

Wavell Whirlaways  Sunshine Squares

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SQUARE DANCING SOCIETY OF QLD INC.

54th SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP

INCORPORATING THE
QCA GALA DANCE

(AMATEUR CALLERS CONTEST)

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST 2011

ALBANY CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

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QCA GALA DANCE: 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.

SUNSHINE STATE ROUNDUP: 7.00 ROUNDS ~ 7.30 SQUARE
AFTERNOON SESSION - \$ 8.00 ~ EVENING SESSION - \$10.00

EVENING INCLUDES

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The Roundup

On Saturday 27th August, Sunshine Squares and Wavell Whirlaways will be presenting the 54th Sunshine State Roundup incorporating the QCA Gala Dance and Amateur Callers' Competition.

The venue for both sessions is the Albany Creek Community Centre, Ernie Street, Albany Creek. The easiest way to find the hall is to turn from Albany Creek Road into Leitchs Road then turn right into Chapman Court. The complex is at the end of that street. We will have the area signposted so keep an eye out for the signs.

Come along and support our Amateur Callers at the QCA Gala Dance. We have a great line-up of callers and cuers registered to call for you during both the afternoon and evening.

As part of our presentation of the Roundup this year, we will be having a Dressed Square and Banner Parade. We would also love to see as many Dressed Squares on the floor as possible. Reminisce with us as we feature the banners from many of our past Square and Round Dance Clubs.

A free sausage sizzle will be held between the afternoon and evening sessions. Tables and chairs will be set up if you wish to join us for a basket tea. Stay between sessions or come early for the evening dance, either way, join us for a relaxing time of fellowship.

There will be raffles at both sessions and June & Margaret will have their Square Dance Apparel stall available as well.

To keep with our theme of "Looking Forward ~ Looking Back" there will also be a Square Dance memorabilia display. You may even see a "PAST CALLER" or two on the floor on Saturday night.

We look forward to seeing you all at the 2011 Sunshine State Roundup.

Lynette Macpherson & Sid Leighton.

My religion is very simple — my religion is kindness. Dalai Lama. 1935

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there may be any kindness I can show, or any good things I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn. 1644- 1718 English Quaker and founder of Pennsylvania USA

Hervey Bay Square Dance Club

The whales are starting to arrive and play and so are the visitors from NSW & New Zealand. Call on us and dance to our extensive range of both Australian & American Callers.

Seven of us attended the 31st Convention in Toowoomba. Congratulations to Gary and his faithful band of helpers for a very well run and most enjoyable weekend.

The 2012 Committee took the opportunity to promote the 32nd Convention which will be held in Hervey Bay. Many registered on-site to go in the draw for a full refund.

Congratulations to Ann Stevens from Kay's Clubs for winning the Super Early Bird Draw. Our First Saturday Dance in June was a Club Social, which included Old Time and Line Dancing. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a repeat is planned for September.

Some of our members went to Darwin for the National and came back with glowing reports. Their photos made us wish we too had gone to the Crocodile Convention.

Samantha & I travelled to NSW to join Wilma Flannery for the Birthday celebrations at Willi Whirlers.

Thanks Wilma, and all the dancers for making us welcome at your fun-filled weekend.

Thanks also to Jesse for his hospitality. At Ballina we stayed with Pam, who learnt her dancing skills at Hervey Bay, and we danced at Alstonville on Friday night.

On the way home we shared a Tuesday club night with E.Z. Squares at Caboolture. Glenn is the resident Caller, but as an extra we danced to two trainee Callers.

It is great to see new blood coming through the ranks- both trainees are to be commended for their commitment and fine calling.

Next stop Buderim, Wednesday Special at Suncoasters, where Gary kept us on our toes all day. Thank you Wednesday bunch for your friendly welcome and easy banter. That same night we danced at our own Club.

At home an S&S (Soup & Sweets) night was organised as a social. Members provided a delicious selection of soups and sweets. Some naughty (but nice) ones served very tasty entrees as extras, yummy! You guessed it, the food was alternated with dancing- this helps to make room for more. Thanks to our hostesses for providing such a wonderful venue. We look forward to the QCA weekend in August. Thanks also to Bundaberg, Gympie & Caloundra Dancers who helped to make the night memorable for us all.

Kind regards,
Samantha

Round Dance Corner - QRDA. www.rounddance.com

Allemanders Birthday There was some confusion over the date of the Exhibition Wednesday this year. According to the official Ekka web site the peoples day is the 17th of August. Different calendars and diaries are showing the public holiday as either the 10th or the 17th. So the club birthday is the 17th. They will be 23 years old this year.

There will a beginners class starting the week after the Birthday Dance. Contact Paula or Warwick for details on 5546 3493

Voting results for 2010 Showcase Dances .

The Dancers Choice: Vote went to *Singing in the rain* (Woolcock) Phase II Twostep –on Grenn 17284. This is a well known, happy tune with standard Phase II Twostep figures.

The Teachers Choice: Vote went to *Smile*, (Armstrong) Phase III Foxtrot—on Star 253 or DLD 1095 CD.

This is a good learning foxtrot for beginners as it uses basis Waltz figures and also includes the “Man roll across and lady roll across” sequence as in Answer Me.

Word from QRDA President.

Please make a note in your diaries about the “Big Day of Dance” on Saturday , September 24th.. For all dancers wanting to progress in their dancing , this is the one event in our calendar NOT TO BE MISSED.

We are meeting this year at the Cavendish Road State High School– a great venue. The day consists of two workshops in the morning and two in the afternoon, getting progressively easier.

The last teach is usually a fun introduction to a new dancing rhythm . After dinner there is an all level relaxed evening dance to cap off the day.

Happy Dancing, Greg Hibberd.

PINE RIVERS SENIOR CITIZENS

HAS ANYBODY SEEN MARGARET BAINES? IF SO PLEASE RETURN HER, SHE IS SORELY MISSED.

Actually she is returning next week after a L O N G and extremely refreshing (FOR HER NOT ME) holiday. There is a new spring in her step as she has just returned from 4 weeks relaxing in beautiful Hervey Bay.

She still has a Club to return to though. Unfortunately due to the ‘flu, our numbers were down the past couple of weeks. We wish them all a speedy recovery. We still managed to dance 2 squares this last week.

It’s scary how quickly the year is flying. We are looking forward to a big turnout at the Sunshine State Roundup and Gala Dance at the end of the month. From what I hear it is going to be something to be remembered. This is THE dance of the year and we hope that you will support it.

Looking forward to seeing you in Albany Creek on 27th August,

Jan Hay

A man was sitting reading his papers when his wife hit him round the Head with a frying pan. 'What was that for?' the man asked. The wife replied 'That was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found in your pants pocket'. The man then said 'When I was at the races last week Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on' The wife apologized and went on with the housework. Three days later the man is watching TV when his wife bashes him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon re-gaining consciousness the man asked why she had hit again. Wife replied. 'Your horse phoned'

Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.

John F Kennedy 1917—1963.

The Queensland Square Dancing Society Inc.

A Meeting of the Management Committee

will take place at the

Baptist Church Hall, Innes St. Geebung

on the **6th August**, commencing at **9.30am.**

All Society Members are invited to attend.

Management Committee members will report on their area of responsibility.

If you have anything you would like discussed during General Business it would be appreciated if you would inform a member of the Executive ASAP.

Noel Miller.

Annual “Plus and A” Weekend with Alan and Kay

We are all well aware that we have a wonderful caller and teacher in Alan Evans but it is a weekend like this that his talents and abilities really shine through. When he teams up with Kay Walker, we then have a dynamic duo who not only push us beyond our comfort zone but they do it all in the name of fun. This made for a great weekend of friendship and fun combined with a huge learning curve. It is great to watch and listen to Alan and Kay when they are together on stage as they make a great team. Alan, as always, entertained us between dances with snippets of information such as the ladies fashion trends down through the years and his wise (?) fashion advice for us ladies.

For those of us still struggling to learn so much it was also very rewarding to sit and watch those advanced square dancers. A few dancers from Gumdale Grandsliders tried out a couple of sessions of A1 so there will be at least two more, keen, new students when the A level classes begin again next year.

We welcomed two visitors over the weekend. Rick Charles was a former caller and had taught Jane Evans in bygone days; he had not danced for some time but joined in our squares on Saturday night and this time, Jane was able to refresh his memories, on those moves he was struggling to recall. Ted was a visitor from New Zealand who met Allan at the Convention in Dunedin and he seemed to enjoy the challenges of Allan and Kay's Plus. The ladies got the chance to dance the 'New Zealand' style with promenades and arm turns.

A special thank you goes to Alan's wife, Jane, for always being there helping and ready to fill in wherever needed. Alan and Kay put so much hard work into these weekends. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped in any way to make it such a successful weekend.

Lorraine Diprose

An article from Gumdale Grandsliders ,August Newsletter

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CARINA CAROUSELS

On Thursday afternoon, 14th July Carina Carousels were pleased to welcome so many friends to help them celebrate their 19th birthday.

It was disappointing that several of Carina's regulars missed the occasion because of bouts of the dreaded 'flu, nevertheless we had a sunny day, good music, a happy atmosphere and great dancing. We have to thank our caller of 19 years, Graham Brandon, Gene Medford from Redland Bay, Noel McKenzie of Town and Country Squares and David Pearce from Rambling Eights for supplying such a variety of catchy rhythms to tap along to.

Thank you to all our friends who brought lovely plates of good things to eat, so that we had a very tasty afternoon tea. It was voted a most successful birthday party.

A student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation. The men's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computadora'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
- 2 They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won.

Gumdale Grandsliders International Ball

On 13th July, Gumdale Grandsliders celebrated with an International Ball. Countries from all around the world were represented with style and panache. Our president, Harold Liley, wore a costume which really suited his temperament - that of an inscrutable Chinese gentleman. Three Dutch girls looked adorable in their lace caps and long striped skirts. Two even wore wooden clogs. I asked one of them if she intended wearing this footwear for the entire evening. She replied, "If I can walk in them, I can dance in them." This little Dutch girl wasn't one of our younger dancers either.

Two gorgeous-looking middle Eastern gentlemen arrived, authentically garbed in Arabian robes. One of them wore a headdress which his 90 year old father acquired during the War. I have never agreed with the fashion advice that a garment not worn in two years should be discarded. I have been vindicated. These imposing fellows were accompanied by a Spanish senorita and a sweet Swiss miss .

Countries as far flung as Scotland and Sri Lanka were also represented by our creative dancers. Australia was there of course, with some people choosing our colours - green and gold - whilst others went with the Southern Cross and the traditional red, white and blue.

We were delighted to welcome two guest callers - Noel McKenzie from Town and Country and Graham Brandon from Carina Carousels. Graham, who is surely too "family" to be labelled a guest, went for Commonwealth. His tie was Canadian maple and his vest was beautifully decorated with Australian native animals. Noel was dressed in basic black western style, and his lovely wife, Merle, wore an outfit which perfectly complemented this.

Our very own Alan Evans wore his tartan cap with russet locks. This stylish head wear was presented to him by the Club for his trip to New Zealand. He cut a fine figure, but I don't know if fine is really the word I'm looking for.

Our well-travelled members provided a wealth of international memorabilia, which was absolutely fascinating. Supper was superb and although every effort was made, we could not sample all the goodies on offer. At the end of the night there seemed to be more left over than we started with. Even Mavis' famous cream horns were left over. This is a first. Thank you to the committee, all who helped, our fantastic Callers, and to our visitors who made the night a great success and wonderful fun.

Fay Moore.

An article in Gumdale Grandsliders August edition.

WE'RE BACK!

TOWN & COUNTRY SQUARES HAVE FINALLY RESURFACED AFTER THE FLOODS. FEELING A BIT "DOWN", THEY REALISED IT WAS BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING MUCH TO CELEBRATE. BUT WE DO NOW !!! WE'RE HAVING A "RESURFACING PARTY"

COME AND JOIN US ON THE 20TH AUGUST, AT ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, TIVOLI (IPSWICH) AT 7.30PM TO HELP US TURN BACK THE TIDE. WE'LL ALL BE SPLASHING OUT TO MAKE "WHOOPEE"! COME & JOIN IN THE FUN.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, ESPECIALLY THOSE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HELPED OUT IN THE BAD TIMES. HELP US GET THE "GOOD TIMES" BACK. (CALLERS BRING RECORDS).

NOEL & MERLE MCKENZIE AND THEIR STILL "DAMP" MEMBERS. PHONE: 3714 9917 MOBILE: 0417 616 572

MORETON BAY SQUARES.

Yes, we are still alive and kicking!!

I am pleased to say that, in spite of falling numbers, due to members' ill health both personally and within families, we are still functioning as a Club on our beautiful Bay island. We are delighted to have three Beginners currently enjoying the new experience of our passion and are anticipating one more to add soon. The journey towards our 21st Birthday next March looks promising.

Unfortunately, for personal reasons, our Secretary Debbie Eveans has had to tender her resignation, leaving Kevin (President) and Mary (Treasurer) to steer the ship until the next AGM. However, though few in number, our members are exceedingly supportive and generally cooperative, so all will be well. There is a rumour that we could well be hosting another BIG DANCE in October!?!

A reminder here to all our mainland friends.

You know we love to welcome you as visitors throughout the year, not exclusively at the big dances. To this end we are happy to waive the entrance fee to our regular dances on Saturday mornings, knowing that the ferry fares are now rather hefty. But where else can you get a Bay Cruise, a yummy morning tea and great dancing for an extra treat?? The ferry leaves at 9am and you buy your discounted return from the ticket office **before** you depart. Now the mornings are starting to warm up, get yourselves out here and relive the bonus! Looking forward to greeting you soon.

Contact Mary on 3409 1505 for further info.

Happy dancing! Patsy-May.

The Indian man said to the American, 'We have problem in India we can't marry the one whom we love, You know my parents are forcing me to get married to this so called homely girl from a village whom I haven't even met once.' We call this arranged marriage. I don't want to marry a woman whom I don't love... I told them that openly and now have a hell lot of family problems".

The American said, talking about love marriages... In America we can marry the one whom we loveI'll tell you my story. 'I married a widow whom I deeply loved and dated for 3 years. After a couple of years, my father fell in love with my step-daughter and married her, so my father became my son-in-law and I became my father's father-in-law.

Legally now my daughter is my mother and my wife my grandmother. More problems occurred when I had a son. My son is my father's brother and so he is my uncle.

Situations turned worse when my father had a son. Now my father's son, my brother is my grandson. Ultimately, I have become my own grandfather and I am my own grandson. And you say you have family problems.

The Indian fainted.....!!!

Idle Thoughts Of A Retiree's Wandering Mind:

I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it. I had amnesia once--- or twice. I went to San Francisco. I found someone's heart. Now what? Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy. If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle. What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free? They told me I was gullible and I believed them.

Rambling Eights

Caller David Pearce

Well hasn't it been cold! Despite the weather, Club nights have been well attended although I'm sure dancers have been tempted to stay warm and snug at home. Most of the travellers are back and our new dancers are progressing well with enthusiasm for all Club activities.

At the recent Club BBQ it was wonderful to see so many chipping in with suggestions and offers of assistance for future activities. One of these is the soup night on 19th August which has four cooks volunteering to bring a selection of home-made soups to warm our bellies.

Our Christmas in July Party night went really well. A big thank you to the visiting Callers and dancers who helped make the night a great success. This includes those who donated to the raffle prizes, sold tickets and helped decorate, supplied drinks, assisted with supper, as well as cleaning and packing up at the end. The winner of the major raffle hamper was Les who came on his own while Dawn is recovering from surgery. Mary did a wonderful job of wrapping the prizes, Presentation Style. Thank you Mary.

Many of our dancers have been on the sick or injured list, and we wish everyone a speedy recovery and safe return to the dance floor.

We have been invited to be part of the "Alger Community Fun Day". This will be a great opportunity to "Show Off" Square Dancing to the local community and to offer them a chance to try it out for themselves. Rambling Eights is combining with Logan Square Dancers for this event. Opportunities such as this don't come along very often so if you are in Alger on Sunday 21st August, you may like to drop in to "Col Bennett" Park. We shall be around from 10.00 to late afternoon.

Contributed by: Christine Lucas.

Wonder no more !!!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

The penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life. If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface,

other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is

SUNCOASTERS

July has been a fairly busy month for us. Firstly there was the Old Time Dance/Ball on 15 July. You could tell from the full car park the minute you arrived that it was a success, and this was confirmed when you entered the hall. Cath, Marina and Bruce had decorated the hall in our theme of black and white.

Helium balloons, streamers, table decorations, etc. all contributed to the impression of "Hey, we're going to have fun" from the minute you entered. And the evening just got better for the many people who attended! Once again, our volunteers who baked and provided supper for the dancers did a magnificent job. We raised over \$2,000, a mighty effort for such a small group of our members.

We also started the first of three sessions of our intake of potential new members on Tuesday 19 July with a "fun night", and were pleased with the response. Changes to our third Saturday night dance (i.e., starting at 4.30 pm) seems to have been a popular move- we can see how it goes.

CANE COUNTRY SQUARES

BUNDABERG

Our visitors for this month included Eddie and Rosalie from Adelaide, who really enjoyed the night.

We are having a 'Dress Up' night on the 29th July. Members have been asked to come dressed up in something starting with their initials. It should be a fun night.

Other members of our club are looking forward to travelling to Buderim on the 5th - 7th August for the Nev McLachlan and Mills Brother week-end. Some of us haven't been to Buderim, and are quite looking forward to it.

Nev and Bev McLachlan will be calling at our Club on the 10th September, so if you feel like a trip to Bundaberg, that would be a good week-end to do it.

.Averil Brookes, Publicity Officer .

deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

"Freeze a jolly good fellow"

"Freeze a jolly good fellow."

Then they kick him in the ice hole.

I hope you didn't believe that! I know nothing about penguins.

2011 Qld Square Dancing Events

- 5-7 Aug** **Sunshine Coast SD Centre**
26th Anniversary Weekend
www.suncoasters.com.au
- 6 Aug** **Hervey Bay SDC "Stage & Screen"**
2pm&7pm
Squaredance4u2hb@gmail.com
- 13 Aug** **Logan City Square Dancers Inc Dance**
 Enq: Jane 3299 7717
- 13-14 Aug** **Maryborough Heritage City**

Hoedowners Dance
 Enq: Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617
- 26 Aug** **Salad Bowl Squares**
EKKA Country Comes to the City
 Enq: Dianne Strange 3824 3899
- 27 Aug** **Square Dancing Soc. of Qld.**
54th Sunshine State Roundup
QCA Gala Dance 7pm
Amateur Callers' Competition 1pm
 Sid 0418 724 636 /3354 1004
 Lynette 0409 679 010 /**3204 2335**
- 30 Aug** **EZ Squares Caboolture Party Night-**
 Kaye Clouston 0438 142 204
- 10 Sep** **Logan City Square Dancers Inc Dance**
 Enq: Jane 3299 7717
- 10 Sep** **Maryborough Heritage City**
Hoedowners SD Club
 Helen Meyer (07) 4121 4617
- 10 Sept.** **Cane Country Squares, Bundaberg**
 Nev & Bev week-end
 Enq. Shirley Kelly 41592308

Husband Down

A husband and wife are shopping when the husband picks up a case of beer and puts it in their cart. 'What do you think you're doing?' asks the wife. 'They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans he replies. 'Put them back, we can't afford them demands the wife, and so they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. 'What do you think you're doing?' asks the husband. 'It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,' replies the wife. Her husband retorts: 'So does 24 cans of beer and it's half the price.'

He never knew what hit him.

WAVELL WHIRLAWAYS

July started off with a luncheon at Lyn and Graham Macpherson's new home. The real reason for the luncheon was to discuss where things stand in the organisation of the Sunshine State Roundup in August. Lyn and Sid have done a lot of the ground work and it was now time for we dancers to stand up and be counted. People were very willing to put their hand up to take up jobs such as marshals, hostesses, cooks for the sausage sizzle, car park attendants and a lot more. Thank you to Lyn and Graham for opening up their house to what was a great day.

As Dancers who have been around for a long time we are looking forward to the Banner Parade at the Sunshine State Roundup. We will be seeing some of the Banners belonging to Clubs not only present but also banners of Clubs that have closed over the years. Visitors for this month were Norm from Harvey Bay, John and Irene, Rick Charles and Janise.

June and Margaret

TOWN & COUNTRY SQUARES.

I would like to express a small "Thank you" from the 11 dancers in our Club, who received money from the Society's AGM Dance. The money raised has been distributed to all those effected and they have certainly put it to good use.

The recipients would like to express their gratitude to all who attended the benefit and particularly Lyn McPherson and Sid Leighton, together with members of their Clubs, who worked so hard to make the night such a success.

Most Square Dancers I have met over the years remind me of the quote, (I can't remember the whole quote) "Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own." I think adversity surely binds us more closely together. Perhaps it's the shared experiences of dancing and laughing, helping where we can but not intruding when we can't. Let's keep dancing!

Noel & Merle McKenzie,

These should be in a dictionary.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed

Rocky Twirlers wrap up for June/July

People passing by the Rocky Square Dance Hall recently would have witnessed a group of about thirty tired and happy dancers sitting around a series of trestle tables enjoying a BBQ lunch in the beautiful winter sunshine. The lunchtime BBQ finished off a very successful 'Double and Trouble' weekend of dance activity for the Rocky Twirlers celebrating their birthday for the club.

The hall was bedecked with tinsel, garlands and Christmas accoutrements as part of the Christmas in July celebrations. Guest callers Matthew Mills and Alan Evans whipped the weekend audience into a frenzy of enjoyable square dance mayhem, with a full program organized for Rocky members and dancers from further afield. A highlight of the weekend was a caller's school with four enthusiastic callers taking part in the training on offer.

Rocky Twirlers have enjoyed a strong program of events and activities over the past two months. Two to two and a half squares take to the dance floor each Monday night; with one to two squares of dancers regularly turning up each Friday night for a basic and mainstream program. A beginner square dance program has just commenced each Friday night.

A 'Christmas in July' and 'Winter Wonderland' event showcased winter woollies and festive clothing normally associated with colder climes down south- but the dancing was sizzling hot, burning up the square dance floor for both celebration dances. A 'Movie and TV Tie-in' celebration dance is planned for August with opportunities for dancers to dress to impress. Dancers from Rockhampton are keenly anticipating loading up the vehicles to travel down the Bruce Highway to Buderim in August for a weekend of dancing with Nev McLachlan, Matthew and Michael Mills.

At this time of year the city traditionally welcomes visitors from down south and it was wonderful to dance with Adelaide visitors recently. Travellers are invited to call ahead to ensure we can provide a warm Rocky welcome to our club. We look forward to hosting more successful and friendly square dance events in the coming months.

Michael & Rachelle Mills

FINALLY

The majority of Society Executive are available and we will have a Management Committee meeting. This will take place at the Baptist Church Hall, Innes St. Geebung commencing at 9.30am, Saturday 6th. August. All Society Members are welcome.

I have a problem and you can help. If you change your email address please advise all in your address book. The BBB goes out in batches of twenty five. When an address in a group is not correct everything stops. Then I get a message from Big Brother telling me about this and it usually finishes with the words "Others in this mail out may not have received this mail" or something like that.

What does one do now? Send it again after removing the nonexistent address or hope all the others received their mail? I try to make sure that all in the Groups receive a copy but in July some Groups members received three copies of this newsletter. Other recipients' 'mail boxes' were full, but that's another problem. Another recipient had a 'FATAL ERROR' whatever that means but it did not sound nice.

Bugle size. I have asked contributors to keep articles less than four hundred words. Some articles well over size have been included but I am going back to the four hundred word rule in future. I retained the right to allow larger articles if the subject matter was of sufficient importance or interest to justify this.

"Stepping Out in Style" was such an article, spread over three editions. It was a 'fill in' in May and took six hundred words in each of May, June & July editions. I was encouraged by its reception and thus continued to completion even with its size. The July BBB was a 'whopper' but I thought I had better finish the series of three articles, hence one of the reasons for such a big BBB. And by the way coloured ads are a 'no no'.

Dancers seem to like the Bugle but very few use it to express an opinion. Without club reports from the consistent contributors we would be 'up the creek without a paddle'. What about the clubs we never hear from? What's happening in their club? A four hundred word article costs nothing but the info in that article may encourage other dancers to visit your club. At times one wonders what to do as regards articles etc. Your suggestions are welcome.

RoundUp: - If you were fortunate enough to be present at the AGM Dance in March you would know how much effort the two host clubs put into doing the job. Well before my time I'm told the RoundUp and Armature Callers dance were 'something special'. It is that 'special' atmosphere that was evident in past times that is trying to be rekindled on 27th. August. You can assist by attending,, meeting some old friends, making new friends and have a good time as well.

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