

SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP and QCA GALA DANCE



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Pine Mountain Rd.,
North Ipswich



Saturday 28 August 2010

GALA DANCE. 1;00pm to 4;00pm \$7.00

ROUNDUP \$10.00.

Rounds 7.00pm Squares 7.30pm Dress Set 8.00pm

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The address should be -

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not merleannoel@gmail.com as it appeared in the
Bugle. Our details are now as follows: -

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Every now and then we read a tribute to a real character . And so it is in this edition of the Bugle. We first met Bill McHardy in Ayr about twenty five years ago where he and the late Don Prollocks were the regular callers at 'The Inner Circle Square Dance Clubs' May Day events. The wit and calling ability of these two attracted many dancers from Cairns to Ayr and all points in between. You can share a well written article on pages 10 & 11. It is well worth a read, Noel M.

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STEPPING OUT WITH CLOGGING

Apart from a few frozen Koalas falling out of gum trees during Saturday afternoon, which made our visitors from Victoria feel right at home (the temperature, not the plummeting Koalas), the Aussie Clog weekend camp at Redland Bay kept up its reputation as a Winter wonder- wonderful cueing and dancing, wonderful friendship and happiness, a wonderful relaxed feel about our surroundings, wonderful food and accommodation and- well you get the picture. It was just WONDERFUL!!

Thanks to Olive and the wonderful (there's that word again) helpers without whom it just plain wouldn't happen. Pats on the back to you all.

Very impressive was the number of intrastate and interstate visitors who joined their Brisbane friends over the weekend.

Next year's Aussie Clog may have a change of date later in the year due to the ACA National Clogging Convention in Cairns, but you will all be advised in loads of time so as to organise your weekend at Redland Bay.

A return invitation from Cazna Gardens Retirement Village at Sunnybank Hills for the Get Rhythm Team to once again 'do their thing' for the residents who are an enthusiastic audience. Date is the morning of Wednesday the fourth of August.

Don't forget the **Seniors' Expo** at Strathpine on Tuesday, 17th August. We'll be there at 10 a.m. It's a great day of stalls, entertainment and activities. The Centre is in Mecklem Street. Free admission and parking. Ten minutes stroll from Strathpine Railway Station.

Live and enjoy the moment- come Clogging.

Until next month, Frances

FRANCES LOOK O.A.M.

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Confucius Says:

War does not determine who is right,
war determine who is Left.

IT'S A GIRL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

AMY PAIGE WARRINGTON

BORN - Monday, 26th July, 2010

TIME - 9.04 a.m.

WEIGHT - 6lb 0oz (2720 grams)

LENGTH - 50.5cm

Mother Hazel and baby Amy Paige are home, happy and healthy. Jason, Lauren and Clare are all excited about the new arrival.

BEST WISHES TO THE WARRINGTON FAMILY FROM THEIR MANY SQUARE DANCING AND CLOGGING FRIENDS.

Hervey Bay Square Dancers

Our long standing member, Joan Miller passed away on June 14th, after spending several months in hospital. Through the years Joan was a valued member on our Committee, in the role of Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. As well as being active in these roles, Joan could always be relied on for the great variety of behind-the-scenes jobs in any Club. In honour of Joan we present the following:

Small in stature, big at heart

'Tis sad we are, you must depart

*A quiet achiever, always there
So many chores were in your care.*

*Each week you opened up the door,
Without a thought WE took the floor.*

*Whilst in the kitchen a busy bee,
Preparing the cups, coffee & tea.*

*Without complaint you joined a square
Despite the pain you had to bear.*

*A gentle nod, a wary smile
We shared your life just for a while.*

*Commendable as a committee member too
Privileged we are to have known you.*

*We, the Hervey Bay Square Dancers salute you,
God Bless, Joan.*

Round Dance Corner - QRDA.



[We are looking forward to our upcoming International teaching weekends with Curt and Tammy Worlock.](#) They will be using the first of their two weekends, August 28-29, with us to hold a “Boot Camp” on Waltz, starting from the very beginning –hold, posture-etc– thru to the Phase IV movements. It will include all the movements used in “Square Dance Waltzes” and should be an eye-opener to most of us who usually just learn a new dance, but don't learn correctly how to use body flow, posture, and the connection between dancing partners to allow us to float through the routine. The whole weekend will be based on the Waltz, whilst the Saturday evening dance will be the usual club level mixture of rhythms.

The second weekend, September 4-5, will see teaching at the phase V level and see several rhythms taught over the two days. Again there will be a club level dance on Saturday night, as with the first weekend. Both weekends will be catered for – lunch, dinner, and coffee breaks – with the registration forms available on the website- www.rounddanceqld.com. Venue for both Worlock weekends is Clairvaux McKillop School Hall, Klumpp Rd, Mt Gravatt.

Valentine Rounds hosted the annual Beginner dance at the end of June and despite an unexpected change of venue saw about 20 couples enjoy an evening of mixed dancing. Hemmant Community Hall was the new venue and we all discovered how good the hall is, especially the huge supper room out back.

Bev McLachlan was made a Life member of the Australian Round Dance Association during the recent Convention at Wodonga. Congratulations, Bev. A fitting award for someone who has worked tirelessly over many years to assist in making Round dancing the activity we enjoy today.

AUSTRALIAN ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL PROGRAM - ADDITIONAL CATEGORY 'A' DANCES

INVITATION: The Australian Round Dance Association (ARDA) invite your input by giving you the opportunity to add Category “A” Dances (Square Dance Round Dances) to the National List for inclusion in the evening round dance programs at National Square Dance Conventions.

This is YOUR opportunity to have YOUR input

CRITERIA - Category A i.e. Phase III and below in TWO STEP, FIVE COUNT OR WALTZ Rhythms only

If possible please provide the Cue Sheet

Music must be available - Music obtained via Free Download is acceptable

You can nominate from 1 to 40 dances

DEADLINE - Please provide your nominations NO LATER THAN 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

For assistance seek help from your Club Cuer/Leader or any of the ARDA Committee members.

RETURN to - ARDA Secretary PO Box 26 Lower Plenty 3093 - no later than 1st September 2010

This is the information that we require when you submit your suggestions. Please don't pass up this opportunity

DANCE TITLE	RHYTHM	PHASE	CHOREOGRAPHER	MUSIC	DATE RELEASED
Kimberley Moon	Two Step	II + 1 Fishtail	Ford	BR1006 (45)	?

OPEN-TOED SHOES

On a number of occasions I have been asked,
“Are ladies allowed to wear open toed shoes to conventions and other large dance occasions ?”

I made enquiries and received the following answers.

First from the representative of the Qld. Callers Association which is the body who set the rules for the Qld State Convention :- “There is no rule against open-toed shoes. The only rule is heel size, ie more than 1 square inch or 25mm square”.

And Quoting from the Manual for Operation of Australian National Square Dance Conventions clause (120.6c) “Clean, low-heeled or flat heeled shoes or jiffies of a type that will not mark or damage the floor shall be worn. Spike or small type heels are banned (heels must be a minimum of 25mm long in all dimensions in contact with the floor surface)”.

I hope this clears up any doubts about which ladies shoes are allowed on the dance floor at major functions.

Noel Miller.

Kids talk about the Rules of Marriage

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? -- Kelvin, age 8

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck . -- Ricky , age 10

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES BUNDABERG

Our Club is having a very busy year. On 30th July, we are having a Winter Woolly Night, where we will dress in our warmest winter woollies and a prize will be given to the person with the most appropriate outfit.

Following that on the 6th August, we will hold our annual “Jeans for Genes” night. We will wear our jeans and have a sausage sizzle, commencing at 6 pm. Members are requested to bring a salad or sweets and the committee will organize the sausages.

There will be no dancing on the 20th August, as several of our members are looking forward to attending the 30th Qld State Square Dance Convention in Rockhampton on 20, 21 and 22 August.

Matthew Mills has started a Plus and A1 Class Wednesday nights at the Marching Girls Hall in Quay Street from 7-9 pm for anyone wishing to learn.

We've had several visitors from other Clubs recently and it has been very good to see them. So if you're up this way call in and see us, we love to have visitors.

Averil Brookes

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

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GUMDALE GRANDSLIDERS

BASTILLE BALL

On the 14th July to celebrate the national holiday of France, Gumdale Grandsliders held a successful Bastille Ball.

Around 60 dancers attended the special evening at Alexandra Hills Community Hall along with our resident caller Alan Evans, and guest callers Margaret Baines and Glenn Wilson from North Brisbane.

Dancers were attired in everything French from Upstairs Maids to Prison Jailers and included our Club President as Napoleon, his wife as Marie Antoinette, many Parisienne gentleman with berets and a Can Can dancer complete with garter.

Appropriate French music was played between the Square Dancing which included the special move GUILLOTINE – defined as HEADS ROLLAWAY.

The hall was decorated in the colours of "Le drapeau tricolore" (The French Tricolor), Blue White and Red, with a large drawing of the Eiffel Tower as a backdrop, and also two cannons placed at the each side of the stage.

Dancers sat at individual tables of eight decorated with tablecloths and French Flags where they ate nibbles and drank Punch and Non alcoholic wine.

Supper was served and consisted of French Onion soup, French sticks, Pastries and petit fours, plus sumptuous cream horns made by our own Mavis.

Peter Storey – Vice President.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND INC.

At the Society meeting on 27 March 2010, I was elected Executive Assistant to the Queensland Society.

National Web Site

As Executive Assistant, I am now the official Queensland Representative for updating the Queensland section of the National Web page. If any changes are to be made to any listing on the Queensland web page, please contact me.

Steve Longwood, the National Co-ordinator, has asked each State's Representative to inquire from clubs as to whether the clubs wish to have their logo or badge displayed on the National Web Page. If you wish to have your club's logo or badge included in your web page listing, please send the details to me at.

smbloomfield1@optushome.com.au

Society Red Book

Also Included in the duties for this position, is the updating of the Queensland Society's Red Books. Each club has been issued with a Society Red Book which lists all the Queensland clubs and callers in Queensland, as well as the Queensland Constitution and Guidelines for operating clubs in Queensland. If anyone has any changes to be made to any of the listings in the Red Book, please contact me on 07 3341 2229 or.

smbloomfield1@optushome.com.au

Sandra Bloomfield

Carina Carousels

Carina Carousels had a very successful 18th Birthday dance on 22nd July.

There were five squares of dancers on the floor and others sitting chatting with old friends, and all were enjoying the fellowship.

As our caller, Graham Brandon was not well through the afternoon we are grateful to Gene Medford and Noel McKenzie for stepping in and keeping the party going.

Thank you to all the dancers who supported us on the day.

Shirley.



Peter Story, Elaine Shaw—Secretary

Bev & Harold Liley—Treasurer & President.



"Remember When In 2010"



The Square Dancers of Rockhampton

On behalf of the Queensland Callers' Association

Presents

30th Qld State Square Dance Convention

August 20, 21, 22, 2010



Main Venue - North Rockhampton State High School Hall,

Corner Berserker Street & Simpson Street, North Rockhampton, Qld 4701.

Second Venue - Capricorn District Country Music Association Hall

Diaper Street, North Rockhampton, Qld 4701

WEEKEND TICKETS

After 1st April, 2010 Adult: \$65.00 Student under 16: \$30.00

Session Tickets available at Venues Adult: \$10.00 per session

Student under 16: \$6.00 per session

Clogging Sessions: \$6.00 per session

ALL ENQUIRIES: *Rachelle Mills*

Ph 0749286626 or Mob 0428761244

Email: shelmick07@optusnet.com.au

POSTAL ADDRESS: 25 Pummell Street,

Norman Gardens, Nth Rockhampton, Qld. 4701

MENU SUGGESTION

LUNCH TIME MENU

QTY

SAT SUN

QUICHE & SALAD

\$8.00

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HAM & SALAD

\$8.00

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SALAD ROLLS HAM OR CHICKEN

\$4.00

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SANDWICHES EGG & LETTUCE

\$2.50

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CORNMEAT

\$2.50

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CHICKEN

\$2.50

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PIES

\$3.50

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SAUSAGE ROLLS

\$2.50

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SATURDAY DINNER

QTY

LASAGNE & SALAD

\$8.00

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BEEF CURRY & RICE

\$8.00

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APRICOT CHICKEN & RICE

\$8.00

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SUNDAY DINNER

QTY

CHICKEN RISSOLES & SALAD

\$8.00

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BEEF STROGANOFF & RICE

\$8.00

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AS THERE WILL BE A CANTEEN OPERATING DURING THE WEEKEND - IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE ABOVE PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE SECRETARY BY 16TH AUGUST 2010 : 25 PUMMELL ST, NORMAN GARDENS QLD 4701 OR VIA EMAIL

shelmick07@optusnet.com.au

Name: _____

Any Food Allergies: _____



CHANGE OF DANCE WEEK-END

In August we will not Dance on the Third Week-end August [21st and 22nd] as we will be in Rockhampton for the State Convention so we will dance instead on the 2nd week-end of August. (the 14th and 15th) Why not call in on your way to Rockhampton.

News from the Rockhampton State Square Dance Convention

Thank you to those who have registered their attendance for the Convention this year. I have had a great response and it will be a great week-end. I would like to remind everyone that the Banner Parade will be held on the Friday night at approximately 8:00pm with our official opening. Also the Dress Sets will be held on Saturday night at approximately 8:00pm.

Finally, there will be a canteen running during the weekend. Those who have registered with us have been sent a menu to fill out. Thank you to those who have sent theirs back on time however we are still waiting to hear from a few of you. In order to get just a few more responses to this offer, please find attached to this bugle a copy that you can send in. The time frame has been extended, so if you would like to order from the canteen please send this information to me by the **16th August** so that our caterers have a good idea of how many meals to make.

If you haven't registered for the Convention there is still time! Also if you would like to register either your Club Banner or Dress Set, please send the information to 25 Pummell Street, Norman Gardens Qld 4700 or via email shellmick07@optusnet.com.au

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you on the dance floor in Rockhampton. Only 4 weeks to go!! I can't wait!!

Rachelle Mills
Secretary

SUNSHINE SQUARES AND ROUNDS

After a lot of asking and pleading the caller of Sunshine Squares and Rounds at Clontarf finally gave in and ran a night of Round dancing.

It was held on the 3rd July at the Clontarf hall with 12 couples having a great night. Some of the new Square Dancers had seen Round dancing and were keen to give it a go.

The night was a mixture of teaching and dancing nostalgic rounds such as Kontiki, Roses for Elizabeth, My Wife's House to name but a few. A great supper followed with much discussion and a hope that more of these nights might follow.

Lyn MacPherson

Caller, Sunshine squares & Rounds

Wavell Whirlaways

Some members of Wavell who are keen Round Dancers attended a night of Rounds with Lyn MacPherson at Clontarf. On Saturday 3rd July we enjoyed a night of teaching and dancing some Golden Oldies. Twelve couples had a great night and look forward to the possibility of more nights like this.

The following weekend a few of us again joined Lyn and her dancers to walk the Ted Smout Bridge. The majority of us (21) walked from Clontarf to Brighton and back again. Lots of photos were taken along the way. A little bit of rain fell towards the end of our walk but it was a fun afternoon for all.

Dancers now finalising plans to attend the State Convention in Rockhampton.

The hall at Wavell now has a brand new stainless steel kitchen with some things still taking a little getting used to.

Margaret and June

Confucius Says:

Crowded elevator smells different to midgets

Rambling with Rambling Eights

July has been a very active month for our club members.

We had a superb Soup Supper Night with five pots of homemade soup and a variety of bread rolls. Faith made a chunky "Free Vegie Soup", Norma did a "Mulligatawny", Kim created a tasty "Tomato", Elaine came up with a superb "Pea and Ham" while Peter Worthington came up with a special creation from his kitchen. Lionel and Robyn supplied the bread. These recipes will be available on our website shortly (ramblingeights.org).

On July 9th, the hall bounced with music from the 60's and 70's. David called hit tunes from that era and we held competitions to see who knew the original artists.

Wednesday 21st saw 2 sets of Rambling Eights visit Kay Walker's "Uniting Squares" at Kenmore. A good dance evening was had by all as Kay and David kept the night moving along (sorry Ms Gillard) in a party atmosphere.

Our "Christmas in July" Party Dance on 23rd turned out to be an exceptional "Dance Party". Over 70 dancers attended as well as callers from other clubs. Noel McKenzie, Graham Brandon and Peter Story joined the programme to give dancers a variety of "Christmas" calls. Barbara O'Connor débuted at a party night with a fine call to "Unto Us This Holy Night".

The hall was decorated with Christmas decorations, the Supper table was laden with "Christmas" fare, and there was a "Super Raffle". Our thanks go to all who contributed prizes to the raffle and those who helped set up and made sure the evening went well.

Our Trainee callers enjoy their spots on the programmes several times each month. Barbara is especially fired up following her attendance at the Brian Hotchkies Callers' School and is practicing enthusiastically for the Amateur Callers' Session at the QCA Gala Dance in August.

We have nominated the Letter "C" as the camp theme for 2011. This should open all sorts of doors for the imagination of campers to dress for the theme and present ideas for the after-party. Camp registrations will open in October when registration forms will be available on the website, in the Bugle, as well as from David & Faith. Con'td

Hazel is now collecting names of club dancers who would like to attend our end-of-year outing. We are going to the "Stage Door" theatre for a show, (Movie Madness) and dinner.

Salad Bowl Squares have agreed to combine with us to make a bid to host next year's Society Christmas Party. More planning will take place later in the year and early 2011.

We look forward to this cooperation between clubs.

David & Faith Pearce

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

By the time you receive this report we will have held our Christmas in July dance. Our next dance will be on Saturday 30th October and our final dance for the year will be our New Year's Eve dance on 31st December.

Our October dance is a "Pre Melbourne Cup" theme. We thought it time to get away from the Halloween. Can't wait to see the variety of outfits being worn that night. As usual the commencing time is 7p.m. at the Community Hall, Anzac Ave. Kallangur, Cost \$6. Should you have any further enquiries please phone either Margaret 3285 2130 or Jan 3385 9947.

Despite the colder weather, we are still dancing 3 squares most weeks with the occasional 4. We are very grateful to our band of loyal dancers.

We have a very busy month of dancing with the Convention in Rockhampton commencing 20th August followed by the Gala Dance and Sunshine State Round up the following weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of these abovementioned dances.

Jan Hay

BAR K CIRCLE W

A club social picnic at Clontarf was well attended. Club members travelled to Wodonga for the National in June. Maurie & June joined with Nev and Bev on their travels of the Gibb River Road. A social outing at the Winery at Maleny was also very well enjoyed by those who attended. Next club function is a visit to The Square Dance Centre in Buderim to help them celebrate their 25th Anniversary

HERVEY BAY

Here's a little snippet from Hervey Bay to inform dancers around the traps of our activities.

Hervey Bay members are enjoying great dancing on Monday and Wednesday nights and Thursday afternoons to a great variety of callers on our many CDs. These are being transferred to our new laptop. Already it is paying off as we can now choose from various play lists and run a dance programme with little effort. It's a work in progress as we have a huge number of CDs and tapes to transfer and transcribe. Thanks goes to our committee for all this great effort.

We are running two learning classes, one on Wednesday night with 2 couples and a lady, and the other on Thursday afternoon with 7 ladies and 2 juniors learning Basic. Both are held before the Mainstream sessions. They are all enjoying the fun in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. As always, a big thank you must go to all the angels who tirelessly assist with the learners everywhere.

Hervey Bay has a guest caller every 2nd Saturday of the month, with a PLUS session in the afternoon and a Mainstream at night. In August there will be no special caller as some of us will be going to Buderim to dance to Jerry Jestin, and two weeks later we'll be in Rockhampton for the State Convention.

Nev McLachlan will be up here on the 11th of September, with PLUS at 2pm and MS at 7pm. The theme for the evening will be Whale Watch, the colours of the sea. If you are travelling through this way, come and join us for a square-up, you will be most welcome. You can drop us a line at: squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com to check for upcoming callers. Happy dancing everyone.

Kids talk about the Rules of Marriage

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF 2 PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

SUNCOASTERS:

For those of us who attended the National Convention we had a great cold time. Unfortunately we were unable to put in Club news last month as we had a quick turn around between the National and leaving for the trip to the Gibb River Road.

Congratulations to our dressed set who represented Suncoasters as it was the only one from Queensland in the dress set parade at the National in Wodonga.

A very special thank you to Gene and Gary for stepping in whilst Nev was away. The dancers had a great time so hopefully Nev and Bev will be able to do a bit more travelling now?

All dance sessions going well and promotion will be starting soon for our next round of beginners.

Hope to see many of you at our 25th Anniversary Week-end for the Centre and also in Rockhampton at the State Convention - don't forget we have changed our week-ends in August (see Notice in this Newsletter).

Congratulations to our newly weds Paul and Natasha (Mr & Mrs Green).

SUNSHINE COAST

SQUARE DANCE CENTRE:

Will we have celebrated our 25th Anniversary, or will it be just about to commence when the Bugle comes off the print line? What new tricks will Jerry have planned for us this year?

Our guest caller for the week-end, Jerry Jestin from the USA, offers a fantastic programme in all levels - really gets the brain into gear. Many bookings have been received by campers from near and afar for this week-end.

Our new kitchen is in place and working rather well. Our usual group of travellers have started to arrive for the warmer weather.

What major project will they complete this year? Last year they painted the inside of the hall and the year before the roof.

A very big thank you to these folks.

With a Do Sa Do

The music begins and Bill McHardy, Square Dance caller extraordinaire announces, *'Take your partner and Promenade round the floor.'*

Another weekly U3A Square Dance class has begun. As usual, Bill is keen, enthusiastic and ready for a good time – aren't we all! With a wicked gleam in his eye he says, *'If you want to dance in the top set (nearest him on the stage) it will cost you \$50.'* Bill, a canny Scotsman, hasn't told anyone how much extra cash he's made from such blatant corruption, but we are lead to believe it's a small fortune.

Bill and his wife Beth have been Toowoomba Square Dance stalwarts for over forty years. In 1966 they began a square dance class in the very hall we now dance in, Laurel Bank Park Hall and in 1970 formed the Garden City Promenaders which continued successfully for forty years. Obviously they have a wealth of experience to draw on and any number of stories to share. However, separating fact from fiction can be challenging at times because Bill is such a story teller, and some of his stories are almost as tall as Bill.

'Did I tell you about my son, Malcolm? He's been square dancing all his life; in fact he began square dancing nine months before he was born. Mal's memory is so good he remembers going to a weekend square dance with me and coming home with his mother! Now you think about that for a moment,' says Bill.

The reason I enjoy square dancing so much is due largely to the McHardy's. Bill is an outstanding teacher; with him learning is always fun, there are never any put-downs, everyone is encouraged or gently corrected, everyone is kept busy and interested the whole time, nobody is asked to do anything more than they want, instruction is clear and uncluttered, giving dancers time to process the dance sequence before acting upon it. Bill is full of praise when he's particularly pleased with everyone and is passionate in his desire to pass on as much square dancing knowledge as he feels we are capable of grasping. His positive attitude encourages everyone to try their best; *'I've never seen that done so well,'* he'll say, or alternatively, *'I've never seen it done quite like that before.'*

Beth is quiet and attentive, always ready with a smile and a friendly word. Like Bill, Beth is small and petite and as light as a feather when she dances. Beth reminds me of a good fairy; in fact I'm almost convinced she is one.

As well as 'calling' the dances, Bill sometimes sings a call. These are entertaining episodes. There's no need for a whole lot of technical paraphernalia either – with his trusty leather boxes of singles, a portable record player and a microphone, Bill is equipped and ready for action. Requests – with a covering note of \$50 - are encouraged. *The Toilet Song* (as Bill calls it) or *First Thing Every Morning and Last Thing Every Night, Ain't Misbehavin', Green, Green, It's Green They Say, Over the Rainbow* are crowd favourites.

That reminds Bill of another joke that comes from his good friend, Kevin Kelly. *'If you weigh a whale at a whale-weighing station, where do you weigh a pie?'* The words of this last song tell you: *Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high (weigh a pie).*

Together Bill and Beth have travelled to many parts of Australia participating in square dance conventions, where hundreds of appropriately dressed dancers twirl and turn almost non-stop for three or four days. What a sight! What stamina! What a lot we have to learn!

The intricacies of square dancing become more apparent as new routines are learned. Four sets of partners face each other forming a square, men on the left of their partner. As Bill explains; *'the top couple (with their backs to the caller) are the best dancers, the second couple (on the right side of the top couple) are the next best dancers of the set, the third couple (facing the caller) are the best looking couple and the fourth couple are the leftovers.'* Besides your partner, it's important to remember who your 'corner' is (the other person nearest you) because you are frequently asked to *allemande* with your corner.

As the caller controls the sequence of movements, dancers need to listen carefully. Bill might say, *'And who are you facing now? It should be the darn corner.'* As routines are learned, skills develop and confidence increases; nonetheless mistakes are easily made. When all runs smoothly, each set of dancers become part of a well honed machine – the effect is almost magic

! *'And look who you're facing now – it's mother!'* (Bill's term for 'partner')

After 2½ years of instruction, Pete and I can now make an ocean wave, roll away, do a grand square or a grand slide, a California twirl, a right and left through, a square through, a ferris-wheel, a star turn, weave the ring, scoot-back, a tea-cup chain, do-sa-do, sashay, flutter-wheel and even rip and snort! These American terms add a dash of flavour to square dancing, which, after all developed in the United States about 100 years ago.

Despite ongoing health problems, it's obvious Bill loves doing what he's doing. *'With square dancing, you never stop learning,'* he says. *'It keeps you mentally agile and physically fit.'* Every one of the U3A Square Dancers would agree.

Bill always has the last word: *'Thank your partner, corner too. All join hands, walk into the middle of the circle and say 'thank you.'* *Promenade your partner off the floor, 'cause there ain't no more. We'll see you next week.'*

Chris Foy

"The vast majority of our imports come from outside the country." - George W. Bush

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it." George W. Bush

"For NASA, space is still a high priority."
- George W. Bush

"Public speaking is very easy."

- George W. Bush. (Its a worry).

Qld Square Dancing Events

AUGUST 2010

6-8 Sunshine Coast SD Centre 25th Anniversary Dance W/E

Guest Caller: Jerry Jestin (USA)

14 Logan City Square Dancers Inc Saturday Dance

Feature Caller: Noel McKenzie 7.30

Enq: Jane 3299 7717

19 Rockhampton Square Dancers – Wind Up Dance

Parkhurst Hall, Bruce Hwy, Parkhurst 7-10pm

Enq: Bevan 4922 7482

20-22 30th Qld State Square Dance Convention

New Venues

Venue 1: Nth Rockhampton State High School

Venue 2: Capricorn District Country Music Assoc Hall

23 Rockhampton Square Dancers – Wind Down Dance

Cnr Fitzroy & Kent St, Rockhampton 7-10pm

Enq: Bevan 4922 7482

27 Salad Bowl Squares 40th Birthday Celebration
7pm Enq: Chris Heyworth 3393 4091

28 7-10.30 Sunshine State Roundup

St Joseph's Primary School, 42 Pine Mountain Rd, North Ipswich

QCA Gala Dance & Amateur Callers'

Competition

1-4pm Callers' Competition

Enq: Noel McKenzie 0417 616 572

Irish lass customer: 'Could I be trying on that dress in the window?'

Shopkeeper: 'I'd prefer that you use the dressing room.'

Question - Why are Irish jokes so simple?

Answer - So the English can understand them.

SUNCOASTERS ROUNDS:

Tuesday Learners still going well under Paul's leadership as are the dancers with Bev on Wednesday mornings. Seems the trick of the trade is to promote it as Ballroom dancing. Our Intermediate and Advanced Groups are going well and have started on the new dances from Wodonga. All looking around to find dances to add to the 40 new dances wanted for the National List.

CENTRE CLOGGERS are still clogging along and had a great time whilst Bev was away. Suddenly had to learn to read cue sheets and use the equipment, but by the sounds of it had a great deal of fun doing it. We meet every Wednesday night at 6.00 pm and are slowly, and with a lot of fun, proceeding through the Convention list.

Ten Commandments

Some people have trouble with all those 'shall's' and 'shall not's' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the 'King James' into 'Jackson County' language.....no joke.

Posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN.

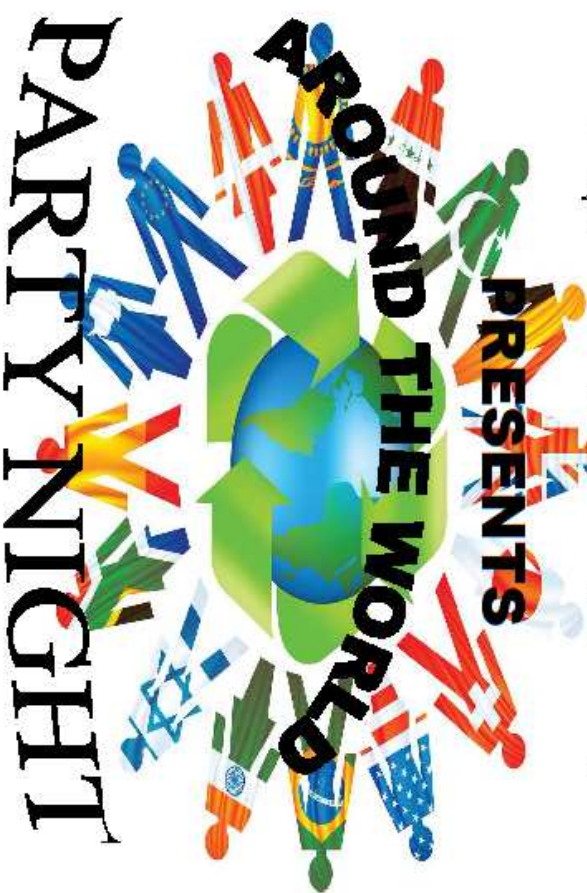
- (1) Just one God
 - (2) Put nothin' before God
 - (3) Watch yer mouth
 - (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
 - (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
 - (6) No killin'
 - (7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal
 - (8) Don't take what ain't yers
 - (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
 - (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff
- Now that's plain an' simple

Mrs.. Feeney shouted from the kitchen, 'Is that you I hear spittin' in the vase on the mantle piece?'

'No,' said himself, 'but I'm gettin' closer all the time.'

Q. What do you call an Irishman who knows how to control a wife? A. A bachelor.

72 SQUARES CABOOLTURE



PRESENTS

AROUND THE WORLD PARTY NIGHT

WHERE..... TIN SHED

CABOOLTURE SHOWGROUND

WHEN 31ST AUGUST 2010 AT 7.30PM

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN

DANCES SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE COUNTRY

PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUME

A PLATE TO SHARE FOR SUPPER WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED



Rockhampton Square Dancers Presents.....

THURSDAY 19TH AUGUST 2010
COME ALONG AND WIND UP

BEFORE THE 30TH OLD STATE CONVENTION
HELD AT PARKHURST HALL.

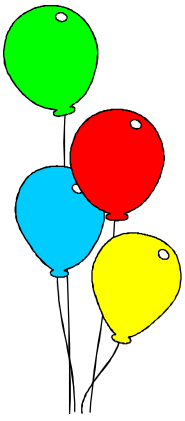
BRUCE HIGHWAY PARKHURST
MONDAY 23RD AUGUST 2010
COME ALONG AND WIND DOWN

AFTER THE 30TH OLD STATE CONVENTION
HELD ONR FITZROY

AND HENT ST ROCKHAMPTON
PROGRAM

7PM TO 10PM - MAINSTREAM, PLUS, ROUNDS
MONTE CARLO WITH A TWIST
AND MUCH MORE!
ADMISSION: \$5 PER SESSION ADULTS
\$3 PER SESSION STUDENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
BEVAN TITMARSH ON PH (07) 4922 7482
MICHAEL MILLS ON PH (07) 4928 6626



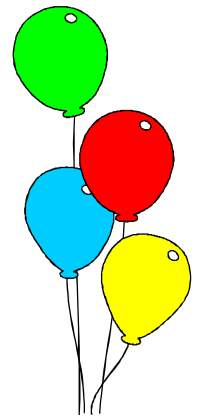
**COME AND HELP US
CELEBRATE
SALAD BOWL SQUARES
40th BIRTHDAY
FRIDAY 27 AUGUST from 7 PM
70s THEME**

ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL

STATION ST. WELLINGTON POINT

ENTRY: FREE

(A food contribution will be appreciated, thank you)



I received this from a fairly reliable friend. Worth reading.

Mobile phone numbers going public. This is for Australian phone numbers.

REMEMBER: Mobile Phone Numbers Go Public next month.

REMINDER: all mobile phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sale calls. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS.**

Below is a link where you can enter your phone numbers online to put an end to telemarketing calls. Don't just delete those calls otherwise you will find that you have been signed up for all sorts of extra services that you didn't want or know about. Like special chimes, music etc.

<https://www.donotcall.gov.au/>

We **disbar** lawyers and we **defrock** clergy, so why don't we:

De light electricians?

De range cowboys?

De pose models?

De bark tree surgeons?

One Sunday in a Midwest City , a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour.

The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

I'm having a real good time like I am."