 pm Contras/Mainstream; A1/A2; 3.30 pm Rounds

SATURDAY NIGHT: 7.00 pm Rounds; 7.30 pm Squares

SUNDAY MORNING: 10.00 am Mainstream, Plus, Rounds

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: 1.30 pm Mainstream, Plus, Rounds

REGISTRATION FORMS FROM YOUR CLUB OR DOWNLOAD AT:

www.rounddanceqld.com or www.squaredanceqld.com

Enquiries to: Alan Scammell, 78 Rosia Road, PARK Ridge 4125; (07) 3297 1225; aasdcinc@yahoo.com.au

“Wear your Star Sign to Cleveland 2009”

HISTORY!!! Thursday 9th July 1992

a Group of Square Dancers & non Square Dancing friends joined together at the Carina Senior Citizens Hall.

What a wonderful afternoon! Why can't we do this every Thursday afternoon? What will we call ourselves? A name was chosen, a banner was generously donated by a member June Smith, and Carina Carousels became alive, well and wonderful.

REPEAT!!! On Thursday 19th July 2009 the Carina Carousels celebrated their seventeenth birthday with wonderful Square Dance friends from City Seniors Club -- Gumdale Grand Sliders -- Rambling 8s -- Redland Bay -- Salad Bowls Squares -- Town & Country Squares -- Uniting Squares & others all joining in to make a very happy celebration.

Six squares were dancing to the calling of Gene Medford & Graham Brandon who has been the Club Caller from day one with the assistance of other Callers when he was not available.

To Shirley Bell who was responsible in organising for 1992, and all who gave assistance to decorate and prepare this year, **Thank You.**

To all who joined with us at Carousels, **Thank You.**

To all Carousels, **Thank You.** It could not have happened without You & You & You and You.

The eats were great.

Graham Brandon.

SUNCOASTERS - BUDERIM

Not only are Suncoasters revelling in the feast of talented callers and cuers filling in while Nev and Bev are away, we are also enjoying the company of our newest and most unusual regular attendee.

Joy is a Seeing Eye Dog trainee and attends every dance with her trainer. From her first dance as a cuddly 9 week old pup, we have watched her grow into a lanky but still beautiful 5 month old who continues to pass all her exams with honours and does credit to her organisation, Seeing Eye Dogs Australia (SEDA).

News from Nev and Bev would seem to indicate that they are having a really great time and we too are enjoying the sights they see through the interesting newsletters and photos they send back to us. Oh, the joys of modern technology!!

Dances continue as usual with three squares of plus on Mondays, enthusiastic and lively beginners on Tuesday, workshops at three levels on Wednesday and our great mainstream dances each 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG

Come to Bundaberg for the Queensland Callers Association weekend

8/9th August. It will be a good. Plenty of variety.

The programme has been confirmed as follows:-

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

9.30am – QCA Meeting – Rum City Band Hall, Targo Street
1.30pm-4.00pm - Plus - Norville Hall, Cnr Maynard & Miller Sts
7.00pm - Rounds
7.30pm-10.30pm - Mainstream – Norville Hall

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST

9.30AM-12NOON – Caller's Seminar – Rum City Band Hall, Targo Street

Pam Garson

There is an old Hotel/Pub in Marble Arch, London which use to have gallows adjacent.

Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial – of course) to be hung. The horse drawn dray, carting the prisoner was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like one LAST DRINK.

If he said YES it was referred to as “ONE FOR THE ROAD”

If he declined, that prisoner was – “ON THE WAGON”

So – there you go. More bleedin' history.

COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

Wednesday 16th September

Time: 7.30pm

Cost: \$6



Come dressed country style or casual

Gumdale Grand-sliders Square Dance Club Inc
Alexandra Hills Community Hall
Cnr.Finucane & Windemere Rds., Alexandra Hills

Door prize & raffles

Please bring a plate

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THEME: Q150—GO MAROON

**QCA GALA DANCE (Amateur Callers' Competition)
and Square Dancing Society of Qld Inc
SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP**

Venue: **Burpengary Community Hall**
111 Station Road
Burpengary Qld 4505

Date: **Saturday 22 August 2009**

Prices: Gala Dance \$8.00
State Roundup \$10.00
Children Half Price
Spectators: Free
Price for attending both sessions: \$16.00
(if paid for at afternoon session)

1.00pm—4.00pm:
**QCA Gala Dance and
Amateur Callers'
Competition**

From 7.00pm
**Qld Square Dance Society
Sunshine State Roundup**

Canteen

Raffles

Supper

If you require more details please contact Janet on 0414 644 913

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY EZ SQUARES CABOOLTURE

Just another Christmas Party?

No!. Definitely not. The Christmas in July party night that we attended on 4th July was the first one held by one of Queensland's newer Clubs; Town and Country Squares (Ipswich).

Six sets danced to Noel, David, Patsy-Ann and Gene in the Glebe Road Church Hall.

The Christmas decorations were all in place, Christmassy Supper was in abundance and the party atmosphere was alive and kicking.

Several new members graduated and were awarded their certificates. This is another good sign that the Square Dance activity, at least in this area, is growing.

Congratulations "Town and Country Squares". Thank you for inviting us to dance and call with you.

David Pearce

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES, BUNDABERG

Our Club will hold a "Jeans for Genes" night wearing our Jeans on the night of 7th August, with a Sausage Sizzle commencing at 6pm. Members are requested to take a plate of sweets and the Committee will organise the Sausages and Salads.

Alan and Leslyn Haslemore won the Bunnings Voucher for their ideas for a Club Business Card. There were some very interesting versions presented.

Our visitors for July have been Sid and Pauline all the way from Adelaide and Iris from Tasmania and Mal & Lyn from Victoria. (It is a bit warmer here than down south at present). Visitors are all welcome to dance with us.

Our new Learners Class commenced on 31st July so we hope all of our new dancers will enjoy the experience and friendship of our Club.

**A MUST WEEKEND FOR ALL SQUARE
DANCERS**

**ARMIDALE EIGHTS
SPRING FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 16, 17, 18 2009

STEVE TURNER'S LAST WEEKEND

AS A LEADER

Steve will be joined by his long-time friend Paul Long to give us a great weekend of exciting dancing and fellowship.

Marilyn Lambden will look after the rounds in her own entertaining way and "perpetual motion" Suellen Guest will lead the clogging.

Dancing is on Friday night and Saturday afternoon and night at the University where we have great sound and a top class floor. We go to a woolshed for Sunday morning dancing, BBQ lunch and concert.

Registration forms can be obtained by:

Downloading from our website
www.armidaleeights.net

Email dwilliam@nsw.chariot.net.au
(There is no "s" after "dwilliam") Phone David Williams 02 6775 1707

**ARMIDALE EIGHTS LOOK FORWARD
TO DANCING WITH YOU**

**Members of the Square Dancing
Society of Queensland Inc.**

Please be advised that the next **general meeting** of the Square Dancing Society of Queensland Inc. will be held at the **Red Cross Centre, 114 Newdgate Street, Greenslopes** on **Saturday 15th August, 2009** commencing at **9.30 am**.

The agenda is as follows:

President's opening remarks

Apologies and naming of Proxies

Minutes of Previous meeting and business arising there from.

Correspondence In and Out and business arising there from

Reports

Special business – Society Christmas Party 2009

General Business

Date of next meeting and closure.

P.S. President Alec will not be attendance at this meeting due to other commitments. He and Nellie have been visiting some clubs away from the 'normal track' so to speak. They will have travelled a few thousand K by Roundup time.

Your attendance would be appreciated.

If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

BURLEIGH SQUARES 21ST CELEBRATION A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!



You might say it was back to the good old days of friendship and wonderful dancing with six squares packing the Maher Hall on the 18th July to celebrate the Gold Coast's longest running club's big birthday.

People came from far and wide and everyone had a ball. Gwen Moritz, one of the club's founding members, was joined by Janet Plumridge, one of our newest members, to cut the beautifully decorated 21st birthday cake, professionally made by long-term

member, Sue Mackley.

Alan Evans challenged us with his unique calling style, while Andrew Reid's easy-on-the ear singing was a real pleasure to dance to.

A special thanks goes to the Butler family for their extremely hard work in decorating the hall and organising the whole event.

For more information, visit www.isquaredance.net



MASKED BALL

GUMDALE GRAND-SLIDERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Inc

Guest Caller: JEFF GARBUTT, Western Australia

Resident caller: ALAN EVANS

7.30pm Wednesday 12th August 2009

Cost \$6

Please bring a plate.

Evening wear Wear a mask Square dance attire

At Alexandra Hills Community Hall Cnr. Finucane & Windemere Roads, Alexandra Hills



Mainstream

Plus

MASKED BALL: PLEASE NOTE.

To all clubs, would you please notify all club members that may be attending the Masked Ball at our club on the Wednesday 12th August that our club will be supplying all 'nibbles' and hot food on the evening of our dance. A supper plate would still be appreciated. Any further information required please phone Harold or Bev on 32073577.

Regards, Harold

Gumdale Square Dance Club.

FOUR HORSES

A man visiting an Indian reservation gets to meet the Tribal Chief.

During their conversation the man asks the Chief what his wife's name is.

"She called Four Horses" he replies.

The man said, "That's an unusual name. What does it mean?"

The Chief answers "It old Indian name. It mean ... **NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG!**"

This information came to me from a reliable source.

If you use a PC it is well worth your reading.

Do you really know how to forward emails?

50% of us do; 50% DO NOT.

Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it?

Every time you forward an email there is information left over from the people who received the message before you did, namely their email addresses and names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and all it takes is for one person to get a virus, and his computer can send that virus to every email address that has come across his computer.

Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel!

How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps.

Try the following if you haven't done it before:

1) When you forward an email, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top).

Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second.

You MUST click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message.

If you don't click on 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

2) Whenever you send an email to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: fields for adding email addresses.

Always use the BCC:(blind carbon copy) field for listing ALL the email addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own email address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says to: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed ! Re! cipients in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.

(3) Remove any 'FW :' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual email you are reading. (You may have had to open numerous other pages before you got to the real forwarded message!)

Ever get those emails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it?

By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many emails just to see what you sent.

(5) *Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition?* It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses.

A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein.

DO NOT EVER put your email address on any petition.

If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email addresses on a petition. (And don't believe the ones that say that the email is being traced; it just ain't so!)

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ACTUAL FACT:

Most e-mail petitions that are forwarded with just a list of names are worthless because they do not fully identify the signer by street address, etc. Nor does it prove that the signer really signed it.

Do not forward them.

Some of the other emails to delete and not forward are:

A. The one that says something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great happen.' Or sometimes they'll say 'something really cute will happen.'

IT WON'T HAPPEN!!!!

b. And don't let the bad luck ones scare you either, they should get trashed.

c. Before you forward an 'Amber Alert, or a 'Virus Alert, or some of the other emails floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at www.snopes.com or www.truthorfiction.com or www.factcheck.com. It's really easy to find out if it's real or not.

If it's not true, please don't pass it on.

So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses. Also get rid of the advertisements at the bottom of your emails! You pay for your internet why advertise free for them? If they want advertisement let them pay you to use your space!!!!

Male or Female? You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

FREEZER BAGS:

They are male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.

PHOTOCOPIERS: These are female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong Buttons.

TIRES: Tires are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated

HOT AIR BALLOONS: Also a male object, because to get them to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under their butt.

SPONGES: These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.

WEB PAGES: Female, because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

TRAINS: Definitely male, because they always use the same old lines for picking up people..

EGG TIMERS: Egg timers are female because, over time, all the weight shifts to the bottom

HAMMERS: Male, because in the last 5000 years, they've hardly changed at all, and are occasionally handy to have around.

THE REMOTE CONTROL: Female. Ha! You probably thought it would be male, but consider this: It easily gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he just keeps trying.